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INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE						
Bro. Fred Kelley (1 year)						
ORDAINING COMMITTEE						
Rev. B. H. Nix (3 years), Chairman Colquitt, Ga. Rev. J. J. Scott (2 years) Brinson, Ga. Rev. W. S. Driggers (1 year) Colquitt, Ga.						
STANDING BOARDS						
Mission Board						
Rev. W. S. Driggers (2 years), Chairman						
Superannuation Board						
Bro. Edgar Smith (3 years), Chairman Colquitt, Ga. Sister Alma Jean Grimes (1 year), Sect. & Treas Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Leroy Johnson (2 years)						
State Promotional Secretary and Treasurer Rev. Mance Cason (1.0 / 1.0 /						

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning Session

The 79th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association convened with Springfield Church in Early County, Georgia, at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, October 22nd, 1965.

The session was opened with a song service led by Bro. Clint Ard. Prayer was offered by Bro. John Bailey.

Rev. J. C. Hubert Carter gave the devotional, reading scripture from Corinthians 13.

Bro. Jesse Reagan gave the welcome address and Rev. Drew Floyd gave the response.

Roll call of ministers. Seven were present.

The Credential Committee was appointed consisting of Rev. L. D. Scott, Rev. W. S. Driggers and Bro. John Bailey.

The Moderator extended the right hand of Christian Fellowship to all the visitors from other associations.

At 10:15 A.M., the Moderator gave his message using scripture from the Book of Ephesians.

The Credential Committee made a partial report. Motion made and carried to receive this report and seat the delegates.

Call was made for Petitionary Letters. None received.

Bro. J. D. Barwick read the revised By-Laws and Constitution of the Youth Camp. Moved and carried to table this report until the Afternoon Session.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Nominating Committee:

Bro. W. R. Barber, Bro. Phillip Hines, Bro. Richard McNease. Program Committee:

Sis. B. H. Nix, Sis. S. E. Newberry, Sis. C. A. Lane. Disbursement Committee:

Bro. W. E. Lane, Rev. S. E. Newberry, Bro. Grover Duncan.

Special music by Bellview Church. Special song by Sister Shirley Kimbrel.

Rev. W. A. Sellers preached the 11:00 o'clock message taking his scripture from the Books of Psalms and Revelation.

The Association was dismissed for lunch by Bro. Edgar Smith.

Friday Afternoon Session

The Friday Afternoon Session was opened at 1:15 P.M. with a song service led by Bro. Clint Ard. Prayer was offered by Rev. Louis Williams.

Bro. Lester Lane gave the afternoon devotional taking his scripture from Hebrew 3.

Rev. Mance Cason, Promotional Secretary, gave a report from the Promotional Board and reported that 11 churches had supported the program. Certificates were awarded the following churches:

Grand Honor Roll - Mt. Glory

Honor Roll - Bellview

Hebrew

Mothers Home

New Home No. I

Junior Honor Roll - Mt. Gilead

Corinth

Thompson

Rev. B. H. Nix gave a report from the National Association.

Rev. B. H. Nix gave a report from the Promotional Board. Moved and carried to receive this report. The Promotional Board gave a \$50.00 donation toward the debt on the Youth Camp.

Sister Louie Grimes gave the report of the Superannuation Board. Moved and carried to receive this report.

Moved and carried to remove the By-Laws and Constitution of the Youth Camp from the table and same was re-read by Bro. J. D. Barwick. After much discussion these were adopted with two amendments as follows: No. 1 - The Camp Board duties are to see that the Camp is cleaned before each meeting. No. 2 - That the Board set the fee for the Camp.

Discussion by Bro. W. E. Lane on ways to raise money to pay the Youth Camp debt. Moved and carried to take an offering for same which amounted to \$202.50.

A rising vote of thanks was given Springfield Church for their hospitality during the day.

Rev. Ervin Williams 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 Enterprise Youth Camp on October 23rd, 1965.

The Session was opened with a song service led by Bro. Clint Ard. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Scott.

Sister Jack Burke gave the devotional taking the scripture from Matthew 22: 37-38. Prayer offered by Bro. Carlton Bell.

The welcome address was given by Rev. C. A. Gilbert and Bro. J. T. Hilburn gave the response.

Minutes of the Friday Session of the Association were read by the Clerk and adopted as read.

Call for reports of all Boards and Committees.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Mission Board.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Suggestion Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Resolution Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Obituary Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Superannuation Committee.

No report from the Temperance Committee.

The Moderator welcomed all visitors from other Associations by the right hand of Christian Fellowship.

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

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Program Committee.

At this time we had a special song by Sister Shirley Kimbrel which was enjoyed by all.

The 11:00 o'clock message was preached by Rev. B. H. Parrish. Scripture was taken from Luke 10.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the final report given by the Credential Committee.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Mance Cason.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The Saturday Afternoon Session opened with Sister Shirley Kimbrel leading the song service. Prayer by Rev. Ervin Williams.

Rev. James Roland gave the devotional with scripture taken from Matthew 16.

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

The Moderator appointed delegates to the various associations as follows:

Little River:

Salem: Rev. & Mrs. L. D. Scott.

Union: Rev. J. J. Scott, Bro. O. F. Everson.

Chattahoochee:

South Georgia: Sister B. H. Nix.

Midway: Bro. & Mrs. W. E. Lane, Bro. O. F. Everson.

State Association: Bro. J. D. Barwick, Bro. Edward Kimbrel,

Sis. Louie Grimes, Sis. B. H. Nix —

Alternate, Sis. B. D. Wells.

Report from the Ladies Auxiliary by Sister B. H. Nix.

Moved and carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. None received. Moved and carried that these officers be elected.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Rev. S. E. Newberry led the closing prayer.

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

-: CHURCHES and DELEGATES to the ASSOCIATION:-

Bellview Church:

Bro. Edward Kimbrel, Sis. Shirley Kimbrel, Sis. Genesta Duncan, Bro. Grover Duncan, Sis. W. A. Mason, Sis. Marjorie Carter, Alternates - Sis Mary Griffin, Sis. Gwendolyn Brooks.

Colquitt Church:

Rev. S. E. Newberry, Sis. W. T. Cooper, Sis. Gary Phillips, Sis. Frank Mears, Bro. Gary Phillips.

Corinth Church:

Sis. C. A. Lane, Sis. Robert Preston, Sis Jack Burke, Sis. Tom Lane. Hebrew Church:

Sis. Earl Barber, Bro. Lee Roy Johnson, Bro. Walter Atkinson, Bro. Edd Hill, Bro. J. C. Riddlehoover.

Highway Church:

Bro. W. H. Bragdon, Bro. E. M. Brockett, Sis. L. D. Scott.

Mothers Home Church:

Bro. John Bailey, Bro. J. B. Adams, Bro. C. S. Bailey, Sis. Z. T. Calhoun, Sis. John Bailey.

Mt. Gilead Church:

Bro. & Sis. Robert Boyd, Sis. Carolyn Smith.

Mt. Glory:

Bro. George Ray, Sis. S. D. Newberry, Bro. & Sis. Taylor, Bro. & Sis. W. D. Brock, Sis. Ethel Newberry.

New Home No. I Church:

Bro. O. F. Everson, Bro. & Sis. W. E. Lane, Bro. Clint Ard, Sis. Ollie Lee Ard.

New Home No. 2 Church:

Bro. & Sis. Paul Boutwell, Bro. & Sis. Eddie Avery, Sis. Ed Boutwell.

New Salem Church: Sis. Annie Lou Wells, Sis. Harris Nix, Bro. W. R. Barber, Bro. Drew Pickren, Bro. Jim McCorkle, Sis. Pauline Roland. Pilgrim Home Church: Bro. P. B. Hilburn, Sis. W. J. Hilburn, Sis. R. L. Parker, Sis. E. P. McNeal. Proctor Chapel Church: Sis. Ethel Banks, Sis. Mary Palmer, Sis. Clem Cain. Springfield Church: Bro. Jessie Reagan, Bro. Bob Helms, Sis. Annie Mae Sheffield. Thompson Church: Rev. & Sis. Drew Floyd, Bro. Philip Hines, Bro. Henry Miller. RETIRED MINISTERS Rev. A. B. Ard . Bainbridge, Ga. Rev. Drew Floyd . Colquitt, Ga. Rev. W. A. Sellers Camilla, Ga. MINISTERIAL ROLL Rev. W. S. Driggers . Colquitt, Ga. Rev. C. A. Gilbert Colquitt, Ga. Rev. Harris Nix . Colquitt, Ga. Rev. B. H. Parrish Climax, Ga. Rev. J. J. Scott Brinson, Ga. Rev. L. D. Scott Brinson, Ga. Rev. James Roland Colquitt, Ga. Rev. Irvin Williams . Colquitt, Ga. Rev. C. A. Williams . Colquitt, Ga. Rev. Grady Etheridge, Jr. Albany, Ga. LICENSED MINISTERS Bro. S. E. Newberry . Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Gordon Ellis . Tallahassee, Fla. B. H. Nix, Chairman W. S. Driggers COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS OF CHURCHES Obituaries . Mothers Home Suggestions . Mt. Gilead Sunday School . Mt. Glory Temperance . New Home No. 1 Sabbath Observance . New Home No. 2 Resolutions New Salem

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE COMPILED REPORTS Churches represented. 15 Delegates reported. 61 Active church members . 750 Inactive church members 460 Total church membership 1210 Members received by Baptism . 56 Members received by letter . 21 Members received by statement of faith Total members received 1965. 80 Members dismissed by letter . 21 Members excluded Members deceased Total members dismissed 36 Number of Sunday Schools Members enrolled in Sunday School. 799 Free Will Baptist Leagues . Members enrolled in Leagues 349 Prayer meetings . Vacation Bible schools Ladies Auxiliaries Members enrolled in Auxiliaries. Masters Men . Members enrolled in Masters Men . COMPILED FINANCIAL REPORT Total offerings received . \$23,463.87 Amounts given for: Pastors . . \$16,130.83 Evangelists 1,769.46 Coop. program 946.95 Building repairs 2,916.78 Literature, all purposes 1,694.74 Miscellaneous . 3,341.09 Total expense \$28,452.35 Rev. L. D. Scott Rev. W. S. Driggers

Bro. John Bailey

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1964-65

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report: For Moderator
For Investigating Committee: Bro. Edd Roberts (2 years), Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Fred Kelley (1 year), Iron City, Ga. Bro. John Bailey (3 years), Colquitt, Ga.
For Ordaining Committee: Rev. B. H. Nix (3 years), Colquitt, Ga., Chairman (3) I accommittee: Rev. J. J. Scott (2 years), Brinson, Ga. Rev. W. S. Driggers (1 year), Colquitt, Ga.
For Mission Board: Rev. W. S. Driggers (2 years), Colquitt, Ga., Chairman Bro. Emmett Houston (1 year), Colquitt, Ga. Sis. Jack Burke (3 years), Iron City, Ga., Sect. & Treas.
For Promotional Board: Rev. B. H. Nix (2 years), Colquitt, Ga., Chairman Bro. Herbert Boyd (1 year), West Bainbridge, Ga. Sis. Vonnie Calhoun (3 years), Colquitt, Ga., Sect. & Treas.
For Superannuation Board: Bro. Edgar Smith (3 years), Colquitt, Ga., Chairman Bro. Leroy Johnson (2 years), Donalsonville, Ga. Sis. Alma J. Grimes (1 year), Colquitt, Ga., Sect. & Treas.
Youth Camp Board:, Bro. J. D. Barwick (5 years), Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Grover Duncan (4 years), Colquitt, Ga. Bro. J. W. Nix (2 years) Bro. Lester Lane (1 year), Colquitt, Ga. Bro. D. T. Pickren (3 years), Blakely, Ga.
Youth Camp Board of Trustees: Bro. C. A. Powell, Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Phillip Hines, Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Emmett Houston, Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Herbert Boyd, West Bainbridge, Ga. Bro. Jack Burke, Iron City, Ga.
Secretary & Treasurer of Youth Camp, Mrs. B. D. Wells, Colquitt, Ga. X 7 Bloth, R. Barker

We also recommend that the Association convene with New Salem					
Church, Colquitt, Ga., on Friday, October 21st, 1966 and with Martin					
Mr. Dillead Oct. 2040 Bro. W. R. Barber					
Heewill Baptist Youth Camp, Colquitt, Ga., on October 22nd, 1966. Mr. Lilean Oct. 20 Bro. W. R. Barber Bro. J. R. McNease Bro. Philip A. Hines					
PROMOTIONAL BOARD REPORT					
Cash on hand					
Money received:					
Union Meeting, Dec. 18, 1964 \$ 9.25					
Martin Association, Jan. 29, 1965. 13.03					
Union Meeting, Feb. 24, 1965 . 8.60					
Union Meeting, June 18, 1965 . 9.00					
Union Meeting, Sept. 15, 1965 7.50					
Total money received 47.38					
Total Receipts \$275.08					
Money paid out:					
Martin FWB Youth Camp, May 22, 1965 . \$82.00					
Martin FWB Youth Camp, Oct. 18, 1965 . 50.00					
Total Disbursements \$132.00					
Balance in treasury \$143.08					
Vonnie Calboun					
B. H. Nix					
SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT					
Money received:					
Union Meeting, Dec. 16, 1964 \$18.25					
Association funds, Jan. 26, 1965 . 43.45					
Union Meeting, Feb. 23, 1965 18.90					
Union Meeting, June 26, 1965					
Union Meeting, Sept. 17, 1965 17.50					
Total money received \$119.10					
Money paid out:					
Money paid out: Mr. J. W. Clower (SS Bd.) \$29.78					
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Balance in treasury .

MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT
Balance in treasury, Oct. 24, 1964
Money received:
Association funds, Oct. 23, 1964 . \$13.04
Union Meeting funds, Nov. 28, 1964 . 9.25
Union Meetings funds, Jan. 30, 1965 8.60
Union Meeting funds, May 29, 1965 . 9.00
Union Meeting funds, Aug. 28, 19657.50
Total money received \$ 47.39
Total receipts \$335.86
Money paid out:
Enterprise Youth Camp, Oct. 24, 1964 . \$88.00
Enterprise Youth Camp, May 21, 1965 . 82.00
Total disbursements
Balance in Treasury \$165.86
Rev. W. S. Driggers, Chairman
Bro. Emmett Houston
Sis. Jack Burke, Sect. & Treas.

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Disbursements, recommend the following:
Clerk \$35.00
Moderator
State Association
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
Local superannuation 50%
Local Promotional Board 15%
Local Mission Board 15%
Bro. W. E. Lane
Rev. S. E. Newberry
Bro. Grover Duncan

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolution Committee, wish to submit the following: We recommend that deacons be standing delegates at Association meetings.

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We suggest that all members of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association remember our first love, which is to love God with all our hearts, and the second but not least, to love our fellow-man as ourselves. If we keep these two commandments our light will be shining for the cause of Christ which is to save the lost. Let us remember God is not a God of confusion but a God of Peace.

Respectfully submitted, Corintb Church

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We urge each and every Christian to attend church on the Sabbath day and that they keep the Sabbath a Holy Day dedicated to God. That all Christians abstain from all secular business. When Christians carry their children to church on the Sabbath, they are teaching them a better way of life and it brings good to their way of life instead of evil.

Isiah 56: 2, said "Blessed is the man that doeth this and the Son of man that layeth hold of it: that keepeth the Sabbath day from polluting and keepeth his hands from doing evil.

Respectfully submitted,
Highway Church & Paster

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We regret very much that 14 of our Association members were claimed by death this past year. They are:

Bellview Church: Bro. T. D. Carter

Sis. Estelle Griffin

Bro. Clarence Brown

Hebrew Church: Bro. Jack Crooms

Bro. J. W. Capps

Rev. W. H. Horn

Proctor Chapel Church: Sis. Edith Daniels

Mt. Glory Church: Bro. Wesley Ray

New Home No. 2 Church: Bro. Gilbert Avery

Bro. Amos Sadler

Bro. Norman Williams

Sis. Florence Harrell

New Salem Church: Sis. Mary Kate Chambers

Sis. Mattie Clark Chambers

Colquitt Church: Sis. Bertha Lou Davis

Highway Church: Sis. Bessie Scott

Mothers Home Church: None Thompson Church: None

Respectfully submitted,
Colquitt Church & Pastor

In Memory of Our Brother in Christ - "Brother T. D. Carter"

Bro. T. D. Carter departed from this earthly tabernacle the 13th day of July and went to be with his Redeemer, our Blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bro. Carter became a believer in Christ, as his personal Savior, at an early age in life. He united with Bellview Church and was shortly ordained as a deacon. He filled this post well with a simple child-like faith until the Lord called him Home at the age of 73.

He also served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

His motto was: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrew 10: 25.

Bro. Carter was faithful in his church duties and witnessed of the saving Grace of our Lord to both small and great. He leaves an example that would be well for others to follow.

Bellview Church, community and county-at-large, mourn his passing, yet realize that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bellview Church

In Memory of Brother Gilbert Avery

We, the members of New Home No. 2 Church, regret with sadness to report the passing of one of our younger deacons, Bro. Gilbert Avery.

Bro, Avery was ordained as a deacon on July 4, 1959. He was not married; he lived with his mother and father, Bro. and Sis. Eddy Avery. He was known and loved by many friends.

Bro. Avery loved to sing praises unto the Lord. It grieves our hearts to know that he will always be absent in our church. It also cheers our hearts to know the words of Jesus: "He that believeth in Me, tho he were dead, yet shall he live." We know that Bro. Avery will live again.

Respectfully submitted, New Home No. 2 Church

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday Morning, 10:00 A.M.

Song and prayer service conducted by Rev. W. S. Driggers.

Meeting called to order.

Devotional, J. R. McNease.

Welcome, Idus Goocher.

Response, Edgar Smith.

Moderators remarks.

Roll call of ministers.

Partial report of Credential Committee.

Seating of delegates.

Appointment of sessional committees.

Special music, Mothers Home Church.

Message, J. C. H. Carter.

Lunch.

Friday Afternoon, 1:15 P. M.

Song service.

Devotional, Mrs. B. D. Wells.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Report of Promotional Secretary.

Report on State Association.

Report on National Association.

Report of standing boards and committees.

Report of Credential Committee.

Business period for necessary business.

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Song service led by Rudy Clenney.

Devotional, Bobby Roberts.

Testimony time, Jesse Reagan.

Special music, Hebrew Church.

Message, S. E. Newberry.

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A. M.

Song service led by C. A. Williams.

Devotional, Mrs. Eddie Avery.

Welcome, Chairman of Camp Board.

Response, Miss Ethel Newberry.

Business session.

Special music arranged by song director.

Message, Mance Cason.

Lunch.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:15 P. M. Song led by C. A. Williams. Devotional, James Roland. Renewal call for committee reports.

Appointment of delegates.

Adjournment.

First day: New Salem Church, October 21, 1966.

Second day: Youth Camp, October 22, 1966.

MARTIN YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Received since last November, 1964	\$2833.06
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Money Paid Out:	
November '64 paid principal \$500.00	
November '64 paid interest 200.40	
November '64 paid insurance 44.80	
December 7, '64, equipment 280.00	
April '65, equipment	
May '65, wiring kitchen 164.00	
August '65, J. W. Nix 176.00	
August '65, gas bill 72.47	
All other expenses	
Total disbursements	2564.46
Balance in treasury	\$268.60

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE

1st SESSION - MOTHERS HOME CHURCH

Devotional, Richard McNease.

Welcome, John Bailey.

Response, C. A. Gilbert

Business.

Message, Bobby Register.

Benediction.

2nd SESSION - PROCTOR CHAPEL CHURCH

Devotional, Louie Grimes.

Welcome, Brother Palmer.

Response, Howard Roberts.

Business.

Message, S. E. Newberry.

Benediction.

3rd SESSION - MARTIN FWB YOUTH CAMP Devotional, Emmett Houston. Welcome, J.J. Scott. Response, B. A. Middleton. Business. Message, J. C. H. Carter. Benediction.

4th SESSION - HEBREW CHURCH Devotional, Clifton Powell. Welcome, J. C. Riddlehoover. Response, Willie Lane. Business. Message, James Roland. Benediction.

> Respectfully submitted, Emory Richardson Howard Roberts

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Martin Freewill Baptist Sunday School Convention was held at Mothers Home Church, August 29, 1965, and opened with Rev. W. S. Driggers leading the song serivce, Bobby Richardson gave the devotional. Welcome was given by Lottie Adams and Pam Barber responded.

Minutes were read and adopted. The roll call of churches was answered with eight churches represented: Bellview, Colquitt, Hebrew, Mothers Home, Mt. Gilead, New Home No. 1, New Salem and Thompson. Twenty teachers, four ministers and four Sunday School Superintendents were present.

The following committee appointments were made:

Nominating Committee: Bro. Louie Grimes,

Bro. Kenneth Driggers,

Bro. Clint Ard.

Program Committee: Sis. Shirley Kimbrel

Sis. John Bailey,

Bro. Lester Lane.

Digest Committee: Rev. Harris Nix,

Bro. Emory Richardson,

Bro. Bobby Roberts.

and Bro. Mance Cason. An announcement was made regarding the Convention. The next district Sunday School Convention will meet at 10:00 A.M. and have a morning and afternoon session. Also announced was that the State Sunday School Convention will hold its next meeting at the Martin Freewill Baptist Youth Camp.

Committee reports were read and adopted as follows:

Nominating Committee report:

President - Kenneth Driggers

Vice-President - Pam Barber

Secretary & Treasurer - LaVerne Mock

Assistant Sect. & Treas. - Marynelle Bailey

Pianist - Elaine Ingram

Chorister - Rudy Clenney

Program Committee report:

Program, Jan. 30, 1966, New Home No. 1:

Devotional, Bobby Roberts.

Welcome, Sister Claude Roberts.

Response, Glenda Tully.

Business

Morning Message, Rev. J. C. H. Carter

Afternoon - Programs.

Program, July 31, 1966, Thompson:

Devotional, Wayne McNease.

Welcome, Bro. Edgar Smith.

Response, Regina Hill.

Business session.

Morning message, Rev. Harris Nix.

Afternoon - Programs.

The Program Committee also included in their report that the Sunday School Convention Executive Committee meet prior to each Convention to select a theme for the day and notify those on the program.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Churches reporting by letter	7
Number on roll	853
Average attendance	601
Number of departments	59
Number of teachers	59
Number of officers	42
Total offerings	53.98
Average offerings 1	11.13

Paid literature	•	•	•	• •	•	548.44
Miscellaneous	•	•	•	• , ,	•	819.69
Youth Camp .	•	•	•	•	•	382.42
Convention dues		•	• •	•	•	53.00

The churches presenting programs were Bellview, Hebrew, Mothers Home, New Home No. 1, and New Salem. A rising vote of thanks was given Mothers Home for their fine hospitality. We were dismissed with a song followed with prayer by Rev. W. S. Driggers.

UNION MEETING REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT:	
Union Meetings:	
Mt. Glory, Nov. 28, 1964	
Coming of all Mr. On the	
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Special offerings:	
Youth Camp, May 29, 1965 \$24.86	
Youth Camp, Aug. 28, 1965 42.80	
Total	56
Disbursements, Nov. 28, 1964:	
Rev. Mance Cason	
Sis. Louie Grimes	:
Sis. Abbie Calhoun. 9.25	
Sis. Jack Burke 9.25	
Moderator & Clerk fee	
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Disbursements, Jan. 30, 1965:	* . * *
Rev. Mance Cason . \$18.90	
Sis. Louie Grimes	
Sis. Abbie Calhoun . 8.60	
Sis. Jack Burke . 8.60	
Moderator & Clerk fee10.00	_
Total	

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Disbursements, May 29, 1965:	• .	, .· ,
	\$21.00	
Sis. Louie Grimes	21.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sis. Abbie Calhoun	9.00	
Sis. Jack Burke	9.00	*
Moderator & Clerk fee	10.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total	•	\$70.00
Disbursements, Aug. 28, 1965:	•	
Rev. Mance Cason	\$17.50	,
Sis. Louie Grimes	17.50	-
Sis. Abbie Calhoun	7.50	•
Sis. Jack Burke	7.50	
Moderator & Clerk fee	10.00	
Martin Association	10.00	•
Total	•	\$70.00

The moderator appointed the following Nominating Committee: Bro. W. E. Lane, Sis. John Bailey, Bro. Grover Duncan.

The moderator appointed the following Program Committee:

Sis. Z. T. Calhoun, Sis. Glenda Tully, Sis. Robert Preston.

UNION MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, nominate the following:

Moderator, Bro. Clifton Powell

Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. J. Scott

Clerk, Bro. Herbert Boyd

Assistant Clerk, Rev. James Roland

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

First Session, January 29, 1966 - Mothers Home.

Second Session, May 28, 1966 - Proctor Chapel.

Third Session, July 30, 1966 - Youth Camp.

Fourth Session, October 29, 1966 - Hebrew.

UNION MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Mothers Home, January 29, 1966:

Devotional, Bro. Joe Brown Adams.

Welcome address, Miss Verna McVey.

Response, Sis. Alma Jean Grimes.

Business.

11:00 o'clock message, Rev. B. H. Nix.

Lunch.

Afternoon devotional, Sis. Ozzie McNease. Business. Adjourn.

Proctor Chapel, May 28, 1966:

Rev. C. A. Williams, Devotional.

Welcome, Bro. Josh Holley.

Response, Sis. Shirley Kimbrel.

Business.

11:00 o'clock message, Rev. J. J. Scott.

Lunch.

Afternoon devotional, Sis. Ruby Sheffield.

Business.

Adjourn.

Youth Camp, July 30, 1966:

Devotional, Bro. Jessie Reagan.

Welcome, Bro. J. R. McNease.

Response, Sis. Lucille Lane.

Business.

11:00 o'clock message, Rev. Grady Etheridge.

Lunch.

Afternoon devotional, Sis. Ethel Newberry.

Business.

Adjourn.

Hebrew, October 29, 1966:

Devotional, Sis. Bessie Kate Barber.

Welcome, Miss Elaine Ingram.

Response, Bro. Grover Duncan.

Business.

11:00 o'clock message, Rev. James Roland.

Lunch.

Afternoon devotional, Sis. Chastine Burke.

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 New Salem Church, October 2, 1965, with Mrs. Eva Clenney and Mrs. Pauline Roland in charge of registration.

The theme for the convention was, "The Word, Jesus". (John 1:1). The convention was opened with congregational singing led by Mrs. Earl Barber followed with prayer by Rev. Harris Nix.

Morning devotional, "We Teach the Word", was given by Mrs. Nelda Williams using scripture from Acts 18:11 and Proverbs 31:31.

Mrs. Alma Houston of New Salem gave the welcome.

The President appointed committees as follows:

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Nancy Houston

Mrs. Dixie Roberts

Mrs. J. C. H. Carter

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Grover Duncan

Mrs. Lester Houston

Mrs. Willie Lane

Mrs. Earl Barber

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Emmett Houston

Mrs. Charles Brown

Mrs. Sue Roberts

A welcome was given all ministers and visitors.

The National Convention highlights were given by Mrs. Harris Nix.

The Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Bill Wells, gave her report.

Mrs. Clenney gave a partial report of the Registration Committee.

The Credential Committee reported and a motion was made and carried that the report be accepted and delegates be seated.

A special song was rendered by Hebrew Auxiliary.

An offering was received.

Rev. Larry Powell brought the morning message, "Command, Confusion, and Challenge of Evangelism".

Benediction by Rev. Scottie Driggers. Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION -

The afternoon session opened with congreagtional singing.

A special song was given by Melody Duncan, "I've Put My Life in the Hands of the Lord".

Elaine Ingram gave the devotional using Proverbs 16: 1-21 as the scripture.

Final report of the Registration Committee was given.

Moved and carried to adopt the Treasurer's Report.

Resolutions, Nominating and Finance Committee reports were read and adopted. (See reports).

Delegates to the State Convention were appointed by the President as follows:

Mrs. Emmett Houston Mrs. Eva Clenney

Mrs. Nelda Williams Mrs. Willie Lane

Mrs. Grover Duncan

Mrs. Earl Tabb presented the Installation service. Dismissal.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, present the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolved that each auxiliary send layette to the missionary provisions closet this year.
- 2. Resolved that the district convention support the state project for the coming year.
- 3. Resolved that each auxiliary send an offering in January for the new headquarters building.
- 4. Resolved that this district take as a district project, mattresses for the Martin District Youth Camp.
- 5. Resolved that no officer be elected who isn't present.
- 6. Resolved that we observe October as contact subscription month and urge all of our members to subscribe to our National magazine.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

President - Mrs. Harris Nix

Vice-President - Mrs. Eva Clenney

Recording Secretary - Mrs. Edward Kimbrel

Assistant Recording Secretary - Mrs. Laverne Mock

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Nelda Williams

Treasurer - Mrs. Emmett Houston

Field Secretary - Mrs. Charles Brown

Study Course Chairman - Mrs. Nancy Houston

Personal Service Chairman - Mrs. W. E. Lane

Missions Chairman - Mrs. J. C. H. Carter

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman - Mrs. Sue Roberts

The 1966 Convention will convene with Bellview Church.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Grover Duncan Mrs. Earl Barber Mrs. W. E. Lane

Mrs. Lester Houston

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY President. Mrs. Harris Nix, Colquitt, Ga. Mrs. Emmet Houston, Colquitt, Ga. Treasurer Auxiliaries reporting . Per Capita fees sent treasurer No. "A" Auxiliaries . I. Enlistment Department: 1. Enrollment, beginning of Convention year . Present enrollment. 2. Number new members . Number members lost: Average attendance II. Youth Department: 1 through 4. 5. Active church libraries 6. Bible college students assisted 7. Other - Youth Camp Sessions . III. Study Course Department: Courses conducted Attendance Missions . Manual . 18 Evangelism Prayer 2. Reading circles 3. Number daily Bible readers IV. Program-Prayer Department: 1. Number special programs held. 2. Number Weeks of Prayer conducted 3. Self-Denial offering from weeks of prayer . \$55.16 4. Number family altars . 5. Members observing prayer fellowship V. Personal Service Department: 1. Number making soul-winning efforts . 2. Number souls won . 3. Number active in community missions . 4. Contribution values to Children's Homes VI. Publicity Department: 1. Subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers . 2. Articles written for publication . 26 3. Other - Posters, phone calls, church announcements & radio.

VII. Personal Gifts:	•			
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The Nominating Committee of the	ie League Ra	ally submit	s the fol	lowing:
President - Lester Lane				·
Vice-President - W. S. Dri	ggers			
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Corresponding Secretary —	_		į.	
Song Leader - Kaye Barber	r		3	
Pianist - Elaine Ingram		•	· .	
Sword Drill Leader - Mrs.				
Field Workers - J. E. Wood	1, Terrel Moc	k, Emmett	Houston	1
The Program Committee of the	League Rally	y submits	the follo	wing:
1st Session - New Home N		•		. —
Devotional, Mrs. Sue Ro	berts.			•
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Welcome address, Lester Lane.

Response, Mrs. Earl Barber.

Sword Drill.

10 minute talk, Brenda Brooks.

2nd Session - Bellview:
Devotional, Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel.
Welcome, Miss Melodie Duncan.
Response, Lottie Adams.

10 minute talk, James Roland. Sword drill.

Treasurers report:

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÷	Balance brought forward	\$13.34
	Received May 30th	16.00
	Total assets	. \$29.34
	Disbursement to State C.T.S	\$10.00
	Printing of minutes	\$10.00
	Total disbursements .	. \$20.00
	Oct. 16, 1965 Balance in treasury.	\$9.34

1965 ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Assets:
Cash on hand
Received from Association
Received from Union Meeting 10.00
Received from Ministers Conference 10.00
Received from Sunday School
Received from League Rally 10.00
Received from District Auxiliary
Total assets \$397.50
Disbursements:
Clerk
Moderator
Cups and plates 5.97
State and National Association 30.00
Local Superannuation Board 12.02
Local Promotional Board 3.60
Local Mission Board 3.60
State Unified Program 4.81
Association Minutes
Total disbursements \$367.50
Balance in Treasury . \$30.00

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE YOUTH CAMP

ARTICLE I

The Youth Camp shall be known as the "Martin Freewill Baptist Youth Camp" and all business transactions shall be done under the authority of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - BOARDS and OFFICERS

Section I. There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of five members for an indefinite period. The Board shall consist of the three members now serving under the authority of the Ministers' and Deacons Conference of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association, and two new members who shall be elected by the Association in regular session. In the event of emergencies, such as resignation or death, members of this Board may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association.

- A. Duties of the Trustees: The duties of the Trustees shall be:
 - (1) to hold all titles to the property, and handle legal matters.
 - (2) to raise funds for the indebtedness of the camp building.
 - (3) to raise funds for the necessary accessories of the camp site.
 - (4) to keep in touch with the Executive Committee of the Associtaion and keep them informed concerning the needs of the camp.

Section II. Members of the Camp Board must be from the layety of the Association elected in same manner as the Board of Trustees on a rotating basis and consisting of five members.

- 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.

Section III. The Camp Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association for a term of one year. The said Director appointed shall have the authority to appoint his assistant.

- A. Duties of the Camp Director shall be as follows:
 - (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 and schedules to be held at the camp.

- (5) the camp dates for camp sessions must be made by the Camp Board and the Camp Director and not to conflict with the State Camp.
 - (6) responsible for speakers at each service.

Section IV. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in the same manner as the above mentioned Camp Board members and shall also be an ex-officio member of each board, having no voting power except in the event of a tie vote. He or she shall be elected annually.

- A. Duties of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be:
 - (1) to record the activities of transactions of each Board meeting, of the various Boards.
 - (2) receive all money and record and report all receipts and expenditures.
 - (3) be in charge of all publicity activities.

Section V. Camp Fee. There shall be a Camp Fee, the minimum being \$4.00 and the maximum being \$7.00.

Section VI. Board Chairman. Each Board must elect their Board Chairman from their own body. Each Chairman must give a weeks notice of meetings to his members and the Secretary and Treasurer.

Section VII. Changes in Constitution. The above By-Laws and regulations may be changed only by a two-thirds majority of the Association in regular session.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Boyd, J. D. Barwick Edgar Smith, D. T. Pickren

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of the LEAGUE CONVENTION

PREAMBLE:

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

ARTICLE I

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

ARTICLE II

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

ARTICLE III

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

ARTICLE IV

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

ARTICLE V

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

ARTICLE VI

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

ARTICLE VII

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

ARTICLE VIII

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

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

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

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

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

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall be held respon-

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

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

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

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

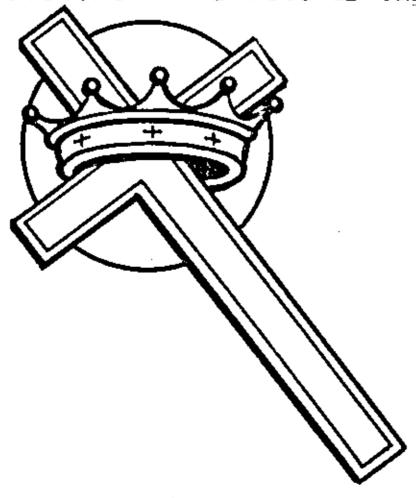
Section 8. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Convention.

ARTICLE II

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

ARTICLE III

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



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 pertectly consistent with the tree 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 unamious 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 sucessive 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 miscellanous business.
- 13. Visiting brethren, as help called in from sister churches, small 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 dicussions 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 accountibility, 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 repugant 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 eclesiastical 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 eclesiastical 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 turther, 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 inafter mentioned resolve themselves into a body eclesiastic 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.

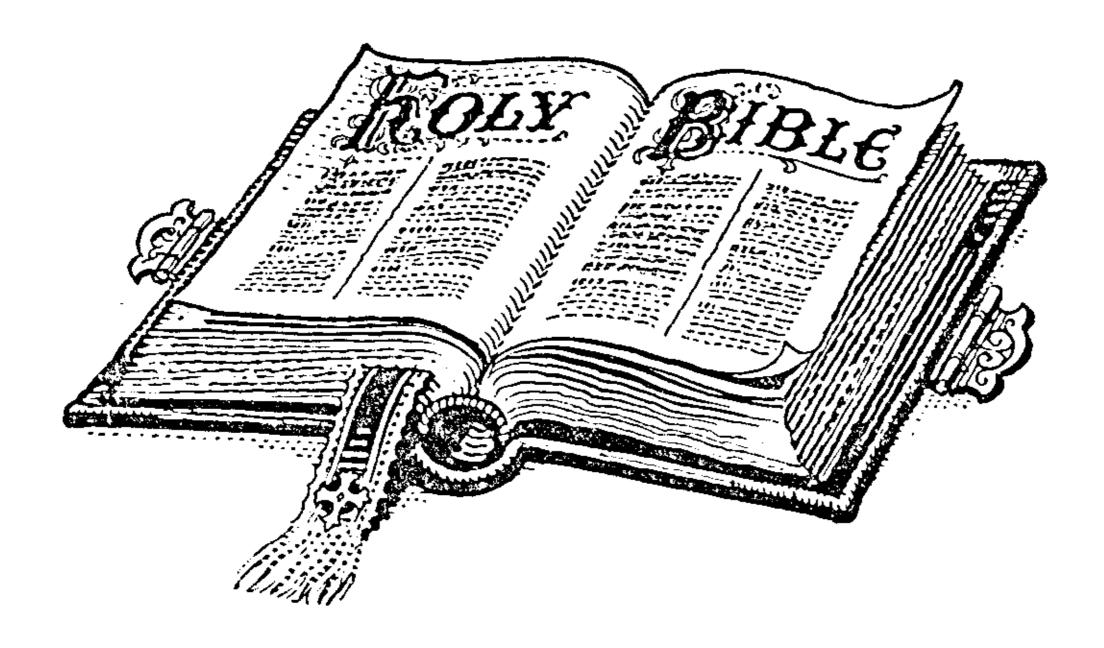
- 2. The association, when assembled, shall be composed of all ministers of the association, both ordained and licentiates, and the delegates or messengers chosen by the several churches from time to time for that purpose.
- 3. The number of delegates to be determined by the membership of the respective 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 thereoof 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 privelege 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 frequest 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. will also sympathize with each other in seasons of temptation and afflication 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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	HIGHWAY	Rev. C. A. Gilbert	Mrs. L. D. Scott	Brinson, Ga.	1st & 3rd	0	0	3	0	2	0	32	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.10	\$ 354.92	\$ 3,500.00	30	35	0	Yes
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	MT. GLORY	Rev. L. D. Scott	W. D. Brock	Rt. 2, Box 421 Quincy, Florida	Full	0	1	1	0	0	1	38	\$ 9.50	\$116.24	\$ 721.47	\$ 5,000.00	0	38	0	Yes
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	THOMPSON	Rev. W. S. Driggers	G. R. Grimes	Colquitt, Ga.	1st & 3rd	2	1	0	0	0	0	84	\$21.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 961.05	\$ 6,000.00	0	40	0	Yes

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