

# MINUTES

OF THE  
76th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE  
MARTIN FREEWILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

WHICH CONVENED WITH  
MOTHER'S HOME CHURCH, Colquitt, Ga.  
on October 25th, 1962

AND  
THOMPSON CHURCH  
on October 26th, 1962

## 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.

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## INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

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

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

## STANDING BOARDS

### Mission Board

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

### Promotional Board

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

### Superannuation Board

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

### State Promotional Secretary & Treasurer

Rev. Mance Cason ..... Moultrie, Ga.

## PROCEEDINGS

### Friday Morning Session

The 76th annual session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association convened with Mother's Home Church, Colquitt, Ga. at ten o'clock on Friday morning, October 26, 1962.

The session was opened with a song service led by Bro. Herbert Boyd and prayer by Bro. Emmett Houston.

Sister Eva Clenney gave the devotional reading from James, chapter two. Prayer by Bro. J. E. Wood.

Sister J. R. McNease gave the welcome address and response was given by Sister Charles Barber.

At 10:30 A. M. the moderator gave his message taken from the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

Next the Credential Committee was appointed consisting of Bro. Jake Scott, Bro. B. D. Wells, Bro. Jesse Regan.

Sister Charles Barber and Sister Eva Middleton were appointed as reading clerks.

A move and second was made and carried that the moderator extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to the visiting ministers.

Bro. Samuel Johnson from the National League Board gave an interesting talk on league literature and the need for building a headquarters building in Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. L. D. Scott preached the eleven o'clock sermon using "The Coming of Christ" as his subject. Scripture taken from the first chapter of Revelation.

The Credential Committee made a partial report. Reporting 17 churches representing with a total of \$310.00. A move and second was made and carried to accept this partial report and seat the delegates.

Bro E. C. Morris gave us some information about the Freewill Baptist Paper and asked for more subscribers.

Bro. Jack Horn dismissed the body for the noon hour.

### Friday Afternoon Session

The Friday afternoon session opened at 1:15 with song service led by Bro Herbert Boyd. Prayer by Bro Drew Floyd.

Afternoon devotional was given by Sister B. D. Wells, reading from the 5th chapter of James. Prayer by Bro. B. H. Nix.

Sister Charles Burke and Sister Eva Middleton read the church letters. Churches and delegates which were read are as follows:

**Bellview Church:**

Sister John Clenney, Bro. and Sis. W. P. Brown, Bro. and Sister Don Brown, Bro. and Sister F. E. Kimbrel, Sister Eva Clenney, Sister J. E. Wood, Sister Lamar Brooks.

**Colquitt Church:**

Sister W. T. Cooper, Sister Jimmie Mears, Sister Ada Lee Phillips.

**Cool Springs Church:** Not represented.

**Corinth Church:**

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

**Hebrew Church**

Bro. and Sis. J. C. Riddlehoover, Sis. Edd Hill.

**Highway Church:**

Bro. and Sis. Horace King, Sis. Ruby Scott.

**Mothers Home Church:**

Bro. John T. Bailey, Bro. J. B. Adams, Sis. J. R. McNease.

**Mt. Gilead Church:**

Sis. Ruby Barber, Bro. C. M. Smith, Bro. Leroy Kirkland.

**New Home No. 1 Church:**

Bro. Lester Lane, Bro. Leonard Varnum, Bro. O. F. Ever-son, Bro. J. L. Daniels, Bro. Howard Roberts, Bro. W. E. Lane.

**New Home No. 2 Church:**

Bro. and Sis. Willie Hutto, Bro. Gilbert Avery, Bro. and Sis. Eddy Avery.

**New Salem Church:**

Sis. B. D. Wells, Bro. and Sis. Emmette Houston, Sis. Bruton Middleton, Bro. Idus Goocher.

**Pilgrim Home Church:**

Bro. Guy Touchtone, Bro. P. B. Hilburn.

**Polar Branch Church:**

Sis. Myrtle Morris, Sis. Doris Morris, Sis. Gladys Morris.



Proctor Chapel Church:

Brother and Sister Ben Parrish, Rev. W. A. Sellers, and Sister Fain.

Mt. Glory Church:

Brother and Sister Brock, Sister Norma Brock, Sister Poitivent, Sister Elier Newberry.

Riverturn Church:

Sister Betty McCalvin, Sister Charlotte Parker, Sister Betty Barber.

Springfield Church:

Brother Jessie Reagan, Sister C. B. Reese, Sister Gatsy Sheffield.

Thompson Church:

Brother Jerry Collins, Sister Alma Jean Grimes, Brother and sister J. L. Wilson, Brother G. R. Grimes, Brother Phillips Hines.

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.

Call was made for report from State and National Association. Sister Eva Clenney gave a good report from both associations.

Brother Mance Cason reported from the promotional board and gave certificates to the following churches: Honor Roll: Bellview, Corinth, Mothers Home, Proctor Chapel, Thompson, New Home No. 1. Grand Honor Roll: Colquitt. Mt. Gilead, Mt. Glory.

Roll Call for Ministers as given below:

Rev. A. B. Ard	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. W. S. Driggers	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Lewis Batchelor	Rt. 2, Camilla, Ga.
Rev. B. H. Nix	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Grady Ethridge, Jr.	Elmodel, Ga.
Rev. Drew Floyd	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Gilbert	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Tom Henry	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. R. W. Holms	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Horn	Rt. 2, Box 795, Albany, Ga.
Rev. Larry Powell	Rt. 2, Donalsonville, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott	Brinson, Ga.
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Rev. F. W. Sellers	Rt. 3, Bainbridge, Ga
Rev. Edward Sheffield	Fayetteville, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Williams	Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga
Rev. Irvin Williams	Colquitt, Ga
Rev. J. E. Wood	Colquitt, Ga.

### Licensed Ministers

Rev. Isaac Musgrove	Rt. 2, Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. G. W. West	Rt. 1, Cairo, Ga.
Sister Della McAlpine	Sneads, Fla.
Rev. Gus Ivey	Pelham, Ga.

Appointed committees as follows: Nominating Committee,  
Bro. W. R. Barber, Bro. W. E. Lane, Sister Chastine Burke.

Disbursement Committee: Sis. J. E. Wood, Bro. J. R. Mc-  
Nease, Bro. Phillip Hines.

The Program Committee was appointed by the moderator  
as follows: Sis. S. D. Newberry, Sis. Herbert Boyd, Bro. Harris  
Nix.

Report was given by the committee on merging the Asso-  
ciation and Union meeting. A move was made and carried to  
receive their report and for the Union Meeting and Association  
to remain as they are.

A very interesting talk was given by Rev. J. R. Davidson,  
Moderator of the State Association.

A move and second was carried that we extend to Mothers  
Home Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality  
shown during the day.

Move and second carried to adjourn for the day and meet  
with Thompson Church, Saturday morning, October 27, 1962.  
Rev. Mance Cason led the closing prayer.

Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator

Bro. Frank Newberry, Clerk

### Saturday Morning Session

The Saturday morning session of the Martin Freewill  
Baptist Association met at Thompson Church on Oct. 27, 1962.

The Session was opened at 9:30 with a song service led by  
Sis. J. E. Wood. Prayer by Bro. L. D. Scott.

Rev. J. J. Scott gave the devotional, scripture taken from the 4th chapter of James.

The welcome address was given by Bro. Edgar Smith and the response by Sister Jack Burke.

Special prayer for Sister B. W. Clenney was led by Bro. Mance Cason.

A move and second was made and carried to place the following ministers on the ordained ministers list: Rev. B. H. Nix and Rev. C. A. Williams.

The minutes of the Friday session of the Association was read by the clerk and the same adopted as read.

Frank Newberry, clerk, reported that the Executive Committee met and appointed Bro. John T. Bailey trustee of the Children's Home from the Martin Association. This report was approved as read.

Bro Mance Cason gave a talk about the children's home.

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

Midway Association ..... Rev. J. B. Lovering

Georgia Union Association ..... Bro. Davidson

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

Rev. Drew Floyd gave a report from the Enterprise Youth Camp. \$1038.26 on hand. An offering of \$71.69 was taken.

Rev. W. S. Driggers preached the eleven o'clock message, using as his scripture the first eleven verses of the first chapter of St. Luke.

### Saturday Afternoon Session

The Saturday afternoon session opened at 1:15 o'clock with a song service led by Sis. J. E. Wood. Prayer by Bro. Chester Gilbert.

Sister Effie Newberry gave the afternoon devotional, scripture taken from the 24th chapter of Proverbs.

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

## Disbursement Committee Report

We your Committee on Disbursement recommend the following:

Clerk .....	\$25.00
Moderator .....	15.00
State Association .....	20.00
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,

Sis. J. E. Wood  
Bro Richad McNease  
Bro. Phillip Hines

## MISSION BOARD TREASURE REPORT 1961 - 1962

### Assets:

Cash on hand .....	\$323.68
Union Meeting funds Oct. 28, 1961 .....	8.25
Union Meeting funds Dec. 29, 1961 .....	6.45
Martin F.W.B. Association funds .....	31.37
Union Meeting funds April 28, 1962 .....	8.10
Union Meeting funds July 28, 1962 .....	10.50
Union Meeting funds Sept. 29, 1962 .....	8.70
Total .....	\$397.05

### Disbursments:

Hydro Gas Co. (For heater & hook up Cool Springs church .....	\$72.05
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Balance in Treasure \$325.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. J. T. Hilburn, Chairman

--- Bro. J. R. McNease

Sis C. A. Lane, Sect. & Treas.



## SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT 1962 - 1963

Balance in Treasure ..... \$1.39

### Money Received:

Union Meeting Oct. ....	19.25
Union Meeting Dec. ....	15.05
Union Meeting April ....	18.90
Union Meeting .....	24.50
Union Meeting .....	20.30
Martin F.W.B. Association .....	48.81
Total .....	\$148.20

### Money Paid Out:

Rev. Tom Henry .....	\$27.56
Rev. A. B. Ard .....	27.56
Mrs. Dave Braswell .....	27.56
Mrs. B. W. Clenney .....	27.56
State Superannuation Board .....	36.58
Total .....	\$146.82

Balance in Treasurer ..... \$1.38

Respectfully Submitted

Bro. Edgar Smith

Bro. C. T. Turner

Sis. J. J. Scott

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1962-1963

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. Phillip Hines
For Ordaining Committee (3 years) .....	Rev. J. E. Wood
For Investigating Committee (3 years) .....	Bro. W. E. Lane
Promotional Sec. (1 year) .....	Sis. Abbie Calhoun
Mission Board Treasurer (3 years) .....	Sis. Jack Burke
Superannuation Board (3 years) .....	Bro. Edgar Smith

✓ We also recommend that the Association convene with Corinth Church on Friday, October 25th, 1963 and with Mt. Glory Church on Saturday, October 26th, 1963.

Respectfully Submitted

Bro. W. R. Barber

Bro. W. E. Lane

Sister Chastine Burke

## PROMOTIONAL BOARD REPORT

Cash on hand .....	\$324.12
Money Received:	
Union Meeting .....	6.45
Union Meeting .....	8.10
Union Meeting .....	10.50
Union Meeting .....	8.70
Martin F.W.B. Association .....	31.37
	\$389.24
Money Paid Out:	
Rev. J. J. Scott .....	25.00
Balance in Treasure .....	\$364.24

Respectfully Submitted

Sis. W. T. Cooper, Treasurer  
Bro. W. R. Barber  
Bro. Herbert Boyd

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee plans for the 77th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association to be held with Corinth Church on Friday, October 25th, 1963 at 10:00 a. m. and with Mt. Glory Church on Saturday, October 26th, 1963 as follows:

### Friday Morning

Song, prayer service conducted by Rev. C. A. Williams  
Assembly of body for worship by Moderator  
Devotional ..... Rev. Harris Nix || Welcome Address ..... | Bro. Jack Burke |
| Response ..... | Sister Emmett Houston |
| 11:00 O'Clock Message ..... | Rev. J. E. Woods |

### Friday Afternoon 1:30 O'clock

Devotional ..... Rev. C. A. Gilbert || 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. Randy Boyd  
Testimonial Service ..... Rev. W. S. Driggers  
Message ..... Rev. J. J. Scott

Saturday Session October 26th, 1963

Saturday Morning 9:30 A. M.

Song Service ..... Bro. Herbert Boyd  
Devotional ..... Bro. John Poston  
Welcome Address ..... Bro. Jimmy Taylor  
Response ..... Bro. P. B. Hilburn  
11:00 O'clock Message ..... Rev. C. A. Williams

Saturday Afternoon 1:30 P. M.

Devotional ..... Sister J. W. Tully  
Renewal of call for Committee Reports  
Miscellaneous Business  
Appointment of new committees  
Completion of all unfinished business  
Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Sister Herbert Boyd  
Sister S. D. Newberry  
Rev. Harris Nix

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

We the Church on Resolutions do not have any new resolutions 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,

Springfield Church and Pastor

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

We the Ordaining Committee met and ordained Rev. C. A. Williams and recommend that he be placed on the list of ordained ministers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. J. E. Wood  
Rev. L. D. Scott  
Rev. Jack Horn

## OBITUARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

We regret very much to learn that 16 members of our Association have been claimed by death in the last year. They are as follows:

Bellview Church: Bro. Glover Cleveland, Bro. Arvy Kinny, Bro. Jesse Pate.

Mother's Home Church: Sis. Lizzie Dean, Sis. Bertha Kirksey, Bro. W. A. Floyd.

Mt. Gilead Church: Sister Annie Kirkland.

New Home No. 2 Church: Ellie Lodge

New Salem Church: Sis. J. I. Davis, Bro. Buck Mock, Bro. Jeff Love, Sis. Jeff Love, Sis. Doris Sheffield.

Thompson Church: Sis. Bessie Smith

Respectfully Submitted,

Bellview Church

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We the Committee Observance submit the following report:

Be it resolved that we refrain from all secular labor on the Lord's Day and as Christ gave the example, let's worship together on the Lord's day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hebrew Church and Pastor

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and he that is deceived thereof is not wise. Proverbs 20:1. To be temperate not only applies to alcoholism but to every walk of life. Let us therefore not be deceived by the world but be temperate in thought as well as in deed for "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mt. Gilead Church

A move and second was made and carried to receive these reports as read. Bro. J. O. Fort gave a very timely talk on Temperance.



A move and second was made and carried that the Mission Board take 12% of the offering and give to the Enterprise Youth Camp.

Delegates appointed to various Associations are as follows:

Little River Association	Bro. P. B. Hilburn
Midway Associate	Rev. L. D. Scott
Salem Association	Bro. O. Everson
Union Association	Bro. and Sis. Emmett Houston
State Association	Sis. Effie Kimbrel
Georgia Union Association	Rev. Jack Horn

Bro. Davidson gave a talk on the State Association and the Freewill Baptist Bible College. He urged that all the churches be represented at the Association.

Churches appointed on various committees are as follows:

Sunday School	Colquitt Church
Resolutions	Corinth
Obituaries	Highway
Suggestions	Mother's Home
Temperance	New Home No. 1
Sabbath Observance	New Salem Church

A move and second was made and carried to adjourn and meet with Corinth Church on Friday, October 25th, 1963 and with Mt. Glory Church on Saturday, October 26th, 1963.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Thompson Church and Pastor for their hospitality shown during the day.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator

Bro. Frank Newberry, Clerk

## Minutes of the Martin Freewill Baptist Union Meeting

### TREASURER REPORT

#### Union Meetings:

Proctor Chapel Church, October 28, 1961	\$65.00
Mt. Gilead Church, Dec. 30, 1961	63.00
Springfield Church, April 28, 1962	65.00
Riverturn Church, July 28, 1962	80.00
Bellview Church, Sept. 29, 1962	78.00
Total	\$351.00

Disbursements: October 28, 1961

Rev. Mance Cason .....	\$19.25
Sister J. J. Scott .....	19.25
Sister W. T. Cooper .....	8.25
Sister C. A. Lane .....	8.25
Moderator and Clerk fee .....	10.00
Total .....	\$65.00

Disbursements, Dec. 30, 1961

Rev. Mance Cason .....	\$15.05
Sister J. J. Scott .....	15.05
Sister W. T. Cooper .....	6.45
Sister C. A. Lane .....	6.45
Printing Minutes .....	10.00
Moderator and Clerk .....	10.00
Total .....	\$63.00

Disbursements April 28, 1962

Rev. Mance Cason .....	\$18.90
Sister J. J. Scott .....	18.90
Sister W. T. Cooper .....	8.10
Sister C. A. Lane .....	8.10
Moderator and Clerk fee .....	10.00
Printing of Union Meeting blanks .....	1.00
Total .....	\$65.00

Disbursements July 28, 1962

Rev. Mance Cason .....	\$24.50
Sister J. J. Scott .....	24.50
Sister W. T. Cooper .....	10.50
Sister C. A. Lane .....	10.50
Moderator and Clerk fee .....	10.00
Total .....	\$80.00

Disbursements Sept. 29, 1962

Rev. Mance Cason .....	\$20.30
Sister J. J. Scott .....	20.30
Sister W. T. Cooper .....	8.70
Sister C. A. Lane .....	8.70
Printing of Minutes .....	10.00
Moderator and Clerk fee .....	10.00
Total .....	78.00

Grand Total paid out .....	\$295.00
Balance brought forward .....	\$000.00
Special offerings:	
Unified Program Dec. 30, 1961 .....	\$16.57
Youth Camp July 28, 1962 .....	37.50

Deceased July 28, 1962 ..... 40.05  
 Youth Camp Sept. 29, 1962 ..... \$42.00

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee:

Bro G. R. Grimes, Sis. L. D. Scott, Sis. Jack Burke.

Program Committee: Sis. W. O. Brunson, Sis. Z. T. Calhoun, Sis. Abbie Calhoun.

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 ..... Mothers Home Church  
 Second Session ..... Youth Camp  
 Third Session ..... Highway Church  
 Fourth Session ..... Thompson Church

### Program Committee Report

First Session: Mothers Home Church

Devotional ..... Bro. Richard McNease  
 Welcome Address ..... Bro. Lowell McNease  
 Response ..... Sister Drew Floyd  
 Business  
 11:00 O'Clock Message ..... Rev. J. E. Wood  
 Lunch  
 Afternoon Devotional ..... Sister Ed Hill  
 Talk ..... Bro. Louie Grimes  
 Adjourn

Second Session: Youth Camp

Devotional ..... Sister J. E. Wood  
 Welcome Address ..... Sister John Bailey  
 Response ..... Sister W. O. Brunson  
 Business  
 11 o'clock Message ..... Rev. J. J. Scott  
 Lunch  
 Afternoon Devotional ..... Sister B. W. Clenney  
 Talk ..... Sister Richard McNease  
 Adjourn

Third Session Highway Church

Devotional ..... Sister Ethel Newberry  
 Welcome Address ..... Sister L. D. Scott  
 Response ..... Sister Robert Preston  
 Business

11:00 O'Clock Message ..... Rev. Harris Nix  
 Lunch  
 Afternoon Devotional ..... Bro. Emmett Houston  
 Talk ..... Rev. W. S. Driggers  
 Adjourn

#### Fourth Session Thompson Church

Devotional ..... Bro. John Poston  
 Welcome Address ..... Sister Louie Grimes  
 Response ..... Sister Z. T. Calhoun  
 Business  
 11:00 O'Clock Message ..... Rev. L. D. Scott  
 Lunch  
 Afternoon Devotional ..... Sister Jack Burke  
 Talk ..... Sister Lucile Stewart  
 Adjourn

A move and second was made and carried to adopt these reports as read.

Sister Jack Burke

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

### Session 1

The Minister's Conference will be held on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in March at Mothers Home Church.

Devotional ..... Bro. Richard McNease  
 Welcome ..... Bro. John Bailey  
 Business  
 Message ..... Rev. B. H. Nix  
 Refreshments

### Session 2

The Ministers Conference will be held on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in June at Enterprise Youth Camp.

Devotional ..... Rev. Drew Floyd  
 Welcome ..... Rev. W. S. Driggers  
 Response ..... Rev. J. J. Scott  
 Business  
 Message ..... Rev. J. E. Wood  
 Refreshments

### Session 3

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



Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. W. E. Lane  
 Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Will Broughton  
 Response \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. C. A. Gilbert  
 Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Message \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. C. A. Williams  
 Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

#### Session 4

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

Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Phillip Hines  
 Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Edgar Smith  
 Response \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Emmett Houston  
 Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Message \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. John Howard  
 Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

Refreshment Committee: Bro. Jimmy Taylor, Bro. C. T. Turner.

Program Committee: Rev. J. J. Scott, Brinson, Ga., Bro. Emmett L. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.

Rev. L. D. Scott, Moderator  
 Bro. Edgar Smith, Clerk

#### Youth Camp Standing Board

Rev. J. J. Scott, Chairman, Bro. Z. T. Calhoun, Bro. Jimmy Taylor, Rev. J. E. Wood, Camp Director, Rev. Drew Floyd, Chairman of Finance Board, Rev. C. A. Gilbert, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. Phillip Hines  
 Bro. Emmett Houston  
 Bro. Richard McNease  
 Bro. Robert Boyd

#### CONSTITUTION ON MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Seeing the need of greater love, fellowship and understanding among our Ministers, also the unifying of our visions and working for greater cooperation, we do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

1. Name: This shall be known as the "Ministerial Conference of Martin Association of Original Free Will Baptist."

2. We adopt the Treatise of faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist as our standard to look to and pray for the day when we may be more united.

3. The officers of the Minister's Conference shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk and other officers as may be deemed necessary.

4. The officers shall be elected on nomination by acclamation at each annual session.

5. This Conference shall be composed of all ordained and licensed Ministers and Deacons in good standing of the Martin Association.

6. The Clerk shall be paid \$5.00 per annum for preserving and editing the minutes of the Conference.

7. The Ministers Conference is not a court to try nor to air out the faults of the Ministers and Deacons. If they are in good standing with the Martin Association, they are in good standing with the Ministers Conference. This is to be a meeting of fellowship, inspiration and brotherly love.

8. Any other ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church will be accepted as honorary members when visiting with the Conference.

9. This Constitution may be amended or altered at any meeting by two-thirds majority voting.

### **Sunday School Convention Report**

The Martin Freewill Baptist Sunday School Convention convened at Mt. Gilead Church.

The meeting was opened with a song service led by Bro. Herbert Boyd and prayer by Bro. Emmett L. Houston.

Devotional	Rev. Drew Floyd
Welcome	Sister Minnie Boyd
Response	Sister Louie Grimes

Three Sunday School Superintendents and five ministers were present. The minutes were read and adopted.

Program Committee: Sis. B. D. Wells, Sis. J. E. Wood, Sis. Minnie Boyd,

A motion was made to donate \$30.00 to the Youth Camp. Rev. Drew Floyd gave away a beautiful lamp.

Report of committees were read and adopted as follows:

**Nominating Committee:**

President \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Lavon Clenney  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Billy Roland  
Secretary and Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Sally Earnest

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1st Session New Home No. 1 Church**

Congregational Singing

Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ Randy Boyd

Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ Dianne Cross

Response \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria McVay

Programs

**2nd Session Mt. Glory Church**

Congregational singing

Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ Lucianne Kidd

Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ John Poston

Response \_\_\_\_\_ Phil Davis

Business

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mt. Gilead Church for their fine hospitality.

**Freewill Baptist League Rally**

The Freewill Baptist League Rally met at New Salem Church on July 29, 1962. The meeting was opened with a song service and prayer.

Devotional was given by Bro. Russell Wood. Welcome by Bro. Emory Richardson. Talk by Bro. James Roland.

Churches represented were as follows: New Home, Bellview, Thompson, Mothers Home and Salem.

Officers elected for the following years as follows:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Louie Grimes

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. James Roland

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Gloria McVay

Corr. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Lottie Adams

Sword Drill Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Eva Middleton

Song Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. J. E. Wood

Pianist \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Carolyn Hornsby

Field Workers \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Lane McLendon,

Bro. Otis McVay, Bro. Jimmy Lane

Constitutional Committee ----- Bro. Richard McNease,  
Sis. Louis Daniels, Bro. James Roland  
Program and Nominating Committee, ----- Sister B. A.  
Middleton, Sis. W. S. Driggers, Sis. Emory Richardson  
Delegates to State League Convention: Sis. Eva Middle-  
ton, Bro. Gene McNease, Sis. J. E. Wood, Bro. and Sis.  
Louie Grimes.

The Constitutional Committee recommend that Article  
III be amended with our corresponding secretary serving as  
assistant recording secretary.

First Session Bellview

Second Session New Home No. 1

Third Session Mt. Gilead

Program for League Rally at New Home No. 1

Devotional ----- Bro. Terrell Mock

Welcome ----- Bro. Walter Daniels

Response ----- Sis. Carolyn Hornsby

Business

Talk (10 Minutes) ----- Rev. W. S. Driggers

Sword Drill

Programs

Report of Committee

Program for League Rally at Mt. Gilead

Devotional ----- Sis. Herbert Boyd

Welcome ----- Sis. Charles Barber

Response ----- Sis. Frank Newberry

Business

Talk (10 Minutes) ----- Sis. Jake Scott

Sword Drill

Programs

Report of Committee

## ARTICLE V

Meetings: This convention shall meet semi-annually at  
such a time and place as may be decided upon by the nomi-  
nating committee in their annual report, in the afternoon only.

## Article VIII

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



## BY-LAWS

The program committee shall arrange the program theme for each session of the convention. The program shall be constructed around the following suggestion: 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.

### 1962 Association Treasure Report

#### Assets:

Cash on hand	\$50.00
Received from Association	310.00
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	\$400.00

#### Disbursements:

Clerk	\$25.00
Moderator	15.00
Printing Minutes	164.80
State Association	20.00
Local Superannuation Board	42.00
Local Promotional Board	27.00
Mission Board	27.00
State Unified Program	24.00
Postage and Miscellaneous	5.20
Total Disbursements	350.00
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

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.



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.

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 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 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.



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 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 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 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 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 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 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 broth-

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 No. of Members	Association Fee	Unified Program	Gave Pastor	Value of Church Property	Sunday School	F. W. B. L.	Ladies Auxiliary	Prayer Meeting
Bellview	Rev. J. E. Wood	Mr. John Clenny	Route, Colquitt, Ga.	Full	1	6	5	0	0	3	169	\$23.00	\$133.82	\$1,554.33	\$10,000.00	73	42	12	Yes
Colquitt	Rev. J. O. Fort	Miss Vertie Weaver	Colquitt, Ga.	Full	1	0	0	0	0	0	66		95.00	1,820.00	8,000.00	35	0	10	Yes
Corinth	Rev. B. H. Nix	Mrs. C. A. Lane	Iron City, Ga.	2nd & 4th	0	0	1	0	0	0	87		96.15	551.45	5,000.00	65	0	No	No
Hebrew	Rev. W. S. Driggers	Mr. Walter Atkinson	Route # 3, Box 188 Donalsonville, Ga.	1st & 3rd	1	0	1	0	0	1	67	16.75	None	446.33	6,000.00	76	62	No	No
Highway	Rev. B. H. Parrish	Mr. Horace King	Brinson, Ga.	1st & 3rd	4	1	2	1	1	0	53		15.00	374.41	4,500.00	60	40	No	Yes
Mother's Home	Rev. J. J. Scott	Mr. J. R. McNease	Route 2, Colquitt, Ga.	1st & 3rd	3	0	1	0	0	1	121	30.25	50.00	612.43	3,000.00	78	56	16	Yes
Mt. Gilead	Rev. J. J. Scott	Mr. Herbert Boyd	Brinson, Ga.	2nd & 4th	5	0	1	0	0	1	50	12.50	None	720.00	8,000.00	59	46	0	Yes
New Home No. 1	Rev. W. S. Driggers	Mr. Leonard Varnum	Colquitt, Ga.	2nd & 4th	12	0	2	1	2	0	120	30.00	9.00	700.62	6,000.00	55	66	0	Yes
New Home No. 2	Rev. L. D. Scott	Mr. Oneal Cumbie	Route # 2, Climax, Ga.	1st & 3rd	0	0	1	0	0	1	80			333.75	3,000.00	35	0	0	Yes
New Salem	Rev. B. H. Nix	Mr. Idus Goocher	Route # 5, Colquitt, Ga.	1st & 3rd	5	4	5	1	56	5	137		60.00	1,407.50	6,000.00	45	43	0	Yes
Pilgrim Home	Rev. Grady Ethridge, Jr.	Miss Elizabeth Parker	Elmodel, Ga.	1st & 3rd	0	8	0	0	0	0	45	11.25	None	1,432.00	15,000.00	35	Bible Study	0	0
Proctor Chapel	Rev. Lamar Parrish	Mr. Walter P. Holton	Powell St., Pelham, Ga.	Full	5	5	1	0	0	2	76	11.50	60.00	223.64	5,000.00	44	20	0	Yes
Mt. Glory	Rev. L. D. Scott	Mr. S. E. Newberry	Route # 2, Quincy, Fla.	2nd & 4th	0	2	0	0	0	0	32	10.00	321.22	627.10	5,000.00	32	30	0	Yes
Springfield	Rev. Ervin Williams	Mr. Jesse Reigan	Donalsonville, Ga.	1st & 3rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	10			241.50	1,250.00	0	0	0	0
Thompson	Rev. Drew Floyd	Mr. G. R. Grimes	Colquitt, Ga.	1st & 3rd	3	1	0	0	0	1	123		61.91	633.54	6,000.00	107	69	0	Yes
Polar Branch	Rev. John Howard Poston	Miss Myrtle D. Morris	Mt. Pleasant, Fla.,	1st & 3rd	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	3.50	0		2,000.00	0	0	0	Yes
Cool Springs																			
Riverturn	Rev. C. A. Williams	Miss Betty McCalvin	Route # 3, Donalsonville	3rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	51			55.00	3,000.00	15	0	0	Yes