

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**of the**  
**MARTIN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Which Convened At**  
**MARTIN YOUTH CAMP**  
**October 23 - 24, 1970**

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## **YEARLY CALENDAR – 1971**

### **Quarterly Meetings**

**January 16** ..... **Martin Youth Camp**  
**April 17** ..... **Martin Youth Camp**  
**July 17**..... **Martin Youth Camp**

### **Annual Session**

**October 16** ..... **Martin Youth Camp**

### **Sunday School Convention**

**May 30** ..... **Corinth**

### **Ministers And Deacons Convention**

**January 15** ..... **New Salem**  
**April 16** ..... **Mothers Home**  
**July 16** ..... **Mt. Gilead**  
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### **OFFICERS**

Brother Bobby Roberts, Moderator . . . . . Colquitt, Georgia  
Brother Robby Richardson . . . . . Colquitt, Georgia

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Brother Bobby Roberts, Chairman . . . . . Colquitt, Georgia  
Brother C. A. Powell . . . . . Colquitt, Georgia  
Reverend L. D. Scott . . . . . Brinson, Georgia  
Brother Herbert Boyd . . . . . Brinson, Georgia  
Brother Edgar Smith . . . . . Colquitt, Georgia

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# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator . . . . . Brother Bobby Roberts  
Assistant Moderator . . . . . Brother Frank Newberry  
Clerk . . . . . Brother Bobby Richardson  
Assistant Clerk . . . . . Brother Talmadge Cooper

## INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Brother C. A. Powell (3 years), Chairman . . . . Route Two, Colquitt  
Brother Edd Hill (2 years) . . . . . Donalsonville  
Brother Richard McNease (1 year) . . . . . Route 2, Colquitt

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Reverend Lewis Williams (3 years) . . . . . Colquitt  
Reverend L. D. Scott (2 years), Chairman . . . . . Brinson  
Reverend C. A. Gilbert (1 year) . . . . . Colquitt

## STANDING BOARDS

### MISSION BOARD

Brother C. M. Smith . . . . . Brinson  
Brother Clifton Powell . . . . . Colquitt  
Sister Billy H. Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Colquitt

### PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Sister Robert Preston . . . . . Iron City  
Brother W. E. Lane . . . . . Iron City  
Sister Tyrone Williams, Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Colquitt

### SUPPERANNUATION BOARD

Sister Talmadge Worsley (3 years) . . . . . Colquitt  
Sister Bill D. Wells (2 years), Chairman . . . . . Colquitt  
Brother Edgar Smith (1 year) . . . . . Colquitt

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Brother Don Roberts	Colquitt
Brother Ned Bryan	Colquitt
Brother P. A. Hines	Colquitt

## YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Brother Louie Grimes (5 years)	Colquitt
Brother Horace Lovering (4 years)	Colquitt
Brother Cline Ard (3 years)	Colquitt
Brother J. J. Scott (2 years)	Brinson
Brother Emory Richardson (1 year)	Colquitt

## YOUTH CAMP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brother Herbert Boyd	Brinson
Brother Richard McNease	Colquitt
Brother C. P. Powell	Colquitt
Brother P. A. Hines	Colquitt
Brother Willie Lane	Iron City
Brother W. R. Barber, Secretary-Treasurer	Colquitt

## STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY–TREASURER

Reverend A. C. Truluck, Post Office Box 591 . . Moultrie, Ga. 31768

## ANNUAL SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Fourth annual session of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Youth Camp on Friday morning, October 23, 1970. Reverend W. S. Driggers led the assembly in opening song service. Reverend Talmadge Worsley led in prayer.

Brother Horace Lovering gave the devotional thought using Jeremiah, Chapter 12 Verses 10-13.

Sister Winnie Preston gave the welcome address and the response was given by Sister Herbert Boyd.

There were seven ordained ministers present and three new ministers were welcomed into fellowship from other associations.

The moderators message was given using thoughts from resolution

number 3 of the 1969 session resolution report. This resolution was adopted pledging ourselves to be more faithful in attending all services that are for the Lord, and to bring more lost people to Christ.

Roll call for the eighty-fourth session was given.

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

The moderator appointed the following committees:

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Brother Horace Lovering, Brother Richard McNease, Reverend C. A. Gilbert

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Reverend Talmadge Worsley, Reverend W. S. Driggers, Brother John Richardson

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Reverend Lewis Williams, Sister Horace Lovering, Sister Martha Williams

**DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE:** Brother O. F. Everson, Reverend L. D. Scott, Brother G. R. Grimes

Reverend William Morris, State Missionary, was introduced to the body, by Reverend Lewis Williams.

An offering was received for the expense of delivering Childrens Home Drive Commodities. Offering was: \$32.53.

The 11:00 A. M. message was delivered by Reverend J. J. Scott. His subject was: "The Infallible Fundamental Bible Believing Church." Scripture: Revelations 3:7-9, 22:16. The session was dismissed for lunch. Prayer by Reverend Lewis Williams.

The Friday afternoon session was opened with congregational singing led by Reverend W. S. Driggers. The devotional message was given by Sister Rufus Dukes. Scripture used was: John, chapter 15, followed by prayer.

Reverend A. C. Truluck, State Promotional Secretary, gave an encouraging message entitled: "Forward Free Will Baptists Bearing Good Seed." The Scripture used was: Psalm 126:6. Certificates for Cooperative Giving were awarded to the following churches: Corinth, Mothers Home, Mt. Gilead, New Home number 1, and New Salem.

MSC to accept the report of the Youth Camp Director.

MSC to accept the report of the Ordaining Council.

Reverend William Morris, State Missionary, gave a most inspiring report and message concerning our state mission work. He used the following scripture references. Romans 8:1 and Proverbs 22:18.

The investigating committee had no report to be given.

MSC to accept the report of the Promotional Board.

MSC to accept report of the Superannuation Board.

A vote of thanks was given to Corinth Church for their hospitality of the day.

MSC to adjourn today's session. Reverend W. S. Driggers dismissed the assembly with prayer.

### FRIDAY EVENING – WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service led by Brother Herbert Boyd.

Devotional was given by Brother W. R. McNease. He used the following scriptures: Psalms 22:1-6, 34:1

An inspiring testimony service was conducted by Reverend C. A. Gilbert.

A special song was sung by Reverend Talmadge Worsley.

Reverend W. S. Driggers preached the evening message. Subject: "All things are Ready." Scripture: Hebrews 2:1 and Luke 14:7.

Dismissal prayer by Brother C. M. Smith.

### SATURDAY SESSION – OCTOBER 24

The session was opened with prayer by Reverend W. S. Driggers, followed by song service led by Brother Herbert Boyd.

Devotional message given by Reverend Lewis Williams using Matthew 17:14-21 as scripture reference.

Welcome address was given by Brother C. A. Powell and response by Brother C. M. Smith.

Visitors present were: Reverend Grover Duncan and Reverend C. A. Williams.



MSC that the Youth Camp Board of Trustees work on plans to utilize the Youth Camp for a private school. They are to invite Reverend Charles Bishop, Bainbridge, Georgia to help in the organization of the school.

Resolution concerning the Quarterly Meetings was discussed. MSC to have the annual session of the association at the Youth Camp.

MSC to accept report of the Program Committee.

MSC to accept the treasurers report of the association.

MSC to accept report of the Resolutions Committee.

MSC to accept report of the Disbursement Committee.

Brother Frnak Newberry gave a report of the Childrens Home Harvest Drive. He reported that eight (8) churches supported this drive. MSC to accept the report.

MSC to accept report of the Ministers and Deacons Conference and accept the meeting place for their next session at New Salem.

MSC to accept report of the Union Meetings.

MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee.

MSC to accept report of the Nominating Committee.

MSC to accept report of Youth Camp Treasurer.

MSC to accept report of Sunday School Convention.

MSC to accept report of CTS Convention.

MSC to accept report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention as given by Mrs. Eva Middleton.

MSC to accept report of the Mission Board.

An offering was received for Reverend William Morris, State Missionary to Statesboro. Offering was \$62.21.

The 11:00 A. M. message was delivered by Reverend B. H. Parrish. His subject was: "Eye Hath Not Seen." Scripture used: First Cor. 2:9 and Isaiah 64:4. Dismissed for lunch by Brother Herbert Boyd.

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional presented by Brother



Bobby Richardson using Acts 16:16-24 as a scripture reference.

MSC to give a letter in good standing to Reverend Gordon Ellis to the Midway Association. The Ordaining Council will send the letter to the Midway Association.

Delegates elected to attend the State Association meeting in Savannah, Georgia November 10-12 were: Sister W. E. Payne, Sister Billy Roland and Brother Ned Bryan.

MSC to adjourn this session of the Martin Association. Prayer of dismissal was led by Brother Talmadge Cooper.

## REPORT OF UNION MEETINGS

The moderator of the Union Meeting appointed the following Nominating Committee: -Brother L. D. Scott, Brother Edd Hill and Brother W. E. Lane. They gave the following report. We, the Nominating Committee, recommend that we keep the same officers. They are: Brother Herbert Boyd, Moderator; Brother Bobby Rovers, Assistant Moderator; Sister Carolyn Hornsby, Clerk; Sister Sue Roberts, Assistant Clerk. MSC to accept report. No nominations were made from the floor. MSC to keep the same officers.

The Union Meeting will meet with the following churches: First Session, Proctors Chapel: Second Session, Pilgrims Home: Third Session, Springfield: Fourth Session, Thompson. Mrs. Carolyn Hornsby, Clerk.

Union Meeting compiled treasurers report:

### Assets:

Mt. Gilead - 11/29/69	\$ 80.00
Mt. Glory - 3/28/70	105.00
New Home number 1 - 5/39/70	90.00
New Home number 2 - 8/29/70	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 375.00

### Disbursements:

State Cooperative Plan	51.62
Superannuation - Mrs. Bill Wells	51.63
Missions - Mrs. Jack Burke	22.13

Promotion - Mrs. Jack Burke	\$ 22.12
Moderator & Clerk Fees	42.50
Minutes 1969 - 1970	30.00
Youth Camp - Brother W. R. Barber	<u>155.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 375.00

BALANCE ON HAND -0-

Financial report of November 28, 1970. Meeting at New Salem.

Collections:

Union Meeting Fund	\$ 44.00
Youth Camp	<u>39.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 83.00

Disbursements:

State Cooperative Plan	\$ 11.90
Superannuation Board	11.90
Mission Board	5.10
Promotion Board	5.10
Moderator Honorarium	5.00
Clerk Honorarium	<u>5.00</u>
Disbursed	44.00
Designated Camp Board	<u>39.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$ 83.00

BALANCE ON HAND -0-

### REPORT OF YOUTH REVIVAL

During the Union Meeting at Mt. Gilead, November 29, 1969. It was voted to have a youth revival at some church the week prior to the Union Meeting. It was to be held at the request of any church that wanted it. The first revival was held at Hebrew; the second at Mt. Glory; and the third at Mt. Gilead. It was reported to the Union Meeting each time that these revivals were a real blessing to the youth and everyone that was involved. Mrs. Carolyn Hornsby, Clerk

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

Since our last association we have talked with Brother Larry Williams on August 29, 1970, who came from the Little River Association with a letter of recommendation, which we found to be in good order. We recommend Brother Williams to this body as a co-worker for the

Lord. We investigated Brother Morris Griffin from Proctor Chapel Church Pelham, Georgia on June 22, 1970. He wasn't able to get a recommendation from his church or association, so he resigned. We are sorry to report this. Hi-Way church asked for Brother Kelly to be ordained. We examined Brother Harrell and he asked us for a waiting period. Brother Gordon Ellis has moved his membership to Donalsonville church in the Midway Association. He turned in his resignation to the ordaining council on August 29, 1970.

We recommend that all ordained and licensed ministers coming from other associations bring a letter of recommendation from their association. Reverend L. C. Scott, Chairman; Reverend C. A. Gilbert

### YOUTH CAMP TREASURERS REPORT

This is a complete report of the Youth Camp as of October 23, 1970.

Brought forward from 1969 session:	\$ 360.41
Received this Association year:	<u>1,378.12</u>
TOTAL	\$1,738.53
 Paid out for supplies, camp fixtures, insurance, lights, gas, etc.	 \$ 678.58
Balance in Treasury	\$1,059.95
Plus	<u>.78</u>
TOTAL ON HAND	\$1,060.73

W. R. Barber, Treasurer

### MARTIN YOUTH CAMP DIRECTORS REPORT

We thank the Lord for another wonderful year of camping at Martin Youth Camp. We had a total of 96 campers. Most of all we had a real revival. Six confessed Christ as their Saviour and 22 rededicated their lives for service to Him.

After paying expenses we were blessed with \$310 to go into the treasury. As camp directors we want to express our appreciation for your prayers and your help in making this year a Spiritual Blessing to us. In His Service, Reverend W. S. Driggers, Director, Reverend C. A. Gilbert, Assistant Director.

## MISSION BOARD REPORT

Balance in Reverend Larry Powell Account	\$ 117.89
Balance in Regular Treasury: - 11/6/69	—0—
Received from Union Meeting - 11/29/69	3.75
Received from Association Funds	32.48
Received from Union Meeting - 3/28/70	7.88
Received from Union Meeting - 5/30/70	6.00
Received from Union Meeting - 8/29/70	<u>4.50</u>
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 54.61

Brother Clifton Powell, Brother C. M. Smith, Sister Jack Burke

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Resolutions Committee make the following report:

1. Be it resolved that we authorize minutes to be printed by our State Promotional office. Be it further resolved that our State Promotional office be utilized as much as possible in printing any materials used in our associational work.
2. Be it resolved that as an associational body we encourage our Churches to support our State Cooperative Program. An effective plan would be the giving of 10% of offerings to htis world wide ministry.
3. In as much as there has been such changes in occupation and activities among our people over the preceeding years which hinders and handicaps their ability to attend the two day session of our annual association.

Therefore be it resolved that we change our associational organization to follow the practices of conducting our business sessions as follows.

- A. Instead of Union Meetings we shall have quarterly sessions, three each year, and these quarterly sessions shall have power to transact business of the association.
- B. The same officers shall preside at the three quarterly sessions and the annual session.
- C. The annual session shall meet for one day, at which time annual reports will be given the same as they are presently given.
- D. Committees shall be appointed by the moderator at any

quarterly meeting to serve the need of the association as the need shall be.

D. The minutes of all quarterly sessions and the annual meeting shall be printed in the yearly minutes.

4. Be it resolved that the churches of the Martin Association host the quarterly meetings and be responsible for the program.

5. Be it resolved that the quarterly and regular meeting be held at the Martin Youth Camp.

6. Be it resolved that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our deceased loved ones and all their names be turned over to the clerk to be included in this resolution.

7. Be it resolved that each church represent with 25 cents per capita member to each quarterly meeting and annual meeting and an offering of not under \$5 for Youth Camp.

## MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONVENTION REPORT

### Financial Report:

#### Assets:

Balance brought forward	\$ 46.92
Offering - 11/28/69	52.20
Offering - 3/27/70	10.65
Offering - 5/29/70	17.00
Offering - 8/28/70	<u>14.75</u>
TOTAL	\$ 141.52

#### Disbursements:

Repairs on Youth Camp Property	\$ 100.00
Printing of minutes	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 115.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY - 9/24/70 \$ 26.52

### OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Reverend Kelly Harrell . . . . . Moderator  
Reverend Lewis Williams . . . . . Assistant Moderator

Brother J. R. McNease . . . . . Clerk  
Brother Paul Boutwell . . . . . Assistant Clerk

PROGRAMS FOR 1970 MEETINGS

April 16, 1970

Devotional . . . . . Talmadge Worsley  
Welcome Address . . . . . Lewis Williams  
Response . . . . . W. E. Lane  
Message . . . . . J. J. Scott

July 16, 1970

Devotional . . . . . Talmadge Cooper  
Welcome Address . . . . . Horace Lovering  
Response . . . . . Chester Gilbert  
Message . . . . . Talmadge Worsley

October 15, 1970

Devotional . . . . . Edd Roberts  
Welcome Address . . . . . Bobby Roberts  
Response . . . . . Clifton Powell  
Message . . . . . Larry Williams

CHILDRENS HOME HARVEST DRIVE REPORT

Church	Cash	Commodities
New Salem . . . . .	110.00	70.00
New Salem Auxiliary . . . . .	42.00	337.65
New Home number 1 . . . . .	218.62	52.00
Pilgrim Home . . . . .	25.00	
Hebrew . . . . .	10.00	124.50
Mt. Glory . . . . .	15.00	
Mothers Home. . . . .	35.00	108.00
Bible Circle. . . . .	5.00	
Mt. Gilead . . . . .	100.00	2.00
Thompson . . . . .	105.00	148.50
(Other Sources) . . . . .	30.00	(corn) 70.00 (peanuts) 30.00
TOTALS . . . . .	695.62	942.65

Frank Newberry, Chairman



## SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT

Received from Martin Association 1969	\$ 97.53
Union Meeting - November 1969	8.75
Union Meeting - March 1970	18.38
Union Meeting - May 1970	14.00
Union Meeting - August 1970	10.50
New Home number 1 - December 4, 1969	10.00
New Home number 1 - 3/9/70	10.00
New Home number 1 - 6/9/70	10.00
New Home number 1 - 9/5/70	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 189.16

### Disbursed

Mrs. A. B. Ard	\$ 45.00
Reverend Willie Sellers	45.00
Reverend Drew Floyd	45.00
Mr. Leron Clower for State Superannuation	<u>45.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$ 180.00
Balance in Treasury	9.16

Mrs. Annie Lou Wells, Mrs. Carolyn Hornsby, Mrs. Edgar Smith

## REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL BOARD

### Financial Report

Balance brought forward	\$ 74.11
Receipt Union Meeting - 3/27/70	32.48
Receipt Union Meeting - 4/29/70	7.89
Receipt Union Meeting - 6/22/70	6.00
Receipt Union Meeting - 10/19/70	<u>4.00</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR -	\$ 124.88

Disbursements: None -0-

Blance on Hand - 10/11/70 \$ 124.88

Mrs. Tyrone Williams, Treasurer

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The first session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School



Convention convened with Thompson Church on November 30, 1969. The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Wayne Sheffield. Brother Bobby Roberts called meeting to order. Brother Charles Grimes gave the devotion. Welcome was given by Brother Clifton Powell. Response was given by Philip Richardson. New Salem presented special singing.

The Digest Committee was reported as follows:

Brother Bobby Richardson, Clifton Powell and Wayne Sheffield  
The committee was dismissed to compile their report.

Mothers Home presented their program. Mt. Gilead presented special singing. Hebrew presented their program. MSC to seat delegates.

The Digest Committee gave the following report:

Number on roll	406	Paid Literature	\$ 493.87
Number Departments	36	Miscellaneous	650.70
Number Teachers	36	Average Attendance	50
Number Officers	24	Average Offering	284.33
TOTAL OFFERING. . . . .			\$ 2,274.67

MSC to accept Digest Committee Report.

Ministers attending this meeting - 4. Sunday School teachers attending this meeting - 14. Minutes of the last meeting was read and adopted. MSC to adopt treasurers report.

Nominating Committee was appointed as follows.

Brothers Horace Lovering Jr., Talmadge Worsley, Charles Grimes

Program Committee was appointed as follows:

- Sister Robert Preston, C. M. Smith, W. O. Brunson

Special prayer for the sick and for the boys in service was given.

MSC to give \$100 to the Youth Camp. MSC to give Thompson Church a rising vote of thanks. MSC to adjourn.

Treasurers Report:

Balance brought forward	\$ 144.35
Dues to Convention	36.00
Youth Camp	<u>100.00</u>
BALANCE IN TREASURY	

Respectfully submitted, Ann Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Second Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened at New Home number 1 on May 31, 1970. Brother Talmadge Worsley opened with prayer. Brother Herbert Boyd led in the song service. Brother Horace Lovering gave the devotion. Welcome by Wayne Sheffield, and response by Sharon Sheffield.

Call for church letters and the digest committee was appointed as follows:

Brothers Don Roberts, Charles Grimes and Ned Bryan

Delegates were seated. The Nominating Committee gave the following report.

President . . . . . Bobby Roberts  
Vice President . . . . . Lewis Williams  
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Ned Bryan  
Director of Publicity . . . . . Terry McVey  
Director of Organization . . . . . Wayne Sheffield

Respectfully submitted, Brothers Charles Grimes, Horace Lovering Jr., and Talmadge Worsley.

Program Committee gave the following report: First session - Colquitt Church on November 29, 1970.

Devotion . . . . . Glenn Tully  
Welcome . . . . . Pete Davis  
Response . . . . . Dallas Waddell

BUSINESS

Special Singing . . . . . Hebrew & New Home number 1  
Programs . . . . . New Salem & New Home number 2

Second Session at Corinth on May 30, 1971.

Devotion . . . . . Talmadge Worsley  
Welcome . . . . . Christine Burke  
Response . . . . . Ann Tully

BUSINESS

Special Singing . . . . . Thompson & Mt. Glory  
Programs . . . . . Colquitt & Mothers Home

MSC to adopt minutes of last meeting. Digest Committee gave the following report:

Number on roll	396	Paid Literature	558.91
Number Departments	30	Miscellaneous	869.14
Number Teachers	32	Average Attendance	280
Number Officers	18	Convention Dues	35.00
Total Offering	\$1,492.84		

Respectfully submitted, Brothers Don Roberts, Ned Bryan, Charles Grimes.

MSC to give New Home a rising vote of thanks. MSC to adjourn.

Treasurers Report:

Balance Forward	\$ 80.35
Dues to Convention	<u>35.00</u>
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 115.35

Respectfully submitted, Ann Richardson, Secretary and Treasurer.

## CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE CONVENTION REPORT

The first session of the Martin District CTS Convention convened at New Home number 1 Church on March 29, 1970. Two songs were sung and prayer was offered by Brother J. R. McNease. Talmadge Cooper gave the devotion using scripture from Matthew 28. The welcome was given by Wayne Sheffield and the response by Gail Driggers. The digest committee was appointed as follows: Herbert Boyd and Lewis Williams. Churches represented were: Mothers Home, Mt. Gilead, New Salem and New Home number 1. There were three ministers, 2 CTS directors and 8 CTS teachers present. The digest committee report was read and adopted. Minutes of the last CTS convention was read and adopted. Mothers Home and New Salem churches presented the programs. A nominating committee was appointed consisting of: Talmadge Cooper, Wayne Sheffield and Terry McVey.

The second session of the Martin District CTS Convention convened at New Salem Church, August 30, 1970. Two songs were sung and prayer was offered by Larry Williams. Terry McVey gave the devotional using scripture from Psalm I. The welcome address was given by Bennie Gamble and the response by Donna Kay Hornsby. Hi-Way, Mothers

Home, Mt. Gilead, New Home number 1 and New Salem Churches were represented. There were 6 ministers, 4 CTS directors and 7 CTS teachers present. A digest committee was appointed consisting of: Terry McVey, C. M. Smith and Talmadge Cooper. Programs were given by Mt. Gilead and New Home number 1 churches. MSC to seat all delegates to the convention. Minutes were read and adopted. Digest Committee report was read and adopted. The nominating committee submitted their report and the officers were voted upon. The officers are as follows:

- General Director . . . . . Bobby Richardson
- Assistant Director. . . . . Talmadge Worsley
- Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Martha Roland
- Assistant Secretary Treasurer . . . . . Sue Mock
- Song Leader . . . . . Herbert Boyd
- Sword Drill Leader . . . . . Elise Williams
- Bible Bowl Leader . . . . . Gertrude Roberts
- Tic Tac Toe Leader . . . . . Sue Roberts
- Declamation Leader . . . . . Mrs. C. M. Smith
- Pianist . . . . . Debra Roberts

The field workers elected were: Talmadge Cooper, Bobby Roberts, and Terry McVey. The program committee then gave their report and it was adopted.

The report is as follows: First session Mother Home.

- Devotional . . . . . Wayne Sheffield
- Welcome . . . . . Terry McVey
- Response . . . . . Diane Boyd
- Programs . . . . . New Salem and Hi-Way

Second Session Hi-Way Church.

- Devotional . . . . . Phillip Richardson
- Welcome . . . . . Eugene Harrell
- Response . . . . . Gayle Driggers
- Programs . . . . . Mothers Home and New Home number 1

MSC to give New Salem Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The Convention was then dismissed with prayer.

Treasurers Report:

Balance brought forward	\$ 79.68
CTS Dues	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$ 104.68

Disbursement:

Printing Minutes	\$ 15.00
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 89.68

OBITUARARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We regret to report the loss of two members of Corinth Church. They are: Mrs. Joyce Coleman Lane and Mrs. Connie Easom Stinson.

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Disbursement Committee recommend the following:

Clerk	\$ 35.00
Moderator	15.00
State Association Dues	20.00
National Association Dues	10.00
State Mission Board	100.00
Retain in Treasury	50.00
Minutes to be paid for and the balance allocated as follows:	
State Cooperative	10%
Local Superannuation	60%
Local Promotional Board	15%
Local Mission Board	15%

Respectfully submitted, O. F. Everson, G. R. Grimes, L. D. Scott

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Assets:

Cash on Hand	\$ 47.00
Received from Association	706.00
Received from Union Meeting	15.00
Received from Ministers Conference	15.00
Received from Sunday School Convention	15.00
Received from CTS Convention	15.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 813.00

Disbursements:

Clerk	\$ 35.00
Moderator	15.00
State and National Association	30.00

State Mission Board . . . . .	\$ 100.00
State Cooperative Plan . . . . .	27.95
Local Superannuation Board . . . . .	167.70
Local Promotional Board . . . . .	41.93
Local Mission Board . . . . .	41.92
Association Minutes . . . . .	300.00
Stamps and Postage . . . . .	3.50
TOTAL DISBURSED . . . . .	\$ 763.00

Balance Retained In Treasury . . . . .	\$ 50.00
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## DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

### Local Causes:

Pastors Salary . . . . .	\$ 18,774.76
Evangelistic Work . . . . .	2,195.35
Building and Repair . . . . .	7,462.94
Literature . . . . .	2,386.60
Miscellaneous Spending . . . . .	4,174.72
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES . . . . .	\$ 34,994.37

### World Wide Ministry:

Cooperative Plan of Support . . . . .	\$ 925.51
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### State Ministries:

State Missions . . . . .	\$ 38.60
Youth Camp . . . . .	208.50
Christian Education . . . . .	135.16
Childrens Home . . . . .	1,056.45
Superannuation . . . . .	15.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	60.00
TOTAL STATE MINISTRIES . . . . .	\$ 1,513.71

### National Ministries:

Home Missions . . . . .	564.49
Foreign Missions . . . . .	255.00
Bible College . . . . .	393.23
Superannuation . . . . .	—0—
TOTAL NATIONAL MINISTRIES . . . . .	\$ 1,212.72

TOTAL FOR ALL CAUSES . . . . .	\$ 38,646.31
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Church	Membership	Contributions
Colquitt . . . . .	70 . . . . .	\$ 70.00
Corinth . . . . .	72 . . . . .	72.00
Hebrew . . . . .	59 . . . . .	59.00
Hi-Way . . . . .	28 . . . . .	28.00
Mothers Home . . . . .	77 . . . . .	77.00
Mt. Glory . . . . .	24 . . . . .	24.00
Mt. Gilead . . . . .	54 . . . . .	54.00
New Home number 1 . . . . .	140 . . . . .	140.00
New Home number 2 . . . . .	No Report. . . . .	No Report
New Salem . . . . .	116 . . . . .	116.00
Pilgrims Home. . . . .	23 . . . . .	23.00
Proctors Chapel . . . . .	44 . . . . .	18.00
Springfield . . . . .	8 . . . . .	8.00
Thompson . . . . .	50 . . . . .	50.00
Totals: 14 Churches . . . . .	756 Members . . . . .	\$ 743.00



# 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Active Members	Inactive Members	Total Members	Received By Letter	Received By Baptism	Statement Of Faith	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	C. T. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary	Average Attendance	Master's Men	Prayer Meeting	Vacation Bible School	Number Of Deacons	Paid Pastor	Total Offering	Paid Evangelist	Revivals Held	Cooperative Plan	Building and Repairs	Literature	Total Expenditures	Value Of Church	Value Of Parsonage	Meeting Days
LQUITT	70		70	1		3	1		3	54	30			23	12		10	20	4	2,400.00	6,291.10	175.00	1		84.97	253.26	3,452.80	8,000.00		Fulltime
RINTH	17	55	72	1		1	3		2	28	16	Yes							3	1,077.99	3,012.02	380.00	2	169.57	259.57	41.25	2,688.11	8,000.00		2nd 4th
BREW	59		59	4						Yes												81.00	1			64.46				2nd 4th
GHWAY	28		28	5		7	2			27	27	27	27				20			440.25	1,118.83	86.40	2		191.97	129.47	1,096.64	3,500.00		2nd 4th
OTHERS HOME	68	9	77	11		4	7	20	1	78	56			Bible C. 17	Av. 7		10	57	4	578.97	5,292.12	228.00	2	175.84	2,457.20	701.42	4,741.82	3,000.00		Fulltime
. GLORY	24		24		2				2	18	12						15		2	667.07	1,043.38	65.00	1			24.00		5,000.00		Fulltime
GILEAD	54		54	2			8			48	40	35	30				25	30	3	1,880.00	4,318.05	270.00	3	96.00	732.78	157.17	4,229.81	6,000.00		Fulltime
W HOME no. 1	108	32	140	3	14	2	10		1	108	54	108	45				45		7	4,317.95	8,727.35	250.00	2	121.52	484.10	387.91	6,941.18	10,500.00		Fulltime
W HOME no. 2																														
W SALEM	116		116	6	9		10		3	81	65	48		22	13		Yes		5	3,700.00	8,054.78	157.50	2	363.80	2,000.00	560.66	7,771.31	8,000.00	11,000.00	Fulltime
GRIMS HOME	23		23		1															800.00	1,389.72	185.00	1		96.21	12.00	1,355.65	15,000.00		1st 3rd
DOCTOR CHAPEL	35	9	44	1		2	3		1	24	16						8	24	3	897.56	1,158.05	100.00	2				1,261.65	10,000.00		Fulltime
RINGFIELD	8		8																1	240.00			1							2nd 4th
OMPSON	25		50						2	30	20						8		6	1,775.00	3,638.81	217.45	2		810.76		3,088.90	7,000.00		2nd 4th

*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**  
**CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE RALLY**  
**Martin District Association Of Free Will Baptist**

**CONSTITUTION**

**Preamble:**

The purpose of this Rally shall be to promote the Church Training Service Program (CTS) in the Martin Association; to unify, to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in cooperation with the various local CTS Programs of this District, so therefore, we accept this Constitution to help strengthen our total Church Training program.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:** The name of this organization shall be known as the Martin District CTS Rally of the original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia.

**ARTICLE II**

**MEMBERSHIP:** The membership shall be composed of all persons who are active members in the Church Training Service of a church which is a member of the Martin Association. Each member shall have voting privileges and may participate fully in all activities provided by the Rally. Ordained ministers affiliated with the Martin Association shall be standing members.

**ARTICLE III**

**OFFICERS:** The officers of this Rally shall consist of a General Director, an Assistant General Director, a Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Song Director, Pianist, Sword Drill Leader, Bible Tic Tac Toe Leader, Bible Bowl Leader, Declamation Leader, and other officers which may be needed to carry on the work of the Rally.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETING:** The Rally shall meet semi-annually at such a time and place as may be decided upon by the Nominating Committee.

**ARTICLE V**

**COMMITTEES:** All committees needed to carry on the work of the Rally shall be appointed by the General Director.

## ARTICLE VI

**REPORTS:** This Rally shall be under direct supervision of the Martin District Association and shall give a written report annually to the Association of all funds received and disbursed, and functions of the Rally during the year. The report should include objectives and any future plans being considered by the Rally.

## ARTICLE VII

**FINANCES:** This Rally shall be supported by each local CTS representing with a gift of \$5.00 competitive activities entry fee; Bible Bowl and Bible Tic Tac Toe \$1.00 each; Sword Drill and Declamation \$1.00 each, and special offerings which might be received during the Rallies.

## ARTICLE VIII

**AMENDMENT:** This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present.

## BY-LAWS

### Section 1. Officers

All officers shall be elected by the Rally.

### Section 2. General Director

It shall be the duty of the General Director to preside at all meetings and perform such duties delegated to him by the District Association and this Rally. He shall also submit annual written reports to the District Association.

### Section 3. Assistant General Director

It shall be the duty of the Assistant General Director to serve in full capacity of the General Director when he is absent. He shall also serve in those capacities assigned to him by this Rally.

### Section 4. Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the Rally and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office. All funds shall be held and disbursed by the Treasurer at the approval of the Rally.

### Section 5. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to serve in the full capacity of the Secretary-Treasurer when he is absent.



## Section 6. Song Leader

It shall be the duty of the Song Leader to be present, and on time, at all meetings and assist in arranging music for the Rally.

## Section 7. Pianist

It shall be the duty of the Pianist to be present at all meetings, and on time. Also assist in arranging music for the Rally.

## Section 8. Sword Drill, Bible Bowl and Bible Tic Tac Toe Leaders

It shall be the duty of these leaders to serve as coordinating agencies between the various districts in promoting and stimulating interest in the Sword Drill, Bible Bowl and Bible Tic Tac Toe Contests. Also be responsible for conducting these contests at the proper time set up by the Rally. It shall also be the duty of these leaders to be careful and make sure they go directly by the rules set up by the State and National since they have the power to disqualify a contestant for this purpose.

## Section 9. Declamation Leader

It shall be the duty of the Declamation Leader to serve as a coordinating agency between the various districts in promoting and stimulating interest in the Declamation speeches. Also be responsible for conducting the Declamation Contest at the proper time set up by the Rally. It shall also be the duty of this leader to be careful and make sure he goes directly by the rules set up by the State and National since they have the power to disqualify a contestant for this purpose.

## Section 10. Committees

Committees may be appointed as deemed wise by the Rally and will serve at the discretion of the Rally.

## Section 11. Executive Committee

All general officers shall be members of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep the business to a minimum so that the Rally can be geared toward promoting the Church Training program and should be a time of inspiration, instruction and other special features pertaining to the CTS work. The Executive Committee shall also serve as the Program Committee and meet prior to the Rallies to plan an inspiring and interesting program.

## Section 12. Amendment

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present.

## 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 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 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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# *Church Covenant*

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to reverence to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.