

MINUTES
of the
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
**MARTIN FREEWILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

Which Convened With
BELLVIEW CHURCH, Colquitt, Georgia
on October 23rd, 1964
and
ENTERPRISE YOUTH CAMP
on October 24th, 1964

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 Bro. W. E. Lane (1 year) Iron City, Ga.
 Bro. Edd Roberts (3 years) Colquitt, Ga.

ORDAINING COMMITTEE

Rev. J. E. Wood (1 year), Chairman Colquitt, Ga.
 Rev. W. H. Horn (2 years) *Driggers* Donaldsonville, Ga.
 Rev. J. J. Scott (3 years) *2* Brinson, Ga.
 Rev. A. B. Ard (Emeritus) Bainbridge, Ga.

STANDING BOARDS

Mission Board

Rev. W. S. Driggers (3 years), Chairman Colquitt, Ga.
 Sister Jack Burke (1 year), Sect. & Treas. *3* Iron City, Ga.
 Bro. Emmett Houston (2 years) Colquitt, Ga.

Promotional Board

Rev. B. H. Nix (3 years), Chairman Colquitt, Ga.
 Sister Vonnie Calhoun (1 year), Sect. & Treas. Colquitt, Ga.
 Bro. Herbert Boyd (2 years) West Bainbridge, Ga.

Superannuation Board

Bro. Edgar Smith (1 year), Chairman Colquitt, Ga.
 Sister Alma Jean Grimes (2 years), Sect. & Treas. Colquitt, Ga.
 Bro. Leroy Johnson (3 years) Colquitt, Ga.

State Promotional Secretary and Treasurer

Rev. Mance Cason Moultrie, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning Session

The 78th annual session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association convened with Bellview Church, Colquitt, Ga. at ten o'clock on Friday morning, October 23rd, 1964.

The session was opened with a song service led by Bro. J. E. Wood and prayer by Bro. Alvin Day.

Sister Grace Barwick gave the welcome address and Sister Herbert Boyd made the response.

Rev. J. J. Scott gave the devotional, reading scripture from Romans 2: 12-16.

The Credential Committee was appointed consisting of Bro. W. R. Barber, Bro. Edward Kimbrel and Sister Lucile Lane.

The Moderator extended the right hand of Christian Fellowship to Bro. Register, Bro. Alvin Day, Bro. & Sis. B. Houston, Bro. Parrish from Midway Association and Bro. George Salyer from Chattahoochee Association.

At 10:30 A. M. the Moderator gave his message using scripture from Nehemiah 1 & 2.

The call was made for Petitionary Letters. None received.

The Credential Committee made a partial report. Move made and carried to receive this report.

Rev. J. E. Wood gave a report from the Ordaining Committee, reporting that Bro. James Roland had been Ordained. Moved and carried to receive this report.

Bro. Richard McNease gave a report on the By-laws and Constitution of the Youth Camp. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of Bro. Herbert Boyd, Bro. J. D. Barwick, Bro. Drew Pickron and Bro. Edgar Smith to review the By-laws and Constitution of the Youth Camp and bring in a report on Saturday to the Association.

Rev. Grady Ethredge, Jr. preached the 11:00 o'clock message with scripture taken from Solomon, Chapter 11.

The Association was dismissed for lunch by Bro. T. D. Carter.

Friday Afternoon Session

The Friday afternoon session opened at 1:15 P. M. with a song service led by Rev. W. S. Driggers. Sister Shirley Kimbrel sang "Gods Way". Bro. George Salyer led in prayer.

Rev. J. E. Wood gave the afternoon devotional reading scripture from Mark 11: 20-24.

A discussion was held on how to raise money to pay the payment due November 1st on the Youth Camp. Moved and carried to take an offering for the Youth Camp. Offering of \$133.59 was taken.

The Credential Committee gave the final report as follows:

17 churches representing.

\$329.00 Association fees.

Moved and carried to accept this report and relieve the Committee.

Bro. W. R. Barber gave a report from the Promotional Board. Moved and carried to receive this report as read.

Rev. Harris Nix gave a report from the National Association.

Rev. Mance Cason reported from the Promotional Board, stating that 11 churches had supported the program. Certificates were awarded the following churches:

—: HONOR ROLL :—

Mt. Glory

Corinth

Thompson

Highway

Mt. Gilead

Bellview

New Salem

Mothers Home

Proctor Chapel

New Home No. 1

New Home No. 2

Roll call of ministers; ten were present.

Moved and seconded to amend Article 15 of the Associational Decorum. Moved and carried to table the motion until the Saturday session.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Program Committee: Sis. J. R. McNease

Sis. Harris Nix

Bro. O. F. Everson

Nominating Committee: Sis. Linda Floyd

Sis. Eva Clenney

Bro. Bill Daniels

Disbursement Committee: Sis. Chastine Burke

Sis. Collie Mae Nix

Bro. J. J. Scott

Sister Chastine Burke gave a report from the Mission Board. Moved and carried to receive this report as read. The Mission Board gave \$88.47 on the Youth Camp debt.

A rising vote of thanks was given Bellview Church for their fine hospitality shown during the day.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Bro. Edgar Smith led the closing prayer.

Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator

Bro. Frank Neuberry, Clerk

Saturday Morning Session

The Saturday morning session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association met at Enterprise Youth Camp on October 24th, 1964.

The session was opened with a song service led by Rev. W. S. Driggers and prayer by Bro. W. R. Barber.

Rev. James Roland gave the devotional, taking scripture from the 23rd Psalm.

The welcome address was given by Miss Virginia Driggers and Miss Susan Nix gave the response.

Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator, appointed Bro. Leonard Varnum to the Nominating Committee and Sister Ethel Newberry to the Program Committee.

The minutes of the Friday session of the Association were read by the Clerk and same adopted as read.

The Association recognized Bro. Williams, Bro. Alton Everson and Rev. Charles Clark as visitors.

Moved and carried that two items be placed in the Associational Constitution.

Moved and carried to remove from the table the Amendment of Article 15 of the Associational Decorum. Moved and carried to accept this amendment.

Call for report of all Boards and Committees.

Bro. Herbert Boyd gave a report of the By-laws and Constitution of the Youth Camp. Moved and carried to accept this report. The Moderator appointed the same Committee to draw up a new Constitution to be presented at the next Association.

Moved and carried to accept the report of the Temperance Committee.

Moved and carried to accept the report of the Disbursement Committee.

Moved and carried to accept the report of the Sabbath Observance Committee.

Sunday School Committee; no report.

Investigating Committee; no report.

Suggestion Committee; no report.

Moved and carried to adopt the report of the Obituary Committee.

Moved and carried to adopt the report of the Superannuation Committee.

Moved and carried to adopt the report of the Program Committee.

Moved and carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee.

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor; none received.

The Moderator appointed delegates to the various Associations as follows:

Little River Association

Union Association Bro. O. F. Everson

Florida Association	Rev. & Mrs. Lindsay Scott
Chattahoochee Association	Sister Eva Clenney
South Georgia Association	Rev. & Mrs. B. H. Nix
Midway Association	Sister Eva Clenney
	Sister Geraldine Nix
State Association	Bro. & Sis. J. D. Barwick
	Sis. Collie Mae Nix
	Sis. John Bailey
	Sis. Effie Kimbrel

Bro. I. O. Cook gave a report from the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

Moved and carried to give the Youth Camp Board the authority to have the annual sing at the Youth Camp or to refuse it if they desire.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Rev. A. C. Trulock led the closing prayer.

Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator
Bro. Frank Neuberry, Clerk

—: CHURCHES and DELEGATES to the ASSOCIATION :—

Bellview Church:

Sis. Eva Clenney, Bro. J. D. Barwick, Bro. Edward Kimbrel, Bro. W. N. Pate, Bro. W. O. Brunson.

Colquitt Church:

Sis. Jeanette Jordan, Sis. Lucy Tully, Bro. R. G. Phillips, Bro. Abbie Calhoun, Bro. Horace Lovering.

Corinth Church:

Sis. Jack Burke, Sis. Jessie Cordell, Sis. Winnie Preston, Sis. Lucille Lane.

Hebrew Church:

Bro. & Sis. J. C. Riddlehoover, Sis. Sandra Riddlehoover.

Highway Church:

Sis. Bessie Scott, Sis. Jewel Barber, Sis. Ruby Scott.

Mother's Home Church:

Bro. & Sis. John Bailey, Sis. J. R. McNease, Bro. & Sis. Odis McVay.

Mt. Gilead Church:

Bro. & Sis. Robert Boyd, Sis. Louise Barwick.

New Home No. 1 Church:

Sis. Ruby Sheffield, Sis. McLendon, Bro. Lester Lane, Bro. O. F. Everson, Bro. Bill Daniel.

New Home No. 2 Church:

Bro. William Cumbie, Bro. Oneal Cumbie, Bro. Paul Boutwell, Bro. Allen Cumbie, Sis. G. V. Brock.

New Salem Church:

Bro. Emory Richardson, Bro. W. R. Barber, Bro. D. T. Pickren, Sis. Collie Mae Nix, Sis. Pauline Roland, Sis. Geraldine Nix.

Pilgrim Home Church:

Sis. Guy Touchton, Sis. Edward Mathews, Bro. J. T. Hilburn.

Proctor Chapel Church:

Bro. Holly, Bro. Humphries.

Mt. Glory Church:

Bro. & Sis. George Ray, Bro. & Sis. David Brock, Bro. & Sis. Jimmy Taylor.

Springfield Church:

Sis. Annie Mae Sheffield, Sis. C. B. Reese.

Thompson Church:

Sis. Alma Jean Grimes, Sis. Linda Floyd, Bro. Clifton Powell, Bro. Edgar Smith, Bro. L. A. West.

Polar Branch Church:

Bro. John McAlkin, Sis. Della McAlkin.

Riverturn Church:

Sis. B. B. Barber, Sis. B. H. Parker.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. B. Ard	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. W. S. Driggers	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Lewis Batchelor	Rt. 2, Camilla, Ga.
Rev. Grady Etheridge, Jr.	1723 Parker St., Albany, Ga.
Rev. Drew Floyd	Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Gilbert	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. R. W. Holms	Rt. 2, Box 795, Albany, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Horn	Rt. 2, Donalsonville, Ga.
Rev. B. H. Nix	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. B. H. Parrish	Rt. 2, Climax, Ga.
Rev. Larry Powell	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. James Roland	Rt. 1, Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. F. W. Sellers	Rt. 3, Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. W. A. Sellers	Camilla, Ga.
Rev. Edward Sheffield	Fayetteville, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Williams	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. E. Wood	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Irvin Williams	Colquitt, Ga.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS OF CHURCHES

Obituaries — Colquitt
 Suggestions — Corinth
 Sunday School — Riverturn

Temperance — Hebrew
 Resolutions — Bellview
 Sabbath Observance — Highway

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE COMPILED REPORTS

The Credential Committee submits the compiled reports on the 78th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association as follows:

Churches represented	17
Delegates reported	64
Active church members	844
Inactive church members	552
Total church membership	1396
Members received by Baptism	54
Members received by letter	17
Members received by statement of faith	4
Total members received, 1964	75
Members dismissed by letter	11
Members excluded	4
Members deceased	15
Total members dismissed	30
Sunday Schools	15
Members enrolled in Sunday School	815
Freewill Baptist Leagues	9
Members enrolled in Baptist Leagues	460
Ladies Auxiliaries	4
Members enrolled in Ladies Auxiliaries	77
Prayer Meetings	10
Vacation Bible Schools	4

COMPILED FINANCIAL REPORT

Total offerings received	\$21,691.32
Amounts given for:	
Pastor	\$12,876.54
Evangelists	1,524.13
Unified Program	761.27
Building repairs	2,638.14
Literature, all purposes	829.45
Miscellaneous	1,788.28

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1964-65

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. J. R. McNease

For Investigating Committee:

Bro. Edd Roberts (3 years), Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Fred Kelley (2 years), Iron City, Ga.
Bro. W. E. Lane (1 year), Iron City, Ga.

For Ordaining Committee:

Rev. J. E. Wood (1 year), Chairman, Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott (3 years), Brinson, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Horn (2 years), Donalsonville, Ga.

For Mission Board:

Rev. W. S. Driggers (3 years), Chairman, Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Emmett Houston (2 years), Colquitt, Ga.
Sis. Jack Burke (1 year), Sect. & Treas, Iron City, Ga.

For Promotional Board:

Rev. B. Harris Nix (3 years), Chairman, Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Herbert Boyd (2 years), West Bainbridge, Ga.
Sis. Vonnie Calhoun (1 year), Sect. & Treas., Colquitt, Ga.

For Superannuation Board:

Bro. Edgar Smith (1 year), Chairman, Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Leroy Johnson (3 years), Donalsonville, Ga.
Sis. Alma J. Grimes (2 years), Sect. & Treas., Colquitt, Ga.

We also recommend that the Association convene with Springfield Church, Donalsonville, Ga., on Friday, October 22nd, 1965 and with Martin Freewill Baptist Youth Camp, Colquitt, Ga., on October 23rd, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Eva Clenney
Sis. Linda Floyd
Bro. Leonard Varnum

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We suggest that all members of the Martin Association of Freewill Baptist determine to be more Christian-like, live more Christian-like and cooperate with each other in our daily walk of life so that others might see Christ-like in our life. That might cause the build-up of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Springfield Church and Pastor

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Disbursements, recommend the following:

Clerk	\$35.00
Moderator	15.00
State Association	20.00
National Association	10.00
Retain in Treasury	50.00

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

State Unified Program	20%
Local Superannuation Board	50%
Local Promotional Board	15%
Local Mission Board	15%

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. J. W. Nix

Sis. Jack Burke

Rev. J. J. Scott

SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT

Money Received:

Association Funds, Oct. 25 & 26, 1964	\$41.39
Union Meeting, Jan. 20, 1964	21.00
Union Meeting, April 10, 1964	22.75
Union Meeting, June 12, 1964	24.15
Union Meeting, Sept. 8, 1964	19.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$128.54</u>

Money Paid Out:

State Superannuation Board	\$31.99
Rev. A. B. Ard	19.19
Rev. Tom Henry	19.19
Rev. Willie Sellers	19.19
Mrs. Dave Braswell	19.19
Mrs. B. W. Clenney	19.19
Postage60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$128.54</u>
BALANCE in TREASURY	<u>\$0.00</u>

We ask that this body recommend Rev. W. A. Sellers to the State Superannuation Board as an applicant for State Superannuation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louie Grimes

Mr. Edgar Smith

Mr. C. T. Turner

Program
Effie Newberry
Geraldine Nix
PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee plans for the 79th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association to be held with Springfield Church on Friday, October 22nd, 1965 and with the Martin District Youth Camp on Saturday, October 23rd, 1965, are as follows:

Friday Morning:

Song and prayer service conducted by Bro. Herbert Boyd.
Assembly of body for worship by Moderator.
Devotional, Bro. J. D. Barwick.
Welcome, Bro. Jesse Reagan.
Response, Rev. Drew Floyd.
Partial report of Credential Committee.
Seating of delegates.
Appointment of Sessional Committees.
Special music, Bellview Church.
Morning message, Rev. W. A. Sellers.

Friday Afternoon, 1:15 P.M.:

Song led by Bro. Herbert Boyd.
Devotional, Bro. Lester Lane.
Call for Petitionary Letters.
Report of State Association.
Report of National Association.
Roll call of Ministers.
Report of Standing Boards and Committees.
Report of Promotional Secretary.
Report of Credential Committee.
Business period for necessary business.
Adjournment.

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.:

Song led by Bro. Herbert Boyd.
Special music by New Salem Church.
Devotional by Bro. Glenn Tully.
Testimony time, Bro. John Bailey.
Message, Rev. George Salyer.

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A. M.:

Song service led by Rev. W. S. Driggers.
Devotional, Mrs. Jack Burke.
Welcome, Rev. C. A. Gilbert.
Response, Bro. J. T. Hilburn.
Business session.
Morning message, 11:00 A. M., Rev. B. H. Parrish.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:15 P. M.:

Song led by Rev. W. S. Driggers.

Devotional, Mrs. Roy Barber.

Renewal call for Committee Reports.

Appointment of Delegates to Sister Associations.

Appointment of Delegates to State Association.

Appointment of Delegates to National Association.

Completion of all unfinished business.

Adjournment.

James Roland
Respectfully submitted,
Bro. O. F. Everson, Chairman
Mrs. Harris Nix
Miss Ethel Neuberry

PROMOTIONAL BOARD REPORT

Cash on hand \$327.94

Money Received:

Martin Association, Jan. 3, 1964 . . . \$12.41

Union Meeting, Jan. 8, 1964 . . . 9.00

Union Meeting, April 10, 1964 . . . 9.75

Union Meeting, June 12, 1964 . . . 10.35

Union Meeting, Sept. 8, 1964 . . . 8.25

Total Money Received . . . \$49.76

TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . \$377.70

Money Paid Out:

Enterprise Youth Camp, Nov. 7, 1963 . . . \$100.00

Youth Camp Association Fund, Oct. 19, 1964 50.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . \$150.00

BALANCE in TREASURY . . . \$227.70

Respectfully submitted,
Vonnice Calboun
W. R. Barber
Herbert Boyd

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council, of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association submit the following:

We have Ordained one Licensed Minister this year, Brother James Roland from New Salem Church. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will send more laborers into the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. E. Wood, Chairman
Rev. L. D. Scott

SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT

We, the Sabbath Observance Committee, submit the following report:

Observe the Sabbath for this is the Holy Day set aside by God for His worship only.

Respectfully submitted,

Polar Branch Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Temperance is the act of intoxication. The United States, being the most prosperous nation in the world, contradicts itself. Here, there is more drinking than any other place in the world. The United States, however, has more missionaries, Bibles and preachers than any other country. Where are we headed? Let's wake up; stop social drinking so it won't become a habit. Social drinking is the way many Christians get started drinking and be it resolved that we be temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

Thompson Church and Pastor

MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT

Balance in Treasury, Oct. 25, 1963 \$388.70

Money Received:

Association Funds, Oct. 25 & 26, 1964 . \$12.42

Union Meeting Funds, Dec. 28, 1964 . . 9.00

Union Meeting Funds, March 28, 1964 . . 9.75

Union Meeting Funds, May 30, 1964 . . 10.35

Union Meeting Funds, Aug. 29, 1964 . . 8.25

Total Money Received . . . \$ 49.77

TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . \$438.47

Money Paid Out:

Rev. Mance Cason, Blankets for CERF . . \$100.00

Youth Camp, State Asso., Aug. 19, 1964 . 50.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . \$150.00

BALANCE in TREASURY . . . \$288.47

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. J. T. Hilburn, Chairman

Bro. Emmett Houston

Sis. Jack Burke, Sect. & Treas.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Corinth: Bro. Jeff Glisson.

Mt. Gilead: Sis. J. S. Heard.

Pilgrim Home: Bro. W. J. Hilburn.

Mt. Glory: Bro. Tom Day.

New Salem: Sis. S. G. Kelly.

Hebrew: Sis. M. E. Shelly.

Thompson: Bro. Jim Weaver, Sis. Eva Roland.

Bellview: Sis. Tenella Cleveland, Sis. Clyde Kirksey.

Mother's Home: Rev. Tom Henry, Bro. Z. T. Calhoun, Bro. Will Darley

New Home No. 2: Bro. Watson Norris, Sis. Kattie Bell Sadler,
Bro. James Sadler.

Respectfully submitted,

Mt. Glory Church and Pastor

IN MEMORY OF -

BRO. Z. T. CALHOUN

BRO. WILL DARLEY

REV. TOM HENRY

We, the members of Mother's Home Church and Community, regret with saddened hearts, to report the passing of two of our Senior Deacons, Bro. Z. T. Calhoun and Bro. Will Darley and also Rev. Tom Henry, the oldest member of the church and our only Ordained Minister.

Bro. Z. T. Calhoun came to Mother's Home Church as an Ordained Deacon from Thompson Church, being Ordained in 1934 with Rev. Drew Floyd officiating. Bro. Zack filled his position well, using his talent and his stewardship for the cause of Christ.

Bro. W. B. Darley, being a member of Macedonia Church, came to Mother's Home Church and was Ordained a Deacon about 1939 or 1940. With great steadfastness and faithfulness, he served his church and community well until ill health overtook him.

Rev. Tom Henry, "Uncle Tom" as he was known, was the oldest Minister of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association to the best of our knowledge. Old age and physical weakness caused him to retire as a pastor of churches some years ago but not as a Minister of the Gospel. He continued to serve the spiritual needs of all man-kind to the very end. He was a man who lived and spent his life serving God; a true Soldier of the Cross and we will all miss him.

Respectfully submitted,

Mother's Home Church

IN MEMORY of MRS. TENELLA CLEVELAND

Mrs. Tenella Cleveland, usually known by everyone as "Aunt Tenella", passed away after a long illness on January 16, 1964. We bow in humble submission to God's will who does all things well.

Aunt Tenella was born October 5, 1874, which made her stay on earth 89 years, 3 months and 11 days. She joined the Bellview Freewill Baptist Church of Colquitt, Georgia, in 1905 and there she taught a Sunday School class for 50 years. Her health failed her several years ago which made it impossible for her to attend church as often as she wanted to; however, she went as often as she was able. When she could not attend she always sent an offering to help carry on the work of the church. Friends who came back to Bellview on Homecoming Day always asked about "Aunt Tenella", who had taught them in Sunday School when they were a child. She led a life of dedicated service to God and will never be forgotten.

"Aunt Tenella" was my mother's sister and had lived with me for the past 17 years. She was married to Mr. J. D. Cleveland. They did not have any children; however, Mr. Cleveland had one son by a previous marriage. Both the husband and son preceeded her in death. She has a host of relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

It is believed that "Aunt Tenella" was the first subscriber of *The Freewill Baptist* from the Martin Association. She was also a member of the first Woman's Auxiliary of this Association. We are very proud of her and we know that Jesus is too.

Mrs. L. H. Brooks, neice of Mrs. Cleveland, Bellview Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Martin Freewill Baptist Sunday School Convention was held at Bellview Church, August 30, 1964 and opened with Rev. W. S. Driggers leading the song service. Wayne McNease gave the devotion-al and Rev. J. E. Woods offered the prayer. The welcome was given by Brenda Brooks and response by Gerald Lane.

Minutes were read and adopted. The roll call of churches was answered with seven churches represented: Colquitt, Bellview, New Home No. 1, Mother's Home, Mt. Glory, New Salem and Thompson. There were three preachers, four Sunday School superintendents and nine Sunday School teachers present.

Moved and carried that we accept the letters and seat the delegates. The business session opened and there were several suggestions made to have more churches represented at the district meetings. No definite decision was reached so the discussion was closed to be reopened at the next Sunday School Convention.

Committees appointed were:

Program Committee: Sis. Harris Nix, Sis. Richard McNease,
Sis. Myrtle Suggs.

Nominating Committee: Rev. J. E. Woods, Bro. Louie Grimes,
Bro. Lester Lane.

Digest Committee: Rev. Harris Nix, Bro. Lamar Brooks,
Bro. Lavon Clenney, Bro. Wayne McNease.

The Convention was favored with a special by Sis. Shirley Kimbrel while the committees convened. Several class songs were sung led by Rev. W. S. Driggers.

Committee reports were read and adopted as follows:

Nominating Committee Report:

President, Gerald Lane

Vice-President, Wayne McNease

Secretary and Treasurer, LaVerne Mock

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Marynelle Bailey

Pianist, Elaine Ingram

Program Committee Report:

Program for January 31, 1965, Colquitt Church -

Devotional, Elaine Ingram

Welcome, Glenda Tully

Response, Janice McVay

Business

Programs

Program for August 29, 1965, Mother's Home Church -

Devotional, Dorothy McDonald

Welcome, Lottie Adams

Response, Pam Barber

Business

Programs

Digest Committee Report with six churches reporting:

Number on roll	335
Average attendance	265
Number of departments	30
Number of teachers	28
Number of officers	24
Total offerings	\$936.84
Average offering	46.45
Paid literature	230.39
Miscellaneous	163.96
Youth Camp	119.99
Due to Convention	24.00

The churches presenting programs were Colquitt, New Home No. 1, New Salem and Bellview.

A rising vote of thanks was given Bellview Church for their fine hospitality and Bro. Louie Grimes dismissed with prayer.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Session 1

The Ministers' Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in January at Mt. Gilead Church.

Devotional	Bro. Herbert Boyd
Welcome Address	Bro. Fred Kelly
Response	Rev. C. A. Gilbert
Business	
Message	Rev. W. H. Horn
Refreshments	

Session 2

The Ministers' Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in May at Springfield Church.

Devotional	Bro. Jesse Regan
Welcome Address	Rev. Ervin Williams
Response	Bro. T. D. Carter
Business	
Message	Rev. L. D. Scott
Refreshments	

Session 3

The Ministers' Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in August at the Enterprise Youth Camp.

Devotional	Bro. Phillip Hines
Welcome Address	Rev. J. E. Wood
Response	Rev. James Roland
Business	
Message	Rev. C. A. Gilbert
Refreshments	

Session 4

The Ministers' Conference will be held on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in October at New Hope No. 1 Church.

Devotional	Bro. Lester Lane
Welcome Address	Bro. Edd Roberts
Response	Bro. Charlie S. Bailey
Message	Rev. Drew Floyd
Refreshments	

Moderator: Rev. B. H. Nix

Clerk: Bro. J. R. McNease

Program Committee: Rev. J. J. Scott

Bro. Emmett Houston

FREEWILL BAPTIST LEAGUE RALLY

The Freewill Baptist League Rally met May, 1964 at Bellview Church. The meeting opened with a song service and prayer.

Brenda Brooks gave the devotional. J. T. Clenney gave the welcome address and Mrs. W. R. Davis gave the response.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Five churches were represented with two preachers, two league presidents and one assistant league president present.

Officers elected for the year are as follows:

President	Rev. B. H. Nix
Vice-President	Mr. W. R. Davis
Recording Secretary	Mable Richardson
Corresponding Secretary	Becky Braswell
Sword Drill Leader	Mrs. B. H. Nix
Song Leader	Mrs. J. E. Wood
Pianist	Mrs. Edward Kimbrel
Field Workers	Rev. W. S. Driggers
	Mr. Emmett Houston
	Mr. Terrell Mock
Constitutional Committee	Rev. Harris Nix
Nominating Committee	Mrs. B. W. Clenney
	Mrs. Eva Davis
	Mrs. Leonard Varnum

Delegates selected to go to the State League Convention were Mrs. J. E. Wood, Mrs. Mable Richardson, Rev. James Roland and Miss Regina Hill.

The Nominating Committee gave the League Rally to Hebrew Church first session and Colquitt Freewill Church the second session.

Moved and carried to give \$20.00 to the Youth Camp.

Brenda Brooks was the winner of the Sword Drill.

Many thanks were extended to Bellview Church for their hospitality shown during the afternoon and the group was dismissed.

Program for League Rally at Hebrew Church

Welcome and Devotional, Mrs. Edd Hill

Business

Talk (10 minutes), Elaine Ingram

Sword Drill

Programs

Reports of Committees

Program for League Rally at Colquitt Church

Song Service

Inspirational, Shirley Lovering

Talk (10 minutes), Terrell Mock

Business

Sword Drill

Programs

Reports of Committees

UNION MEETING REPORT

Treasurer's Report

UNION MEETINGS:

Thompson Church, December 28, 1963 . . .	\$105.00
New Home No. 1 Church, March 28, 1964 . . .	110.00
New Salem Church, May 30, 1964 . . .	115.00
Pilgrim's Home Church, August 29, 1964 . . .	<u>118.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS . . .	\$448.25

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

Youth Camp, March 28, 1964	\$48.04
Youth Camp, May 30, 1964	28.70
Unified Program, August 29, 1964	12.71

DISBURSEMENTS, December 28, 1963:

Rev. Mance Cason	\$21.00
Sis. Louie Grimes	21.00
Sis. Abbie Calhoun	9.00
Sis. Jack Burke	9.00
Moderator and clerk fees	10.00
Youth Camp	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	\$105.00

DISBURSEMENTS, March 28, 1964:

Rev. Mance Cason	\$22.75
Sis. Louie Grimes	22.75
Sis. Abbie Calhoun	9.75
Sis. Jack Burke	9.75
Moderator and clerk fees	10.00
Youth Camp	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	\$110.00

DISBURSEMENTS, May 30, 1964:

Rev. Mance Cason	\$24.15
Sis. Louie Grimes	24.15
Sis. Abbie Calhoun	10.35
Sis. Jack Burke	10.35
Moderator and clerk fees	10.00
Youth Camp	35.00
Postage and paper	<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL	\$115.00

DISBURSEMENTS, August 29, 1964:

Rev. Mance Cason	\$19.25
Sis. Louie Grimes	19.25
Sis. Abbie Calhoun	8.25
Sis. Jack Burke	8.25
Moderator and clerk fees	10.00
Youth Camp	40.00
Printing	3.25
Martin Association	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL	\$118.25

The Moderator appointed the following Nominating Committee:
Sis. Harris Nix, Bro. G. R. Grimes, Bro. O. F. Everson.

The Moderator appointed the following Program Committee:
Bro. Howard Roberts, Sis. L. D. Scott, Sis. B. W. Clenney.

**Union Meeting
Nominating Committee Report**

We, the Nominating Committee, nominate Bro. Clifton Powell, Moderator; Rev. J. J. Scott, Assistant Moderator; Bro. Herbert Boyd, Clerk; and Rev. James Roland, Assistant Clerk.

We recommend that the Union Meetings convene with the following Churches:

First Session, January 30, 1965, Mt. Gilead Church.

Second Session, May 29, 1965, Springfield Church.

Third Session, August 28, 1965, Youth Camp.

Fourth Session, October 30, 1965, New Home No. 2 Church

Union Meeting Program Committee Report

Mt. Gilead Church, January 30, 1965:

Devotional	Bro. W. E. Lane
Welcome address	Bro. Fred Kelly
Response	Sis. B. A. Middleton
Business	
11:00 o'clock message	Rev. B. H. Parrish
Lunch	
Afternoon devotional	Bro. C. A. Gilbert
Business	
Adjourn	

Springfield Church, May 29, 1965:

Devotional	Rev. James Roland
Welcome	Sis. Katie Reese
Response	Sis. LeRoy Johnson
Business	
11:00 o'clock message	Rev. J. E. Woods
Lunch	
Afternoon devotional	Bro. Louie Grimes
Business	
Adjourn	

Youth Camp, August 28, 1965:

Devotional	Bro. J. R. McNease
Welcome address	Rev. L. D. Scott
Response	Sis. Glen Tully
Business	
11:00 o'clock message	Rev. Ervin Williams
Lunch	
Afternoon devotional	Rev. Harris Nix
Business	
Adjourn	

New Home No. 2 Church, October 30, 1965:

Devotional	Bro. Gilbert Avery
Welcome address	Bro. Paul Boutwell
Response	Sis. Linda Floyd
Business	
11:00 o'clock message	Rev. J. J. Scott
Lunch	
Afternoon devotional	Sis. Ethel Newberry
Business	
Adjourn	

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt these reports as read.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Hebrew Church, September 19, 1964. The theme for the Convention was "Steadfast In The Word". (Acts 2: 42).

The Convention opened with congregational singing led by Mrs. J. E. Wood followed with prayer by Mrs. Ida Tabb.

Morning devotional was given by Rev. James Roland, using scripture from I Cor. 15: 8.

Mrs. Earl Barber of the Hebrew auxiliary gave the welcome.

Ministers and visitors were recognized and a letter from Mrs. Mance Cason, State President, was read.

Credential Committee reported. Motion made and carried that report be accepted and delegates seated.

The President appointed committees as follows:

Resolution Committee: Mrs. J. E. Wood, Mrs. B. A. Middleton, Mrs. Nancy Jones.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Bobby Richardson, Mrs. Edd Hill, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Emmett Houston, Mrs. J. D. Barwick, Mrs. Virginia Riddlehoover.

Greetings from State Officers, Mrs. O. B. Everson and Mrs. Earl Tabb.

Mrs. Wood, District Youth Chairman, reported on her work for the year.

Woman's National Highlights, Mrs. Edward Kimbrel.

Moved and carried that the Auxiliary minutes be added to the minutes of the Martin Association.

Appointed as State Delegates were Mrs. Eva Clenney, Mrs. J. D. Barwick, Mrs. Edd Hill and Mrs. B. A. Middleton.

Recess.

Congregational singing, "Send the Light".

Prayer by Mrs. Edd Hill.

Special song, "God Is Love", by Charlotte Nix.

Miss Molly Barber, Missionary from New Mexico, brought the message, "The Great Physician" using scripture from Isa. 6: 8 and Proverbs 3: 5-6.

Offering received of \$30.60.

Announcements concerning lunch, Hebrew Auxiliary.

Benediction, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing followed with prayer by Mrs. Pauline Roland.

Special song, "Have You Heard", Hebrew Auxiliary.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Bobby Richardson, taking scripture from Acts 2: 42 and Hebrew 10: 25.

District officers gave their reports for the year.

Resolutions, Nominating and Finance Committees reports were read and adopted as read. (see reports).

A rising vote of thanks was extended the Hebrew Auxiliary for their hospitality during the day.

Installation service was held by Mrs. O. B. Everson.

Mrs. Emmett Houston dismissed the Convention with prayer.

Mrs. Harris Nix, President

Mrs. Edward Kimbrel, Rec. Sect.

Credential Committee Report

We, your Credential Committee wish to submit the following report:

We have 3 Auxiliaries represented with 3 local presidents, 4 state officers, 1 missionary, 2 ministers, 12 delegates and 8 visitors.

We also find the Bellview, New Salem and Hebrew Auxiliaries eligible to seat in this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Mrs. J. W. Nix,

Mrs. Claude Johnson, Mrs. Lamar Brooks,

Mrs. Pauline Roland.

Resolutions Committee Report

We, your Resolutions Committee wish to submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved for this body to elect officers each year.
2. That we set our District Convention the first Saturday in October.
3. That we have a workshop the first Saturday in April, 1965.
4. That we take as our District project the furnishing of kitchen utensils for the Martin Youth Camp.
5. That we adopt the State project.
6. That the State Convention sponsor a newsletter to be financed as the body desires, and that it be sent out as often as the State Field Secretary sees fit.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. E. Wood, Mrs. B. A. Middleton,

Mrs. Nancy Jones

Finance Committee Report

ASSETS:

Balance in Treasury, Sept. 19, 1964	\$21.11
Convention dues, Sept. 19, 1964	22.50
Offering, Sept. 19, 1964	30.60
TOTAL ASSETS	\$74.21

DISBURSEMENTS:

Convention expense	\$ 5.65
State dues (20¢ per member)	9.00
Speaker for the day	50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$64.65
BALANCE in Treasury	\$9.56

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Emmett Houston, Mrs. J. D. Barwick,
Mrs. Herbert Riddleboover*

Treasurer's Annual Compiled Report of Local Auxiliaries

Auxiliaries reporting: Bellview, New Salem, Hebrew	3
Stewardship of possessions:	
Auxiliary members contributing to Missions	45
Present number of Tithers	9

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Offering to W.N.A.C. Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 13.00
Easter offering, Foreign Missions	12.07
Thanksgiving offering, National Home Missions	14.95
Christmas offering, State Home Missions	11.27
Mission gifts, W.N.A.C. Treasurer	18.21
Per capita fees, W.N.A.C. Treasurer	22.50
Auxiliary literature	43.20
Local church activities	266.75
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	23.00
State workshop	5.00
State project, State Camp bedspreads	20.00
Youth Fellowship Day	10.00
India Pastor	13.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Emmett Houston, Treasurer

Nominating Committee Report

President	Mrs. Harris Nix
Vice-President	Mrs. B. W. Clenney
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Edward Kimbrel
Ass't. Recording Secretary	Mrs. Leroy Johnson
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. J. D. Barwick
Treasurer	Mrs. Emmett Houston
Field Secretary	Mrs. Edd Hill
Study Course Chairman	Mrs. Talmadge Cooper
Stewardship Chairman	Mrs. B. D. Wells
Personal Service Chairman	Mrs. Earl Barber
Youth Chairman	Mrs. J. E. Wood
Convention for 1965	New Salem Church

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bobby Richardson, Mrs. Edd Hill
Mrs. Effie Kimbrel

Secretary's Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary

President	Mrs. Harris Nix, Colquitt, Ga.
Treasurer	Mrs. Emmett Houston, Colquitt, Ga.
Auxiliaries reporting	3
Per capita fees sent to treasurer	\$22.50

I. Enlistment department:

1. Enrollment, beginning of Convention year . . .	97
Present enrollment	45
2. New members	22
Members lost	1
Average attendance	30

II. Youth department:

1. Youth organizations . . .	GTA - 1; YPA - 1
2. Total membership . . .	GTA - 21; YPA - 14
3. Vacation Bible Schools assisted in . . .	1
Stewardship declamation	1

III. Study course department:

1. Courses conducted.	Attendance
Missions . . . 1	8
Stewardship . . . 1	6
Manual . . . 3	29
Evangelism . . . 1	29
Prayer . . . 2	13
2. Daily bible readers	18

IV. Program—prayer department:

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| 1. Special programs held | 5 |
| 2. Weeks of prayer conducted | 5 |
| 3. Self-denial offering from week of prayer | \$29.39 |
| 4. Number family altars | 16 |
| 5. Members observing Prayer Fellowship Day | 0 |

V. Personal service department:

- | | |
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| 1. Number making soul-winning efforts | 0 |
| 2. Number souls won | 0 |
| 3. Number active in community missions | 35 |
| 4. Contribution values to Children's Home . | \$5.00 |
| 5. Gift values to misionaries | 0 |

VI. Publicity department:

- | | |
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| 1. Subscribers to Free Will Baptist | 5 |
| 2. Articles written for publication | 15 |
| 3. Other publicity work done | 0 |

VII. Personal gifts: (contributions through other channels)

Special offerings:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Missions | \$30.00 |
| FWB Bible College | 74.00 |
| Children's Home | 0 |
| Superannuation | 0 |
| Others | 73.64 |

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Kimbrel, Recording Secretary

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE

We, the Martin Minister's and Deacon's Conference, met in regular session on August 28th, 1964. We voted and passed that we merge the Minister's and Deacon's Project, which is the Martin Freewill Baptist Youth Camp, into the Association.

We also, beg you to keep all officers for the ensuing year, if this passes your approval.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. Nix, Moderator
J. R. McNease, Clerk

Moved and carried by the Association to accept this report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE YOUTH CAMP

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. Name. We recommend that the Youth Camp Project sponsored by the Minister's and Deacon's Conference of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association, be known by the name of *Enterprise Freewill Baptist Youth Camp*.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Section 1. Board of Trustees. We recommend a Board of Trustees, consisting of not less than three nor more than five members, to be elected for an indefinite period.

A. Duties of the Trustees. The duties of the Trustees shall be:

- (1) to hold all titles to the property;
- (2) to handle all legal matters concerning the property;
- (3) to keep in touch with the people of the Association to inform them of the needs of the property.

Section 2. Camp Board. We recommend a Camp Board consisting of three members, preferably from the laity of the Association.

A. Duties of the Camp Board. The duties of the Camp Board shall be:

- (1) to hold a business meeting at least twice yearly;
- (2) to promote the Camp at all times;
- (3) to make arrangements for food and its preparation while the Camp is in session;
- (4) to make arrangements for the building of spiritual enthusiasm for the Camp.

Section 3. Camp Director. We recommend that a Camp Director be elected by the Martin Freewill Baptist Association for one year.

A. Duties of Camp Director. The duties of Camp Director shall be:

- (1) to secure teachers, literature and accessories for teaching;
- (2) be responsible for the Camp, at all times while in Session;
- (3) responsible for all recreation activities held at the Camp;
- (4) responsible for all registration of schedules to be held at the Camp.

Section 4. Recording Secretary and Treasurer. We recommend that a Recording Secretary and Treasurer be elected whose duties shall be:

- (1) to record all activities of the semi-annual business meetings of the Camp Board;
- (2) to record and report all monies received and paid out.

Section 5. Finance Board. We recommend that a Finance Board be elected whose duties shall be:

- (1) to raise funds for the indebtedness of the Camp building;
- (2) to raise funds for necessary accessories of the Camp site.

Section 6. Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Director. We recommend that a Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Director be elected whose duties shall be:

- (1) to notify Board Members and Pastors of all meetings by informing them at least one week prior to the meetings;
- (2) to inform the public by radio, newspaper or telephone of all meetings.

We further recommend, that everyone work together in harmony for the Cause of Christ among the Youth of our Nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Houston

W. E. Lane

John Bailey

C. M. Smith

We, the Committee, recommend that the Constitution and By-laws of the Youth Camp be used for the next Associational year. We further recommend that a committee be appointed to draw up a new Constitution to be presented at the next Association to be approved by the body.

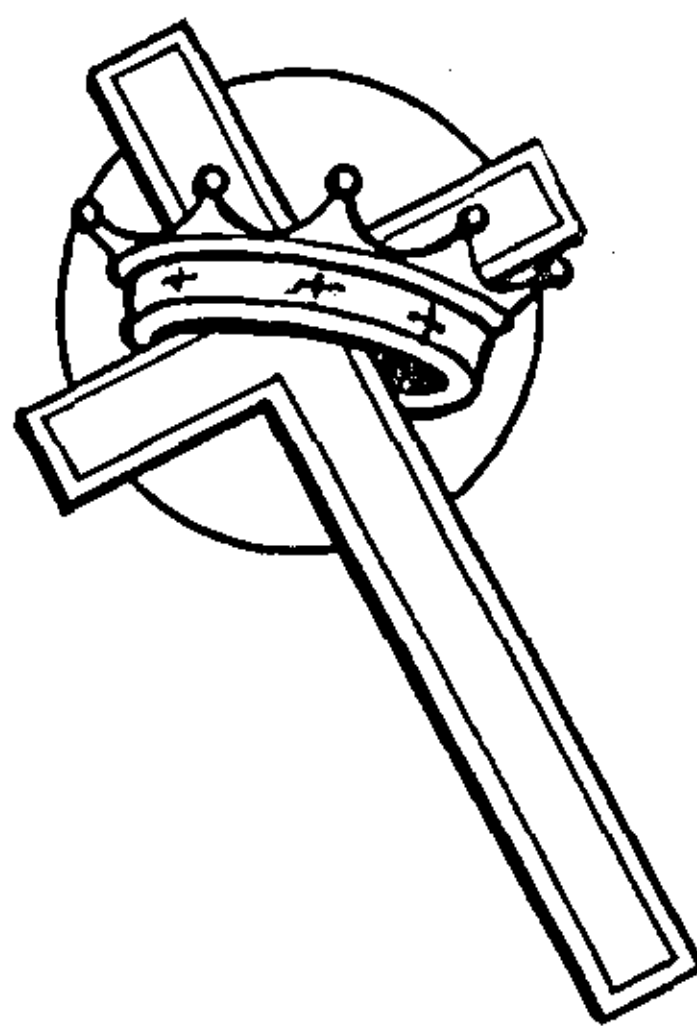
Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Boyd

J. D. Baruick

Edgar Smith

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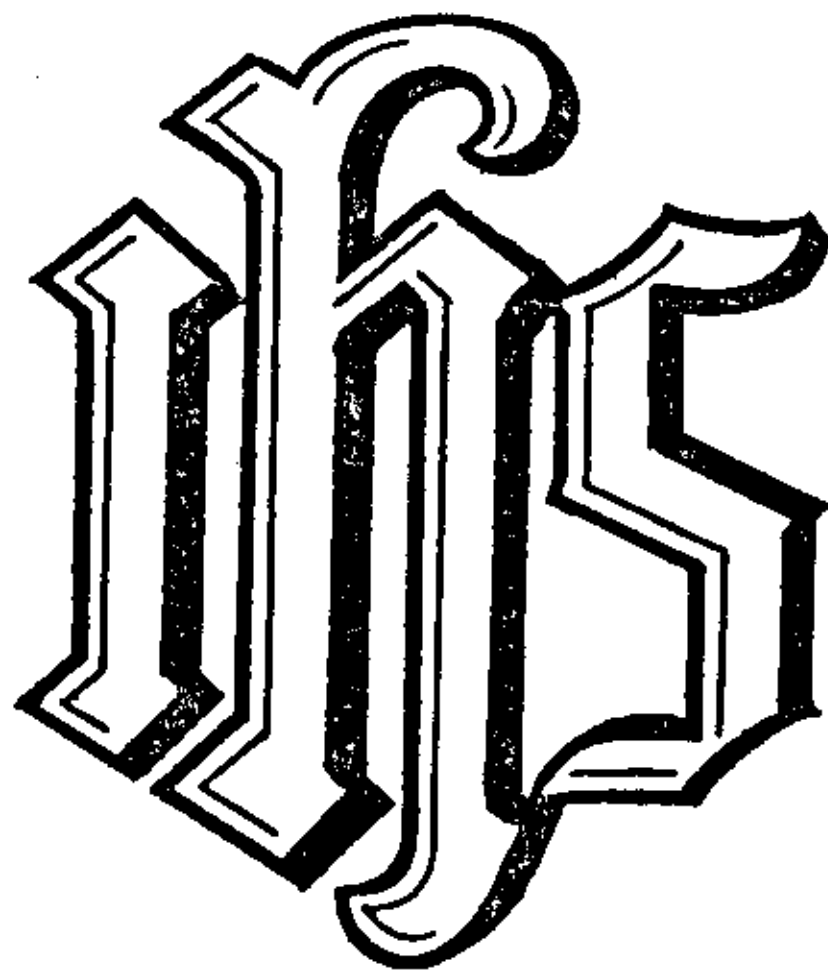
1964 ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Assets:

Cash on hand	\$ 54.20
Received from Association	329.00
Received from Union Meeting	10.00
Received from Minister's Conference	10.00
Received from Sunday School	10.00
Received from League Rally	10.00
Received from District Auxiliary	<u>10.00</u>
Total assets	\$433.20

Disbursements:

Clerk	\$ 35.00
Moderator	15.00
State and National Association	30.00
Local Superannuation Board	43.45
Local Promotional Board	13.03
Local Mission Board	13.04
State Unified Program	17.38
Association Minutes	<u>216.30</u>
Total Disbursements	\$283.20
Balance in Treasury	<u><u>\$50.00</u></u>



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 Ministers' 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 ammended or altered at any meeting by two-thirds majority voting.

DOCTRINAL VIEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ASSOCIATIONAL DECORUM

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

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

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

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

15. No Licensed Minister shall be Ordained until he has been licensed one year and called to one or more churches and examined by the Ordaining Council concerning his Faith and that all Ministers coming from Sister Associations and other denominations to pastor churches in our Association must be examined by the Ordaining Council. The requirements for Ministers coming from other denominations shall be the same as a Licensed Minister of our own Faith. The Ordaining Council shall have the authority to revise our Ministerial Roll each year.

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

CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

3. The pastor shall be the moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon his request, may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

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

26. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that the Gospel church, or a church of Christ is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches, and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in Heaven; and of such Christians now on earth as are not attached to the visible; according to the Gospel rules.

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

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

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

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

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel, that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and to prescribe any other requisites of church membership is an assumption on the part of the church and a departure from the plan of the Gospel.

9. That the officers of the church are elders and deacons; that elders are also called bishops or pastors; that all elders are equal in rank; though they may perform different functions since some may be bishops or pastors of a particular church, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further, that he can not perform any act which belongs to the authority of the church, such as the reception of members into the church compact, of the expulsion of offenders, that as member of the church he is no more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent and proper to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

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

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

13. The elders and deacons must be set apart to their office by ordination, by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

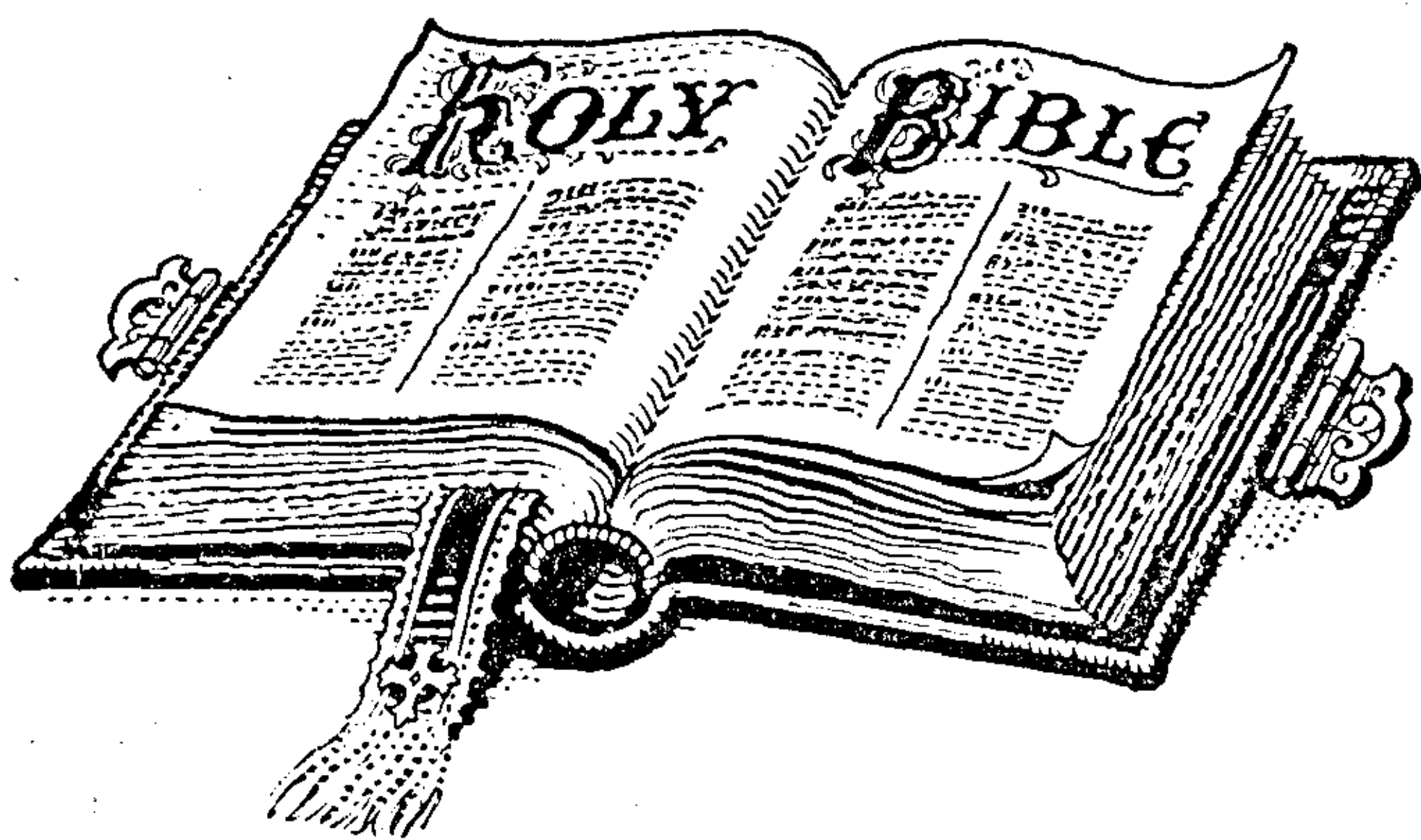
13. The business shall be taken up in order according to the subjoined plan, unless it becomes necessary to suspend the regular rules for a time for purposes which appear proper.

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

ASSOCIATIONAL COVENANT

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

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



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