

MINUTES
of the
71ST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
MARTIN FREEWILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



which convened with
MT. GILEAD CHURCH, Bainbridge, Ga.
and
RIVER TURN CHURCH, Donalsonville, Ga.
October 25th and 26th, 1957

OFFICERS

T. A. Drake, Moderator..... **Iron City, Ga.**
Willis L. Heard, Secty. & Treas...... **Bainbridge, Ga.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Willis L. Heard (Chairman)..... **Rt. 3, Bainbridge, Ga.**
Robert Boyd..... **Rt. 1, Brinson, Ga.**
John Bailey..... **Colquitt, Ga.**
Phillip Hines..... **Colquitt, Ga.**
W. E. Lane..... **Iron City, Ga.**

Next session to convene at Highway Church, Brinson, Ga. on
Friday, October 26, 1958 and at Corinth Church, Iron City, Ga. on
Saturday, October 27, 1958.

STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. H. L. Catrett, Chairman (2 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott (1 year)	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Horn (3 years)	Donalsonville, Ga.
Rev. A. B. Ard (Emeritus)	Bainbridge, Ga.

MISSION BOARD

Sister C. A. Lane, Secty. & Treas.	(2 years)
Bro. J. T. Hilburn	(1 year)
Bro. O. F. Everson, Chairman	(3 years)

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Bro. Edgar Smith, Chairman (2 years)	Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. C. T. Turner (1 year)	Brinson, Ga.
Sister John Bailey, Secty. & Treas. (3 years)	Colquitt, Ga.

PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Bro. W. R. Barber	(1 year)
Bro. Joe B. Adams	(2 years)
Sister Mary Brown Secty. & Treas.	(3 years)

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Bro. I. M. Ard (3 years)	Iron City, Ga.
Bro. A. R. Smith (2 years)	Bainbridge, Ga.
Bro. Z. T. Calhoun (1 year)	Colquitt, Ga.

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

Sister Bonnie Barber	Rev. B. W. Clenney	Rev. J. J. Scott
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STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY & TREASURER

Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 553	Tifton, Ga.
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PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 71st Annual Session of The Martin Freewill Baptist Association convened with Mt. Gilead Church, Bainbridge, Ga., at ten o'clock on Friday morning, October 25, 1957.

The Session was opened with a song service led by Rev. H. L. Catrett, and Prayer by Rev. L. D. Scott.

Bro. O. F. Everson gave the Devotional and talked from the 12th Chapter of Romans.

Bro. Herbert Boyd gave the welcome address, and Sister B. W. Clenney gave the response.

At 10:30 A.M. the Moderator gave his message using Amos 4:12 as his text.

Credential Committee was appointed which consisted of Bro. W. R. Barber, Bro. Richard McNease and Bro. R. T. Middleton.

Rev. C. J. Harvey made an appeal to the Association for help to build a home for a caretaker for Camp Mt. Bethel. An offering was taken and \$27.00 was donated.

Rev. Edward Sheffield preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon using

Romans 12:2 as his text.

Rev. Drew Floyd dismissed the Body for the noon hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday afternoon Session opened at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. H. L. Catrett leading the song service. Rev. E. C. Williams led in Prayer.

Bro. G. R. Grimes gave the Devotional.

The Credential Committee made a partial report and reported 16 Churches represented with a total of \$292.25. A move and second was made and carried to accept this partial report as read. Bro. W. E. Lane and Sister Lucile Stewart were appointed to read the Church letters. Delegates which were read are as follows:

Mothers Home Church:

Bro. and Sister John Bailey, Sister J. B. Regan and Sister J. B. Adams.

Mt. Glory Church:

Bro. G. J. Owens, Sister George Ray, Sister S. D. Newberry and Sister Ethel Newberry.

Mt. Gilead Church:

Bro. Herbert Boyd and Bro. C. M. Smith.

Poley Branch Church:

Bro. and Sister J. H. McAlpin and Sister Estelle McAlpin.

Corinth Church:

Sister Bonnie Swanner, Sister Little Lane, Sister T. A. Drake and Bro. J. J. Turvin.

New Home No. 2 Church:

Bro. E. D. Avery, Bro. Clarence Saddler, Bro. O'Neal Cumbie and Bro. Dock Kelley.

Evergreen Church:

Bro. and Sister Joe Bob Barnett.

Fathers Home Church:

Bro. J. E. Worsham and Bro. W. H. Worsham.

Highway Church:

Sister Ruby Scott, Sister Bessie Scott, Bro. and Sister Will Brogdon and Bro. and Sister Roy Barber.

New Salem Church:

Sister B. A. Middleton, Bro. and Sister I. J. Goocher, Bro. Clements and Bro. B. D. Wells.

Colquitt Church:

Bro. Emory Tully, Sister George Edge, Sister Alma McDonald, Bro. and Sister Abbie Calhoun and Bro. and Sister Lavon Lovering.

Thompson Church:

Bro. Z. T. Calhoun and wife, Bro. G. R. Grimes and Bro. C. B. Grimes.

Bellview Church:

Sister Effie Kimbrel, Bro. Charles Brown, Bro. Counce Sheffield, Jr., Sister Mary Brown, Sister Tenella Cleveland and Bro. Felix Kimbrel.

Pilgrim Home Church:

Bro. J. T. Hilburn and Bro. P. B. Hilburn.

New Home No. 1 Church:

Sister I. M. Ard, Bro. R. T. Middleton, Bro. Clint Ard, Bro. Cecil Roberts and Bro. Ed Roberts.

Hebrew Church:

Sister Sylvester Yates, Bro. and Sister Walter Atkinson.

A move and second was made and carried that these delegates be seated with the Body.

The Call was made for petitionary letters. None was received.

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

Salem Association:

Rev. J. C. Watson, Rev. I. O. Cook.

Union Association:

Bro. and Sister C. J. Harvey, Bro. Luther Baldwin.

Midway Association:

Bro. Alvin Day, Bro. E. C. Williams, Bro. C. B. Downey, Bro. H. L. Knighton, Bro. Leo Curtis, Bro. Roy Roberts, Bro. C. R. Houston, Bro. S. F. Boyd.

Chattahoochee Association:

Bro. E. C. King.

A move and second was made and carried that the Moderator extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to these visitors. This the Moderator did.

Reports of the State and National Associations was called for. Sister B. W. Clenney reported for the National Association and Bro. W. E. Lane reported for the State Association.

A call was made for a report of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Sister B. W. Clenney gave an oral report.

Roll Call of Ministers As Given Below:

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Drew Floyd	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Tom Henry	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. H. L. Catrett	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. E. Wisham, Jr.	Rt. 2, Camilla, Ga.
Rev. Lewis Batchelor	Rt. 2, Camilla, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Horn	Rt. 2, Donalsonville, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. A. B. Ard	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Gilbert	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. B. W. Clenney	Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. F. W. Sellers	Rt. 3, Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. R. W. Holmes	2601 4th Ave., Columbus, Ga.
Rev. Edward Sheffield	P.O. Box 302, Donalsonville, Ga.
Rev. Willie Sellers	Rt. 1, Camilla, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott	Brinson, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. C. P. Rump Camilla, Ga.
 Rev. J. A. Ivey Donalsonville, Ga.
 Sister Jessie Wisham Camilla, Ga.
 Sister Della McAlpin Sneads, Fla.
 Rev. G. W. West Pelham, Ga.

Called for reports of Boards and Committees;

See Reports:

Delegates appointed to the various Associations are as follows:

Midway Association:

Rev. Drew Floyd, Rev. and Sister B. W. Clenney.

Union Association:

Rev. and Sister Drew Floyd.

Chattahoochee Association:

Rev. B. W. Clenney, Rev. Edward Sheffield.

Georgia Union Association:

Rev. W. H. Horn, Rev. H. L. Catrett and Rev. L. D. Scott.

Little River Association:

Rev. B. W. Clenney.

Salem Association:

Rev. Edward Sheffield, Rev. W. H. Horn and Rev. H. L. Catrett.

State Line Association:

Rev. B. W. Clenney.

State Association:

Bro. Louie Grimes, Sister Effie Kimbrel.

National Association:

Rev. and Sister B. W. Clenney.

The Executive Committee was nominated and elected. Members of the Executive Committee are as follows:

Bro. Willis L. Heard (Chairman) Rt. 3, Bainbridge, Ga.
 Bro. Phillip Hines Rt. 2, Colquitt, Ga.
 Bro. W. E. Lane Iron City, Ga.
 Bro. Robert Boyd Brinson, Ga.
 Bro. John Bailey Rt. 2, Colquitt, Ga.

A move and second was made and carried that an assistant Moderator and assistant Clerk be elected.

The Nominating Committee was appointed which consisted of Bro. T. J. Heard, Bro. W. C. Atkinson and Sister W. E. Lane.

The Program Committee was appointed which consisted of Bro. W. E. Lane, Sister John Bailey and Sister Lucile Stewart.

Churches on Committees were given as follows:

Sunday School Mt. Gilead
 Sabbath Observance River Turn
 Resolutions New Salem
 Temperance Thompson
 Suggestions Hebrew
 Obituaries Highway

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mt. Gilead Church and Community for their hospitality during the first day of this Session.

The Body adjourned for the day to meet with River Turn Church on Saturday morning, October 26, 1957.

Rev. I. O. Cook led the closing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association met at River Turn Church on October 26, 1957.

The Session opened at 9:40 a.m. with a song service led by Rev. B. W. Clenney. Sister Drew Floyd led in Prayer.

Sister Alma Houston gave the Devotional and talked from St. Luke 12:42 and 43.

The welcome address was given by Sister L. C. Howard.

Renewed call for Church letters. One was received with a total of five dollars. Bro. W. R. Barber read this letter, which was from Proctor Chapel Church. Delegates which were read are as follows: Sister Essie and Sister Bonnie Lee Lane. Brother Barber reported Proctor Chapel Associational fee to be \$4.00 short. A move and second was made and carried to accept the letter as read and seat the Delegates with the body and the clerk send Proctor Chapel Church a letter explaining the shortage of fee and ask them to send the four dollars to the Clerk.

Renewed call for petitionary letters; none received.

A move and second was made and carried that the Nominating Committee nominate replacements for members of the standing boards and committees whose time had expired, with the remaining members whose time has not expired making recommendations for new members.

Call for the reading of the Minutes of the Friday Session. Same was read by the Clerk.

Renewed call for Correspondence from other Associations. Same was given as listed below:

State Association Rev. E. C. Morris
 Salem Association Bro. C. L. Cook

A move and second was made and carried that the Moderator extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to these visitors. This the Moderator did.

Move and second was made and carried to suspend the regular order of business for the eleven o'clock Sermon.

Rev. E. C. Morris brought the eleven o'clock message. He first gave a report on his work as State Promotional Secretary and Treasurer, after which he Preached using the 17th verse of the 4th chapter of First Thessalonians as his text.

Rev. C. A. Gilbert dismissed the body for the noon hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Saturday afternoon Session opened at 1:30 with a song service led by Bro. P. I. Kirkland and prayer by Rev. J. J. Scott.

Devotional was given by Bro. Buddy Waller taken from the 62nd Psalm.

After the Devotional a special song by Bro. and Sister P. I.

Kirkland, Rev. W. S. Driggers and Bro. C. L. Cook.

A move and second was made and carried that the League Convention Constitution be printed in the Associational Minutes, same to be paid for by the League Convention.

Renewed call for Committee and Board reports. See reports.

Bro. W. E. Lane was appointed as key man to collect money and supplies, for Camp Mt. Bethel. Each Church was asked to appoint one person to work with Bro. Lane.

Final report of the Credential Committee was called for. The Committee reported two Churches represented with a total of \$15.00. Bro. W. R. Barber read these letters. Delegates which were read are as follows:

River Turn Church:

Sister Homer Turner and Sister Myrtle Howard.

Spring Field Church:

Bro. Jessie Reagan.

The Credential Committee was relieved.

Special song by Sister Sue Wallar.

A move and second was made and carried that we extend to River Turn Church and Community, Delegates, Ministers and Visitors a rising vote of thanks for making this Session a success.

An offering was taken for the Unified Program and \$16.79 was donated.

A move and second was made and carried to adjourn and meet with Highway Church on Friday, October 26, 1958 and Corinth Church on Saturday, October 27, 1958.

While singing the closing song everyone participated in a hand shaking service.

Rev. H. L. Catrett led the closing Prayer.

Bro. T. A. Drake _____ Moderator

Bro. Willis L. Heard _____ Secretary & Treasurer

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Disbursements recommend the following:

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	20%
Local Superannuation Board	35%
Local Promotional Board	17½%
Mission Board	17½%
F.W.B. Orphanage Home, Eldredge, Ala.	10%

Respectfully submitted

Sister Bonnie Barber

Rev. B. W. Clenney

Rev. J. J. Scott.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We your committee on Sabbath observance believe that as Christians we should all keep the Sabbath day Holy unto the Lord. We believe that we should attend Church and engage in activities that are proper and right for Christians. We should follow the example of Jesus who always went to the Synagogue on the Sabbath day.

We should refrain from all secular labor and worldly amusements on the Sabbath. If we follow the example of sinners how can the world tell us from sinners. We can not let our light shine for Jesus if we do not honor his Holy Day, and keep our hearts and minds centered on Jesus and Holy activities.

Sincerely,

Mothers Home Church and Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your committee on Sunday Schools, believe that Sunday Schools are stepping stones for good citizenship and Christian workers, so it is our duty to keep a live Sunday School in each Church and insist on regular attendance.

Nine out of ten children that attend Sunday School regularly, have no juvenile record or criminal record, even after they have grown to maturity, so we can see by these records that it is to our own interest to have the children to attend Sunday School, so let us all take them to Sunday School each Sunday and not stay home and send them.

Respectfully submitted

Corinth Church and Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Resolutions resolve to make the following recommendations:

Resolve that no one be allowed to serve on more than one committee or Board and select only one from each Church.

Resolve that the Executive Board of this Association be composed of five brethren, the Treasurer to be the Chairman of this Board and the other four to be nominated and elected by the Body.

We know our Ministers in the Martin Association are few, but we feel that if each Church would select and use the ministers in our Association it would bring about more unity and be helpful to the Association.

Resolve that the Association be held at a different Church each year until every Church has had an Association.

Resolve that the Moderator be paid \$15.00 and the Clerk \$25.00 for their services.

Respectfully submitted

Highway Church and Pastor.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Temperance would like to submit the following:

The Freewill Baptists believe in Temperance and always have

and should refrain from intoxicating liquors in any form. We as Christians should not indulge in any intemperance, either intoxicating or otherwise.

Sincerely,
Bellview Church and Pastor.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Suggestions would like to suggest that the Association abide by the resolutions and suggestions that have previously been adopted.

Sincerely,
Hebrew Church and Pastor.

OBITUARIES COMMITTEE

We regret very much to learn that nine of our members have been called away from our midst. We trust they are at rest with the Lord. They are as follows:

Mothers Home Church—

Bro. Will Kirksey.

Bellview Church—

Sister Emma Phillips and Bro. John Haire.

New Salem Church—

Bro. John Daniels, Sister Jean Bush and Bro. Noah Phillips.

New Home No. 1 Church—

Tommie Roberts.

Corinth Church—

Bro. Auburn Norris and Sister Lynn.

Hebrew Church—

Sister Annie Lou Roberson and Sister Susie C. Bland.

River Turn Church—

Bro. P. M. Cowart.

Sincerely,
New Salem Church and Pastor.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

We the Investigating Committee find that some of our Churches are confused and out of unity. We also find that some of our Deacons are not discharging their duty as they should. As far as we know our Ministers are in good standing.

Respectfully,
Bro. I. M. Ard
Bro. A. R. Smith
Bro. Z. T. Calhoun.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We have ordained one Minister, Rev. J. J. Scott, and recommend that his name be placed on the list of Ordained Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. H. L. Catrett
Rev. L. D. Scott
Rev. W. H. Horn.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Money Received:

Dec. 15th—Mr. Frank Newberry	\$ 18.20
Jan. 7th—Mrs. T. I. Crawford	16.84
Jan. 15th—Bro. Richard McNease	22.40
April 20th—Bro. Richard McNease	22.05
Aug. 5th—Bro. Richard McNease	24.50
Oct. 18th—Bro. Richard McNease	12.25

Total amt. received \$116.24

Money paid out:

Jan. 30th—Rev. Tom Henry	\$31.00
Jan. 30th—Rev. A. B. Ard	31.00
Jan. 30th—Sister F. A. Norris	31.00

Total paid out \$93.00
Balance in treasury \$23.24

Respectfully submitted,
Sister John Bailey
Bro. C. T. Turner
Bro. Edgar Smith.

PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Bro. W. R. Barber gave an oral report for the Promotional Board, and reported a balance of \$238.90 in treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. W. R. Barber.

MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT FOR 1956-1957

ASSETS:

Cash on hand	\$132.29
Union Meeting funds, December 29, 1956	16.60
Union Meeting funds, March 30, 1957	9.45
Union Meeting funds, June 20, 1957	10.50
Union Meeting funds, September 28, 1957	5.25
Total received	\$174.09

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cool Springs Building Fund	\$ 31.50
Total paid out	\$ 31.50
Balance in Treasury	\$142.59

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. O. F. Everson
Bro. J. T. Hilburn
Sister C. A. Lane, Secty. & Treas.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee has had four meetings this year, and at no time were all members present. One of these meetings was at Corinth Church, one was at Proctor Chapel Church and the other two were at the regular Board meetings.

The only business that the Executive Committee had was at Proctor Chapel Church.

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Committee.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on nominations beg to submit the following:
For Moderator..... Bro. T. A. Drake
For assistant Moderator..... Rev. Drew Floyd
For Clerk..... Bro. Willis L. Heard
For assistant Clerk..... Bro. W. R. Barber

For Ordaining Council:

Rev. H. L. Catrett, Chairman (2 years)..... Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott (1 year)..... Brinson, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Horn (3 years)..... Donaldsonville, Ga.
Rev. A. B. Ard (Emeritus)..... Bainbridge, Ga.

For Mission Board:

Sister C. A. Lane, Secty. & Treas. 2 years
Bro. J. T. Hilburn 1 year
Bro. O. F. Everson, Chairman 3 years

Superannuation Board:

Bro. Edgar Smith, Chairman (2 years)..... Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. C. T. Turner (1 year)..... Brinson, Ga.
Sister John Bailey, Secty. & Treas. (3 years)..... Colquitt, Ga.

For Promotional Board:

Bro. W. R. Barber 1 year
Bro. Joe B. Adams 2 years
Sister Mary Brown 3 years

For Investigating Committee:

Bro. I. M. Ard (3 years)..... Iron City, Ga.
Bro. A. R. Smith (2 years)..... Brinson, Ga.
Bro. Z. T. Calhoun (1 year)..... Colquitt, Ga.

For Disbursements Committee:

Sister Bonnie Barber, Rev. B. W. Clenney and Rev. J. J. Scott.

We also recommend that the Association convene with Highway Church on Friday, October 26, 1958 and with Corinth Church on Saturday, October 27, 1958.

We also recommend that Rev. W. H. Horn bring the Introductory Message at Highway Church on Friday, October 26, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Gertrude Lane

Bro. T. J. Heard

Bro. Walter Atkinson

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The program plans given below are proposed for the 72nd annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association to be held with Highway Church on Friday, October 26, 1958, and Corinth Church on Saturday, October 27, 1958.

FRIDAY SECTION—OCTOBER 26, 1958

10:00 A.M.—

Assembly of body for worship by the Moderator
Devotional—Bro. Richard McNease
Song Service conducted by Rev. B. W. Clenney
Welcome Address—Sister J. J. Scott
Response—Sister B. O. Middleton

10:30 A.M.—

Moderator's Message
Appointment of credential committee
Call for letters from Churches composing this body

11:00 A.M.—

Message—Rev. W. H. Horn
Noon hour

1:30 P.M.—

Reassemble
Devotional—Louie Grimes
Report of credential committee
Reading and adoption of letters and seating of Delegates
Call for Petitionary Letters
Call for Correspondents from other Associations
Report of State and National Association
Report of Womans Auxiliary
Roll call of Ministers
Report of all boards—Promotional, Superannuation, Ordinal, Investigational, Executive
Appointment of Delegates to various Associations
Appointment of sessional committees
Arrangements and adjournment.

Services Friday night—Mission Board in charge and supply Speaker.

SATURDAY SESSION—OCTOBER 27, 1958

9:30 A.M.—

Song Service conducted by Rev. H. L. Catrett
Devotional—Sister B. D. Wells
Welcome address—Sister Clarence Lane
Response—Sister I. M. Ard
Renew all calls for committee reports
Reading and adoptions of first day's minutes
Renewal of call for correspondence and visitors

11:00 A.M.—

Message—To be supplied
Noon hour

1:30 P.M.—

Devotional—Sister Carl Lane
Renewal of calls for committee reports
Report of nominating committee whose duty it is to make selection of place of next session of Association and Introductory Message
Miscellaneous business

Election of officers
Completion of all business
Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. W. E. Lane
Sister Lucile Stewart
Sister John Bailey.

WOMANS AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The District Womans Auxiliary Convention of the Martin Association met with Colquitt Church September 24, 1957.

The Convention opened with congratulation singing "I want to be a worker." Prayer by Mrs. Alma McDonald. Devotional by Mrs. Lee Roy Johnson, Job 2:6. Welcome by Mrs. Alma McDonald. Response by Mrs. W. C. Atkinson.

The President, Mrs. B. W. Wells, gave a talk on "The Master Calls for Thee."

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved by the Convention.

Move and second that the Delegates from various Auxiliaries with their Presidents and district officers compose the Body. The Delegates being seated.

The following Ministers were welcomed: Rev. B. W. Clenney and Rev. Leo Curtiss.

Committees were appointed by the President as follows:

Credentials—

Mrs. Ed Hill, Mrs. W. C. Atkinson, and Mrs. G. Edge.

Finance—

Mrs. Herbert Riddlehoover, Mrs. B. W. Clenney and Mrs. Alma McDonald.

Nominations—

Mrs. Effie Kimbrell, Mrs. Ada L. Phillips, Mrs. Lee Roy Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Tully, Mrs. Alma Houston.

Move and second that we accept the Committees.

Congregation sang "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Rev. Leo Curtiss brought a very inspirational Message on "Ye are The Light of The World."

Congregation sang "Send The Light." We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Mrs. Alma McDonald.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn, "Don't Let Your Light Burn Low." Prayer by Rev. B. W. Clenney.

Devotional by Mrs. Tennilla Cleveland taken from the 23rd Psalm, followed by Prayer by Mrs. Cleveland.

Delegates to the State Auxiliary were as follows:

Mrs. Ed Hill, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. Alma Houston, Mrs. Effie Kimbrell and Mrs. B. W. Clenney.

Mrs. O. F. Everson gave a talk on Auxiliary work.

Committees reported as follows:

Finance—We your Finance Committee submit the following report:

Balance brought forward \$7.31

PAID:

State and National dues \$12.00

Rev. Leo Curtis 4.00

Secretary and Treasurer 2.50

Total paid out \$18.50

Special offering was taken leaving a balance of \$8.55 in treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Herbert Riddlehoover

Mrs. B. W. Clenney

Mrs. Alma McDonald.

Nominating Committee—We the Nominating Committee submit the following:

President Mrs. B. W. Clenney

Vice President Mrs. Alma McDonald

Recording Secty & Treas. Mrs. Herbert Riddlehoover

Assistant Secretary Mrs. Ed Hill

Youth Chairman Mrs. John Bailey

Stewardship Prayer Mrs. Addie Lee Phillips

Program Chairman Mrs. Gladys Chapman

Field Secretary Mrs. Ed Hill

Study Course Mrs. Effie Kimbrel

Personal Service Mrs. Alma McDonald

The next Convention will convene with Hebrew Church on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in September, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, Mrs. J. W. Tully,

Mrs. Ada Lee Phillips, Mrs. Alma Houston

and Mrs. Lee Roy Johnson.

Credential Committee—We the Credential Committee submit the following report:

Upon examination we find the following auxiliaries acceptable to this Convention: Bellview, Hebrew, Colquitt and Mothers Home. Represented in Person with reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ed Hill, Mrs. W. C. Atkinson

and Mrs. George Edge.

Enlistment and promotional work done:

Number of Auxiliaries—4, total membership—30, members making soul winning efforts—13, members engaged in community personal service—13, number of converts resulting from efforts—5, members distributing baskets and garments to needy—30, subscribers to Auxiliary Manual—15, Auxiliary year book—30, articles published

in denominational papers—12, enlistment leaflets, papers and tracts given—100, tithers—2.

Amount of offering sent to:

W.N.A.C. Co-labor fund	\$ 21.00
Easter offering to Foreign Mission	15.32
Thanksgiving Offering—State Home Mission	51.37
Christmas offering for National Home Mission	3.50
Cash gift to Orphanage	65.60
Value of boxes to Orphanage	33.50
Cash gift to F.W.B. Bible College	4.00
Gift to Mission sent to W.N.A.C. Treasurer	42.53
Total spent for Auxiliary literature	44.08
Total spent for local Church activities	37.00
Total spent for Unified Program	9.00
Total spent for Dot Harvey Loan fund	11.00
Total for State Workshop and others	55.91
Camp Mt. Bethel	212.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. W. Clenney, President, Colquitt, Ga.

Mrs. Herbert Riddlehoover, Secty. & Treas.

Rt. 3, Box 179, Donalsonville, Ga.

LEAGUE RALLY REPORT

The Freewill Baptist League Rally met at New Home No. 1 on September 29, 1957. The meeting was opened with songs and a prayer by Mr. Emmett Houston. The devotional was given by Sammy Bailey followed with prayer by Rev. Drew Floyd. Mrs. W. E. Lane gave the welcome address and the response was given by Mr. Pete Davis.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved. A treasurer's report was given. There were 4 churches represented which were: New Salem, Mothers Home, New Home No. 1 and Thompson. Officers were elected as follows:

President	Louie Grimes
Vice-President	Winkie Wells
Recording Secretary	Christine Lane
Corresponding Secretary	Sara Goocher
Quiz Leader	Mrs. Emory Tully
Assistant Quiz Leader	Mrs. Effie Kimbrel
Field Workers—	Mr. Pete Davis, Mr. John Bailey, Mr. Emmett Houston
Program Committee—	

Mrs. Linda Floyd, Mrs. Emmett Houston and Mrs. Ray Hornsby
Nominating Committee—

Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. Pete Davis and Mrs. Pryor Middleton

An inspiring talk was then given by Mrs. Linda Floyd followed with prayer by Rev. I. O. Cook. After a song and prayer, we were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON

After the lunch hour, the convention was opened with a song and a prayer by Mr. Richard McNease. The afternoon devotional was

given by Charles Grimes followed with prayer by Mr. Pete Davis. Reports were then given by the two committees followed with a very inspiring program given by Mothers Home Church. Rev. Drew Floyd then gave a talk and gave a cedar chest to Gloria McVay. Delegates were appointed to the State League Rally who are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lane and Christine, Rev. and Mrs. Drew Floyd, Louie and Charles Grimes.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to New Home No. 1 for the fine hospitality shown during the day. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Ike Musgrove.

The nominating committee decided to carry the League Rally to Mothers Home first and to New Salem second. League Conventions will be held on first, third and fifth Sundays in Association year.

PROGRAM FOR THE LEAGUE RALLY AT MOTHERS HOME

Devotional	Glenda Wells
Welcome Address	Mildred Adams
Response	Charles Grimes
Business Period	
Talk	Mr. Willie Lane
Noon	
Devotional in Afternoon	Ruddy Clenney

PROGRAM FOR LEAGUE RALLY AT NEW SALEM

Devotional	Marilyn Davis
Welcome Address	Martha Goocher
Response	Gene McNease
Business Period	
Talk	Mr. John Bailey
Noon	
Devotional in Afternoon	Laverne Ard

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

For The

MARTIN DISTRICT FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

PREAMBLE:

We, the Leagues of the Original Free Will Baptist of the Martin Association District, desiring to promote the cause of Jesus Christ as represented by our denomination, and to put the "Kingdom of God First," do ordain this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Martin District League Convention of the original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Convention shall be to promote the general welfare of the Free Will Baptist Leagues throughout the District, to assist the churches, pastors and co-operate with the State and National League Conventions in enlisting the youth of the churches in active Christian service.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Sword Drill Leader, Chorister, Pianist and such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and the election shall take place the last session in the Calendar Year at the close of the session.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP: This Convention shall be composed of all ordained ministers in good standing of the district who are in good standing with the Martin Association, and delegates representing each local general league, together with the general directors and officers of the District League Convention.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS: This Convention shall meet semi-annually at such a time and place as may be decided upon by the Nominating Committee in their annual report.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES: The Committees of the Convention shall be composed of the Executive, Program, Nominating, and any special committee that may be necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE VII

REPORTS: Each local league (general) shall be required to make a written report to this Convention on a blank furnished for the purpose by the District Convention to each session.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE: Each local league representing in this Convention is asked to make an offering of one dollar (\$1.00) semi-annually to carry on work of the convention and all the benevolent causes sponsored.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to assume all the usual obligations of such office as in general parliamentary usage. He shall have power to declare any office vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of either the Executive Committee or the Convention.

Section 2. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence and assist in any way which becomes necessary.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the Convention and the Executive Committee and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and turn same over to his or her successor in office, and is requested to present Corresponding Secretary with copy of minutes after each Convention. The Recording Secretary shall handle all money belonging to the Convention and pay out same only by order of the Convention or Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall be held respon-

sible for all regular Correspondence of the Convention and shall be a medium of contact between this Convention and all State and National Conventions, and shall be responsible for the printing of programs of conventions and sending one to each general league prior to Conventions; shall also be responsible for printing annual report slips and sending one to each league prior to second session league convention.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Sword Drill Leader, and Field Workers. This Committee shall be the same as the Convention when not in session, having authority to call extra sessions when deemed necessary, declare vacant any office upon a neglect of duty or the incumbent becoming debilitated for any cause and fill such offices until the regular session of the Convention. Other duties of the Executive Committee shall be that of any well ordered established body.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee shall work with the Program Committee and shall Nominate the places for the Conventions to be held. Any churches so desiring Convention shall file invitations with said Committee.

Section 7. The Program Committee shall arrange the program theme for each session of the Convention. The programs shall be constructed around the following suggestions: Use as many Leaguers from the various General Leagues on Convention Theme Program as possible; Use lay speakers for morning talk; Church programs shall be limited to fifteen minutes.

Section 8. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Convention.

ARTICLE II

All members, ministers and officers who compose the Convention shall have the right to vote on all questions coming before the Convention and all such questions shall be decided by the majority vote.

ARTICLE III

Any amendment to this Constitution and By-Laws may be added by a two thirds majority vote in any regular session of the convention provided such amendments are offered and placed on the table for one at least before the final vote is taken.

UNION MEETING PROGRAM FOR 1958 AND DECEMBER 1957

We the Nominating Committee recommend that the Union Meeting convene with the following Churches:

First Session	Highway Church
Second Session	Pilgrims Home Church
Third Session	New Salem Church
Fourth Session	Mothers Home Church

We further recommend that Bro. Drew Floyd serve as Moderator for the next year and Bro. Richard McNease as Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. I. M. Ard, Bro. Herbert Boyd and
Sister C. A. Lane.

First Session: Highway Church

Devotional Sister L. D. Scott
 Welcome Address Sister J. J. Scott
 Response Sister I. M. Ard
 Business
 11 o'clock Message Rev. Chester Gilbert
 Lunch
 Afternoon Devotional Sister C. C. Bell
 Talk Rev. B. W. Clenney
 Adjourn.

Second Session: Pilgrims Home Church

Devotional Bro. Willie Hilburn
 Welcome Address Sister Virginia Matthews
 Response Sister Eudene Boyd
 Business
 11 O'clock Message Rev. H. L. Catrett
 Lunch
 Afternoon Devotional Rev. L. D. Scott
 Talk Rev. Edward Sheffield
 Adjourn.

Third Session: New Salem Church

Devotional Sister Emmett Houston
 Welcome Address Sister Eva Middleton
 Response Sister T. C. Cox
 Business
 11 O'clock Message Rev. S. D. Driggers
 Lunch
 Afternoon Devotional Bro. Idus Goocher
 Talk Rev. W. H. Horn
 Adjourn.

Fourth Session: Mothers Home Church

Devotional Sister John Bailey
 Welcome Address Sister Richard McNease
 Response Sister B. W. Clenney
 Business
 11 O'clock Message Rev. J. J. Scott
 Lunch
 Afternoon Devotional Sister J. B. Adams
 Talk Rev. J. L. Batchelor
 Adjourn.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE**SESSION 1**

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in December, 1957 at Highway Church.

Devotional Bro. Thomas Scott
 Welcome Address Rev. J. J. Scott
 Response Bro. Emory Richerson
 Business
 Message Rev. Willie Sellers

Refreshments Rev. C. A. Gilbert and Rev. Drew Floyd.

SESSION 2

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in March at Pigrims Home Church.

Devotional Bro. Counce Sheffield
 Welcome Address Bro. P. B. Hilburn
 Response Bro. John Bailey
 Business
 Message Rev. L. D. Scott
 Refreshments Rev. C. A. Gilbert and Rev. Drew Floyd.

SESSION 3

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in June at New Salem Church.

Devotional Bro. W. E. Lane
 Welcome Address Rev. C. A. Gilbert
 Response Bro. Z. T. Calhoun
 Business
 Message Rev. Tom Henry
 Refreshments Rev. C. A. Gilbert and Rev. Drew Floyd.

SESSION 4

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in September at Mothers Home Church.

Devotional Bro. C. M. Smith
 Welcome Address Bro. Joe Adams
 Response Rev. G. W. West
 Business
 Message Rev. Coy Watson
 Refreshments Rev. C. A. Gilbert and Rev. Drew Floyd.

Moderator Rev. L. D. Scott, Brinson, Ga.
 Clerk Bro. Edgar Smith, Colquitt, Ga.
 Program Committee—Bro. Emmett Houston and Rev. J. J. Scott.

TREASURER'S REPORT**ASSETS:**

Balance on Hand \$ 45.00
 Received From Association 312.25
 Union Meeting 10.00
 Ministers Conference 5.00
 League 15.00

TOTAL

.....\$387.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator \$ 15.00
 Clerk 25.00
 State Association 10.00
 National Association 5.00
 Minutes 247.20
 State Secretary 7.00
 Local Superannuation Board 12.27
 Local Promotional Board 6.13

Mission Board	6.14
F. W. B. Orphanage Home, Eldridge, Ala.	3.50
Retain in Treasury	50.00

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 defense or excuse.

4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the meditation 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 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 Scripture 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 of 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 judgement 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 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 treasure 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 acknowledgement shall be minuted in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become 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 New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are binding on all as our 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. **PRESERVANCE.** 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 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 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 subversive to the churches and dangerous to the liberties of men.

5. That the Gospel churches are the 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, from 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 supper 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 hereinafter 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 warm, 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 universally 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 honors, might, majesty to Him who sitteth on the throne and the Lamb forever.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	ADDRESS	Meeting Days	Baptised	Rec'd By Letter	Dts. By Letter	Restored	Ex. Com	Died	Total No. Mem.	Ass'n Fee	United Program	Gave Pastor	Value of Church Property	Sunday School	F. W. B. L.	Ladies Aux.	Prayer Meeting
Thompson	Drew Floyd	G. R. Grimes	Colquitt, Ga.	1, 3, 1	0, 1, 0	0, 1	81	\$20.25	\$33.00	\$93.15	\$5,000.00	.00	.Yes	.Yes	No	.Yes	No	.Yes	No
Belview	L. D. Scott	Mrs. Curtis Chapman	Colquitt, Ga.	1, 3, 0	0, 1, 1	1, 1	175	43.75	155.00	841.12	9,000.00	.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
New Home No. 1	J. J. Scott	W. E. Lane	Iron City, Ga.	2, 4, 1	0, 1, 4	1, 1	124	48.00	776.64	5,200.00	.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Mothers Home	B. W. Clenney	J. R. McNeese	Rt. 2, Colquitt, Ga.	2, 4, 2	1, 2, 0	0, 1	110	27.50	81.19	500.30	3,000.00	.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Mt. Glery	F. W. Sellers	Ethel Newberry	Rt. 2, Quincy, Ga.	2, 4, 0	1, 1, 0	0, 0	34	10.00	0	432.36	2,000.00	.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Mt. Gilchrist	H. L. Carrett	C. M. Smith	W Bainbridge, Ga.	2, 3, 4	0, 1, 2	3, 8	0	45	11.25	67.37	1060.00	7,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Polar Branch	W. C., Windham	E. E. McAlpin	Greensboro, Fla.	1, 3, 1	5, 1, 2	1, 3	0	22	6.00	0	174.30	1,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Corinth	Drew Floyd	Mrs. C. A. Lane	Iron City, Ga.	2, 4, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 1	2	87	21.75	75.55	496.80	5,000.00	.No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hebrew	Coy Watson	W. C. Atkinson	Donelsonville, Ga.	1, 3, 1	0, 1, 0	0, 1	2	40	10.00	25.00	246.97	8,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
New Home No. 2	C. A. Gilbert	Dock Kelley	Climax, Ga.	1, 3, 0	0, 1, 0	0, 1	84	20.00	0	230.00	2,500.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Evergreen	F. W. Sellers	Mrs. J. L. Barnett	Elmotel, Ga.	2, 4, 2	0, 1, 0	0, 0	4	5.00	0	163.45	0	0	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Pilgrim Home	H. L. Catrett	Mrs. Virginia Mathews	Rt. 1, Newton, Ga.	1, 0, 1	5, 2, 0	0, 0	39	9.75	25.12	507.50	8,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Proctor Chapel	S. W. Balwin	Frank Cain	921 Church St. Pelham, Ga.	full	1, 5, 1	1, 0	0	1	36	5.00	0	416.84	5,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
River Turn	J. J. Scott	Mrs. Nellie Lynn	Rt. 3, Donelsonville, Ga.	1, 3, 3	1, 1, 2	0, 0	1	25	10.00	23.50	242.44	3,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Springfield	J. L. Batchelor	C. B. Reese	Jakin, Ga.	3, 0	0, 1, 0	0, 0	10	5.00	0	85.80	1,250.00	.No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Highway	C. A. Gilbert	Thomas E. Scott	Brinson, Ga.	2, 4, 0	1, 0, 2	0, 0	42	10.50	55.00	355.97	4,025.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Fathers Home	J. B. Barfield	A. J. Cumble	Rt. 3, Pelham, Ga.	1, 3, 0	0, 2, 0	0, 0	1	11	4.50	0	3,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
New Salem	Coy Watson	I. J. Goocher	Colquitt, Ga.	1, 3, 2	2, 2, 0	0, 0	1	186	46.50	52.92	370.71	6,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes
Colquitt	Edward Sheffield	Mrs. Emma Tully	Colquitt, Ga.	full	0, 1, 1	4, 0	0	0	54	13.50	85.67	74.00	6,000.00	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes	.Yes