

***MINUTES***  
*of the*  
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*of the*  
**Martin Free Will Baptist**  
**Association**

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**MT. GILEAD CHURCH, Brinson, Georgia**  
*on October 20, 1967*  
*and*  
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*on October 21, 1967*

**OFFICERS**

Bro. Frank Newberry, Moderator. . . . Colquitt, Ga.  
Bro. Edward Kimbrel, Clerk . . . . Colquitt, Ga.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Frank Newberry, Chairman . . . . Colquitt, Ga.  
Bro. Edward Kimbrel . . . . Colquitt, Ga.  
Rev. W. S. Driggers . . . . Bainbridge, Ga.  
Bro. Herbert Boyd . . . . Brinson, Ga.  
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## INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

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

## ORDAINING COMMITTEE

Rev. James Roland (3 years)	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. Kenneth Faison (1 year)	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. W. S. Driggers (2 years)	Bainbridge, Ga.

## STANDING BOARDS

### MISSION BOARD

Bro. Clifton Powell (3 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. C. M. Smith (3 years)	Brinson, Ga.
Mrs. Jack Burke (2 years)	Iron City, Ga.

### PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Mrs. Lucille Lane	Iron City, Ga.
Bro. Herbert Boyd	Brinson, Ga.
Mrs. Vonnie Calhoun	Colquitt, Ga.

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Bro. Edgar Smith (1 year)	Colquitt, Ga.
Mrs. Laverne Mock (3 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Mrs. Alma Jean Grimes (2 years)	Colquitt, Ga.

### YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. J. J. Scott (5 years)	Brinson, Ga.
Bro. D. T. Pickron (1 year)	Blakely, Ga.
Bro. Grover Duncan (2 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. J. D. Barwick (3 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Emory Richardson (4 years)	Colquitt, Ga.

### YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bro. Herbert Boyd	Brinson, Ga.
Bro. Richard McNease	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. C. A. Powell	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Phillip Hines	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Willie Lane	Iron City, Ga.
Bro. W. R. Barber, Sect. & Treas.	Colquitt, Ga.

### STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Rev. Mance Cason	Moultrie, Ga.
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## PROCEEDINGS

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 81st Annual Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Association convened with Mt. Gilead Church, Friday morning, October 20, 1967, at 10:00 o'clock.

The Session was opened with song service led by Mr. Vickers. Rev. Donald Franks offered prayer.

Rev. Drew Floyd gave the devotional choosing Psalm 19 for scripture. Bro. Edgar Smith gave the response.

The Credentials Committee appointed were Rev. Chester Gilbert, Chairman, Rev. Gordon Ellis and Rev. Lindsey Scott.

The Moderator reported the Harvest Day Drive as being a real success.

Recognition was given Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Lane for having attended 41 sessions of 81 Martin Free Will Baptist Associations.

The Moderator welcomed all visitors.

Roll call of ministers was made with 11 present.

The Credentials Committee made a partial report. Motion made and carried to accept this report and seat the delegates.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee: Mrs. J. R. McNease, Mr. Robert Boyd, Mrs. Jack Burke.

Program Committee: Mrs. Ken Faison, Mrs. Dixie Roberts, Mrs. Zack Calhoun.

Disbursement Committee: Bro. Jimmy Taylor, Bro. David Richardson, Bro. Edd Hill.

The Moderator requested that someone else be placed in nomination for Moderator for next year. Bro. Emmett Houston and Bro. Jack Burke requested to be replaced as Trustee Board members.

An offering was received of \$55.54 for the expense of the Children's Home Harvest Day Drive.

Rev. W. S. Driggers preached the 11:00 o'clock message, using scripture from John 21: 15. His subject was "Christ Is the Answer to Every Problem".

Dismissed for lunch.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday afternoon session was opened at 1:15 o'clock with song service and prayer by Rev. Chester Gilbert.

Rev. Drew Floyd and Mt. Gilead church gave special music.

Rev. Gordon Ellis gave the afternoon devotional with scripture from Luke 12: 31-35. Bro. Richard McNease offered a special prayer for the sick.

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotional Secretary, gave his report stating that 9 of 15 churches in the Association had supported the Co-operative Plan for the past year.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mt. Gilead for their wonderful hospitality for the day.

Rev. Mance Cason dismissed the Association with prayer.

*Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator*

*Bro. Edward Kimbrel, Clerk*

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Association met at the Martin Youth Camp, October 21, 1967.

The session opened with a song service led by Rev. S. E. Newberry. Prayer by Mr. W. E. Lane. Rev. Kenneth Faison gave the devotional, using Psalm 139 for scripture.

Mr. W. E. Lane gave the welcome and Rev. Chester Gilbert made the response.

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

Report from the Resolutions Committee. Motion moved, seconded and carried to table Resolution I, on the Ordaining Council, until the afternoon session. Motion moved and seconded to adopt Resolution II; motion not carried. (See reports).

Mrs. John Grant gave a report from the Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. J. J. Scott preached the 11:00 o'clock message, using Revelations 2 & 3 as scripture: "Be Watchful and Strengthen the Things Which Remain That Are Ready to Die".

Dismissed for lunch.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Saturday afternoon session opened with song service led by Rev. S. E. Newberry. Prayer by Mr. Richard McNease and Rev. Bobby Register. Rev. George McDonald gave the devotional using Matthew 16: 13-18 for scripture.

Mr. Frank Newberry reported the Harvest Day Drive was a real success.

Motion moved, seconded and carried that the clerk write Mr. Billy Houston a letter of appreciation for the use of his truck and carrying the commodities to the Children's Home.

Motion moved, seconded and carried to remove Resolution I from the table. (See Resolutions report). Motion moved, seconded and carried to take each item under Resolution I separately.

Motion moved, seconded and carried to adopt Item 1. Motion



moved, seconded and carried to adopt Item 2 with this amendment inserted: "Be called to one or more churches". Motion moved, seconded and carried to adopt Item 3. Motion moved, seconded and not carried to adopt Item 4. Separate motions moved, seconded and carried to adopt Items 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Mrs. Jack Burke gave a report from the Mission Board. Report accepted. (See reports).

Moved, seconded and carried that the Promotional Board mail their report to the clerk since it was not ready. (See reports).

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the Superannuation Report as given. (See reports).

Report on the Youth Camp was given by the Director, Rev. W. S. Driggers. Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept this report. (See reports).

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the Ordaining Council report as given. (See reports)

Moved, seconded and carried to dispense with the following committees permanently and keep the Resolution Committee for any reports to be given: Obituary, Suggestions, Temperance, Sunday School and Sabbath Observance.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee. (See reports).

Moved, seconded and carried to appoint a Credentials Committee for next year to assist the clerk. Appointed were J. R. McNease, Howard Roberts and Rev. Donald Franks.

Motion moved, seconded and carried for the Moderator to appoint a Resolution Committee. Appointed were Mr. Frank Newberry, Mrs. Lucille Lane and Mrs. Edward Kimbrel.

Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept the Sunday School Committee report as given. (See reports).

Report from the Sabbath Observance Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report. (See reports).

Report from the Disbursement Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report. (See reports).

Report from the Program Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report. (See reports).

Report from the Nominating Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report and that the ones nominated for these offices be elected by acclamation.

Moved, seconded and carried that Edward Kimbrel and J. D. Barwick remain on the State Boards.

Moved to adjourn and Mr. Edgar Smith led the closing prayer.

*Louie Grimes, Moderator*

*Edward Kimbrel, Clerk*

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION —

- Bellview Church: Mr. J. D. Barwick, Mrs. Ozelma Brown, Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Duncan, Mrs. Nellie Brooks, Mrs. Myrtle Suggs.
- Colquitt Church: Mrs. Frank Mears, Mrs. Gary Phillips, Mrs. Ethel Sheffield.
- Corinth Church: Mrs. R. D. Howard, Mrs. Tom Lane, Mrs. Jack Burke, Mrs. C. A. Lane.
- Hebrew Church: Mrs. Nancy Jones, Mrs. Sandra Jones, Mr. Tom Alday.
- Highway Church: Mrs. Roy Barber, Mrs. Betty Sue Yates, Mr. Will Brogdon, Mr. Tomilon.
- Mother's Home Church: Mrs. Z. T. Calhoun, Mrs. J. R. McNease, Mrs. John Bailey.
- Mt. Gilead Church: Mr. C. M. Smith, Mr. Robert Boyd, Mr. I. V. Vickers.
- Mt. Glory Church: Mrs. Flora J. McDonald, Mr. Jimmy Taylor.
- New Home No. 1 Church: Mr. Harry Roberts, Mrs. Dixie Roberts, Mrs. W. E. Lane, Mr. Edd Sheffield, Mrs. Dezzie Middleton.
- New Home No. 2 Church: Mrs. Crafton Dean, Mrs. Donald Franks, Mrs. Mary Boutwell, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Sadler.
- New Salem Church: Mr. David Richardson, Mr. Fred Bell.
- Pilgrim's Home Church: Mr. & Mrs. H. E. McNeal.
- Proctor Chapel Church: Mr. Josh Holley, Rev. W. A. Sellers, Mr. Frank Cain, Mrs. Trudy Cain.
- Springfield Church: Mrs. Gatsey Sheffield, Mrs. C. B. Reese.
- Thompson Church: Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Grimes.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. S. Driggers . . . . .	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. Gordon Ellis . . . . .	Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. Kenneth Faison . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Drew Floyd . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Donald Franks . . . . .	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Gilbert . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. S. E. Newberry . . . . .	Cottonwood, Ala.
Rev. Harris Nix . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. B. H. Parrish . . . . .	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. James Roland . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott . . . . .	Climax, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott . . . . .	Climax, Ga.

Rev. F. W. Sellers . . . . .	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. W. A. Sellers . . . . .	Camilla, Ga.
Rev. Bobby Whitaker . . . . .	Norman Park, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Williams . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Irvin Williams . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. George C. McDonald . . . . .	Tallahassee, Fla.
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#### COMPILED FINANCIAL REPORT -

Amounts given for:

Pastors . . . . .	\$19,699.55	
Evangelistic work . . . . .	1,391.07	
Buildings and repairs . . . . .	2,880.46	
Literature . . . . .	1,771.65	
Miscellaneous, local causes . . . . .	2,712.98	
Total for local causes . . . . .		\$28,455.71
World wide ministry . . . . .	\$	
Cooperative Plan . . . . .	972.72	
State missions . . . . .	179.96	
Youth Camp . . . . .	560.15	
Christian Education . . . . .	130.25	
Children's Home . . . . .	428.57	
Superannuation . . . . .	162.00	
Home missions . . . . .	368.13	
Foreign missions . . . . .	1,011.94	
Bible College . . . . .	133.10	
Miscellaneous outside causes . . . . .	1,877.08	
Total for outside causes . . . . .		\$5,944.90
Total expenditures . . . . .		\$34,400.61

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE COMPILED REPORT -

Churches represented . . . . .	15
Delegates reported . . . . .	50
Active church members . . . . .	958
Inactive church members . . . . .	193
Total church membership . . . . .	1151
Members received by baptism . . . . .	38
Members received by letter . . . . .	32
Members, statement of faith . . . . .	6
Total members received, 1967 . . . . .	76
Members dismissed by letter . . . . .	31
Members excluded . . . . .	10
Members deceased . . . . .	16



Total members dismissed . . . . .	57
Members enrolled in Sunday School . . . . .	744
Total number of Sunday Schools . . . . .	13
Members enrolled in CTS . . . . .	234
Total number of CTS . . . . .	5
Prayer meetings . . . . .	11
Vacation Bible Schools . . . . .	4
Number Woman's Auxiliaries . . . . .	5
Members enrolled in Woman's Auxiliaries . . . . .	83
Number of Master's Men . . . . .	2
Members enrolled in Master's Men . . . . .	23

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1967-68

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Moderator . . . . .	Bro. Frank Newberry
Assistant Moderator . . . . .	Bro. Herbert Boyd
Clerk . . . . .	Bro. Edward Kimbrel
Assistant Clerk . . . . .	Bro. Clifton Powell

### For Investigating Committee:

Bro. Willie Lane, 3 years  
 Bro. John Bailey, 1 year  
 Bro. Fred Kelley, 2 years.

### For Ordaining Council:

Rev. James Roland, 3 years  
 Rev. Kenneth Faison, 1 year  
 Rev. W. S. Driggers, 2 years.

### For Mission Board:

Bro. Clifton Powell, 3 years  
 Bro. C. M. Smith, 3 years  
 Sis. Jack Burke, 2 years, Secretary & Treasurer.

### For Promotional Board:

Sis. Lucille Lane  
 Bro. Herbert Boyd  
 Sis. Vonnie Calhoun.

### For Superannuation Board:

Bro. Edgar Smith, 1 year  
 Sis. Laveme Mock, 3 years  
 Sis. Alma Jean Grimes, 2 years.

### Youth Camp Board:

Rev. J. J. Scott, 5 years  
 Bro. D. T. Pickren, 1 year  
 Bro. Grover Duncan, 2 years  
 Bro. J. D. Barwick, 3 years  
 Bro. Emory Richardson, 4 years.

**Youth Camp Board of Trustees:**

Bro. Herbert Boyd  
Bro. Richard McNease  
Bro. C. A. Powell  
Bro. Phillip Hines  
Bro. Willie Lane

Bro. W. R. Barber, Youth Camp Secretary & Treasurer.  
We recommend to the State Mission Board, Rev. Kenneth Faison  
and to the Youth Camp Board, Bro. John Grant.

We also recommend that the Association convene with New  
Home No. 1, Colquitt, Georgia, on Friday, October 18, 1968, and  
with Martin Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Colquitt, Georgia, on  
October 19, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Jack Burke,*

*Mrs. Richard McNease, Bro. Robert Boyd*

**1967 ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT -**

**Assets:**

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$ 50.00	
Received from Association . . . . .	577.38	
Received from Union Meeting . . . . .	15.00	
Received from Minister's Conference . . . . .	15.00	
Received from Sunday School Conv. . . . .	15.00	
Received from CTS Rally . . . . .	15.00	
Received from District Woman's Aux. . . . .	15.00	
Saturday Session offering . . . . .	60.68	
Total assets . . . . .		\$763.06

**Disbursements:**

Clerk . . . . .	\$ 35.00	
Moderator . . . . .	15.00	
Cups & plates . . . . .	10.80	
State & National Associations . . . . .	30.00	
State Cooperative Plan . . . . .	34.74	
Local Promotional Board . . . . .	34.74	
Local Mission Board . . . . .	34.74	
Local Superannuation Board . . . . .	127.36	
Association Minutes . . . . .	280.00	
Powell's account . . . . .	60.68	
Total disbursements . . . . .		\$663.06
Balance in treasury . . . . .		\$100.00

## PROMOTIONAL BOARD REPORT -

### Assets:

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$179.68
Union Meeting, 12/1/66 . . . . .	7.50
Union Meeting, 2/7/67 . . . . .	9.00
Martin Association, 2/13/67 . . . . .	20.15
Union Meeting, 5/19/67 . . . . .	8.25
Union Meeting, 8/14/67 . . . . .	6.75
Total assets . . . . .	\$231.33

### Disbursements:

Martin FWB Youth Camp, 9/25/67 . . . . .	\$200.00
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$200.00
Balance in treasury . . . . .	\$31.33

Respectfully submitted,

*Vonnie Calhoun*

*Herbert Boyd*

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT -

### Assets:

Union Meeting, Oct. 1966 . . . . .	\$ 17.50
Union Meeting, Jan. 1967 . . . . .	21.00
Union Meeting, Apr. 1967 . . . . .	19.25
Union Meeting, July 1967 . . . . .	15.75
Association funds . . . . .	36.20
Mission Board . . . . .	25.00
Churches . . . . .	112.45
Total assets . . . . .	\$247.15

### Disbursements:

Mr. Leron Clower (State Superannuation Board) . . . . .	\$33.10
Mrs. A. B. Ard . . . . .	42.81
Mrs. Tom Henry . . . . .	42.81
Rev. Willie Sellers . . . . .	42.81
Mrs. Dave Braswell . . . . .	42.81
Mrs. B. W. Clenney . . . . .	42.81
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$247.15
Balance in treasury . . . . .	.00

## MISSION BOARD REPORT -

### Assets:

Balance in treasury, Oct. 22, 1966 . . . . .	\$202.46
Association Funds . . . . .	20.15
Union Meeting, 19/29/66 . . . . .	7.50

Union Meeting, 1/28/67 . . . . .	9.00
Union Meeting, 4/29/67 . . . . .	8.25
Union Meeting, 7/29/67 . . . . .	6.75
Total assets . . . . .	\$254.11

Disbursements:

Youth Camp . . . . .	\$50.00
Superannuation Board . . . . .	25.00
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$75.00
Balance in treasury . . . . .	\$179.11

We recommend the Missionary Fund give the Youth Camp \$79.00.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rev. W. S. Driggers*

*Mrs. Jack Burke, Sec. & Treas.*

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, your Disbursement Committee, recommend the following:

Clerk . . . . .	\$35.00
Moderator . . . . .	15.00
State Association . . . . .	20.00
National Association . . . . .	10.00
Retain in treasury . . . . .	100.00

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

State Cooperative Plan . . . . .	15%
Local Superannuation . . . . .	55%
Local Promotional Board . . . . .	15%
Local Mission Board . . . . .	15%

Respectfully submitted,

*Bro. Edd Hill, Bro. Jimmy Taylor*

*Bro. David Richardson*

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

We, the Ordaining Council of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist, report as follows:

The Ordaining Committee requested a letter of recommendation from the Ordaining Council whereby Rev. Bobby Whitaker was ordained by the Union Association. We received a letter of recommendation in full fellowship in our Association.

We also met with Rev. Harris Nix from the Union Association. We received a letter in full fellowship from the Union Association.

We met with Rev. Donald Franks from the Union Association. He also was in full fellowship with the Union Association to the Martin Association.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rev. J. J. Scott, Chairman*

*Rev. W. S. Driggers, Rev. Ken Faison*



## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT --

We regret very much that 16 of our Association members were claimed by death during 1966 - 1967.

Mt. Gilead: Mr. A. R. Smith.

Bellview: Mrs. Lucille Cleveland Stewart.

New Home No. 2: Mr. Bernie Sadler.

Mt. Glory: Mrs. Betty B. Poitivent.

Hebrew: Mrs. Don Hatcher

Mr. Rufus R. Crooms.

Corinth: Mr. Fred Swanner

Mr. Alec Dawson

Mr. Gordon Howard

Mrs. J. W. Swanner.

New Salem: Mr. Charlie Cobb

Mr. Homer Gilbert

Mr. John T. Grubbs

Mrs. Rannie Floyd.

New Home No. 1: Mrs. Nora Roberts

Mr. Murphy Rathel.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT --

New Home No. 1 - Friday morning, 10:00 o'clock, October 18th:

Song and prayer service: Bro. Clint Ard.

Devotional: Bro. Richard McNease.

Welcome: Bro. Willie Lane.

Response: Mrs. Louie Grimes.

Special music: Mrs. Edward Kimbrel.

Message: Bro. Bobby Whitaker.

Lunch.

Friday afternoon, 1:00 o'clock:

Song service: Bro. Clint Ard.

Devotional: Bro. Harris Nix.

Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock:

Song service: Bro. W. S. Driggers.

Devotional: Bro. Bobby Roberts.

Testimony time: Bro. Herbert Boyd.

Special music: Sisters Janice and Pam Cox.

Message: Bro. Don Franks.

Youth Camp - Saturday morning, 9:30 o'clock, October 19th:

Song service: Bro. Herbert Boyd.

Devotional: Bro. Grover Duncan

Welcome: Bro. Clifton Powell.

Response: Bro. Lamar Brooks.

Message: Bro. Kenneth Faison.

Lunch.

Saturday afternoon:

Song service: Bro. Herbert Boyd.

Devotional: Mrs. Rachel Bailey

Adjourn.

*Sis. Dixie Roberts,*

*Sis. Zack Calhoun, Sis. Faye Faison*

### YOUTH CAMP REPORT -

We are happy to make this report to the Martin Association:

For our June Session, there were 73 students registered along with 20 instructors and workers. We had 9 confessions of Christ as their own personal savior and several rededications. Expenses being paid, we deposited in the bank \$281.50.

For our second session, there were 57 students registered with 30 instructors and workers. We had 6 confessions and several rededications. Total given the treasurer was \$135.26.

Our comments: The Lord was there in a mighty way. Everyone was cooperative and it was a divine blessing to be in these sessions. No accidents, no sickness, for the Lord said, "I will be with thee", and He was really there this year.

*Rev. W. S. Driggers, Director*

*Rev. S. E. Newberry*

### MARTIN YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT -

#### Assets:

Balance in treasury, Oct. 1966 . . .	\$669.54
Special offering at Camp . . .	86.57
Total assets . . .	\$756.11

#### Disbursements:

Paid on building . . .	\$500.00
Insurance . . .	40.96
Interest . . .	180.00
Total disbursements . . .	\$720.96
Balance in treasury . . .	\$35.15

Union Meeting . . . \$ 61.00

#### November 1966:

New Salem Sunday School . . .	10.81
New Home Sunday School . . .	7.38
Bellview Sunday School . . .	10.97
Hebrew (offering) . . .	18.19

December, 1966:

New Home No. 1 Sunday School . . . . .	6.54
New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	7.42
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	11.23
Bellview Church . . . . .	40.00
Mission Board . . . . .	50.00

January, 1967:

Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	11.95
New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	4.80
New Home No. 1 Sunday School . . . . .	8.54
Rev. S. E. Newberry . . . . .	10.00
Union Meeting . . . . .	61.80

February, 1967:

New Salem . . . . .	6.19
Thompson Sunday School . . . . .	15.00
New Home No. 1 Sunday School . . . . .	5.70
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	9.50
C. E. Davis . . . . .	5.00

March, 1967:

New Home No. 1 Sunday School . . . . .	6.05
Mr. John Richardson . . . . .	5.00
New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	5.86
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	10.95

April, 1967:

New Home No. 1 Sunday School . . . . .	5.25
New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	6.41
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	9.47
Union Meeting . . . . .	69.50

May, 1967:

New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	5.38
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	10.45
New Home Sunday School . . . . .	4.80

June, 1967:

New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	5.93
New Home No. 1 Sunday School . . . . .	8.06
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	11.99
1st Session, Youth Camp . . . . .	281.50

July, 1967:

New Home Church . . . . .	50.00
New Home Sunday School . . . . .	5.12
New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	8.11
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	12.13
Union Meeting . . . . .	40.00

August, 1967:

Mt. Glory Church . . . . .	22.90
New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	7.73
New Home Sunday School . . . . .	9.91
Mr. Jesse Reagan . . . . .	5.00
2nd Session, Youth Camp . . . . .	105.26
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	10.76

September, 1967:

New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	9.29
New Home Sunday School . . . . .	18.06
Rev. S. E. Newberry . . . . .	60.00
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	12.85
Promotional Board: . . . . .	200.00
Herbert Boyd . . . . .	60.00
Mt. Gilead Sunday School & Church . . . . .	100.00

October, 1967:

New Salem Sunday School . . . . .	9.82
New Home No. 1 Sunday School . . . . .	15.15
Bellview Sunday School . . . . .	11.38
Thompson Church . . . . .	40.00
Consession stand at Camp . . . . .	30.04

Disbursements:

Freezer . . . . .	\$110.40
Lights . . . . .	76.93
1st Session Camp supplies . . . . .	25.43
June, Supplies, F. E. Fudge . . . . .	9.27
May, 2 brooms, 1 mop . . . . .	3.95
paper towels, comet, tide . . . . .	1.35
Mr. J. W. Nix . . . . .	41.65
Nov., brooms, F. E. Fudge . . . . .	5.15
June, Rev. W. S. Driggers . . . . .	50.00
Rev. Newberry . . . . .	25.00
July, Camp supplies . . . . .	25.70
August, Rev. W. S. Driggers . . . . .	50.00
Rev. Newberry . . . . .	25.00
Brooks Hardware . . . . .	3.20

Received October 29, 1966 through October 17, 1967 . . . \$1676.60

Received from Bellview Sunday School, Oct. 20, 1967 . . . 11.38

Total received . . . . . \$1687.98

Total disbursed . . . . . 419.45

Balance in treasury . . . . . \$1268.53

Mr. Bill Barber, Treasurer



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT -

We, the Sunday School Committee, submit the following report:

We urge all of our churches of the Martin Association, since the Sunday School is the teaching department of our church and the Bible, that they organize to the extent that we will be able to teach the understanding of the acceptable way of the Lord.

*Thompson Church and Pastor*

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT -

We, the Sabbath Observance Committee, feel that it is the duty of every Christian to follow the commandment, "To remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy".

Also Paul said, "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".

David admonished us to praise God in the congregation of the saints and in His sanctuary.

That we also abstain from all secular business.

*Colquitt Church and Pastor*

## HARVEST DAY DRIVE REPORT -

Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama:

Money . . . . .	\$358.53
1 Angus bull . . . . .	150.00
1 Angus heifer . . . . .	150.00
Clothes . . . . .	200.00
Groceries . . . . .	200.00
Peanuts . . . . .	15.00
Pecans . . . . .	28.00
Expense of trip . . . . .	150.00
Corn . . . . .	210.00
Total . . . . .	\$1461.53

Churches participating:

Bellview . . . . .	New Salem
New Home No. 1 . . . . .	Mother's Home
New Home No. 2 . . . . .	Colquitt
Thompson . . . . .	Springfield
Corinth	

*Free Will Baptist Children's Home*

PHONE 924-4461

ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA

Free Will Baptist Children's Home  
Eldridge, Alabama  
"Harvest Time"  
October, 1967

Dear Friends:

It is with heart-felt thanks and gratitude that we send this letter to you. The Harvest Drive was a tremendous success and it was a real blessing and a sight to behold as truck after truck came in loaded down with commodities of all kinds. There was ear corn, shelled corn, hay, canned goods, potatoes, pumpkin, cane, peanuts, pecans, new clothing, use clothing, ten head of cattle, groceries of all kinds and cash. It certainly was "Harvest Day" here at the Children's Home!

This letter comes as an expression of our thanks and appreciation to you for the part you played in making this "Drive" such a success. Thank you for your gifts and contributions and it is our prayer that God will richly reward you for your concern for this work.

We enjoyed the Christian fellowship with Brother and Mrs. Gay, who worked so hard in planning this drive and leading it to such success. Also the fellowship with the truck drivers and fellows who came with them was a real warm experience and certainly a time to be remembered. There was a total of twenty-nine guests here on Friday night and we enjoyed every one of them. We thank God for the many friends of the Home and it was a pleasure to have this many spend the night with us.

At the time of the writing of this letter we do not have the exact total of all the commodities, but we have made a quick estimate and it is in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00. There were 12 trucks and one car-load that came in. The total of the cash received was \$2,825.91 making an approximate grand total of \$12,825.91. The complete total will be in our October report.

The children and staff of the Home can sincerely say with the psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad". Psalm 126: 3.

Yours in Christ,  
*Carlton Lambert*, Superintendent

#### MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE PROGRAMS -

1st Session, Thompson Church:

Devotional: Bro. Edgar Smith

Welcome: Bro. Phillip Hines

Response: Bro. Lamar Brooks

Message: Rev. Chester Gilbert.

2nd Session, Highway Church:

Devotional: Bro. Will Brogdon

Welcome: Bro. G. E. Ellis

Response: Bro. John Bailey

Message: Rev. Harris Nix.

3rd Session, New Home No. 1:

Devotional: Bro. Leonard Varnum

Welcome: Bro. Howard Roberts

Response: Bro. Herbert Boyd

Message: Rev. Irvin Williams.

4th Session, Colquitt Church:

Devotional: Bro. Glen Tully

Welcome: Bro. Lavon Lovering

Response: Bro. Charles Brown

Message: Rev. Bobby Whitaker.

UNION MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT -

Union Meetings:

Hebrew, Oct. 29, 1966 . . .	\$70.00
New Salem, Jan. 28, 1967 . . .	70.00
Mt. Gilead, Apr. 29, 1967 . . .	65.00
Bellview, July 29, 1967 . . .	70.00
Total . . .	\$275.00

Martin Youth Camp:

Hebrew, Oct. 29, 1966 . . .	\$61.00
New Salem, Jan. 28, 1967 . . .	61.80
Mt. Gilead, Apr. 29, 1967 . . .	69.50
Bellview, July 29, 1967 . . .	41.00
Total . . .	\$233.30

Special offerings:

Martin Youth Camp, Oct. 29, 1966 .	\$18.19
Rev. Larry Powell, Oct. 29, 1966 .	18.20
Camp Mount Bethel, Jan. 28, 1967 .	17.65
State Promotions, Apr. 29, 1967 .	40.35
State Promotions, July 29, 1967 .	24.17
Total . . .	\$118.56

Disbursements, Oct. 29, 1966:

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotions .	\$17.50
Superannuation, Sis. Louie Grimes .	17.50
Education, Sis. Abbie Calhoun . . .	7.50
Missions, Sis. Jack Burke . . .	7.50

Moderator & Clerk fees . . . . .	10.00
Printing of minutes . . . . .	10.00
Total . . . . .	\$70.00

Disbursements, Jan. 28, 1967:

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotions .	\$21.00
Superannuation, Sis. Louie Grimes .	21.00
Education, Sis. Abbie Calhoun . . .	9.00
Missions Sis. Jack Burke . . . . .	9.00
Moderator & Clerk fees . . . . .	10.00
Total . . . . .	\$70.00

Disbursements, April 29, 1967:

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotions .	\$19.25
Superannuation, Sis. Louie Grimes .	19.25
Education, Sis. Abbie Calhoun . . .	8.25
Missions, Sis. Jack Burke . . . . .	8.25
Moderator & Clerk fees . . . . .	10.00
Total . . . . .	\$65.00

Disbursements, July 29, 1967:

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotions .	\$15.75
Superannuation, Sis. Louie Grimes .	15.75
Education, Sis. Abbie Calhoun . . .	6.75
Missions, Sis. Jack Burke . . . . .	6.75
Moderator & Clerk fees . . . . .	10.00
Printing of minutes . . . . .	15.00
Total . . . . .	\$70.00

The Moderator appointed the following Nominating Committee:  
Bro. Clifton Powell, Bro. J. D. Barwick and Rev. Gordon Ellis.

The Moderator appointed the following Program Committee:  
Rev. S. E. Newberry, Rev. Chester Gilbert and Bro. Richard McNease.

UNION MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, the Nominating Committee, nominate the following: Moderator,  
Bro. Johnny Grant; Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Roland;  
Clerk, Bro. Jessie Regan; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Herbert Boyd.

We recommend the Union Meetings convene with the following  
churches:

1st Session, December 30, 1967 . . .	Thompson
2nd Session, March 30, 1968 . . . . .	Highway
3rd Session, June 29, 1968 . . . . .	New Home No. 1
4th Session, September 28, 1968 . . .	Youth Camp
5th Session, December 28, 1968 . . .	Colquitt



## UNION MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT -

Thompson, December 30, 1967:

Devotional: Sis. J. R. McNease

Welcome Address: Bro. Phillip Hines

Response: Sis. J. W. Nix

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message: Rev. Gordon Ellis  
Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional: Sis. Ethel Newberry

Business

Adjourn.

Highway, March 30, 1968:

Devotional: Sis. Alma Houston

Welcome Address: Bro. Rufus Dukes

Response: Bro. John Bailey

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message: Bro. James Roland  
Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional: Sis. Jack Burke

Business:

Adjourn.

New Home No. 1, June 29, 1968:

Devotional: Bro. Josh Holly

Welcome Address: Bro. Edd Roberts

Response: Bro. Orell Cumbie

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message: Bro. B. H. Parish  
Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional: Sis. B. E. Middleton

Business:

Adjourn.

Martin Youth Camp, September 28, 1968:

Devotional: Bro. Bill Barber

Welcome Address: Bro. Grover Duncan

Response: Bro. Louie Grimes

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message: Rev. Chester Gilbert  
Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional: Rev. L. D. Scott

Business:

Adjourn.

Colquitt, December 28, 1968:

Devotional: Sis. Ada Lee Phillips

Welcome Address: Bro. Abbie Calhoun

Response: Bro. Edd Hill

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message: Rev. Grady Etheridge

Lunch:

Afternoon Devotional: Bro. G. C. McDonald

Business

Adjourn.

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

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT -

The First Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Mt. Gilead Church, January 29, 1967. The service opened with Bro. W. S. Driggers leading the singing. Devotional was given by Randy Boyd, reading from the 11th chapter of Hebrew. Pam Barber gave the Welcome and Glenda Tully the response.

Roll call of churches with 8 represented as follows: Bellview, Thompson, New Salem, New Home No. 1, Mothers Home, Hebrew, Colquitt and Mt. Gilead.

The four churches having programs were Bellview, Mothers Home, Mt. Gilead and New Home No. 1.

Bro. Herbert Boyd, Bro. John Bailey and Bro. S. E. Newberry were appointed on the Digest Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried to begin each Convention at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

Moved, seconded and carried to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws to govern the Convention. The committee appointed for this was Bro. Ken Faison, Bro. W. S. Driggers and Bro. Willie Lane.

There were 5 ministers, 4 superintendents & 17 teachers present.

Delegates appointed for the State Sunday School Convention were Mrs. Tyrone Williams, Mrs. Alma Jean Grimes, Mr. Phillip Hines, Brenda Brooks and Ann Tully.

Moved, seconded and carried to take the State Convention dues out of the district treasury.

The Digest Committee reported the following: Enrollment, 494; Average Attendance, 367; Paid for Literature, \$412.88; Total Offering, \$1,394.45; Average Offering, \$32.00; Youth Camp and Children's Home, \$188.04.

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt this report.

Moved, seconded and carried to give Mt. Gilead a rising vote

of thanks for their hospitality.

Theme for the day was, "Have Faith In God".

Dismissed by Rev. Bobby Register.

The Second Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with the Martin Youth Camp, July 30, 1967. Theme: "Talents".

Song service led by Randy Clenney. Prayer by Rev. Bobby Register. Devotional by Lindy Ridlehoover. Welcome by Regenia Hill. Response by Bobby Roberts.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt treasurer's report.

Committees appointed:

Digest Committee: Herbert Boyd, Edd Hill, J. R. McNease.

Nominating Committee: Kenneth Faison, S. E. Newberry, Laverne Mock.

Program Committee: Bobby Roberts, Ann Richardson, Doris Grant.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee, composed of Ken Faison, W. S. Driggers and W. E. Lane, reported. Moved, seconded and carried to adopt this report.

Moved, seconded and carried that this Constitution and By-Laws be printed in the associational minutes.

Moved, seconded and carried to authorize the Program Committee to appoint 2 churches to present a program at each Session of the Convention.

Six churches were represented by letter and five other churches were present. Bellview, Hebrew, Mothers Home and New Home No. 1 presented programs to the Convention.

There were 5 ministers, 5 superintendents and 12 teachers present. Programs were presented.

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Digest Committee report. (See reports).

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Program Committee report. (See reports).

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Nominating Committee report. (See reports).

Moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of each Convention be printed in the associational minutes.

Balance in treasury of \$59.11.

Rev. Ellis dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lamar Brooks, President

Mrs. J. R. McNease, Sect. & Treas.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS -  
DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT -**

Number on roll . . . . .	435
Average attendance . . . . .	304
Number departments . . . . .	4
Teachers present . . . . .	6
Officers present . . . . .	3
Total offerings . . . . .	\$1059.55
Literature . . . . .	370.69
Youth Camp . . . . .	174.45
Miscellaneous . . . . .	469.27
Convention fees . . . . .	24.00
Churches represented by letter .	6

Respectfully submitted,  
*Herbert Boyd,*  
*Edd Hill, J. R. McNease*

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT -**

**First Session, New Home No. 1:**

Theme: "A Christian and Sunday School".

Devotional: Rita Cooper, Salem Church

Welcome: Ellis Middleton, Host Church

Response: Highway Church

Business:

Special Singing: Bellview and Mothers Home Churches

Programs: Hebrew and Corinth Churches

**Second Session, Hebrew:**

Theme: "Teaching In the Sunday School".

Devotional: Brenda Brooks, Bellview

Welcome: Edd Hill, Host Church

Response: Louie Grimes, Thompson Church

Business:

Special Singing: Mt. Gilead and New Home No. 2 Churches

Programs: Colquitt and Proctor Chapel Churches

Respectfully submitted,

*Bobby Roberts,*  
*Anne Richardson, Doris Grant*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT -**

President: Randy Clenney

Vice-President: Kenneth Driggers

Secretary: Glenda Tully

Treasurer: Ellis Middleton

Director of Publicity: Pam Barber



Director of Organization: Louie Grimes

We offer this resolution: That the President appoint the Nominating Committee at least one month in advance for the election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rev. Kenneth Faison*

*Rev. S. E. Newberry, Mrs. Laverne Mock*

## C T S RALLY REPORT —

The First Session of the Martin District C T S Rally met at Mt. Gilead, April 30, 1967. After a song, Mr. Edward Kimbrel led in prayer.

Devotional by Janice Cox. Prayer by Mr. Howard Roberts. Welcome by Pam Barber. Response by Mr. Richard McNease. A talk, "Is Jesus Really In the Boat With Us?", was given by Mr. Louie Grimes.

Churches represented were Bellview, Mothers Home, Mt. Gilead, and New Home No. 1. There were 4 ministers, 3 C T S presidents and 7 C T S sponsors present.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Youth Rally for this year be held the 4th Saturday night in May.

Moved, seconded and carried for the Youth Rally to be permanently held the 3rd Saturday night in May. Shirley Kimbrel read the program for the Rally.

Moved, seconded and carried to appoint a committee to read and study the Constitution of the C T S and to revise same with adoptions and By-Laws. Appointed to this committee were Edward Kimbrel, Herbert Boyd and Bobby Roberts.

Minutes of the last Rally were read and adopted.

Delegates to State C T S Rally were Brenda Brooks, John Grant, Phil Clenney, Melody Duncan, Rhonda Duncan, Gail Driggers, James Roland and Martha Williams.

Churches presenting programs were Bellview, Mothers Home, New Home No. 1 and Mt. Gilead.

The new officers are: President, Bro. Herbert Boyd; Vice-President, Bro. Bobby Roberts; Recording Secretary, Rhonda Duncan; Corresponding Secretary, Pam Barber; Song Leader, Bro. Clint Ard; Pianist, Janice Cox; Tic-Tac-Toe, Shirley Kimbrel; Declamation, Doris Grant; Bible Bowl, Martha Williams; Sword Drill, Sue Roberts; Field Workers, John Grant, Grover Duncan and Richard McNease; Program Committee, Carolyn Hornsby, Sue Roberts and Shirley Kimbrel.

Collection was taken for printing minutes, \$11.28. Dues received from Salem, Bellview, Mt. Gilead, Mothers Home and New Home No. 1.

A skit was given by the Field Workers.

Moved, seconded and carried to give Mt. Gilead a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. S. E. Newberry dismissed with prayer.

#### CTS FINANCIAL REPORT -

##### Assets:

Bank balance, 2/24/67 . . . . .	\$46.90
CTS dues . . . . .	20.00
Collection . . . . .	11.28
Total assets . . . . .	\$78.18

##### Disbursements:

Trophy at Youth Rally . . . . .	\$ 7.50
State CTS Rally dues . . . . .	15.00
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$22.50
Balance, 10/29/67 . . . . .	\$55.60

*Willine Musgrove, Sec. & Treasurer*

The Second Session of the Martin District CTS Rally met at New Salem, Oct. 29, 1967. The meeting opened with a song, "He Hideth My Soul". Prayer by Kenneth Driggers. Devotional by Talmadge Cooper using Psalm 103 for scripture. The welcome was given by Talmadge Worsley. Response by Bobby Roberts. A short talk was given by Rev. Kenneth Faison from Timothy 2. Prayer by Rev. W. S. Driggers.

There were 4 ministers, 9 deacons, 3 Sunday School superintendents and 3 CTS directors present.

Mr. Herbert Boyd gave the Field Worker's Report.

Minutes were read and approved.

Churches represented were Bellview, Mothers Home, New Home No. 1, Mt. Gilead and New Salem.

Motion moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary remind program participants of their parts in advance.

Churches presenting programs were Bellview, Mothers Home, Mt. Gilead and New Home No. 1. There being no other business, New Salem was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. James Roland dismissed with prayer.

#### CTS FINANCIAL REPORT -

##### Assets:

Bank balance . . . . .	\$55.68
CTS dues . . . . .	16.00
Total assets . . . . .	\$71.68

**Disbursements:**

Printed report blanks . . . \$ 1.00  
Total disbursements . \$ 1.00  
Balance, 10/9/67 . \$70.68

**CTS RALLY PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT -**

First Session: Thompson

Devotional: Ronnie McNease

Welcome: Charles Grimes

Response: Janice Cox

Talk: Rudy Clenney - "What the CTS Has Meant To  
Our Church".

Second Session: Hebrew

Devotional: Pam Barber

Welcome: Regenia Hill

Response: Rock Duncan

Talk: Kenneth Driggers - "Stand Up and Be Counted".

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Hornsby,*

*Sue Roberts, Shirley Kimbrel*

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Martin Youth Camp on October 7, 1967. Theme for the day was from Psalm 119: 73 - "Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: Give me understanding that I may learn Thy Commandments".

Rev. Kenneth Faison led the congregation in singing hymns with Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel as pianist.

Mrs. Eloise Cooper brought a very challenging devotional using scripture from John 4. She pointed out that our churches fail many times because we have a lack of love for lost souls.

Motion was carried that this body enter into business.

Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings were read and approved.

The President recognized state officer, Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel, Corresponding Secretary. Other visitors were recognized.

District officers who were recognized and gave reports were Mrs. John Grant, President; Mrs. G. C. Duncan, Vice-President; Mrs. Laverne Mock, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. Lamar Brooks, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Faye Faison, Mission Chairman; Mrs. W. E. Lane, Field Worker; Mrs. Eva Clenney, Historian; Mrs. Uva Mason, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sue Roberts, Personal Service Evangelism Chairman; Mrs. Harris Nix, Treasurer.



Mrs. Louie Grimes and Mrs. Clifton Powell from Thompson Church were welcomed to our Convention. Rev. Harris Nix, Rev. Kenneth Faison and Bro. W. E. Lane were also recognized.

Reports of the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention were given by Mrs. W. E. Lane.

Highlights of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, which met in Jacksonville, Florida last summer, were given by Mrs. Mary Brown.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials: Mrs. Uva Mason, Mrs. Eloise Cooper,  
Mrs. Dixie Roberts.

Registration: Mrs. Genesta Duncan, Mrs. Sarah Newberry.

Finance: Mrs. Gwendolyn Brooks, Mrs. Sarah Newberry,  
Mrs. Mary Brown.

Resolutions: Mrs. Corene Brown, Mrs. Sue Roberts,  
Mrs. Faye Faison.

A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Nelda Williams, District Treasurer. Moved, seconded and carried to accept her resignation. The Convention had two District officers wishing to exchange offices. Moved, seconded and carried to let Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel, District Study Course Chairman, exchange office with Mrs. Eva Clenney, Historian.

Special music was given by New Home Church — Mary, Janice and Pam Cox sang, "Jesus Use Me".

Rev. Harris Nix, pastor of New Salem Church, brought an inspiring message using the theme, "Jesus Use Me".

Announcements were made and the Convention adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention reconvened with congregational singing led by Rev. Kenneth Faison. Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel sang, "So Send I You".

Mrs. Faye Faison gave the devotional using Luke 14: 2-30, Proverbs 13: 15 and Isaiah 6: 8. Mrs. Faison compared a Christian woman's work to a house; she stressed that both have to be attractive, functional and enduring.

Mrs. Uva Mason, Credentials Committee Chairman, reported. (See reports).

A Compiled Recording Secretary's Report was read. Motion was carried to accept this report.

Reports of various committees were read and adopted. (See reports).

Delegates to the State Convention were appointed as follows: Mrs. Gertrude Lane, Mrs. Faye Faison, Mrs. Eva Clenney, Mrs. Corene Brown and Mrs. Mary Brown. Alternates: Mrs. Genesta



Duncan, Mrs. Gwen Brooks and Mrs. Laverne Mock.

After announcements, Rev. Faison led the closing prayer of re-dedication for a better Convention year in 1968.

*Mrs. Doris Grant, President*

*Mrs. Laverne Mock, Rec. Sect.*

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT —

We, your Credentials Committee, have examined the reports and found the following auxiliaries eligible to seat in the Convention: Bellview, New Home and New Salem. We are especially happy to welcome New Salem back into our Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Uva Mason, Chairman*

*Mrs. Eloise Cooper, Mrs. Dixie Roberts*

#### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT —

Total District officers . . . . .	11
Total State officers . . . . .	1
Total delegates . . . . .	6
Total ministers . . . . .	2
Total visitors . . . . .	11
Grand total . . . . .	31

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Genesta Duncan,*

*Mrs. Sarah Newberry*

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT —

##### Assets:

On hand, 10/7/67 . . . . .	\$10.05
Representation fees today . . . . .	68.75
Offering today . . . . .	16.71
Total assets . . . . .	.\$95.51

##### Disbursements:

State Convention Representation fees (55 members @ \$1.00 each) . . . . .	\$55.00
State newsletter . . . . .	10.00
State Convention speaker . . . . .	5.00
District minutes . . . . .	15.00
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$85.00
Balance in treasury . . . . .	\$10.51

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Gwendolyn Brooks*

*Mrs. Sarah Newberry, Mrs. Mary Brown*

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, your Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

1. That our District Convention meet with the local churches by invitation with our Nominating Committee deciding the host church.
2. We recommend that our District support the State and National resolutions.
3. We recommend that our District adopt as the year's project, support to the Larry Powell account.
4. We recommend that the meeting date be changed from the 1st Saturday in October to the 2nd Tuesday in October.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Corene Brown,*

*Mrs. Sue Roberts, Mrs. Faye Faison*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, your Nominating Committee, would like to nominate Mrs. Harris Nix to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Nelda Williams, Treasurer.

## COMPILED STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT -

### 1. Stewardship Possessions:

Auxiliaries contributing to missions . . . . .	42
Tithers on roll, beginning of Convention year . . . . .	9
New tithers this year . . . . .	6
Present number tithers . . . . .	15

### 2. Financial Report:

Active members on roll . . . . .	51
Per capita membership fees sent forward . . . . .	\$51.00
Amount to Co-Laborer Fund . . . . .	24.00
Amount to WNAC General Fund . . . . .	14.00
Amount to Student Loan Fund . . . . .	24.00
Pre-Easter offering, Foreign Missions . . . . .	22.05
Pre-Thanksgiving offering, National Home Missions . . . . .	34.32
Pre-Christmas offering, State Home Missions . . . . .	22.31
Cash gifts, Children's Home . . . . .	15.00
Auxiliary literature . . . . .	86.25
Local church activities . . . . .	249.42
Westfield India Pastor . . . . .	24.00
State Project . . . . .	234.80
Larry Powell . . . . .	75.00

Provisions Closet . . . . .	23.58
Total . . . . .	\$875.73

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Harris B. Nix, Sr.

**RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT –**

Annual report. Compiled: 3 auxiliaries.

**I. Enlistment Department:**

Enlistment start of Convention year . . . . .	55
Present enrollment . . . . .	54
New members . . . . .	4
Members lost . . . . .	5
Average attendance . . . . .	32
Members making contacts to enlist new members .	17
To bring back absentees . . . . .	19

**II. Study Course Department:**

Study Course	No. conducted	Attendance
Missions	2	30
Manual	1	20
Prayer	2	27
Evangelism	1	8
Christian Living	2	23
Daily Bible readers . . . . .	17	
Promoting church libraries . . . . .	10	

**III. Program Prayer Department:**

Special programs held . . . . .	4
Seasons of prayer observed . . . . .	9

**IV. Personal Service – Evangelism Department:**

Engaged in personal service . . . . .	40
Making soul-winning efforts . . . . .	38
Souls won . . . . .	4

**V. Publicity Department:**

Articles written – 11	Letters or cards – 78
Church bulletins – 1	Posters – 6
	Other – 22
Subscribers to Contact – 31	
Co-Laborer – 54	State papers – 31

**VI. Missions:**

Participating in special mission emphasis –	36
Reading Heartbeat – 32: Missions grams –	32
Contributing to Missionary Provision Closet –	33

**VII. Personal Gifts: (Channels other than Auxiliary)**

Missions . . . . .	\$174.00
Bible College . . . . .	43.00

Children's Home	70.00
Superannuation	34.00
Other	15.00
Total	\$336.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Laverne Mock, Recording Secretary

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

### PREAMBLE

In order to encourage and inspire our Sunday Schools of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist, in a more definite plan of work and to co-ordinate our efforts for a more successful program of teaching God's Word, we set forth the following *Constitution and By-Laws*:

### ARTICLE I

NAME: This Convention shall be known as the *Sunday School Convention of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist*.

### ARTICLE II

OBJECT: The object of the Convention shall be to promote Sunday School work in general among our churches and to sponsor Sunday School institutes in various localities to be determined by the Convention when in session for the purpose of training such Christian workers and leaders as superintendents, teachers, secretaries, class officers, etc. This Convention shall cooperate with the Sunday School program sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP:

*Section 1:* The membership of this Convention shall be the Sunday Schools of the churches that are members in good standing with the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist. A mission Sunday School shall hold membership as long as it has the endorsement of a church which represents in said Convention.

*Section 2:* The representation fee for each session shall be the minimum of \$1.00 per delegate. The said fee shall be used to defray the expenses of the Convention, promote Sunday School Workers Institutes and to contribute to our denominational enterprises. The fee is to accompany a letter containing the condition of the Sunday School, average attendance, number of classes, number of departments, number on roll, number of teachers and officers and



any other information that the Convention deems pertinent to the growth and efficiency of the local Sunday School.

*Section 3:* Each Sunday School with 100 members or less shall be entitled to 5 delegates, and one delegate for every 25 additional members or fraction thereof of the Sunday School. All delegates are to be elected from the laity.

*Section 4:* All pastors of the churches of the local Association and superintendents shall be considered members at large with voting power and are not to be sent as delegates.

## ARTICLE IV

### OFFICERS:

The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Publicity and Director of Organization.

**TENURE:** All officers shall be elected at the close of the last session of the Convention each year.

## ARTICLE V

### AMENDMENTS:

This *Constitution* may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

## BY-LAWS

### DUTIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS:

*Section 1. President:* The President shall preside over all meetings of the Convention, appoint temporary committees and perform the other duties usually devolving upon said officer.

*Section 2. Vice-President:* The Vice-President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President and assist the President in the general supervision of the Convention.

*Section 3. Secretary:* The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention and if the Treasurer is absent shall record all finances that come as funds into the Convention.

*Section 4. Treasurer:* The Treasurer shall make a record of all finances that come as funds into the Convention — offerings, gifts, etc. He shall be authorized to pay the current expenses of the Convention. He shall make an itemized report of all transactions to the Convention when in session. All records shall be the property of the Convention and are subject to being audited at each session. He shall give such surety as this Convention deems wise. The Convention shall bear the cost of the same.

*Section 5. Director of Organization:* The Director of Organization shall organize or assist in the organization of new Sunday Schools, the reorganization of existing Sunday Schools that have

lapsed into a state of inefficiency. This service being rendered at the request of the local Sunday School. He shall serve as chairman of the Convention Program Committee because of his knowledge of the needs of the local Sunday Schools of the local association. The Convention shall pay him a reasonable amount per mile for services rendered.

*Section 6. Director of Publicity:* The Director of Publicity shall see to it that each Sunday School receives the printed program as prepared by the Program Committee. He shall prepare and submit a written report to all meetings of the Convention to all denominational publications and the local papers where space is given free-gratis for such items.

*Section 7. Amendments:* These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT -- ORDAINING COUNCIL BY-LAWS

### *Resolution 1:*

1. The Ordaining Council of the Martin Association shall receive each request for the purpose of ordaining ministers and deacons and shall be impartial and unbiased.
2. Licensed ministers must have a waiting period of one year before being ordained. Licensed ministers coming from sister associations must bring a letter of recommendation from their associations, be called to one or more churches, and have a waiting period of one year before being ordained by the Ordaining Council of the Martin Association.
3. Each candidate must be questioned by the Council as to his beliefs of the fundamentals of doctrine of Free Will Baptist, including doctrine, faith and practices.
4. Any candidate disagreeing with the doctrines and practices as set forth in the treatise of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptist be denied membership in the Martin Association.
5. Any ordained minister coming from sister associations must bring a letter of recommendation from his association, as well as satisfy the Ordaining Council in reference to item 3 above, before being received into the fellowship of the Martin Association.
6. Ministers leaving our Association to serve in the bounds of sister associations be given a letter of recommendation, providing they are in good standing with our Association.

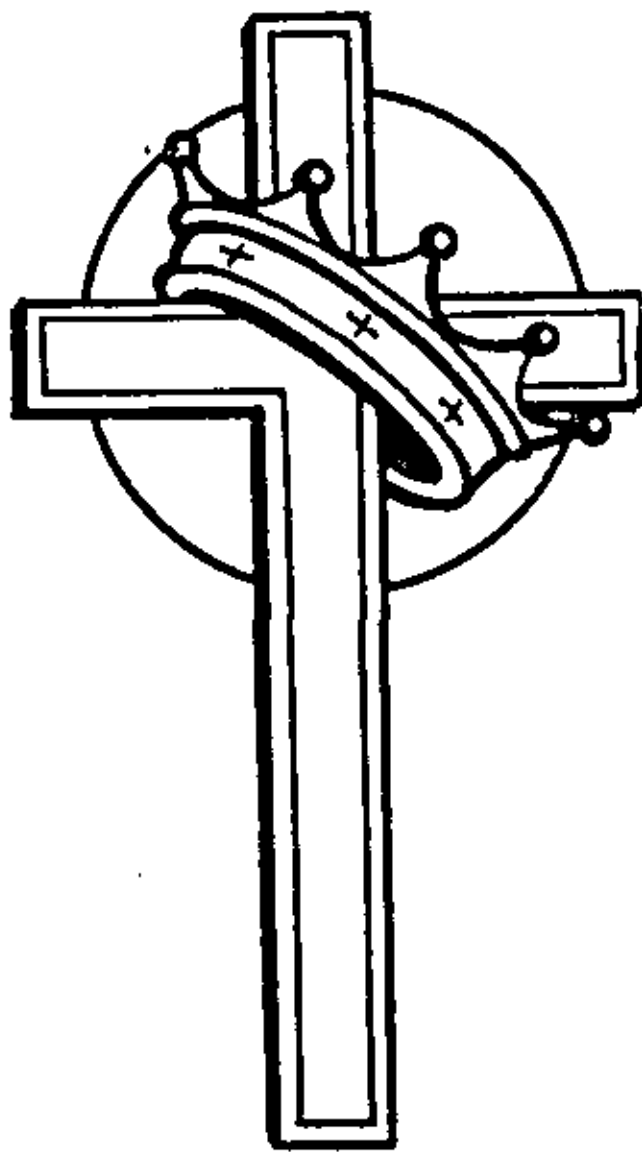
7. Churches making application to the Ordaining Council for members to be ordained to preach, do so at least 3 months in advance, in order to give the Ordaining Council time to question the candidate in doctrine and character.

8. These by-laws, in order to be amended, must be done by a two-thirds majority vote of the Martin Association only.

*Resolution II:*

Be it resolved that we have our associational meeting in a one day session, beginning next year (1968). Also that our Association programs are planned around a theme that will be appropriate for the day.

*Bellview Church and Pastor*



# 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 Association and keep them informed concerning the needs of the camp.

*Section II.* Members of the *Camp Board* must be from the laity 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,  
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## CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of the C T S CONVENTION

### PREAMBLE:

We, the C T S 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 C T S 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 C T S throughout the District, to assist the churches, pastors and co-operate with the State and National C T S 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 C T S together with the general directors and officers of the District C T S 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 C T S (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 four dollars (\$4.00) 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 C T S prior to Conventions; shall also be responsible for printing annual report slips and sending one to each C T S prior to second session C T S 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 C T S 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.

## **ARTICLE IV**

All ordained ministers and deacons shall be standing delegates to the Convention.





## 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 subsversive 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.

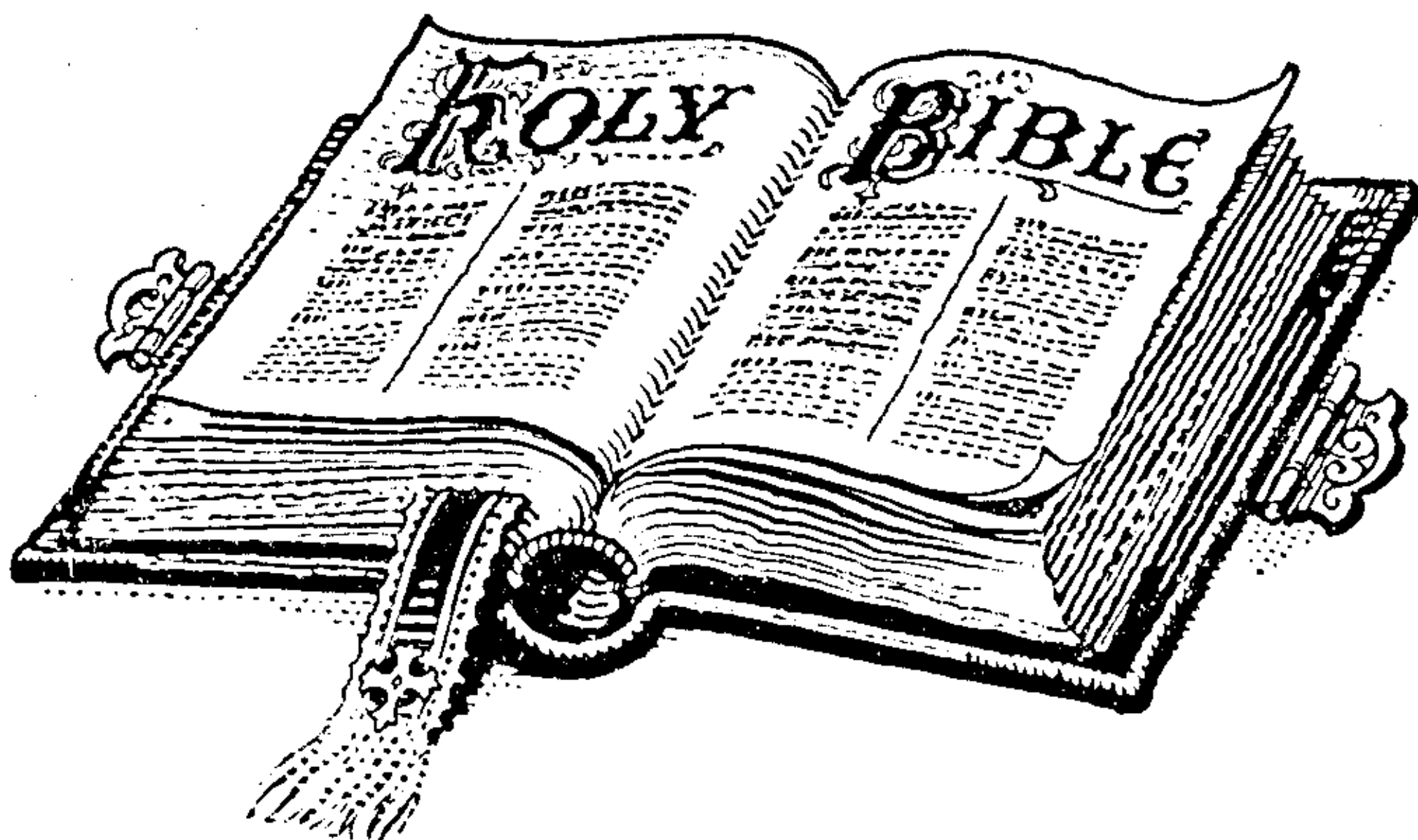
14. The moderator shall, at each session, invite corresponding delegates from other bodies of our own order, and also ministers from other denominations to seats, when thus seated shall be entitled to the friendship of honorary members.

### 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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CHURCHES	ACTIVE MEMBERS	INACTIVE MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	STATEMENT OF FAITH	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	CTS ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	MASTER'S MEN	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING ATTENDANCE	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF DEACONS	REVIVALS HELD	TOTAL OFFERINGS	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	COOPERATIVE PLAN	BUILDING & REPAIRS	LITERATURE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	VALUE OF CHURCH	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	MEETING DAYS
BELLVIEW	131	57	188	1	2	0	5	0	1	122	95	56	44	20	12	17	12	30	1	11	2	7,457.89	3,999.22	200.00	570.07	98.67	644.07	7,472.41	\$12,999.99		FULL
COLQUITT	40	22	62	1	4	0	0	0	0	53	30			15	10			8	1	3	1	3,633.07	2,185.48	60.00			158.58	3,065.63	8,000.00		FULL
CORINTH	41	37	78	4	0	0	4	0	4	45	22							8		2	1	3,595.39	887.75	100.00		1,944.00	39.91	3,521.10	8,000.00		2 - 4
HEBREW			65	9	0	0	1	0	2	50	36			10						3	1	859.95	441.95	70.00		229.00	44.15	841.00	6,229.00		2 - 4
HIGHWAY	30	13	43	2	4	0	2	0	0	40	20							10		2		516.69	359.38	5.00		83.44	32.55	643.66			2 - 4
MOTHERS HOME	88	22	110	0	1	0	0	8	0	78	56	55	28					8	1	7	2	2,375.30	636.42	123.17	148.07	100.00	262.52	2,150.71	3,000.00		1 - 3
MT. GLORY	29		29	0	2	0	2	0	1	29	18							✓		3		1,444.60	827.04	107.90	135.84		16.94	1,304.67	5,000.00		FULL
MT. GILEAD			53	1	3	0	0	0	1	59	42	35	33					20	1	4	2	1,962.41	1,005.00	100.00		57.70	122.23	1,908.58	5,000.00		3 - 4
NEW HOME NO. 1	98	38	131	18	2	2	0	0	2	60	40	50	30	20	10			25		7	2	5,397.30	2,791.22	150.00	12.00	22.85	196.79	4,892.96	8,000.00		FULL
NEW HOME NO. 2	60	7	67	0	3	4	1	0	1	59	30							✓		3	1	429.27	319.27	10.00				339.27			2 - 4
NEW SALEM			178	1	6	0	13	0	4	78	55	38	20	18	12			20		6	2	4,349.03	2,690.00	150.00	106.74	99.33	205.30	3,412.37	6,000.00	10,000.00	FULL
PILGRIM HOME	20	2	22	1	0	0	1		0												1		1,399.00			236.00		1,682.50	15,000.00		1 - 4
PROCTOR CHAPEL			71		5			2		36	25					6	6	24		5	2	1,243.72	989.32	140.00			48.65	1,242.97	10,000.00		FULL
SPRINGFIELD			8	0	0	0	2	0	0														280.00	15.00		9.47		404.53	2,500.00		
THOMPSON			46							35	25									7		1,629.26	987.50	160.00				1,813.50	6,000.00		1 - 3

