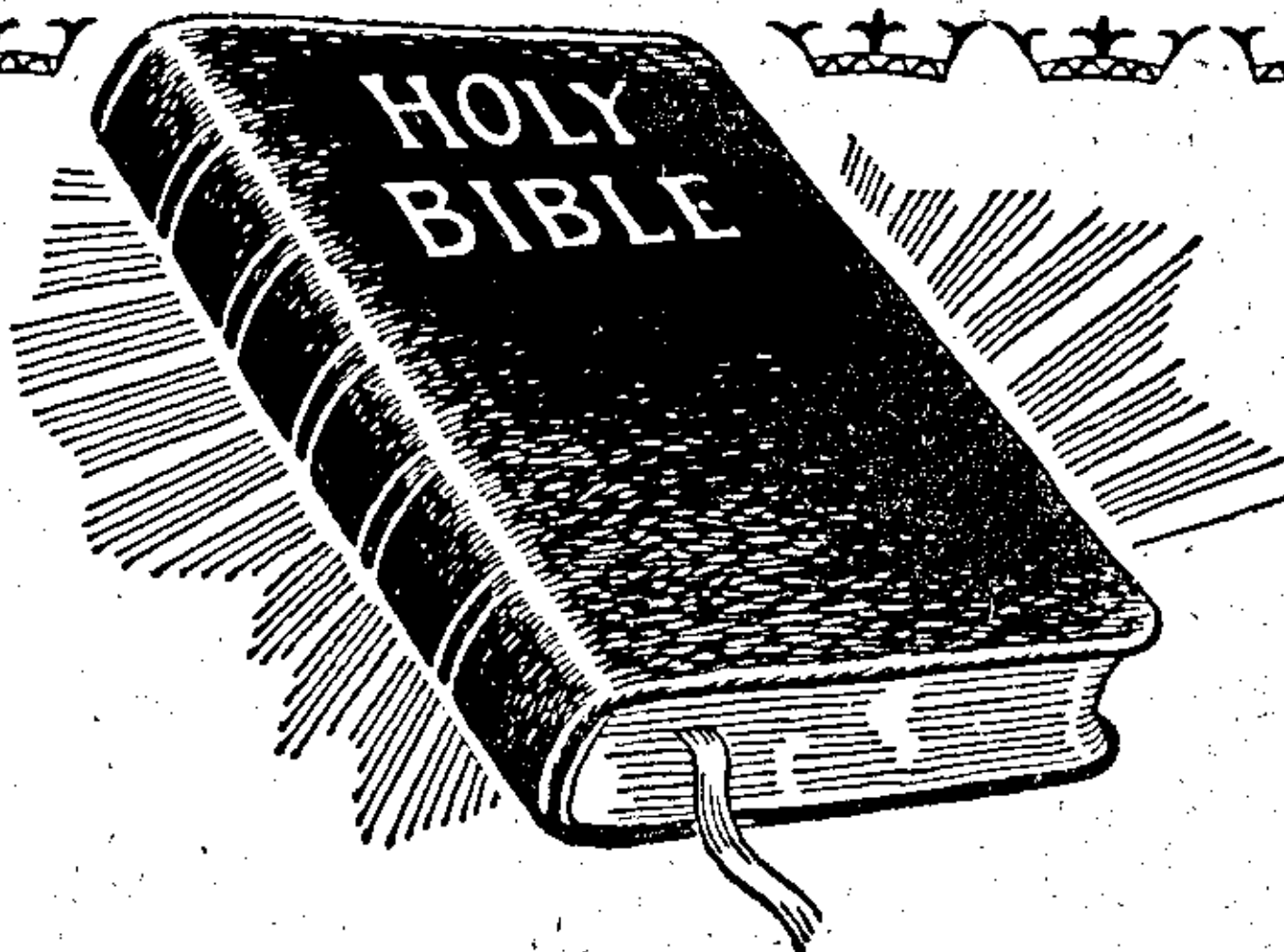


MINUTES

of the
SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
**MARTIN FREEWILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

held at
PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH
Baker County, Georgia
October 22 and 23, 1954



OFFICERS

W. J. Hilburn, Moderator	- - - - -	Colquitt, Ga.
C. A. Powell, Secretary - Treasurer	- - - - -	Colquitt, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Chairman	- - -	Colquitt, Ga.
John Bailey	- - -	Colquitt, Ga.
Edgar Smith	- - -	Colquitt, Ga.
T. I. Crawford	- - -	Colquitt, Ga.
C. A. Powell	- - -	Colquitt, Ga.

Next session to convene at Hebrew Church, Donalsonville, Georgia on Friday, October 21, 1955 and at New Home No. 1 Church, Iron City, Georgia on Saturday, October 22, 1955.



-: Standing Boards and Committees :-

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. H. L. Catrett, Chairman (2 years) - - Rev. A. B. Ard (1 year)
Rev. L. D. Scott (1 year) - - - - - Rev. W. H. Horn (3 years)

MISSION BOARD

O. F. Everson, Chairman (2 years) - - - Lavon Lovering (1 year)
Mrs. C. A. Lane, Sec. and Treas. (2 years)

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Edgar Smith, Chairman (2 years) - - - C. T. Turner (1 year)
Mrs. T. I. Crawford, Sec. and Treas. (3 years)

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

1 year each: I. M. Ard, Chairman - - A. R. Smith - - E. S. Tully

PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Counce Sheffield, Jr., Chairman (2 years) - - W. R. Barber (1 year)
Mrs. Mary Brown, Sec. and Treas. (3 years)

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

O. F. Everson - - - W. R. Barber - - - Rev. L. D. Scott



ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. Floyd, Colquitt, Ga.	L. D. Scott, Brinson, Ga.
Tom Henry, Colquitt, Ga.	A. B. Ard, Bainbridge, Ga.
H. L. Catrett, Colquitt, Ga.	C. A. Gilbert, Colquitt, Ga.
J. E. Wisham, Jr., Camilla, Ga.	R. W. Holmes, Rt., Camilla, Ga.
Lewis Batchelor, Rt. 2, Camilla, Ga.	B. W. Clenney, Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga.
W. H. Horn, Rt. 2, Donalsonville, Ga.	F. W. Sellers, Rt. 3, Bainbridge, Ga.
Edward Sheffield, P. O. Box 301, Donalsonville, Ga.	

LICENSED MINISTERS

C. P. Rump, Camilla, Ga.	Bill Daniels, Iron City, Ga.
Mrs. Jessie Wisham, Camilla, Ga.	J. A. Ivey, Donalsonville, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS

The 68th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association convened with Pilgrim's Home Church, Baker County, Georgia, at ten o'clock on Friday morning, October 22nd and 23rd, 1954.

The Session was opened with a song service led by Brother C. A. Williams. Rev. B. W. Clenney led in prayer. The devotional service was led by Sister B. W. Clenney who took her topic from the 73rd Psalm. Prayer closed the devotional.

The welcome address was given by Brother P. B. Hilburn and response was made by Brother W. E. Lane.

At 10:30 A. M. the Moderator gave his message titled "That I Might Finish My Course With Joy," taken from Acts 20:24 and Rev. 21:3. He closed with a prayer.

The Credential Committee, composed of Brothers J. T. Hilburn, T. A. Drake and W. E. Lane was appointed.

The 11:00 o'clock sermon was given by Rev. J. E. Wisham, Jr. using Titus 2:1-8 as his text.

Rev. C. R. Houston dismissed the Association for the noon hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, Oct. 22nd, 1954

The Friday Afternoon Session convened at 1:30 o'clock with the song "I Would Not Be Denied." Rev. E. C. Williams led with prayer. The devotional was given by Sister Inez Brunson using Ephesians 4 as her topic. The devotional was closed with prayer.

The Credential Committee reported eighteen churches represented at this Session with a total of \$338.56. The report was received.

Mr. G. C. King and Rev. K. V. Shutes were appointed to read the Church Letters which were as follows:

Bellview: Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Brunson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown, Mrs. Ethel Freeman, Mrs. Ozelma Kimbrel, Mrs. Charlie Kimbrel, Mrs. Lenella Cleveland.

Colquitt: Mr. Carey Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Runells.

Corinth: Mrs. C. A. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Drake, Mr. Carlton Bell.

Father's Home: Sister Christian Wisham, Sister Mary Ward.

Hebrew: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkinson, Mrs. Edd Hill, Mr. J. W. Capps.

New Evergreen: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holt, Lois Barnett.

Highway: Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dukes, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Mills, Leonard Brodgom.

New Home No. 1: Mr. Ed Roberts, Tom Cox, O. F. Everson, W. E. Lane.

New Home No. 2: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Saddler, Mr. Gilbert Avery.

Mother's Home: Mr. John Bailey, Mr. Odos McVay, T. I. Crawford.
Mt. Gilead: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith, Mr. Monroe Josey.
Mt. Glory: Mrs. S. D. Newberry, Ethel Newberry, Mr. W. R. Taylor.
New Salem: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newberry, Mrs. Annie Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Houston, Mrs. Bertha Daniels, Mrs. Richard Davis, Mr. Idus Goocher.
Thompson: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rash, Mr. and Mrs. James Ogg.
Rivertum: Mr. Bonnie Barber, Mr. Will Barber, Mr. Robert Cunningham, Mrs. R. L. Culpepper.
Pilgrim's Home: Mrs. Gussie Tatston, Mrs. Kathleen Hilburn.
Springfield: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Reese.
Polar Branch: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAlpion, Mr. and Mrs. Devlard McAlpin.

It was moved and seconded and the delegates were seated with the body.

The call for petitionary letters was made and one was received from Polar Branch Church. It was moved and carried that Polar Branch be received under watch care of the Association and referred to the Investigating Committee.

Correspondence from other Associations was called for and given as follows:

Midway Association: K. V. Shutes, H. L. Roberts, C. R. Houston, W. B. Griffin, E. C. Williams, Mrs. Myrtle Sanders, Alvin Day, W. S. Driggers, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Edwards, Sarah Roads, T. R. Hughes.

Chattahoochee Association: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King,

It was moved by the body that the Moderator extend to these visitors the right hand of Christian Fellowship.

Fifteen preachers were present at this Session.

Reports of Boards and Committees were called for and given. See reports. The Executive Committee gave an oral report.

On Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. D. J. Merkh conducted a very inspiring spiritual service. He took as his text Job 37:14, 1 Samuel 12:7 and Exodus 13:14 and used the topic "Stand Still and See Salvation of the Lord."

SATURDAY SESSION, October 23rd, 1954

The Saturday Morning Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association was opened at 9:30 A. M. with Rev. B. W. Clenney in charge of the song service. Brother C. J. Harvey led in prayer. The devotional

was given by Sister C. A. Lane and followed with prayer.

The call for church letters was renewed and five were received.

The call for correspondence was renewed and given as follows:

Salem of Florida Association: Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Cook.

State Association: E. C. Morris.

Midway Association: Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey.

South Georgia Association: Rev. D. J. Merkh.

It was moved and carried that the Moderator give these visitors the right hand of Christian Fellowship and seat them in the body.

Rev. E. C. Morris gave a report on the State and the National Associations. The State Association meeting with Midway Church, Moultrie, Georgia, Nov. 16, 17, and 18th, 1954. The National Association, this Session, will be held at Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 12-14, 1955. Rev. E. C. Morris also gave a report on the State Unified Program.

The 11:00 o'clock service was opened with a song service followed with prayer by Rev. Edward Sheffield. Shirley Clenney sang a solo, "I Just Steal Away." Rev. E. C. Morris gave the message with his text taken from Malachi 3:8 and 1 Corinthians 9:1-7.

A Unified Program offering was taken and \$43.06 was received.

Rev. Lewis Batchelor dismissed the Session for the noon hour with song and prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, October 23rd, 1954

The Saturday Afternoon Session opened with a song service and Rev. I. O. Cook led in prayer. Rev. Lewis Batchelor gave the devotional. Rev. Drew Floyd offered a prayer.

Churches on Committees were given as follows:

Obituaries: Highway Church.

Temperance: Corinth Church.

Resolutions: Mother's Home Church.

Suggestions: New Salem Church.

Sabbath Observance: Bellview Church.

Sunday School: Hebrew Church.

Delegates listed below were appointed to attend the various Associations as noted:

Midway Association: Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Everson, Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Clenney.

Chattahoochee Association: Rev. H. L. Catrett, Mr. W. J. Hilburn, Mr. W. R. Barber.

Union Association: Rev. B. W. Clenney, Rev. Drew Floyd.

South Georgia Association:

Counce Sheffield, Jr. and W. R. Barber were appointed representatives

to confer on change times of the Associations.

State Association: Mr. Edgar Smith, Mr. Cecil Roberts, Mr. T. I. Crawford.

National Association: Counce Sheffield, Jr., W. J. Hilburn

Mr. W. E. Lane was appointed to work with Rev. E. C. Morris on the Unified Program.

The Executive Committee composed of Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Chairman, T. I. Crawford, Edgar Smith, John Bailey and C. A. Powell, Secretary and Treasurer, was elected by the body at this Session.

The Board Meeting convenes with New Home No. 1 on Friday, Nov. 20, 1954.

Rev. H. L. Catrett resigned as Moderator at this Session. Mr. W. J. Hilburn was elected Moderator. Clifton Powell was elected Clerk.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Pilgrim's Home Church for hospitality.

The Association adjourned to meet with Hebrew Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1955 and will meet with New Home Church No. 1 on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1955.

Sister Mary Brown gave the closing prayer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

-: DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE :-

We recommend the following Disbursements:

Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$25.00
Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
State Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
National Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
Retain in treasury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00

Minutes to be paid for and remainder to be allocated as follows:

State Secretary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Local Superannuation Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30%
Local Promotional Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12½%
Mission Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12½%
F.W.B. Orphanage, Eldridge, Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20%

O. F. Everson, Chairman
B. W. Glenney
W. R. Barber

-: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE :-

Since the Ministers and Deacons of our Association have seen the need for greater love, fellowship and unity in the leadership of the church and have organized themselves into "The Ministers Conference", therefore;

Be it resolved: That said "Ministers Conference" hold their annual meeting on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in October of each year in connection with the Association. That each Minister and Deacon be required to register with the clerk, at said meeting (either in person or in writing, if he can not attend), for which he will receive a card of Recognition and Commendation, which shall entitle him to the privileges of his official services for a period of twelve months. Those failing to register at the annual meeting shall not receive the card, therefore shall not be allowed to fill their official duties until such time as they attend the meeting and register. (Cards to be furnished by the Ministers Conference.)

Be it further resolved: That all churches of the Martin Association be urgently requested to adopt some kind of system by which a monthly offering can be made to the Unified Program and that this be continued until a better system of financing be adopted.

Be it further resolved: That the churches which have been supporting the Program with their monthly offerings be highly commended for the noble example they have been setting, which should be a great incentive to others to join in the march of progress for the glory of God and the advancement of the entire Denomination.

Be it further resolved: That we adopt the plan of having two churches entertain the Association instead of one; thereby having Friday Sessions with one church and Saturday Sessions with another church.

Be it further resolved: That the Moderator be paid \$10.00 for his services, and the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services with a \$10.00 bonus for getting the minutes out by January 1, 1955.

Be it further resolved: That this body extend a rising vote of thanks to Pilgrim's Home Church and community for their generous hospitality shown this Association at this Session.

Pilgrim's Home Church and Pastor

-: SUGGESTION COMMITTEE :-

We, your committee on Suggestions, suggest that our National treatise be thoroughly studied and that, as an Association and local churches, we be governed accordingly, as far as possible.

We suggest that the Executive Committee be nominated and elected by the body.

We suggest that no Association Office be held by a member who is not active in his own church; and that our churches send delegates to the Association who are active workers in their local churches.

We also suggest that our churches call their pastors at least two months before the Association convenes if possible. We feel this will be better for our churches and preachers too.

New Evergreen Church and Pastor

-: SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE :-

We urge each and every Christian to attend church on the Sabbath and that they keep the Sabbath a Holy Day dedicated to God and that all Christians abstain from all secular business.

When Christians observe the Sabbath as a Holy Day, they are benefited in many ways. They enjoy Christian Fellowship and love; they gain a clearer knowledge of God's love and God's will; they become better citizens of their country and better neighbors in their communities.

When Christians carry their children to church on the Sabbath, they are teaching them a better way of life and bringing them up in the way God would have them go. It brings good to the minds of children instead of evil.

Isiah in Chapter 56:2, said, "Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the Son of man that layeth hold of it; that keepeth the Sabbath Day from polluting, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil."

Mt. Glory Church and Pastor

-: OBITUARIES COMMITTEE :-

We regret to report the loss of 10 members since our last Association. They are as follows:

Mt. Gilead: Brother P. G. Cloud.

New Home No. 1: Brother Will Lambert.

Mother's Home; Brother C. C. Lunsford, Brother Will Cowart, Sister Kelley.

Hebrew: Sister Ellen Braswell, Brother Caruons Robinson.

Pilgrim's Home: Sister Ruby Mae Musgrove.

Highway: Brother E. D. Scott.

Mt. Glory: Sister Betty Newberry.

Colquitt Church and Pastor

-: NOMINATING COMMITTEE :-

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend W. J. Hilburn serve as Moderator and C. A. Powell serve as clerk.

We recommend that the next Session meet with Hebrew Church, Donaldsonville, Georgia, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1955 and meet with New Home Church No. 1, Iron City, Georgia, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October 1955.

C. A. Sheffield, Jr., Chairman

I. M. Ard

Mrs. C. A. Lane

-: TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE :-

We often think about intoxicating drink when we speak of temperance. But there are many other meanings of the word temperance.

Surely, Christians are supposed to be temperance minded. Watch in all things, lest we often be caught sleeping. When we get a chance to fight sin, we should, by all means, do so. Stand fast for the rightness of God in every way.

River Turn Church and Pastor

-: MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING :-

The first Session will convene with Mother's Home Church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in March, 1955. Program plans are below:

Devotional, Brother John H. Bailey.

Welcome Address, Sister T. I. Crawford.

Response, Brother Z. T. Calhoun.

11:00 o'clock message, Rev. J. B. Ledlow.

Noon.

1:30 P. M. Devotional, Brother E. W. Middleton.

Talk.

Adjourn.

The second Session will convene with Bellview Church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1955. Program will be supplied at the March Session.

Z. T. Calhoun, Chairman

Oscar Newberry

-: INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE :-

We, the Investigating Committee, find all the Churches in the Martin Association in very good order; also the Ministers, as far as we know.

Emory Tully, Chairman

A. R. Smith

I. M. Ard

-: EXECUTIVE BOARD :-

The Semi-Annual Board Meeting of the Martin Association met with New Home Church No. 1 on Saturday, November 20, 1954. Brother W. J. Hilburn, Moderator, called the session to order.

Rev. H. L. Catrett led the song service. Prayer by Brother O. F. Everson.

In absence of the clerk, Brother W. E. Lane was elected clerk protem.

Mrs. W. E. Lane gave the devotional taking her scripture from St. John 4th Chapter. Visiting brothers and sisters were invited to be seated in the body.

The Moderator appointed Brother W. R. Barber to make a talk on the needs of the Association; Brother O. F. Everson talked on the same subject.

Song with prayer by Sister A. R. Smith.

Rev. H. L. Catrett delivered the 11:00 o'clock message, taking his text from Corinthians 2:4. Dismissed for the noon hour.

The meeting was called into session with a song and Brother W. R. Barber led in prayer.

A motion was carried to give a vote of thanks to New Home Church for their hospitality during the day.

A motion was carried that the next meeting be held at Mt. Gilead Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1955. The speaker for the 11:00 o'clock message to be supplied later.

Board members present at this Session were as follows:

Executive Board: Edgar Smith, John Bailey.

Ordaining Council: Rev. H. L. Catrett.

Mission Board: O. F. Everson.

Superannuation Board: Edgar Smith.

Investigating Board: I. M. Ard, A. R. Smith.

Promotional Board: W. E. Lane, W. R. Barber.

Disbursement Committee: O. F. Everson, W. R. Barber.

Rev. H. L. Catrett adjourned the Board with a closing prayer.

W. J. Hilburn, Moderator

W. E. Lane, Clerk Protem

-: SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION :-

On the 5th Sunday in May, 1955 the Sunday School Convention will convene with New Evergreen. The program planned below will be given:

Morning devotional, Sister Mary Brown.

Welcome address, Sister Sadie Mae Hart.

Response, Brother T. I. Crawford.

Business session.

Program, if time allows.

Noon hour.

Afternoon devotional, Sister Ruby Scott.

On the 5th Sunday in October, 1955 the Sunday School Convention will convene with Thompson. The program below is planned:

Morning devotional, Sister Sara Newberry.

Welcome address, Brother Eugene Middleton.

Response, Brother W. E. Lane.

Business session.

Program, if time allows.

Noon hour.

Afternoon devotional, Sister Coy Smith.

ARRANGING COMMITTEE

Brother J .B. Holt

Brother McNickle

Sister Adams

Mary Ellen Smith

Mrs. Clyde Brunson

Mr. A. B. Perry

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Frank Newberry

Joe Brown Adams

John Bailey

Mr. A. B. Perry

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ivey

Sister Roland

Richard McNease

Larry Powell

Mrs. J. B. Suggs

-: LEAGUE RALLY :-

The first meeting of the Freewill Baptist League Rally will convene with Thompson Church. Program plans are given below:

Devotional, Wylene Adams.
Welcome address, Larry Powell.
Response, Lewis Williams.
Business period.
Talk, Rev. J. B. Ledlow.
Noon.
Afternoon devotional, Shirley Clenney.
Business period.
Programs.

The last meeting of the Freewill Baptist League will convene with Evergreen Church. Program plans are given below:

Morning devotional, Christine Lane.
Welcome address, Brother J. B. Holt.
Response, Mrs. Lane McLendon.
Business period.
Talk, Rev. Drew Floyd.
Noon.
Afternoon devotional, Brother T. I. Crawford.
Business period.
Programs.

OFFICERS

President - - - - - Clifton Powell
Vice President - - - - - Pete Davis
Secretary - - - - - Mrs. Abbie Calhoun
Assistant Secretary - - - - - Clara Nell Crawford
Field Workers - - - - - John Bailey,
Emmett Houston

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. T. I. Crawford, Chairman
Mrs. Lane McLendon
Mrs. Eva Davis

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Chairman
Maggie Smith
Sadie Mae Holt

-: PROMOTIONAL BOARD FUNDS REPORT FOR 1954 :-

ASSETS:

Cash on hand, Nov. 1, 1953	-	-	-	-	-	\$183.22
Association, October 1953	-	-	-	-	-	23.97
Union Meeting, November 1954	-	-	-	-	-	12.50
Union Meeting, May 1954	-	-	-	-	-	11.85
Union Meeting, August 1954	-	-	-	-	-	11.20
For E. C. Morris trip to India:						
Mt. Gilead	-	-	-	-	-	11.76
Pilgrim's Home	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
Bellview	-	-	-	-	-	5.50
Corinth Sunday School	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
Union Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	12.90
Union Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	14.43
Total Received						\$299.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

Loan, Rev. E. C. Morris, trip to India	-	-	\$101.00
Remainder of loan given by Promotional Board	-	-	44.41
Total Paid			\$145.41

BALANCE in Treasury - \$153.92

Mary Brown, Treasurer

-: MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT FOR 1953-54 :-

ASSETS:

Cash on hand from 1953	-	-	-	-	-	\$141.09
Union Meeting Funds, New Home No. 2	-	-	-	-	-	11.40
Union Meeting Funds, Hebrew	-	-	-	-	-	12.50
Union Meeting Funds, Mother's Home	-	-	-	-	-	11.85
Union Meeting Funds, New Salem	-	-	-	-	-	11.20
BALANCE in Treasury						\$188.04

O. F. Everson, Chairman

Walter Phillips

Mrs. C. A. Lane

-: SUPERANNUATION BOARD FUNDS REPORT :-

ASSETS:

Cash on hand from 1953	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 4.30
1953 Association Funds, Clifton Powell	-	-					28.77
Brother Willie Barber	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.30
Union Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.15
Union Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.40
Union Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.65
Union Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.80
Total Received							\$158.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

Brother A. B. Pyle, State Treasurer	-	-	-	\$ 26.80
Superannuated Ministers	-	-	-	99.68
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Total Paid	-	-	-	\$126.48

Mrs. T. I. Crawford, Treasurer

Mr. Edgar Smith

Mr. C. T. Turner

BALANCE in Treasury - - \$ 31.89

-: TREASURER'S REPORT :-

ASSETS:

Balance on hand from 1954	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 68.73
Received from Credential Committee				-	-	338.56
Sunday School Convention	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
League Convention	-	-	-	-	-	7.00
Union Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
Ministers and Deacons Conference	-			-	-	5.00
Total Received	-	-	-	-	-	\$434.29

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 15.00
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.32
State Secretary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.32
Local Superannuation Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.79
Local Promotional Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.16
Mission Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.16
F.W.B. Orphanage, Eldridge, Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.86
State and National Dues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
Minutes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154.15
Total Paid									\$379.76

BALANCE in Treasury - - \$54.53

-: UNION MEETING TREASURY REPORT :-

ASSETS:

Union Meeting at New Home No. 2	-	-	-	\$104.75
Union Meeting at Hebrew	-	-	-	262.48
Union Meeting at Mother's Home	-	-	-	79.00
Union Meeting at New Salem	-	-	-	78.00
Total Received				\$524.23

DISBURSEMENTS:

Nov. 28, 1953, E. C. Morris	-	-	-	-	\$ 29.31
Mrs. T. I. Crawford	-	-	-	-	29.30
Mrs. Mary Brown	-	-	-	-	12.50
Mrs. C. A. Lane	-	-	-	-	12.50
Rev. K. V. Shutes, Broadcast	-	-	-	-	21.00
Postage	-	-	-	-	.14
Jan. 30, 1954, Association Treasurer, Minutes	-	-	-	-	10.00
E. C. Morris	-	-	-	-	21.40
Mrs. T. I. Crawford	-	-	-	-	21.40
Mrs. C. A. Lane	-	-	-	-	11.40
Mrs. Mary Brown	-	-	-	-	11.40
E. C. Morris, pledges on Bible C.	-	-	-	-	175.00
E. C. Morris trip to India	-	-	-	-	11.88
May 30, 1954, E. C. Morris	-	-	-	-	27.65
Mrs. T. I. Crawford	-	-	-	-	27.65
Mrs. Mary Brown	-	-	-	-	11.85
Mrs. C. A. Lane	-	-	-	-	11.85
Aug. 28, 1954, Association Treasurer, Minutes	-	-	-	-	10.00
E. C. Morris	-	-	-	-	22.80
Mrs. T. I. Crawford	-	-	-	-	22.80
Mrs. C. A. Lane	-	-	-	-	11.20
Mrs. Mary Brown	-	-	-	-	11.20
Total Paid				-	\$524.23
BALANCE in Treasury				-	\$0.00

-: UNION MEETING PROGRAMS FOR 1955 :-

The second Session will be held at Highway Church, January 29, 1955.
The program plans are given below:

- Devotional, Mrs. Carlton Bell.
- Welcome Address, Brother Gordon Mills.
- Response, Clara Nell Crawford.
- Business period.
- 11:00 o'clock message, Rev. H. L. Catrett.

Noon.

Devotional, Mrs. John Bailey.

Business Period.

Talk, "What Do Young People Mean To the Church,"

Rev. Drew Floyd.

Adjourn.

The third Session will be held at Mt. Gilead Church, May 28, 1955.
The program plans are given below:

Devotional, Rev. Chester Gilbert.

Welcome Address, Brother Kelley.

Response, Mrs. Rannie Lane.

Business period.

11:00 o'clock message, Rev. J. B. Ledlow.

Noon.

Devotional, Brother Idus Goocher.

Business period.

Talk, "Members Duties to the Church,"

Rev. Edward Sheffield.

Adjourn.

The fourth Session will be held at New Home No. 1 Church on July 30, 1955. The program plans are given below:

Devotional, Mrs. B. A. Middleton.

Welcome Address, Mr. O. F. Everson.

Response, Mrs. T. I. Crawford.

Business period.

Appointment of Nominating and Program Committee.

11:00 o'clock message, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

Noon.

Devotional, Mrs. Sarah Newberry.

Business period.

Talk, "Why I Am a Freewill Baptist,"

Rev. B. W. Clenney.

Adjourn.

Mrs. B. B. Barber, Chairman

Mrs. W. R. Davis

Mrs. Abbie Calhoun

-: PLANNED 69TH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION SESSION :-

The program plans given below are the proposed plans for the 69th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association to be held at Hebrew and New Home No. 1 on the 4th Friday and Saturday in October, 1955.

FRIDAY SESSION, October 21st, 1955

- 10:00 A. M. - Welcome Address, Mrs. Maude Johnson.
Response, Mary Brown.
- 10:30 A. M. - Moderator's message.
Appointment of Credential Committee.
- 11:00 A. M. - Message, Rev. J. B. Ledlow.
- 12:00 - Noon Hour.
- 1:30 P. M. - Devotional, Rev. B. W. Clenney.
Report of Credential Committee.
Organization; Petitionary letters.
Call for correspondence.
Report of all Boards: Promotional; Superannuation;
Ordinational; Investigational;
Executive.
Appoint Sessional Committees.
Arrangements and Adjournment.
Song services to be conducted by C. A. Williams.

SATURDAY SESSION, October 22nd, 1955

- 9:30 A. M. - Welcome Address, Mrs. W. E. Lane.
Devotional, Rev. H. L. Catrett.
Renew previous calls.
Roll call.
Reading of minutes.
Report of State and National Associations.
Report of all committees.
- 11:00 A. M. - Message
- 12:00 Noon hour.
- 1:30 P. M. - Devotional, Rev. Drew Floyd.
Resume business.
Appoint delegates to various organizational committees.
Appoint State and National Association delegates.
Appoint standing committees. and Board members.
Miscellaneous business.
Election of officers.
Adjournment.
Song services to be conducted by I. M. Ard.

DOCTRINAL VIEWS

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of Heavenly instruction that has a God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore, it shall remain with us to the end of time, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinion should conform.

2. That there is but one true God, whose name is Jehovah the maker and ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressively glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed in the personal distinction of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the laws of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and their sinful passions and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediation of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature; yet without sin honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for sin by His death; being risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven and uniting in His Wonderful person the tender sympathies with divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable compassionate and all sufficient Savior.

5. That the great gospel blessings which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe on Him is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life upon principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of anything which we have done, but solely through His own righteousness and atonement, and that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.

6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to receive them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ which results will subject him to aggravated condemnation.

7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again. That regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the

mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit producing a voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.

8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. That being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all means with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. That the preserving attachment of true believers to Christ the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of His government; that it is holy, just and good, that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill the precepts arise entirely from their love of sin to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law is one design of the Gospel and the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath; that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and prepare for the rest which remains for the people of God.

12. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest of order of human society; that the magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously; honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.

13. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked, and that such only are justified by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and is sanctified by the spirit of God as are truly righteous in His esteem while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are, in His sight, wicked and under the curse and this distinction holds good among men, both in and after death.

14. That the end of this world is approaching when Christ will

descend from the Heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness and the wicked to endless punishment and his judgment will forever fix the final state of men in Heaven or Hell on principles of righteousness.—John 5:25; Matt. 25:31; 41:46.

ASSOCIATIONAL DECORUM

1. The Association shall be called to order by the moderator elected last session.
2. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. The moderator and clerk shall officiate until their successors are elected.
4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the meeting to order, to see that order is preserved, receive and submit all questions to the body. He shall have the privilege of speaking but must call upon some other brother to preside in his place while speaking. He shall not have the right to vote unless the body is equally divided, when he may cast the deciding vote.
5. The members present shall be enrolled and their names called as often as necessary.
6. The majority of the members present shall rule in cases, except upon admission of new churches, which shall require a unanimous vote.
7. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the moderator, and no member shall leave the association without the consent of the body.
8. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second and shall be disposed of according to good usage.
9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on the same subject nor more than fifteen minutes each time without permission from the body.
10. No person shall be disturbed while speaking unless he departs from the subject and it will be necessary to call him to order.
11. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must rise to his feet and address the moderator and must not use abusive language or personal reflection on any one without being subject to a call to order by the moderator.

12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a minute of the proceedings and read the same when called upon, to be corrected at the discretion of the body, and shall prepare the minutes for publication, unless the association shall appoint someone for that purpose. He shall keep all books and papers belonging to the association and read the same when ordered to do so, and shall have such compensation for his services as the association may prescribe.

13. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to carry on correspondence by writing to persons belonging to other associations of like faith in any way that would be likely to create interest in this association for its promotion and well being.

14. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep all money committed to him by the association, and to keep an account of receipts and expenditures, make a report at every association if called upon, pay out money when ordered to do so by the association, and shall receive such compensation as the association may prescribe.

15. No Church shall liberate any member to preach the Gospel unless he has held membership in the Church for at least twelve months; and no minister who comes from another denomination be liberated until he has been examined by the Ordaining Council and received Credentials bearing their approval.

16. These rules of decorum may be amended at the discretion of the association.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in association year; or if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as they deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at another time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3 The pastor shall be the 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 the 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 in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of the minutes of the association.

7. When a new clerk is appointed all the books, etc belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

8. When a church deems it necessary, a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealings and etc.

9. The church shall hold two days meetings monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's day following the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.

10. 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 special manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

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

12. Conference, after prayer or divine service shall be opened as follows: (1) Inviting visiting brethren to seat. (2) Opening the door of the church for the reception of members. (3) Calling for the reading of the minutes of the last conference. (4) Calling for absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (6) For references or deferred business. (7) For new matters of dealings, which are to come before the body. (8) For miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren, as help called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions and seconds, but not allowed to vote.

14. Any orderly member of the Baptist Church may be received into the church without letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

15. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealings by the church.

16. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church what 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.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial; provided his residence be known to the church. If a minister be guilty of unchristian conduct, he may be dealt with just as any other member, by his church, and must be reported to the Ordaining Council and they may silence him for a period of time or indefinitely, as they see fit.

18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of this witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who becomes disorderly or continue to hold their letters without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.

22. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

23. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

24. 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 his request, may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

26. 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 to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

28. When the moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brethren moderator in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

30. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's supper and foot washing at least four times a year, and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

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

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

33. It shall be the duty of the pastor to take up collections quarterly for the support of the home mission work.

34. It shall be the duty of each church to appoint a committee to revise the church book once a year.

35. This decorum may be altered or amended by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE SCRIPTURE.** The Scripture of the old and the New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are binding on all as or only rule of faith and practice. There is only one living and true God. infinite in all of His attributes; the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the Universe, revealed to us in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Spirit.

2. **CHRIST.** He is God manifest in the flesh, being in His divine nature true, God, in His human nature true man, united in the person of Messiah as the mediator for the redemption of the world.

3. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** He possesses all personal divine attributes belonging to the Reformer, Comforter and Sanctifier of men.

4. **DIVINE PURPOSE AND PROVIDENCE.** The purposes of God are eternal and immutable, and His Wise and Holy Providence is over all things to secure His only glory and the highest welfare of all creatures.

5. **ORIGINAL STATE AND FALL OF MAN.** Man was created upright, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. All his posterity inherits his fallen nature, which is cherished by indulgence so all who come to years of moral accountability, sin and come short of the glory of God.

6. **THE ATONEMENT.** Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead, and those by His life, suffering and death, made an atonement which is full and free to all, and opens the only way to salvation.

7. **GRACE.** No one can by his own work merit, obtain salvation which is wholly of the grace of God, and through which all spiritual blessings are bestowed upon us.

8. **CONDITION OF SALVATION.** These are repentances implying Godly sorrow for open concessions and other renunciations of sin, faith or the unreserved committal of the mind and heart to receive, obey and trust in Christ, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, whereby the soul is freed from the dominion of sin and brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

9. **ELECTION.** God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconditional decree, but determined from the beginning to save all who could comply with the conditions of salvation.

10. **PERSERVANCE.** None will be finally saved but those who, through grace, preserve in holiness.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **THE FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is not controlled by any fatal necessity or external force, but is free and self-determined, having power to yield to gracious influences or resist them and perish.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** Baptism or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **THE SABBATH.** The Christian Sabbath is a divine institution binding on all, and should be observed by abstaining from all secular business, amusements and consecrated to the worship of God and to spiritual improvement.

15. **THE RESURRECTION.** Final judgment and final retribution—Christ will make His second appearance at the end of the world, when the dead will be raised, the judgment will set, the righteous will be received to eternal blessedness, and the wicked banished to endless suffering.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that the Gospel church, or a 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 baptized 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 of such Christians now on earth as are not attached to the visible; according to the Gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of a central or Catholic government over the visible church or any part thereof is a device of earthly ambition repugnant to the word of God and subsversive to the churches and dangerous to the liberties of men.

5. That the Gospel churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scripture; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute and that if this right is surrendered to a superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise the assembly ceases to be a gospel church.

6. That churches may nevertheless, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up a friendly correspondence but that the rights and authority of the churches being inalienable are in no wise compromised by or hindered by entering into an association, therefore associations have no shadow of authority over churches or individuals, their only powers being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity, or to promote mutual intercourse and concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with equal authority be given by an individual.

7. That the authority of churches are designated for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel and for the preservation of a pure and orderly body of Christians on earth, that is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but it does not extend to the person's property or consciences of men in any case whatever.

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 to prescribe any other requisites of church membership is an assumption on the part of the church and a departure from the plan of the Gospel.

9. That the officers of the church are elders and deacons; that elders are also called bishops or pastors; that all elders are equal in rank; though they may perform different functions since some may be bishops or pastors of a particular church, while others may be simply 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 can not perform any act which belongs to the authority of the church, such as the reception of members into the church compact, of the expulsion of offenders, that as member of the church he is no 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 and proper 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 a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's upper is an ordinance to be observed in the church till the Lord comes.

13. The elders and deacons must be set apart to their office by 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

1. A church proper in its lowest sense is a body of Christians united and congregated together for the purpose of worshiping God and promoting His cause, and in which the Gospel is regularly preached; the ordinances duly administered and the principles of holiness encouraged and practiced. Each church or body thus formed is a separate part thereof and independent in itself; possessing the right to direct its own affairs in its own way, subject only in certain difficult cases

to arbitrate by sister churches. Such churches may, however, unite in associational capacity for purposes of more thorough organization, efficient work and for general and mutual good of all without surrendering any of their individual rights. Therefore, the churches here in-after mentioned resolve themselves into a body ecclesiastic to be known as the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist which shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body at its annual meeting.

2. The association, when assembled, shall be composed of all ministers of the association, both ordained and licentiates, and the delegates or messengers chosen by the several churches from time to time for that purpose.

3. The number of delegates to be determined by the membership of the respective churches. To simplify this we will state that any church is entitled to two delegates, it matters not how few members it may have. That after it has attained fifty members it shall then be entitled to one more delegate to every twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, until it has reached one hundred; then for every fifty, or fractional part thereof and go on increasing in its ratio to any number.

4. The officers of the Association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer to be chosen annually for the next year and to be elected by ballot or anyway the Association deems proper.

5. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during the session for which he is elected, call the session to order, enforce the rules of the decorum, decide all questions of discipline, and in case of a tie, to cast the deciding vote.

6. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep an accurate record of the business transactions of the association, superintend the printing of the minutes and draw on the treasurer for the funds to discharge the expense of the same: He shall hold office until his successor is elected and installed, and shall receive such compensation for his services as the association may deem proper to allow.

7. There shall be an executive committee of discreet brethren appointed annually by the moderator, or elected by the body who shall properly be the association in recess, and whose duty may be more fully defined from time to time by the association. The treasurer shall be one of the number.

8. When the association is assembled a majority of all the members enrolled shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

9. All debates shall be conducted in a Christian like and brotherly spirit. All shall be allowed the privilege of speaking on any question which is submitted to the consideration of the body.

10. Every speaker shall rise to his feet, address the moderator, and keep to the question in debate, and shall avoid all unpleasant reflections and personalities.

11. No brother shall be allowed to consume more than fifteen minutes in one speech, or speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the moderator or body.

12. All questions shall be submitted by move and second the first motion taking precedence in point of order. Every motion seconded must be acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

13. The business shall be taken up in order according to the subjoined plan, unless it becomes necessary to suspend the regular rules for a time for purposes which appear proper.

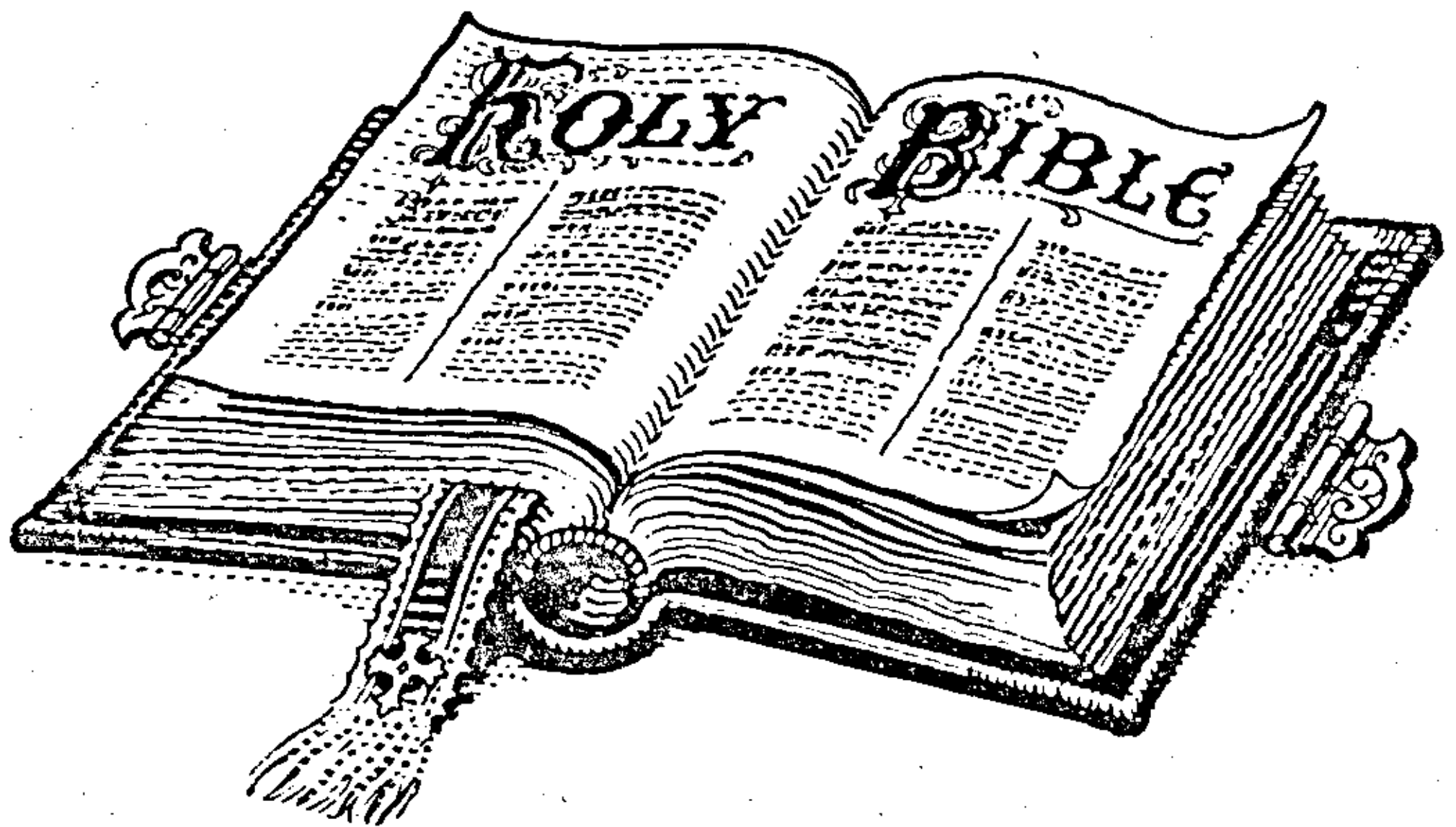
14 The moderator shall, at each session, invite corresponding delegates from other bodies of our own order, and also ministers from other denominations to seats, when thus seated shall be entitled to the friendship of honorary members.

ASSOCIATIONAL COVENANT

Having been, we trust, brought together to organize an association; by divine grace to embrace our Lord Jesus Christ, to give ourselves up wholly to Him, with all humility and brotherly love; to watch over each other for good, and stir up each other to love and good work, and not forsaking the frequent assembling of ourselves together with our neighbors to worship God according to His revealed will, as occasion may

require; to warn, rebuke and admonish each other according to the rules of the Gospel, that the knowledge may be thereby promoted to the end. We will uphold the public worship of God and the ordinances of His house, and hold constant communion with each other therein; and we will cheerfully contribute of our property for the maintenance of a faithful minister of the Gospel among us and for the extension of the blessed Redeemer's kingdom among us universally. We will not omit family and close religion at home nor allow ourselves in the too common neglect of the great and important duty of religiously training our children for the service of God and the enjoyment of heaven. We will also sympathize with each other in seasons of temptation and affliction and be ready to distribute to the necessities of the saints. We will especially pray for and with each other for the churches un-

iversally, for the promised effusion of the Holy Spirit, for the prosperity of Zion, and the ingathering of the elect and may the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, that we may not only enjoy a name and place in the church on earth but finally with His glorious church of the first born of Heaven in ascribing blessings, honor, might, majesty to Him who sitteth on the throne and the Lamb forever.



CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	ADDRESS	Meeting Days	Rec'd by Letter	Baptized	Restored	Ex. Com.	Dis. by Letter	Died	Total Number	Ass'n. Funds	Gave Pastor	Value of Church Property	Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	League	Ladies Aid
Bellview	J. B. Ledlow	Counce Sheffield, Jr.	Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga.	2 & 4	0	0	0	9	3	0	221	\$55.25	\$ 573.94	\$9,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Colquitt	J. B. Ledlow	Vonnie Calhoun	Colquitt, Ga.	2 & 3	4	4	2	0	4	0	62	15.50	1,131.04	5,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coolsprings																		
Corinth	Drew Floyd	Mrs. C. A. Lane	Iron City, Ga.	2 & 4	0	11	0	0	0	0	86	21.50	250.00	5,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Evergreen	B. W. Clenney	Mrs. J. L. Barnett	Elmodel, Ga.	1 & 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	7.50	201.99	5,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Father's Home	W. G. Turner	A. J. Cumbie	Rt. 3, Pelham, Ga.	Full Time	2	1	0	0	2	0	53	12.81	31.18	2,000.00	Yes	Yes	No	No
Hebrew	I. O. Cook	Walter Atkinson	Rt. 3, Donalsonville, Ga.	1 & 3	0	0	0	0	2	2	43	9.75	124.53	6,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Highway	H. L. Catrett	O. W. Sellers	Brinson, Ga.	2 & 4	4	3	0	7	3	1	56	14.00	98.73	3,000.00	Yes	Yes	No	No
Mother's Home	J. B. Ledlow	J. R. McNease	Colquitt, Ga.	1 & 3	9	2	0	0	0	3	115	28.75	983.17	2,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Mt. Gilead	H. L. Catrett	R. L. Boyd	Brinson, Ga.	2 & 4	1	3	0	0	2	1	45	11.25	600.00	8,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Mt. Glory	L. D. Scott	Ethel Newberry	Rt. 2, Quincy, Fla.	2 & 4	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	10.00	342.30	2,000.00	Yes	No	No	No
New Home No. 1	I. O. Cook	W. E. Lane	Iron City, Ga.	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	126	31.50	582.00	5,000.00	Yes	Yes	No	No
New Home No. 2	L. D. Scott	Dock Kelly	Climax, Ga.	1 & 3	0	4	0	0	0	1	96	20.00	157.63	3,000.00	No	Yes	No	No
New Light																		
New Salem	Scotty Driggers	I. O. Goocher	Colquitt, Ga.	1 & 3	4	2	0	0	5	0	189	47.25	637.85	5,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pilgrim's Home	H. L. Catrett	H. E. McNeal	Rt. 2, Newton, Ga.	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	36	9.00	381.00	6,000.00	Yes	No	No	No
Polar Branch	J. L. Batchelor	J. C. Morris	Greensboro, Fla.	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	18	5.00	82.44	1,000.00	Yes	No	No	No
River Turn	Edward Sheffield	Mrs. Nellie Lynn	Rt. 3, Donalsonville, Ga.	2 & 4	2	2	0	0	0	0	44	10.00	187.37	4,300.00	Yes	No	No	No
Springfield	J. L. Batchelor	C. B. Reese	Jakin, Ga.	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	17	5.00	68.01	1,250.00	No	No	No	No
Thompson	B. W. Clenney	G. R. Grimes	Colquitt, Ga.	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	78	19.50	277.50	6,000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No