

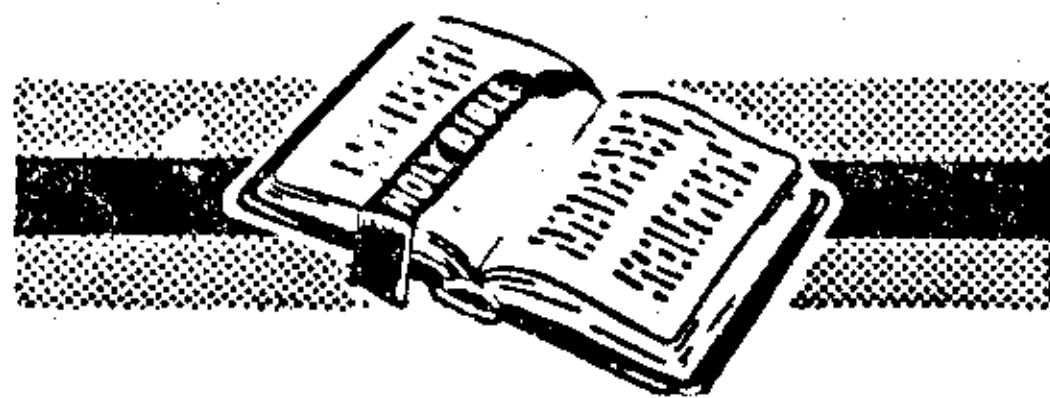
# MINUTES

OF THE

75th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MARTIN FREEWILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION



WHICH CONVENED WITH

NEW HOME No. 2 CHURCH, Climax, Ga.  
on October 20th, 1961

AND

NEW HOME No. 1 CHURCH, Colquitt, Ga.  
on October 21st, 1961

## OFFICERS

Louie Grimes, Moderator ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
Frank Newberry, Clerk ..... Colquitt, Ga.

## Executive Committee

Louie Grimes, Chairman ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
Frank Newberry ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
J. R. McNease ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
W. R. Barber ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
Edgar Smith ..... Colquitt, Ga.

The Next Session to convene with Mother's Home Church on  
October 26th, 1962; and with Thompson Church on  
October 27th, 1962.

## INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Bro. Fred Kelley (2 years)  
Bro. W. E. Lane (1 year) ..... Iron City, Ga.  
Bro. John T. Bailey (3 years) ..... Colquitt, Ga.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

## STANDING BOARDS

### Mission Board

Sister C. A. Lane, Sect. & Treas. (1 year) ..... Iron City, Ga.  
Bro. J. R. McNease (2 years) ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
Bro. J. T. Hilburn (3 years) ..... Newton, Ga.

### PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Sister W. T. Cooper, Sect. & Treas. (2 years) ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
Bro. Herbert Boyd (1 year) ..... West Bainbridge, Ga.  
Bro. W. R. Barber (3 years) Chairman ..... Colquitt, Ga.

### Superannuation Board

Sister J. J. Scott, Sect. & Treas. (2 years) ..... Brinson, Ga.  
Bro Edgar Smith (1 year) Chairman ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
Bro. C. T. Turner (3 years) ..... Brinson, Ga.

### State Promotional Secretary & Treasurer

Rev. Mance Cason ..... P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga.

## PROCEEDINGS

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 75th annual session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association convened with New Hope Church No. 2, Climax, Ga. at ten o'clock on Friday morning, October 20th, 1961.

The Session opened with a song service led by Bro. C. A. Williams and prayer by Rev. L. D. Scott.

Rev. C. A. Gilbert gave the devotional, reading from Isaiah chapter 55.

Sister Eddie Avery gave the welcome address and Rev. J. J. Scott gave the response.

At 10:30 A. M. the moderator gave his message taken from Psalms, chapter 15. The message was followed by prayer by Rev. J. E. Wood.

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Next the Credential Committee was appointed consisting of Bro. Kelley Harrell, Bro. Herbert Boyd, Bro. W. C. Atkinson.

Sister Jack Burke and Sister Edd Hill were appointed as reading clerks.

A move and second was made and carried that the Moderator extend the right hand of christian fellowship to visiting Minister Rev. C. R. Houston.

Rev. J. E. Wood preached the eleven o'clock sermon using "More Power" as his subject, scripture taken from 7th chapter of St. John.

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

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday afternoon session opened at one o'clock with song service led by Bro. C. A. Williams and prayer by Bro. C. R. Houston.

Afternoon devotional was given by Rev. L. D. Scott, reading for 20th chapter of Numbers.

Bro. Curtis Gay was recognized from the Union Association.

The Credential Committee made a partial report. Reporting 17 churches represented with a total of \$329.00. A move and second was made and carried to accept this partial report and seat the delegates.

Sister Jack Burke and Sister Edd Hill read the church letters. Churches and delegates which were read are as follows:

#### Bellview Church:

Bro. and Sister W. O. Brunson, Bro. and Sister T. D. Carter, Sister Effie Kimbrel, Sister B. W. Clenney.

#### Colquitt Church:

Bro. Horace Lovering, Sr., Bro. Abbie Calhoun.

#### Cool Springs Church:

Bro. Albert Blunt.

#### Corinth Church:

Sister Chastine Burke, Sister Joyce Lane, Sister Lettie Lane, Bro. T. A. Drake.

**Hebrew Church:**

Sister Edd Hill, Sister Jess Owens, Sister Leroy Johnson, Sister James Stuart, Bro. W. C. Atkinson.

**Highway Church:**

Bro. and Sister Roy Barber, Sister Horace King, Bro. C. T. Turner.

**Mothers Home Church:**

Bro. and Sister John T. Bailey, Bro. and Sister Z. T. Calhoun.

**Mt. Gilead Church:**

Bro. Robert Boyd, Bro. Fred Kelley, Bro. and Sister Kelley Harrell.

**New Home No. 1 Church:**

Bro. O. F. Everson, Bro. and Sister I. M. Ard, Sister Ruby Sheffield, Bro. Leonard Varnum.

**New Home No. 2 Church:**

Bro. and Sister Edd Avery, Sister Oneal Cumby, Sister Durwood Cumby.

**New Salem Church:**

Bro. W. R. Barber, Bro. I. J. Goocher, Sister J. W. Nix, Sister Emory Richardson, Bro. and Sister Lennis Lovering.

**Pilgrim Home Church:**

Bro. Jim T. Hilburn.

**Proctor Chapel Church:**

Sister Cain, Sister Palmer, Sister Elaine Palmer, Bro. Earl Grover, Bro. Ben Bodiford.

**Mt. Glory Church:**

Bro. Jimmy Taylor, Bro. Henderson, Bro. and Sister Brock.

**Riverturn Church:**

Sister Charlotte Parker, Sister Betty Barber, Sister Eddie Lynn.

**Springfield Church:**

Bro. Jessie Reagan, Sister Annie Mae Sheffield, Sister C. B. Reese.

**Thompson Church:**

Bro. C. A. Powell, Bro. F. E. Scarborough, Bro. J. L. Wilson, Bro. Louie Grimes, Sister Linda Floyd.

Following is a letter from Colquitt Church which was



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submitted with their Associational letter:

To the Martin Association of Freewill Baptists when in its 1961 annual session.

Whereas the same churches which make up the Martin Association and represent therein by delegates also represent by delegates in the Union Meetings of the Martin Association on Saturdays before each fifth Sunday; and, Whereas the business of the Martin Association can be transacted only once each year at annual session, while the Union Meetings are not so constituted as to be able to transact business of the Association. Therefore, Be it resolved that the Union Meeting of the Martin Association convene legislative and other business on Saturday before the fourth Sunday during the first month in each calendar quarter, the officers of the Association serving during each session and the churches representing by delegates in each session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colquitt Freewill Baptist Church

A move and second was made and carried that these letters be received as read and delegates be seated with the body.

Call was made for petitionary letters. None received.

Correspondence from other Associations was called for. None received.

Call was made for report from State and National Associations, Rev. E. C. Morris reported for both State and National Association, also on the Promotional Program and gave certificates to the following churches: Honor Roll certificates: Corinth, Bellview, Thompson, Highway, Mothers Home, New Salem, New Home No. 1. Grand Honor Roll: Mt. Gilead, Mt. Glory.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Bro. and Sister E. C. Morris for their many years of service to Promotional work.

#### Roll Call For Ministers as Given Below:

##### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. B. Ard	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. W. S. Driggers	Cottdondale, Fla.
Rev. Lewis Batchelor	Rt. 2, Camilla, Ga.

Rev. Drew Floyd	Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Gilbert	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Kenneth Grubbs	Iron City, Ga.
Rev. Tom Henry	Rt. Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. R. W. Holems	Rt. 2, Box 795, Albany, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Horn	Rt. 2, Donalsonville, Ga.
Rev. Larry Powell	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. F. W. Sellers	Rt. 3, Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. Willie Sellers	Rt. 1, Camilla, Ga.
Rev. Edward Sheffield	Rt. 3, Donalsonville, Ga.
Rev. Irvin Williams	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. E. Woods	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Grady Ethridge, Jr.,	Elmodel, Ga.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Isaac Musgrove	Rt. 2, Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. G. W. West	Rt. 1, Cairo, Ga.
Sister Della McAlphine	Sneads, Fla
Rev. Gus Ivey	Pelham, Ga.
Rev. Mike Tabb	
Rev. C. A. Williams	Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga.

Appointed committees as follows: Nominating committee, Bro. C. A. Powell, Sister Charles Barber, Bro. Horace Lovering.

Disbursement committee: Bro. W. R. Barber, Sister Lucile Lane, Bro. C. A. Williams.

A move and second was made and carried to place the following ministers on the ordained and licensed list. Ordained: Rev. Kenneth Grubbs, Rev. W. S. Driggers, Rev. Grady Ethridge, Jr. Licensed: Bro. Mike Tabb, Bro. C. A. Williams.

Bro. Curtis Gay gave a report from the Children's Home in Eldrige, Ala. Offering of \$30.27 was taken for same.

A move and second was carried that we extend to New Home No. 2 Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality shown during the day.

A move and second was carried to adjourn for the day and meet with New Home No. 1 Church Saturday morning, October 21, 1961.

Rev. C. R. Houston led the closing prayer.

Bro. Leroy Johnson, Moderator  
Bro. Frank Newberry, Clerk

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## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday Morning Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association met at New Home Church No. 1 on October 21, 1961.

The session opened at 9:45 a. m. with a song service led by Bro. Ike Ard and prayer by Rev. W. S. Driggers.

Rev. J. B. Lovering gave the devotional, scripture taken from Exodus chapter 14, verse 13-18.

The welcome address was given by Sister W. E. Lane and the response by Rev. I. O. Cook.

The Program Committee was appointed by the Moderator consisting of Sister J. E. Woods, Sister Herbert Boyd, Rev. W. S. Driggers.

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

Salem Association ..... Rev. I. O. Cook

Midway Association ..... Rev. J. B. Lovering,  
Rev. T. B. Mellette, Bro Wash Nix.

Move and second was made and carried for the Moderator to extend these visitors the right hand of christian fellowship. This the Moderator did.

Move and second as made and carried to table the resolution brought in by Colquitt Church until the 1962 session.

Rev. Kenneth Grubbs preached the eleven o'clock sermon using 91st Psalm, 1 through 11 as scripture.

Rev. W. Horn dismissed the body for lunch.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Saturday afternoon Session opened at 1 o'clock with a song service led by Bro. Ike Ard and prayer led by Rev. T. B. Mellete.

Rev. T. B. Mellete gave the devotional on "Law of Growth".

The Credential Committee made a final report with one more church representing with a fee of \$3.25. Sister Jack Burke read the letter. Churches and delegates which were read were as follows:



Polar Branch Church..... Bro. and Sister Ozzie Morris

This makes a total of 18 churches represented with fees totaling \$332.25. A move and second was made and carried to accept this report as read and seat the delegates with the Body. The Credential Committee was relieved.

Called for report of all Boards and Committees. Reports were received as given below.

### DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Committee on disbursements recommend the following:

Clerk .....	\$25.00
Moderator .....	15.00
State Association .....	20.00
National Association .....	5.00
Retain in Treasure .....	50.00

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

State Unified Program .....	20 Percent
Local Superannuation Board .....	35 Percent
Local Promotional Board .....	22.5 Percent
Local Mission Board .....	22.5 Percent

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bro. C. A. Williams  
Bro. W. R. Barber  
Sister C. A. Lane

### MISSION BOARD TREASURE REPORT 1960-1961

#### Assets:

Cash on hand .....	\$249.97
Union Meeting funds Oct. 29, 1960 .....	7.05
Union Meeting funds Jan. 28, 1961 .....	10.05
Union Meeting funds April 29, 1961 .....	10.50
Union Meeting funds July 29, 1961 .....	9.00
Martin F. W. B. Association funds .....	37.11
Total .....	\$323.68

#### Disbursement:

None

Balance in Treasure .....	\$323.68
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Bro. J. T. Hilburn, Chairman  
Bro. J. R. McNease  
Sister C. A. Lane, Sec. & Treas.

### **SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT 1960-1961**

Balance in Treasure ..... \$1.96

#### **Money Received:**

Union Meeting October .....	\$16.45
Union Meeting January .....	23.45
Pnion Meeting April .....	24.50
Union Meeting July .....	21.00
Martin F. W. B. Association .....	57.64
Total .....	\$144.99

#### **Money Paid Out:**

Rev. Tom Henry .....	35.90
Rev. A. B. Ard .....	35.90
Mrs. Dave Braswell .....	35.90
State Superannuation Board .....	35.90
Total .....	\$143.60

Balance in Treasure ..... \$1.39

Respectfully Submitted

Bro. Edgar Smith  
Bro. C. T. Turner  
Sister J. J. Scott

We recommend Mrs. B. W. Clenney be added to this list and that the Association recommend Mrs. Clenney to the State Association to be placed on the State Superannuation list.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1960-1961**

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

For Moderator .....	Bro. Louie Grimes
For Assistant Moderator .....	Bro Herbert Boyd
For Clerk .....	Bro. Frank Newberry
For Assistant Clerk .....	Bro. Willie Hilburn
For Ordaining Committee (1 year) ..	Rev. J. E. Wood
For Investigating Committee (2 yrs.)	Bro. Fred Kelley
For Investigating Committee (3 yrs.)	Bro. John Bailey

We also recommend that the Association convene with Mother's Home Church on Friday, October 26, 1962 and with Thompson Church on Saturday, October 27, 1962.

Respectfully Submitted

Bro. C. A. Powell

Sister Charles Barber

Bro. Horace Lovering

### PROMOTIONAL BOARD REPORT

#### Money Received:

Union Meeting January 1961 .....	\$10.05
Mrs. Mary Brown Febuary 24, 1961 .....	303.16
Union Meeting April .....	10.50
Union Meeting July .....	9.00
Mrs. Mary Brown Sept. 26, 1961 .....	7.05
Martin F.W.B. Association 1960	
Received Oct. 18, 1961 .....	37.11
Total .....	\$376.87

#### Money Paid Out:

Cool Springs Church, Sept. 27, 1961 .....	\$11.00
Rev. J. J. Scott .....	50.00
Total .....	\$61.00

Balance in Treasure .....	\$315.87
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Respectfully Submitted

Bro. W. R. Barber

Sister W. T. Cooper

Bro. Herbert Boyd

### SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Suggestions, suggest that the Moderator and Clerk be nominated from the floor and be elected for the term of three years.

Respectfully Submitted

Highway Church and Pastor

Move and second and carried that same be rejected.

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We the church on Resolutions do not have any new re-

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solutions to make, but we prayerfully ask that all churches with us observe and keep the resolutions that we already have in a more consecrated manner.

Respectfully Submitted

Mother's Home Church and Pastor

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. W. R. Barber gave an oral report. Reporting that nothing has been done by the board.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

No report.

### OBITUARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

We regret very much to learn that 20 members of our Association have been claimed by death in the last year. They are as follows:

**Bellview Church:**

Rev. B. W. Clenney, Sister Minnie Lee Griffin and Bro. W. T. Lawrence.

**Corinth Church:**

Bro. J. Oscar Lane, Sister Dolie Williams Perry.

**Hebrew Church;**

Sister Willie Ingram.

**Mother's Home Church:**

Bro. H. R. Miller, Sister Viola McNease.

**Mt. Gilead Church:**

Sister Rosa Lee Smith, Bro. Joe Hatton, Bro. J. S. Heard

**Mt. Glory Church:**

Bro. G. J. Owens.

**New Home Church No. 1:**

Bro. Harry H. Cross, Sister Edith Williams.

**Pilgrim Home Church:**

Rev. H. L. Catrett, Bro. Benton Newberry.

### Thompson Church:

Bro. Tom Floyd-Deacon, Bro. Eugene Middleton-Deacon,  
Bro. Ted Grimes, Sister Vestelle Middleton.

Respectfully Submitted

Corinth Church and Pastor

### Special Obituaries Report

The members of Pilgrim Home Freewill Baptist Church deeply mourned the passing of Rev. H. L. Catrett on August 2, 1961. He was pastor of Pilgrim Home church for about 30 years off and on. He was an all-round individual; a wonderful pastor, singer and friend. We are deeply saddened by his passing. There is a vacancy in our hearts that shall never be quite filled.

He is survived by three children: Mrs. C. A. Williams, Colquitt, Ga., Mr. William H. Catrett, Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. Eugene Catrett, Columbus, Ga. Several grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at Pilgrim Home Church with Rev. Sheffield, Rev. Nichols and Rev. Shutes officiating. Interment in church cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted

Pilgrim Home Church

We, the members of Bellview Freewill Baptist Church mourn the passing of Rev. B. W. Clenney on Nov. 26, 1960. He was a long time member of our church and had served as pastor for several years.

The memory of "Preacher Clenney" as he was lovingly called will ever live in the hearts of all those who knew him. He worked with tireless energy to help people with whom he came in contact to know the Saviour and he was a constant inspiration to those around him. He gave himself whole heartedly to Christ's work here. He was a true friend, a good pastor, a loving father and a faithful companion.

Bro. Clenney had served as pastor of sixteen churches in Georgia and Alabama. At the time of his death, we was pastor of Live Oak church in the Midway Association and New Home Church in the Martin Association. He had served



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for the past several years as chairman of the State Mission Board.

Bro. Clenney had a feeling for lost souls and he kept a burden on his heart for his churches, community, state and nation.

Each Sunday morning, if you dropped in Bro. Clenney's home, you found him and his faithful companion and children preparing themselves for God's services throughout the day. His family altar in the home has stood out in the lives of all his children and they have said, "Daddy has gone to the place he has preached, sung and prayed for so much."

If we could have a motto for Bro. Clenney's life, it would be "others", because he didn't live a life for himself or for his own convenience—it was always for others. He treated everyone alike and one of the sweetest memories is that he stayed so humble and was willing to take his trials and persecutions for his Lord's sake.

It blesses and encourages our hearts here at Bellview to know that he is in the presence of God.

Funeral services were held at Bellview church on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1960 with Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. Mance Cason and Rev. H. L. Catrett officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Darley Clenney, five daughters, Mrs. Doris Grant, Mrs. Nadine Barron of Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Elsie Williams of Bainbridge, Ga., Mrs. Gwyndolyn Brooks, Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel of Colquitt, Ga. Three sons Mr. Rudy, Randy, and Lavon of Colquitt, Ga. His mother, Mrs. Jeanette Clenney of Colquitt, Ga. And also a number of grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers.

Respectfully Submitted

Bellview Church

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The program plans for the 76th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association to be held with Mother's Home Church on Friday, Oct. 26th, 1962 at 10:00 A. M. and with Thompson Church on Saturday, Oct. 27th are as follows:

Song, prayer service conducted by Bro. C. A. Williams  
Assembly of Body for Worship by Moderator.

Devotional ..... Sister B. W. Clenney

Welcome Address ..... Sister J. R. McNease  
Response ..... Sister Charles Barber  
Moderator's Message  
Business Period  
11:00 O'clock Message ..... Rev. L. D. Scott  
Noon Hour

**Friday Afternoon 1:30 P. M.—**

Devotional ..... Sister Bill D. Wells  
Report of Credential Committee  
Reading and adoption of letters and seating delegates  
Call for petitionary letters  
Report of State and National Associations  
Roll Call of Ministers  
Report of all Boards and Committees  
Appointment of Sessional Committees  
Arrangements and adjournment

**Friday Night Service—**

Devotional ..... Bro. Louie Grimes  
Testimonial Service ..... Rev. Kenneth Grubbs  
Message ..... Rev. J. E. Wood

**SATURDAY SESSION—OCTOBER 27th, 1962**

**At Thompson Church**

**Saturday Morning, 9:30 a. m.—**

Song Service conducted by Sister J. E. Wood.  
Devotional ..... Rev. Edward Sheffield  
Welcome Address ..... Bro. Edgar Smith  
Response ..... Sister Jack Burke

**11:00 A. M.—**

Message ..... Rev. W. S. Driggers  
Noon Hour

**1:30 P. M.—**

Devotional ..... Sister Ethel Newberry  
Renewal of call for Committee Reports  
Miscellaneous business  
Appointment of new committees  
Completion of all unfinished business  
Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

Sister J. E. Wood  
Sister Herbert Boyd  
Rev. W. S. Driggers

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Delegates appointed to various Associations are as follows:

Little River Association	Rev. J. E. Wood
Midway Association	Sister B. W. Clenney
Salem Association	Rev. L. D. Scott
Union Association	Rev. J. J. Scott
State Line Association	Bro. C. T. Turner
State Association	Sister Effie Kimbrel
Chattahoochee Association	Bro. Edward Sheffield

Churches appointed on various committees are as follows:

Pilgrim Home Church	Sunday School
Springfield Church	Resolutions
Bellview Church	Obituaries
Riverturn Church	Suggestions
Mt. Gilead Church	Temperance
Hebrew Church	Sabbath Observance

A move and second was made and carried by the Martin Association endorsing Bro. Mance Casson as State Promotional Secretary and Treasurer.

A committee was appointed to study the merging of the Union Meeting and Association as follows:

Bro. Z. T. Calhoun, Bro. J. J. Scott, Sister Linda Floyd.

A move and second was made and carried to extend to Bro. Leroy Johnson a rising vote of thanks for his past services, also New Home No. 1 Church for their hospitality during the day of this 75th Annual Session of the Martin Free-will Baptist Association.

A special prayer was led by Bro. I. O. Cook for the families of the members who have died since the last Association.

A move and second was made and carried to adjourn and meet with Mother's Home on Friday, Oct. 26th, 1962 and with Thompson Church on Saturday, Oct. 27th, 1962.

The session was closed with a song and everyone partaking in a hand shaking service.

Bro. Leroy Johnson, Moderator

Bro. Frank Newberry, Clerk

# Minutes of the Martin Freewill Baptist Union Meeting

## TREASURE REPORT

### Union Meetings:

New Salem Church, Oct. 29, 1960	\$65.00
Highway Church, Jan. 28, 1961	80.00
Thompson Church, April 29, 1961	80.00
Mt. Glory Church, July 29, 1961	70.00
Total	\$295.00

### Disbursements, Oct. 29, 1960

Rev. E. C. Morris	\$16.45
Sister J. J. Scott	16.45
Sister Carolyn Brown	7.05
Sister C. A. Lane	7.05
State Association fee	5.00
Printing Programs	3.00
Moderator and Clerk fee	10.00
Total paid out Oct. 29, 1960	\$65.00

### Disbursements, Jan. 28, 1961

Rev. E. C. Morris	\$23.45
Sister J. J. Scott	23.45
Sister W. T. Cooper	10.05
Sister C. A. Lane	10.05
Printing Programs	3.00
Moderator and Clerk fee	10.00
Total paid out Jan. 28, 1961	\$80.00

### Disbursements April 29, 1961

Rev. E. C. Morris	\$24.50
Sister J. J. Scott	24.50
Sister W. T. Cooper	10.00
Sister C. A. Lane	10.00
Moderator and Clerk fee	10.00
Paper and stamps	1.00
Total paid out April 29, 1961	\$80.00

### Disbursements July 29, 1961

Rev. E. C. Morris	\$21.00
Sister J. J. Scott	21.00
Sister W. T. Cooper	9.00
Sister C. A. Lane	9.00
Total paid out July 29, 1961	\$70.00

Grand Total paid out \$295.00

Balance brought forward \$000.00



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**Special offerings:**

Sister B. W. Clenney Jan. 28, 1961	_____	\$21.29
Unified Program April 29, 1961	_____	21.93
Rev. H. L. Catrett July 29, 1961	_____	35.35

Moderator appointed the following committees:

**Nominating Committee:**

Bro. O. F. Everson  
Sister Gastie Sheffield  
Sister Jack Burke

**Program Committee:**

Rev. Edward Sheffield  
Sister Glenda Wells  
Bro. Herbert Boyd

We, the Nominating Committee nominate Bro. Clifton Powell as moderator, Bro. Herbert Boyd, clerk. We further recommend that the Union meeting convene with the following churches:

First Session	_____	Proctor Chapel
Second Session	_____	Mt. Gilead
Third Session	_____	Springfield
Fourth Session	_____	Riverturn

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

**First Session: Proctor's Chapel**

Devotional	_____	Sister Forest Sellers
Welcome Address	_____	Bro. J. C. Newsom
Response	_____	Sister Jack Burke
Business		
11:00 O'Clock Message	_____	Rev. Scottie Driggers
Lunch		
Afternoon Devotional	_____	Sis. J. J. Scott
Talk	_____	Sister John Bailey
Adjourn	_____	

**Second Session: Mt. Gilead**

Devotional	_____	Sister Edd Hill
Welcome Address	_____	Sister Ruby Barber
Response	_____	Sister W. S. Driggers
Business		
11:00 O'Clock Message	_____	Rev. Joe Fort
Lunch		

Afternoon Devotional ..... Sister Ike Ard  
Talk ..... Bro. O. F. Everson  
Adjourn

Third Session: Springfield

Devotional ..... Sister Bessie Kate Barber  
Welcome Address ..... Bro. Jessie Reagan  
Response ..... Sister Herbert Boyd  
Business  
11 O'Clock Message ..... Rev. J. J. Scott  
Lunch  
Afternoon Devotional ..... Bro. George I. Morris  
Talk ..... Bro. Leroy Johnson  
Adjourn

Fourth Session: Riverturn

Devotional ..... Bro. Fred Kelley  
Welcome Address ..... Sister Edward Sheffield  
Response ..... Sister Louise Houston  
Business  
11 O'Clock Message ..... Rev. Drew Floyd  
Lunch  
Afternoon Devotional ..... Sister Leroy Johnson  
Talk ..... Bro. Louie Grimes  
Adjourn

Fifth Session: Bellview

Devotional ..... Rev. L. D. Scott  
Welcome Address ..... Sister Edward Sheffield  
Response ..... Sister Pete Davis  
Business  
11 O'Clock Message ..... Rev. B. H. Parrish  
Lunch  
Afternoon Devotional ..... Rev. W. S. Driggers  
Completion of Business  
Adjourn

Sixth Session: Mt. Glory

Devotional ..... Bro. Louie Grimes  
Welcome ..... Sister Ethel Newberry  
Response ..... Sister Richard McNease  
Business  
11 O'Clock Message ..... Rev. J. E. Wood  
Lunch  
Afternoon Devotional ..... Sister Linda Floyd  
Completion of Business  
Adjourn

A move and second was made and carried to adopt these

reports as read.

Rev. Edward Sheffield

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

### Session 1

The Minister's Conference will be held on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in October at Proctors Chapel Church.

Devotional ..... Bro. R. W. Holmes  
Welcome Address ..... Bro. Frank Kain  
Response ..... Bro. Herbert Boyd  
Business  
Message ..... Bro. Edgar Smith  
Refreshments

### Session 2

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in December at Mt. Gilead Church.

Devotional ..... Bro. W. E. Lane  
Welcome Address ..... Bro. C. M. Smith  
Response ..... Bro. Z. T. Calhoun  
Business  
Message ..... Bro. Fred Kelley  
Refreshments

### Session 3

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in April at Riverturn Church.

Devotional ..... Bro. W. M. Barber  
Welcome Address ..... Bro. Eddie Lynn  
Response ..... Bro. E. L. Houston  
Business  
Message ..... Rev. C. A. Williams

### Session 4

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in July at Springfield Church.

Devotional ..... Rev. Erwin Williams  
Welcome Address  
Response ..... Bro. Edd Hill  
Message ..... Rev. Kenneth Grubbs  
Refreshments

Refreshment Committee:

Bro. Jimmy Taylor and Bro. C. T. Turner

Program Committee:

Rev. J. J. Scott, Brinson, Ga., Bro. E. L. Houston, Colquitt, Georgia.

Moderator ..... Rev. L. D. Scott

Clerk ..... Bro. Edgar Smith

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Martin Freewill Baptist Sunday School Convention convened at Corinth Church on April 30th, 1961.

The meeting was opened with a song service led by Rev. J. E. Woods and prayer by Rev. Drew Floyd.

Devotional was given by Rev. Edward Sheffield.

Welcome address was given by Sister Virginia Hicks.

Response was given by Bro. Ray Cox.

Delegates were appointed to the State Sunday School Convention as follows: Mrs. J. E. Wood, Rev. Jake Scott, Mrs. John Baily, and Mary Nell Baily.

Four Sunday School Superintendents were present.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Programs were presented with ten churches represented.

Program Committee ..... Mrs. Jake Scott, Mrs. Jack Burke, and Mrs. Drew Floyd.

Rev. Drew Floyd gave away beautiful and useful gifts.

Report of committees were read and adopted as follows:

### Nominating Committee Report

President ..... Bro. Russel Wood

Vice President ..... Bro. Clifton Powell

Correspondence Secretary ..... Sister Elaine Cox

Secretary ..... Sister Sally Earnest

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

April

1st Session—Colquitt

Congregational Singing



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Afternoon Devotional ..... Bro. J. R. McNease  
Welcome Address ..... Glynn Tully  
Response ..... Gail Powell  
Business  
Programs

**2nd Session—Mt. Gilead  
September**

Congregational Singing  
Afternoon Devotional ..... Rev. Drew Floyd  
Afternoon Devotional ..... Mrs. Minnie Boyd  
Response ..... Gene McNease  
Business  
Programs

A rising vote of thanks was given to Corinth for its fine hospitality.

**FREEWILL BAPTIST LEAGUE RALLY REPORT**

The Freewill Baptist League Rally met at Hebrew Church on July 30, 1961. The meeting was opened with a song and prayer.

Due to absence of the president, Rev. Driggers was chosen to take charge of the meeting. Afternoon devotional was brought by Bro. Leroy Johnson. Welcome address by Sister Bessie Barber and response by Sister J. E. Wood.

The minutes were read and approved. There were seven churches represented: Colquitt, Hebrew, Mothers Home, New Home No. 1, New Salem, Riverturn, and Thompson.

Officers were elected for the following year, as follows:

President ..... Bro. Louie Grimes  
Vice President ..... Sister Jean Gilbert  
Recording Secretary ..... Betty McCalvin  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Jackie Williams  
Sword Drill Leader ..... Sister Louie Grimes  
Chorister ..... Sister J. E. Wood  
Pianist ..... Sister Cox  
Field Workers ..... Sister Bessie Barber, Sister  
Eva Middleton, Bro. Clifton Powell

Constitutional Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Smith, Bro.  
Sheffield, Bro. J. E. Wood

Program and Nominating Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Sarah  
Newberry, Bro. Leroy Johnson, Bro. Joseph Riddle-  
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The Constitutional Committee recommended that  
Article five of the constitution be changed. This was brought  
to a vote and approved. The starting time was changed to  
1:30 p. m.

The Field Committee chose to visit churches during the  
year and present programs in order to help churches grow.

There were only four ministers present.

Winners in the sword drill were Kaye Barber from He-  
brew church and Steve Sheffield from Colquitt Church.

New Salem and Hebrew churches presented programs.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Hebrew Church  
for their fine hospitality during the afternoon.

We were then dismissed with the league song and bene-  
diction.

#### **Program for League Rally at Thompson Church**

Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ Lommie Middleton  
Welcome Address \_\_\_\_\_ Gail Powell  
Response \_\_\_\_\_ Glen Hill  
Business Period  
Talk (limit 10 min.) \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. J. C. Riddlehoover  
Sword Drill  
Programs  
Report of Committees

#### **Program for League Rally at New Salem Church**

Devotion \_\_\_\_\_ Russell Wood  
Welcome Address \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Emory Richardson  
Response \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Roy Barber  
Business Period  
Talk (limit 10 min.) \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Joseph Burke  
Sword Drill  
Programs  
Report of Committees

Changes in the constitution that were recommended  
and approved are as follows:

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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, in the afternoons only.

Article VIII

Finance: Each local league representing in this Convention is asked to make an offering of four dollars (\$4.00) semi-annually to carry on the work of the convention and all the benevolent causes sponsored.

By-Laws:

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 afternoon talk; Church programs shall be limited to fifteen minutes.

1960 Association Report as received from Bro. Willis Heard

**TREASURE REPORT**

**Assets:**

Cash on hand .....	\$75.00
Received from Association .....	327.75
Received from Union Meeting .....	10.00
Received from Ministers Conference .....	10.00
Received from Sunday School Convention .....	10.00
Received from League Rally .....	10.00
Total in Treasure .....	\$441.75

**Disbursements:**

Clerk .....	\$20.00
Moderator .....	10.00
State Association .....	20.00
Printing of Minutes .....	164.80
Postage & Miscellaneous .....	8.11
State Unified Program .....	32.99
Local Superannuation Board .....	57.63
Local Promotional Board .....	37.11
Mission Board .....	37.11
Total Disbursements .....	\$387.75
Balance in Treasure .....	\$55.00

**1961 Association Treasure Report**

**Assets:**

Cash on hand .....	\$55.00
Received from Association .....	332.25

Received from Union Meeting .....	10.00
Received from Sunday School Convention .....	10.00
Received from League Rally .....	10.00
Received from Ministers Conference .....	10.00
Total in Treasure .....	\$427.25

#### Disbursements:

Clerk .....	\$25.00
Moderator .....	\$15.00
Printing of minutes .....	\$164.80
National Association .....	5.00
State Association .....	20.00
Local Superannuation Board .....	48.81
Local Promotional Board .....	31.37
Mission Board .....	31.37
State Unified Program .....	27.90
Postage & Miscellaneous .....	8.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$377.25

Balance in Treasure ..... \$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 principal 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



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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 Saviour.

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 anythings 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 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 the 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 eternal, unchangeable rule of His government; that it is holy, just and good, that the inability which the Scripture ascribes 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 observ-

ance 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 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 righteous. — 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 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 exposed 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.

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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 service 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 contribution 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 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 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 meeting 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 apparant 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.



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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 by 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 became disorderly or continue to hold their letter 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 the 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 being 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 the 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 SCRIPTURES.** 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 is 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 repentences 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 of 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.

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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 whoever 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 improvements.

15. **THE RESURRECTION.** Final judgement 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 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 visible 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 devise 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 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 purposes 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 requisite 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 members 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 or heresay.

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



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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 an 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, all standing board members and the delegates 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 fraction 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 any way 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 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. The Association shall have a mission board, a promotional board and a superannuation board. These shall be known as "Standing Boards." There shall also be an ordaining council and an investigating committee and any other committee the body shall deem necessary. All board and committee members shall be appointed annually by the moderator or elected by the body. The chairman of each of the standing boards together with the moderator and secretary and treasurer shall compose the executive committee.

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

9. All debates shall be conducted in a Christian like and brotherly

erly 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 the 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 to 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	Baptized	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Ex. Com.	Died	Total number of members	Association Fee	Unified Program	Gave Pastor	Value of Church Property	Sunday School	F. W. B. L.	Ladies Auxiliary	Prayer Meeting
Bellview	J. E. Wood	Mary Brown	Route # 3 Colquitt, Ga.	2 & 4	3	3	4	0	0	2	169	\$42.25	\$151.00	1200.00	9000.00	73	50	13	Yes
Colquitt	J. O. Fort	Miss Vertie Weaver	Colquitt, Ga.	Full	-	5	1	0	0	0	65	16.25	0	1815.00	6000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Corinth	Kenneth Grubbs	Mrs. C. A. Lane	Iron City, Ga.	2 & 4	1	2	0	0	0	2	88	22.00	98.30	884.62	5000.00	40	25	0	0
Hebrew	W. S. Driggers	Walter Atkinson	Route # 3, Box 188 Donalsonville, Ga.	1 & 3	10	6	0	0	0	1	68	17.00	0	535.46	6000.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Highway	B. H. Parrish	Mrs. L. D. Scott	Brinson, Ga.	1 & 3	2	1	1	0	0	1	48	12.00	27.81	331.19	4500.00	32	35	No	Yes
Mothers Home	J. J. Scott	J. R. McNease	Route # 2 Colquitt, Ga.	1 & 3	2	1	2	0	0	2	118	29.50	81.46	312.09	3000.00	78	59	Bible Circle	12
Mt. Gilead	J. J. Scott	Herbert Boyd	Brinson, Ga.	2 & 4	20	1	1	0	0	3	55	13.75	72.99	1200.00	8000.00	59	46	No	Yes
New Home #1	Edward Sheffield	Leonard Varnum	Colquitt, Ga.	2 & 4	0	0	3	0	0	2	113	28.25	16.00	454.84	5400.00	36	45	0	0
New Home #2	L. D. Scott	Oneal Cumby	Climax, Ga.	1 & 3	0	0	0	0	0	1	94	23.50	0	275.10	3000.00	Yes	0	0	Yes
New Salem	J. E. Wood	I. J. Goocher	Colquitt, Ga.	1 & 3	5	5	6	0	0	0	193	48.25	75.82	1969.65	7500.00	46	40	0	15
Pilgrim Home	Grady Ethridge, Jr.	Mrs. Elizabeth Parker	Route 2, Box 66 Newton, Ga.	1 & 3	4	9	0	1	0	2	44	11.00	0	1060.03	15000.00	35	Bible Study	0	0
Proctor Chapel	F. W. Sellers	Frank Cane	Pelham, Ga.	Full	5	2	0	0	0	0	36	9.00	0	432.41	5000.00	Yes	0	0	Yes
Mt. Glory	L. D. Scott	S. E. Newberry	Route # 2 Box 277 Quincy, Fla.	2 & 4	2	0	0	0	0	1	43	10.00	194.90	400.00	5000.00	30	0	0	0
Springfield	Ervin Williams	Jesse Reigan	Donalsonville, Ga.	1 & 3	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	5.00	0	184.50	1250.00	0	0	0	0
Thompson	Drew Floyd	G. R. Grimes	Colquitt, Ga.	1 & 3	9	3	1	0	0	4	117	29.25	58.72	600.00	6000.00	109	69	0	6
Polar Branch	Not called	Myrtle D. Morris	Mt. Pleasant, Fla.	1 & 3	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	3.25	0	137.15	2000.00	0	0	0	0
Cool Springs	J. J. Scott	Albert Blunt	Bainbridge, Ga.	2 & 4	0	0	0	0	0	0		1.75	0	16.18	3500.00	0	0	0	0
Riverturn	Edward Sheffield	Mrs. Eddie Lynn	Route # 3 Donalsonville, Ga.	1 & 3	2	3	5	0	0	0	50	10.00	19.00	229.06	3000.00	25	0	0	Yes

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