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# **MINUTES**

of the

## **EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

of the

## **Martin Free Will Baptist Association**

*Which Convened With*  
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*on October 18, 1968*  
*and*  
**MARTIN YOUTH CAMP**  
*on October 19, 1968*

### **OFFICERS**

Bro. Frank Newberry, Moderator . Colquitt, Ga.  
Bro. C. A. Powell, Clerk . . . Colquitt, Ga.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Frank Newberry, Chairman . Colquitt, Ga.  
Bro. C. A. Powell . . . Colquitt, Ga.  
Rev. W. S. Driggers . . . Bainbridge, Ga.  
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## INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

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

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. S. Driggers (1 year)	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. Gordon Ellis (2 years)	Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. C. A. Gilbert (3 years)	Colquitt, Ga.

## STANDING BOARDS

### MISSION BOARD

Bro. C. M. Smith (2 years)	Brinson, Ga.
Bro. Clifton Powell (2 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Sis. Jack Burke (1 year), Sect. & Treas.	Iron City, Ga.

### PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Sis. Robert Preston	Iron City, Ga.
Bro. Herbert Boyd	Brinson, Ga.
Sis. Tyrone Williams, Sect. & Treas.	Colquitt, Ga.

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Sis. Alma Jean Grimes (1 year)	Colquitt, Ga.
Sis. Carolyn Hornsby (2 years)	Brinson, Ga.
Bro. Edgar Smith (3 years)	Colquitt, Ga.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Charlie Bailey	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Edd Roberts	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Grover Duncan	Colquitt, Ga.

### YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Bro. Grover Duncan (1 year)	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. J. D. Barwick (2 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Emory Richardson (3 years)	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott (4 years)	Brinson, Ga.
Bro. Clint Ard (5 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. Philip 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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## ANNUAL SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-second Annual Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Association convened with New Home No. 1, Friday Morning, October 18, 1968, at 10:00 o'clock.

Brother Herbert Boyd opened the Session with a song service. Rev. Kenneth Faison led in prayer. Bro. Richard McNease gave the devotional using scripture from Matthew 25: 30.

Bro. Willie Lane gave the welcome and Sister Carolyn Hornsby made the response.

Nine ministers were present for the roll call.

The Credential Committee made a partial report. Motion Made, Seconded and Carried to accept this report and seat the delegates.

Rev. Jerry Johnson and Bro. O. B. Everson were visitors from the Miwday Association.

Moderator Frank Newberry gave the Moderator's message.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions Committee: Sister Edward Kimbrel, Bro. G. R. Grimes, and Sister John Bailey.

Nominating Committee: Bro. C. M. Smith, Bro. Willie Lane and Bro. C. A. Gilbert.

Program Committee: Sister Richard McNease, Sister Anne Tully and Sister Herbert Boyd.

Disbursement Committee: Bro. Ed Roberts, Rev. Irvin Williams and Bro. W. O. Everson.

Rev. Bobby Whitaker brought the 11:00 o'clock message using scripture from Proverbs 20: 28.

The Session was dismissed for lunch.

The Friday afternoon Session opened at 1:15 o'clock with a song service. Rev. Drew Floyd offered a prayer. Rev. Gordon Ellis gave the devotional using Matthew 7: 20 as scripture.

The Promotional Board gave a report. MSC to accept this report. See reports.

The Youth Camp Board gave a report. MSC to accept this report. See reports.

The Youth Camp Treasurer gave a report. MSC to accept this report. See reports.

A rising vote of thanks was given New Home No. 1 for their wonderful hospitality for the day.

MSC to adjourn and Rev. Jerry Johnson dismissed with prayer.

*Bro. Frank Newberry, Moderator*

*Bro. C. A. Powell, Clerk*



## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION -

The Saturday Morning Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Association met at the Martin Youth Camp, Saturday, October 19, 1968.

The Session opened with a song service led by Bro. Herbert Boyd. Bro. Curtis Gay led in prayer. Rev. Grover Duncan gave the devotional, "Your Faith in Christ", taking scripture from Colossians 2: 5.

Clerk C. A. Powell made the welcome address and Sister Jack Burke gave the response.

Bro. Curtis Gay gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Childrens Home stating how much last year's Harvest Drive was appreciated and that it was a real blessing to the Home.

An offering of \$40.89 was received for the expenses of the truck to take the commodities to the Home. MSC to take more expense money from the treasury if needed. Churches participating in the Harvest Drive were Springfield, New Salem, Thompson, New Home No. 1, Mothers Home, Mt. Gilead and Hebrew. See reports.

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotional Secretary and Treasurer, reported that 6 of the 15 churches in the Association had supported the Co-operative Plan for the past year. Bellview gave the quota and the other 5 churches did better than last year. Rev. Cason presented certificates from the Co-operative Plan to the 6 churches.

The Mission Board Report was given. MSC to accept this report as read. See reports.

The Woman's Auxiliary reported. MSC to accept this report. See reports.

Rev. Kenneth Faison gave the 11:00 o'clock message, "Submitting yourselves, one to another, in the fear of God", using Ephesians 5: 21 and Ephesians 2: 20-21.

The Session was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon Session was opened with a song and prayer by Bro. Alton Everson. Sister John Bailey gave the devotional using Psalm 104 for scripture.

MSC to accept the Ordaining Committee report as given. See reports.

MSC to accept the Superannuation Board report as read. See reports.

The Resolution Committee gave a report. MSC to adopt the items one by one. MSC to adopt items 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Item 3 was not carried. See reports.



MSC that anytime the Execituve Board or Camp Board holds an official meeting that a record of same be made and brought to the Association.

MSC that any motion not carried when voted on will not be printed in the minutes.

MSC to accept the Disbursement Committee report. See reports.

MSC to accept the Nominating Committee report. See reports.

MSC to accept the Program Committee report and that the nomination of the officers named be elected by acclamation.

A letter in memory of Bro. John Bailey was read. See letter.

The call for delegates to different associations was made as follows: State Association, Rev. W. S. Driggers; Midway Association, Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Ellis; Salem Association, Rev. & Mrs. L. D. Scott; Union Association, Bro. W. O. Everson.

MSC to adjourn and Rev. W. S. Driggers led the closing prayer.

*Bro. Frank Newberry, Moderator*

*Bro. C. A. Powell, Clerk*

#### —: 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 . . . . .	Climax, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Gilbert. . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Harris Nix . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. B. H. Parrish . . . . .	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott . . . . .	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. L. D. Scott . . . . .	Brinson, Ga.
Rev. F. W. Sellers . . . . .	Bainbridge, Ga.
Rev. W. A. Sellers. . . . .	Camilla, Ga.
Rev. C. A. Williams . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Irvin Williams . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Chester H. Pelt . . . . .	Marianna, Fla.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Grover Duncan . . . . .	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Kenneth Wayne Driggers . . . . .	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. George C. McDonald . . . . .	Tallahassee, Fla.



## COMPILED FINANCIAL REPORT -

Amounts given for:

Pastors . . . . .	\$22,154.50	
Evangelistic work . . . . .	1,868.86	
Building and repairs . . . . .	6,957.69	
Literature . . . . .	1,829.93	
Miscellaneous, local causes . . . . .	3,050.17	
Total for local causes . . . . .		\$35,861.15
World wide ministry Cooperative plan . . . . .	\$1,240.13	
State missions . . . . .	343.72	
Youth Camp . . . . .	631.02	
Christian education . . . . .	83.02	
Children's Home . . . . .	334.49	
Superannuation . . . . .	126.10	
Home missions . . . . .	905.55	
Foreign missions . . . . .	433.66	
Bible College . . . . .	127.65	
Miscellaneous, outside causes . . . . .		\$ 4,181.95
Total expenditures . . . . .		\$40,043.10

## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE COMPILED REPORT -

Churches reporting . . . . .		15
Delegates reporting . . . . .		44
Active members . . . . .	938	
Inactive members . . . . .	96	
Total number of members . . . . .		1044
Received by baptism . . . . .	34	
Received by letter . . . . .	29	
Received by statement . . . . .	1	
Total received . . . . .		64
Dismissed by letter . . . . .	29	
Dismissed by exclusion . . . . .	11	
Deceased . . . . .	19	
Total dismissed . . . . .		59
Number of Sunday Schools . . . . .		12
Number on Sunday School rolls . . . . .	659	
Number of CTS . . . . .		7
Number of CTS members . . . . .	233	
Number of prayer meetings . . . . .		10
Number of Bible Schools . . . . .		3
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries . . . . .		5
Woman's Auxiliary members . . . . .		94



Number of Master's Men	2
Master's Men members	30
Number of Bible Circles	1
Bible Circle members	17

#### FINANCES:

Church	Membership	Contribution
Bellview	106	\$53.00
Colquitt	68	34.00
Corinth	77	38.50
Hebrew	62	31.00
Highway	40	20.00
Mothers Home	91	45.50
Mt. Glory	28	15.00
Mt. Gilead	55	27.50
New Home No. 1	130	65.00
New Home No. 2	80	40.00
New Salem	189	94.50
Pilgrim Home	24	12.00
Proctor Chapel	42	21.00
Springfield	7	5.00
Thompson	45	22.50
Total	1044	\$524.50

*J. R. McNease, R. G. Phillips, Kenneth Faison*

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1968-'69 —

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Moderator	Bro. Frank Newberry
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Herbert Boyd
Clerk	Bro. Clifton Powell
Assistant Clerk	Bro. C. M. Smith

#### For Investigating Committee:

Bro. Fred Kelley, 1 year  
 Bro. Willie Lane, 2 years  
 Bro. Richard McNease, 3 years

#### For Ordaining Council:

Rev. W. S. Driggers, 1 year  
 Rev. Gordon Ellis, 2 years  
 Rev. C. A. Gilbert, 3 years

#### For Mission Board:

Bro. Clifton Powell, 2 years  
 Bro. C. M. Smith, 2 years  
 Sis. Jack Burke, 1 year, Secretary & Treasurer



For Promotion Board:

- Sis. Robert Preston
- Bro. Herbert Boyd
- Sis. Tyrone Williams, Secretary & Treasurer

For Superannuation Board:

- Sis. Alma Jean Grimes, 1 year
- Sis. Carolyn Hornsby, 2 years
- Bro. Edgar Smith, 3 years

For Credential Committee:

- Bro. Charlie Bailey
- Bro. Edd Roberts
- Bro. Grover Duncan

Youth Camp Board:

- Bro. Grover Duncan, 1 year
- Bro. J. D. Barwick, 2 years
- Bro. Emory Richardson, 3 years
- Rev. J. J. Scott, 4 years
- Bro. Clint Ard, 5 years

Youth Camp Board of Trustees:

- Bro. Herbert Boyd
- Bro. Richard McNease
- Bro. C. A. Powell
- Bro. Philip 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, Rev. Grover Duncan.

We also recommend that the Association convene at the Martin Free Will Baptist Youth Camp on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October 1969. New Home No. 2, Climax, Ga., will sponsor the Friday Association meeting.

*Rev. C. A. Gilbert, Bro. Willie Lane, Bro. C. M. Smith*

SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT –

Assets:

Union Meetings . . . . .	\$ 99.75
Association funds . . . . .	77.81
Mission Board . . . . .	75.00
Churches . . . . .	<u>124.96</u>
Total assets . . . . .	\$377.52



# Disbursements:

Mr. Leron Clower (State Superannuation

Board)	. . . . .	\$40.41
Mrs. Dave Braswell (deceased)	. . . . .	6.52
Mrs. B. W. Clenney	. . . . .	82.64
Mrs. Tom Henry	. . . . .	82.64
Rev. Willie Sellers	. . . . .	82.64
Mrs. A. B. Ard	. . . . .	82.64

Total disbursements	. . . . .	<u>\$377.49</u>
Balance in treasury	. . . . .	.03

*Edgar Smith, Mrs. Laverne Mock, Mrs. Louie Grimes, Sect. & Treas.*

# PROMOTIONAL BOARD REPORT -

## Assets:

Cash on hand	. . . . .	\$31.33
Union Meeting, 11/14/67	. . . . .	9.75
Union Meeting, 1/10/68	. . . . .	9.75
Union Meeting, 4/3/68	. . . . .	8.25
Martin Association, 7/5/68	. . . . .	21.22
Union Meeting, 7/16/68	. . . . .	9.00
Union Meeting, 10/4/68	. . . . .	6.00

Total assets	. . . . .	<u>\$95.30</u>
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## Disbursements: None

Balance in treasury	. . . . .	<u>\$95.30</u>
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*Vonnie Calhoun, Herbert Boyd*

# MISSION BOARD REPORT -

## Assets:

Balance in treasury, 10/21/67	. . . . .	.\$179.11
Union Meeting, 10/28/67	. . . . .	9.75
Union Meeting, 12/30/67	. . . . .	9.75
Union Meeting, 3/30/68	. . . . .	8.25
Union Meeting, 6/29/68	. . . . .	9.00
Union Meeting, 9/28/68	. . . . .	6.00
Association Funds	. . . . .	21.22

Total assets	. . . . .	<u>\$243.08</u>
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## Disbursements:

Youth Camp, 10/24/67	. . . . .	\$79.00
Superannuation Board, 9/5/68	. . . . .	75.00
Larry Powell account, 9/5/68	. . . . .	25.00

Total disbursements	. . . . .	<u>\$179.00</u>
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Balance in treasury	. . . . .	<u>\$64.08</u>
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*Bro. Clifton Powell, Bro. C. M. Smith, Mrs. Jack Burke*



## 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%

*Edd Roberts, O. F. Everson, Grover Duncan*

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT –

Since our last Association, we have not Ordained anyone to the Ministry of the Gospel. We do have two who have accepted the Call and have been Licensed and they are Bro. Grover Duncan, Bellview Church and Bro. Kenneth Wayne Driggers, Mt. Gilead Church.

We, as the Ordaining Council, recognize Bro. Paul Irvin, whose membership is in Midway Association, pastoring in our midst for which we are glad.

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

## HARVEST DAY DRIVE REPORT –

Church	Cash Gifts	Commodities	Total
Martin Asso.		\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50
Hebrew Ch.	\$ 20.00	59.92	79.92
Mrs. W. E. Lane		69.50	69.50
Mothers Home Ch		110.60	110.60
Mt. Gilead Ch.	100.00	54.50	154.50
New Home No. 1 Ch.	5.00	27.00	32.00
New Salem Ch.	30.00	163.00	193.00
New Salem Aux.		30.00	30.00
Springfield Ch.	20.00	5.00	25.00
Thompson Ch.	40.00	134.50	174.50
Total	\$215.00	\$676.52	\$891.52



## 1969 ASSOCIATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT –

Youth Camp – (Sponsored by New Home No. 2) –

Friday morning, October 24, 1969, 10:00 o'clock

Song service: Rev. Kenneth Faison

Devotional: Mrs. Jack Burke

Welcome: Mrs. Jeff Sadler

Response: Clint Ard

Message: Rev. B. H. Parrish

Lunch

1:00 o'clock song service

Devotional: Bro. Bobby Infinger

7:30 o'clock song service

Devotional: Miss Ann Tulley

Testimony time: Bro. Grover Duncan

Special music: Talmadge Cooper

Message: Rev. W. S. Driggers

Youth Camp – Saturday morning, October 25, 1969, 9:30 o'clock:

Song Service

Devotional: Mr. Louie Grimes

Welcome: Bro. Edd Hill

Response: Mrs. L. D. Scott

Message: Rev. Paul Irvin

Lunch

Saturday afternoon devotional: Bro. Herbert Boyd

*Mrs. Herbert Boyd, Mrs. Richard McNease, Mrs. J. W. Tulley*

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT –

We, your Resolutions Committee, recommend the following:

1. That we hold each annual session of the Association at the Martin Youth Camp. *Carried*
2. That the clerk of each church be requested to send their letter back to the district clerk at least 5 days before the Association convenes, with the names of the deceased written on the back of the letter. *Carried*
3. *Not carried.*
4. That we stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our deceased members: Mrs. Jesse Owens, Mr. Oscar Newberry, Mrs. Lester Houston, Mrs. O. F. Everson, Mr. Roy Barber, Mrs. Sarah Howard, Mrs. Linda Floyd, Mr. Jim Pope, Mr. Melvin Thompson – who gave his life in Viet Nam, Mr. John Bailey, Mr. Emmett Nalls, Mr. Oscar Brundon, Mr. David Griffin, Mr. Clay Haire, Mrs. Minnie Carter, Mr. C. T. Turner, Mrs. Lovie Scott and Mr. Josh Holley.



5. That we offer a special prayer today for our men who are serving our country in Viet Nam and other parts of the world. *Carried*
6. That we may be more faithful in attending and carrying out the purposes of the Sunday School, Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men and prayer meeting. *Carried*

*Mrs. Edward Kimbrel, Mrs. Rachel Bailey, Mr. G. R. Grimes*

#### MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE REPORT —

The Ministers' and Deacons' Conference prayerfully asks that ministers, deacons and all concerned attend and support this conference to promote a better fellowship and carry on for our Lord and Master in an acceptable manner.

It was moved and carried in the last conference that the named program committee will be in charge of programs and will notify all people on the program for one year.

The program committee is Bro. Howard Roberts, Bro. C. M. Smith and Bro. C. S. Bailey.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

##### Assets:

Total received . . . . .	\$72.06
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##### Disbursements:

Youth Camp bath room . . . . .	\$32.15
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Printing of minutes . . . . .	15.00
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Total disbursements . . . . .	<u>47.15</u>
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Balance in treasury . . . . .	<u>\$24.91</u>
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*Bro. C. A. Gilbert, Moderator; J. R. McNease, Clerk*

#### MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE PROGRAMS —

2nd Session — Hebrew Church, March 28, 1969:

Devotional: Bro. Willie Lane

Welcome: Bro. Edd Hill

Response: Rev. Kenneth Faison

Message: Rev. W. S. Driggers

3rd Session — Highway Church, June 27, 1969:

Devotional: Bro. Philip Hines

Welcome: Bro. Will Bragdon

Response: Bro. Clifton Powell

Message: Rev. Grover Duncan

4th Session — Mother's Home Church, August 29, 1969

Devotional: Bro. Gene Josey

Welcome: Bro. Otis McVey

Response: Bro. Edgar Smith

Message: Rev. B. H. Parrish



5th Session — Mt. Gilead Church, November 28, 1969:

Devotional: Bro. Kelly Harrell

Welcome: Bro. Robert Boyd

Response: Bro. Howard Roberts

Message: Rev. Harris Nix

UNION MEETING COMPILED TREASURER'S REPORT —  
Assets:

Martin Youth Camp . . . . .	\$ 75.00
Thompson Church, 12/30/67 . . . . .	70.00
Highway Church, 3/30/68 . . . . .	60.00
New Home No. 1 Church, 6/29/68 . . . . .	70.00
Martin Youth Camp, 10/28/68 . . . . .	60.00
Martin Youth Camp special offering, . . . . .	<u>178.94</u>
Total assets . . . . .	\$513.94

Disbursements:

Rev. Mance Cason . . . . .	\$99.75
Superannuation, Sis. Louie Grimes . . . . .	99.75
Education, Sis. Abbie Calhoun . . . . .	42.75
Missions, Sis. Jack Burke . . . . .	42.75
Moderator's & Clerk's fees . . . . .	40.00
Printing of minutes . . . . .	<u>10.00</u>
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$335.00

The Union Meeting Moderator appointed the following Nominating Committee: Bro. Clifton Powell, Bro. Emory Richardson and Bro. J. R. McNease.

The Union Meeting Moderator appointed the following Program Committee: Bro. Grover Duncan, Sis Myrtle Suggs and Rev. Harris Nix.

The Nominating Committee nominated the following officers: Moderator, Bro. Grover Duncan; Assistant Moderator, Bro. Bobby Roberts; Clerk, Sis. Carolyn Hornsby; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Bobby Richardson.

The Nominating Committee also recommended that the Union Meetings convene with the following churches:

1st Session, March 29, 1969 . . . . .	Hebrew
2nd Session, June 28, 1969 . . . . .	Highway
3rd Session, August 30, 1969 . . . . .	Mother's Home
4th Session, November 29, 1969 . . . . .	Mt. Gilead

The Union Meeting Program Committee recommended that the church entertaining the Union Meeting is responsible for the Program during the day.



1st Session – Hebrew Church, March 29, 1969:

Devotional: Bro. Leroy Johnson, Donalsonville, Ga.

Welcome: Sis. Doretha Stewart, Donalsonville, Ga.

Response: Sis. Lucille Lane, Iron City, Ga.

Business:

11:00 o'clock message: Rev. Gordon Ellis, Tallahassee, Fla.

Lunch

Afternoon devotional: Bro. Grover Duncan

Special music: Hebrew Church

Business:

Adjourn.

2nd Session – Highway Church, June 28, 1969:

Devotional: Will Bragdon

Welcome: Jewell Barber

Response: Ethel Newberry

Business:

11:00 o'clock message: Rev. W. S. Driggers

Lunch

Afternoon devotional: Rev. L. D. Scott

Recognition of Ministers and wives

Business:

Adjourn.

3rd Session – Mother's Home Church, August 30, 1969:

Devotional: Sis. Rachel Bailey

Welcome: Ronnie McNease

Response: Bro. Glen Tulley

Business:

11:00 o'clock message: Rev. Kenneth Faison

Lunch

Afternoon devotional: Bro. Charlie S. Bailey

Business:

Adjourn.

4th Session – Mt. Gilead Church, November 29, 1969:

Devotional: Robert Boyd

Welcome: Gail Driggers

Response: Sis. Jack Burke

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message: Rev. Donald Franks

Lunch

Afternoon devotional: Rev. C. A. Gilbert

Business:

Adjourn.



### YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

The Lord was really good to us this year at the Martin Association Youth Camp. There were 119 students who registered and attended the Camp. We had reason to rejoice for the Lord moved and 25 confessions were made along with 2 dedications.

It was wonderful to notice the unity and fellowship throughout this year, not only with the students but the faculty as well. We appreciate the workers, teachers and churches that provided food for the 2 weeks camp. After these sessions, I can say with David, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures".

After paying the expenses incurred during the Camp Session, we were able to give the treasurer \$394.30 to deposit.

Jesus said, "You are My witnesses". What is your testimony in leading our youth to Jesus? Pray for our Camp; give to it and attend.

*Rev. W. S. Driggers, Camp Director 1968*

### MARTIN YOUTH CAMP COMPILED FINANCIAL REPORT - Assets:

Total in treasury, 11/1/67	.	.	.	\$1,268.53
Total 1968 offerings	.	.	.	1,824.70
Total assets	.	.	.	\$3,093.23

### Disbursements:

Paid on building	.	.	.	\$1,197.00
Paid out lights, supplies, etc.	.	.	.	724.07
Total disbursements	.	.	.	\$1,921.07
Balance in treasury	.	.	.	\$1,172.16

*W. R. Barber, Treasurer*

### CTS CONVENTION REPORT -

The Martin District CTS Convention was held at Thompson Free Will Baptist Church on March 31, 1968. The meeting was called to order by singing "A Child of the King" and "We Have an Anchor". Rev. Kenneth Faison led in prayer. Ronnie McNease gave the devotional followed with prayer by Rev. James Roland.

Mr. Phillip Hines gave the welcome and Rev. Bobby Whitaker made the response.

Mrs. Edward Kimbrel gave a report on the Constitution and By-Laws. MSC to table the report.

The roll call of the churches was made with Bellview, Mother's Home, Mt. Gilead and New Home No. 1 represented.



Mr. G. C. Duncan asked to be replaced on the Nomination Committee. There was some discussion and it was MSC to keep the same committee until September. The Moderator appointed Mr. Pete Davis to act in Mr. John Bailey's place for the reason of death.

New Salem, Mother's Home and Bellview gave programs.

Rudy Clenney gave a talk on "What the CTS Means to Our Church".

Mrs. Edward Kimbrel asked that the District present a \$15.00 fee to the State CTS Convention.

Rev. Kenneth Faison moved that the Constitution be taken off the table; move was seconded. Rev. W. S. Driggers moved that the Constitution be adopted item by item; move was not carried. MSC to adopt the Constitution (16 for and 2 against). MSC to make copies of the Constitution and send one to all Churches of the Association.

Minutes were read and approved.

The congregation gave a rising vote of thanks to Thompson Church for their hospitality.

MSC to adjourn.

#### Assets:

Brought forward . . . . .	\$59.68
Dues . . . . .	21.00
Youth Rally . . . . .	<u>1.00</u>
Total assets . . . . .	\$81.68

#### Disbursements:

Film for Youth Rally . . . . .	\$28.00
State dues and fees . . . . .	<u>23.00</u>
Total disbursements . . . . .	<u>\$51.00</u>
Balance in treasury . . . . .	\$30.68

The Martin District CTS Rally met at Hebrew Church on September 29, 1968. The meeting was called to order by a song and Rev. Gordon Ellis led in prayer. Judy Barber gave the devotional and Bro. Herbert Boyd offered a prayer.

Regina Hill gave the welcome and Rocky Duncan made the response.

Gail Driggers gave a talk, "Stand Up and Be Counted" with scripture from Ephesians 6: 10-12.

Bellview, Mother's Home, Mt. Gilead and New Salem churches were represented. There were 5 ministers presented and 2 CTS directors.



Minutes of the last CTS Rally were read and adopted.  
Bro. J. R. McNease, Field Worker, made a report.

The Program Committee gave the following report:

1st Session — Salem Church, March 30, 1969:

Devotional: Horace Lovering, Jr.

Welcome: Tal Cooper

Response: Donald Ray Brooks

Programs: Mt. Gilead and Bellview

2nd Session — Mother's Home, August 31, 1968:

Devotional: Talmadge Worsley

Welcome: Sharon Sheffield

Response: Danny Boyd

Programs: Salem and New Home No. 1

The resolution was passed that two churches present a program at each Session of the Convention.

*Sue Mock, Shirley Kimbrel, Sue Roberts*

The Nominating Committee gave the following report which was adopted: Director, Bobby Roberts; Assistant Director, B. H. Nix; Recording Secretary & Treasurer, Gayle Driggers; Assistant Secretary, Sue Roberts; Song Leader, Clint Ard; Pianist, Janice Cox; Tic-Tac-Toe, Shirley Kimbrel; Declamation, Doris Grant; Bible Bowl, Martha Williams; Sword Drill, Mrs. Harris Nix; Field Workers, C. M. Smith, Talmadge Worsley and Horace Lovering, Jr.; Program Committee, Sue Mock, Shirley Kimbrel and Sue Roberts.

*Grover Duncan, Pete Davis, Bobby Roberts*

Resolution: Beginning at this time officers will be elected for two year terms.

MSC to release the Nominating Committee.

Mother's Home and Salem Churches presented programs.

Hebrew Church was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Assets:

Brought forward . . . . .	\$30.68
CTS dues . . . . .	<u>22.00</u>
Total assets . . . . .	\$52.68

Disbursements:

Printing of minutes . . . . .	<u>\$15.00</u>
Total disbursements . . . . .	<u>\$15.00</u>
Balance in treasury . . . . .	\$37.68



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT -

The First Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with New Home No. 1 Church on December 31, 1967.

The Session opened with Bro. James Roland leading the song service. Rita Cooper, New Salem Church, gave the devotional. Ellis Middleton gave the welcome and Rev. Kenneth Faison made the response.

The President appointed Bro. Lamar Brooks, Rev. Bobby Whitaker and Rev. W. S. Driggers on the Digest Committee.

The roll call of churches was made with representatives presenting letters to the Digest Committee. There were 4 ministers, 14 Sunday School teachers and 2 Superintendents present with 7 Sunday Schools represented.

The Digest Committee reported the following: Enrollment, 500; Average Attendance, 361; Total Offering, \$1,565.64; Literature, \$470.11; Miscellaneous Expenses, \$606.96; Youth Camp, \$228.80; Convention Dues, \$28.00; Total Expenses, \$1,105.87.

*Bro. Lamar Brooks, Rev. Bobby Whitaker, Rev. W. S. Driggers*

MSC since the new Constitution had not been distributed and Sunday Schools had not known to appoint delegates, that the delegates be seated with Sunday Schools who did not appoint delegates and all members present act as delegates.

MSC that Bro. Harold Harrison, National Sunday School Department, attend our Convention and teach a course in Sunday School work within the year. MSC that Bro. Harrison be asked to come the second week in May.

Hebrew Church presented the program.

MSC to give New Home No. 1 a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Theme for the day, "The Christian and Sunday School".

Meeting was dismissed with prayer.

*Randy Clenney, President*

*Glenda Tully, Secretary*

The Second Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened at Hebrew Church on June 30, 1968 with the theme, "Teaching in Sunday School".

Rev. W. S. Driggers lead the song service and Bro. Gordon Ellis offered prayer. Brenda Brooks gave the devotional. Bro. Edd Hill gave the welcome and Bro. Bobby Whitaker made the response.

Bro. Kenneth Faison, Bro. Herbert Boyd and Bro. W. S. Driggers were appointed to the Digest Committee.



Mt. Gilead and Hebrew Churches presented special music.

There were 5 Superintendents, 7 ministers and 18 Sunday School teachers present.

The Digest Committee gave the following report: SS represented, 9; Members, 558; Teachers, 56; Department, 44; Officers, 41; Total offering, \$1,596.57; Literature, \$504.28; Miscellaneous, \$516.29; Average Attendance, 381; Youth Camp, \$246.82; Delegates, 37; Dues, \$42.00. MSC to accept this report.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Harold Harrison explaining why he was unable to teach a workshop in May, 1968.

MSC that the Constitution be amended to the effect that all officers be elected for a 2 year term.

MSC to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

MSC that officers be elected the last session of each even-numbered year.

MSC that the Consitution and By-Laws be printed in the minutes each year.

Appointed on the Program Committee were Bro. Gordon Ellis, Miss Regina Hill and Bro. Talmadge Cooper.

Nominating Committee members were Bro. Harris Nix, Bro. Lamar Brooks and Bro. Richard McNease. This Committee made the following report: President, Randy Clenney; Vice-President, Kenneth Driggers; Secretary-Treasurer, Ann Richardson; Director of Publicity, Pam Driggers; Director of Organization, Louie Grimes. These officers were elected by acclamation.

The Colquitt Church presented the program.

The Program Committee gave the following report:

1st Session — New Salem:

Devotional: Mrs. Jack Burke

Welcome: Talmadge Worsley

Response: Randy Boyd

Business:

Special singing: Bellview and New Home No. 1

Programs: Mt. Gilead and New Salem

2nd Session — Mt. Gilead:

Devotional: Kenneth Driggers

Welcome: Judy Barber

Response: Kenneth Faison

Business:

Special singing: Hebrew and Thompson

Programs: Mt. Glory and Highway



MSC that Hebrew Church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Bro. Harris Nix dismissed with prayer.

*Randy Clenney, President*

*Glenda Tully, Secretary*

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Bellview Church on October 8, 1968. The theme for the day was from Zephaniah 3: 16c, "Let not thine hand be slack".

Rev. Kenneth Faison led in singing hymns with Mrs. Edward Kimbrel as pianist.

Mrs. Mary Brown welcomed the Convention to Bellview and Mrs. Bobby Roberts made the response.

Mrs. Charles Brown brought the morning devotional using the theme, "Searching Hands".

Mrs. John Grant, District President, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Uva Mason, Credentials Committee Chairman, reported. MSC to accept this report.

Mrs. Harris Nix, District Treasurer, reported. MSC to accept this report.

Mrs. Eva Clenny, District Study Course Chairman, gave her report.

Mrs. Edward Kimbrel sang, "This Pair of Hands".

Rev. Jerry Johnson brought an inspiring message using the theme, "Dedicated Hands".

The Convention adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with singing led by Rev. Kenneth Faison. Mrs. Don Mock sang, "Must I Go, and Empty-Handed".

Mrs. Billy Roland brought the afternoon devotional using the theme, "Outreaching Hands".

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

Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield installed new officers for the next two years.

Delegates appointed to the State Convention were Mrs. Harris Nix, Mrs. Billy Roland, Mrs. W. E. Lane, Mrs. Charles Brown and Mrs. Grover Duncan.

MSC that the next Convention meet October 14, 1969, with New Salem Church.

The benediction was given by Mrs. John Grant.

*Mrs. John Grant, President*

*Mrs. Talmadge Cooper, Rec. Sect.*



### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, your Credentials Committee, have examined the reports and found Bellview, New Home No. 1 and New Salem eligible to seat in the Convention.

*Mrs. Uva Mason, Mrs. Edward Kimbrel, Mrs. Douglas Williams, Jr.*

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT -

Total District Officers . . . . .	12
Total State Officers . . . . .	3
Total delegates . . . . .	9
Total ministers . . . . .	3
Total visitors . . . . .	13
Grand total . . . . .	40

*Mrs. Grover Duncan, Mrs. Sue Mock, Mrs. Mabel Richardson*

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, your Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend for our District Project that each Auxiliary send at least \$5.00 per month to build a church in Panama City, Panama, in loving tribute to Brother Willey for the many years of faithful service to our denomination and that our Secretary write Brother and Mrs. Willey and let them know our intentions.

2. We recommend that the Secretary write a letter to the Georgia State Convention stating dissatisfaction with the irregularity of our State Promotional Bulletin.

3. We recommend that we continue our District Newsletter and that each local Auxiliary be responsible for articles and each local President appoint a committee to get the article to the Corresponding Secretary each month.

4. We recommend that we support our State Project, whatever it may be.

5. We recommend that we re-emphasize the importance of Vice-President in the District working together with the Field Secretary to contact pastors who do not have a Woman's Auxiliary in their church, informing them of the work of the Auxiliary and advantages and benefits to the local church, the cause of Christ and missions.

6. We recommend that our next Workshop be at New Home No. 1, the 1st Saturday in April.

7. We recommend that we give Bellview a rising vote of thanks for being host to this Convention today.

*Mrs. Billy Roland, Mrs. Rudy Clenny, Mrs. Bobby Roberts*



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT –

Assets:

On hand, 10/8/68 . . . . .	\$18.53
Representation fees today . . . . .	53.75
Offering today . . . . .	<u>23.81</u>
Total assets . . . . .	\$96.09

Disbursements:

State Convention representation fees (43 members @\$1.00 each) . . . . .	\$43.00
State newsletter . . . . .	10.00
State Convention speaker . . . . .	10.00
District minutes . . . . .	<u>15.00</u>
Total disbursements . . . . .	<u>\$78.00</u>
Balance in treasury . . . . .	\$18.09

Mrs. Harris Nix, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Kenneth Faison

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT –

We, your Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following officers: President, Mrs. Edward Kimbrel; Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Brown; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Billy Roland; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Talmadge Cooper; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bobby Roberts; Treasurer, Mrs. Harris Nix; Field Secretary, Mrs. Carroll Brown; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Faison; Stewardship Prayer Chairman, Mrs. B. A. Middleton; Personal Service, Mrs. Willie Lane; Missions Chairman, Mrs. Don Mock; Historian, Mrs. John Grant.

Mrs. Eva Clenney, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Lane

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT –

Annual report. Compiled; 3 Auxiliaries.

I. Enlistment Department:

Enlistment start of Convention year . . . . .	38
Present enrollment . . . . .	43
New members . . . . .	11
Members lost . . . . .	6
Average attendance . . . . .	24
Members making contacts to enlist new members . . . . .	20
To bring back absentees . . . . .	28



## II. Study Course Department:

Study Course	No. conducted	Attendance
Missions	2	27
Manual	2	29
Prayer	1	5
Evangelism	2	12
Christian Living	2	20
Stewardship	1	11
Daily Bible readers — 21		
Promoting Church Libraries — 17		

## III. Program Prayer Department:

Special programs held — 2  
Seasons of prayer observed — 9

## IV. Personal Service-Evangelism Department:

Engaged in personal service — 43  
Making soul-winning efforts — 40

## V. Publicity Department:

Articles written — 37  
Church bulletins — 7  
Letters and cards written — 100  
Posters — 12

Subscriber to Contact — 18; Colaborer — 43; State Paper — 35

*Mrs. Talmadge Cooper, District Recording Secretary*

## COMPILED FINANCIAL REPORT —

Offering, WNAC Co-Laborer Fund . . . . .	\$ 31.00
Pre-Easter offering, Foreign Missions . . . . .	34.40
Pre-Thanksgiving offering, National Home Missions . . . . .	42.06
Pre-Christmas offering, State Home Missions . . . . .	50.53
Cash gifts, Children's Home . . . . .	40.00
Cash gifts, aged ministers . . . . .	12.00
Total gifts, Missions, to WNAC Treasurer . . . . .	458.99
Representation fee, WNAC Treasurer . . . . .	43.00
Westfield Pastor . . . . .	31.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund . . . . .	31.00
Larry Powell account . . . . .	160.00
State Project . . . . .	161.00
WNAC Emphasis month . . . . .	60.00
David Cochran House . . . . .	11.00
Total money received and disbursed through District Treasurer . . . . .	\$728.66

*Mrs. Harris Nix, District Treasurer*



## 1968 ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT -

### Assets:

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$100.00
Received from Association . . . . .	519.50
Received from Union Meeting . . . . .	15.00
Received from Minister's Conference . . . . .	15.00
Received from Sunday School Convention . . . . .	15.00
Received from CTS Rally . . . . .	15.00
Received from District Woman's Aux. . . . .	15.00
Saturday Session offering . . . . .	<u>40.89</u>
Total assets . . . . .	\$735.39

### Disbursements:

Clerk . . . . .	\$ 35.00
Moderator . . . . .	15.00
State & National Associations . . . . .	25.00
State Cooperative Plan . . . . .	23.81
Local Promotional Board . . . . .	23.81
Local Mission Board . . . . .	23.81
Local Superannuation Board . . . . .	87.31
Association Minutes . . . . .	372.85
Children's Home truck expense . . . . .	<u>28.80</u>
Total disbursements . . . . .	<u>\$635.39</u>
Balance in treasury . . . . .	\$100.00

### IN MEMORY OF BRO. JOHN BAILEY

We, the members of Mother's Home Church, regret the passing of Bro. John Bailey who was a faithful member for 21 years.

Bro. Bailey was ordained a deacon in 1949 and filled his position well. He was a devoted husband and father, a good friend and neighbor and always ready to help those in need.

Bro. Bailey's passing isn't only a loss to his family but to the entire community. He was a man of much patience and always ready to use his talents for the glory of God. We realize his passing is our loss but Heaven's gain.

*Mother's Home Church*



# 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.

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



# **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 responsible 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 anyone 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 anyway 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. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.



20. 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.

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

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

### **CHURCH DECORUM**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## **GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

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

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

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

### ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

1. A church proper in its lowest sense is a body of Christians united and congregated together for the purpose of worshiping God and promoting His cause, and in which the Gospel is regularly preached; the ordinances duly administered and the principles of holiness encouraged and practiced. Each church or body thus formed is a separate part thereof and independent in itself; possessing the right to direct its own affairs in its own way, subject only in certain difficult cases to arbitrate by sister churches. Such churches may, however, unite in associational capacity for purposes of more thorough organization, efficient work and for general and mutual good of all without surrendering any of their individual rights. Therefore, the churches here in-after mentioned resolve themselves into a body ecclesiastic to be known as the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist which shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body at its annual meeting.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. The business shall be taken up in order according to the sub-joined 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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## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	ACTIVE MEMBERS	INACTIVE MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	STATEMENT OF FAITH	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	SUN. SCH. ENROLLMENT	AVE. ATTENDANCE	CTS ATTENDANCE	AVE. ATTENDANCE	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY	AVE. ATTENDANCE	MASTER'S MEN	AVE. ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	VACATION BIBLE SCH.	NUMBER OF DEACONS	REVIVALS HELD	TOTAL OFFERINGS	PAID PASTORS	PAID EVANGELIST	COOPERATIVE PLAN	BUILDING & REPAIRS	LITERATURE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	VALUE OF CHURCH	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	MEETING DAYS
BELLVIEW	106		106		1	2	3		4	106	98	50	48	15	13	17	9	37	68	10	2	8,406.73	4,635.00	160.00	649.49	360.00	523.25	8,029.57	12,000.00		FULL
COLQUITT	53	15	68		1		1			42	31			17	10			8		4	No	4,159.81	1,984.22			144.43	71.85	2,585.90	8,000.00		FULL
CORINTH	77		77		1	1	3			36	20									2	1	2,698.67	1,128.75	140.00	167.20	657.00	38.60	2,656.62	8,000.00		2 - 4
HEBREW	62		62		5	3			1	40	30			19	8					3	1	2,013.66	575.42	70.50		1,136.50	58.60	2,025.46	6,365.50		2 - 4
HIGHWAY	27	13	40		1		3		3	40	22							10		2	1	475.60	416.00					542.43	4,000.00		2 - 4
MOTHER'S HOME	63	28	91		2	1	2		2	78	53	55	13					10	44	5	2	2,096.58	582.10	138.04	88.33	76.21	335.68	1,731.12	3,000.00		1 - 3
MT. GLORY	28		28		6			10	1													1,294.35	677.87	105.50	28.90	12.42	6.10	933.97	5,000.00		2 - 4
MT. GILEAD			55			7		1	1	58	45	45	35					20			2	2,175.27	1,020.00	110.00	96.00	209.63	160.46	2,110.96	5,000.00		FULL
NEW HOME No.1	97	33	130	1	3		4		1	70	54	51	40	25	8			30		7	2	6,409.23	3,426.23	402.82	75.21	231.50	232.23	5,938.98	8,000.00		FULL
NEW HOME No. 2	73	7	80		3	10	2			50	25									3	1	1,228.10	953.07	75.00	35.00	4,000.00	50.00	5,117.17			FULL
NEW SALEM			189		1	16	4		2	74	63	32	30	22	12			No		7	2	6,600.00	3600.00	150.00	100.00	130.00	145.00	6,045.00	6,000.00	10,000	FULL
PILGRIM HOME			24			1														1	1	1,746.48	960.00	110.00				1,260.48	1,500.00		1 - 3
PROCTOR CHAPEL			42		6	3	1			39	24					7		17		4	2	1,447.32	960.84	150.00			45.00	1,433.18	10,000.00		FULL
SPRINGFIELD			7																	1	1		285.00	52.00				411.18	3,000.00		1 - 3
THOMPSON			45						3	25	20							10		6	2	1,610.16	950.00	205.00			163.16		6,000.00		2 - 4