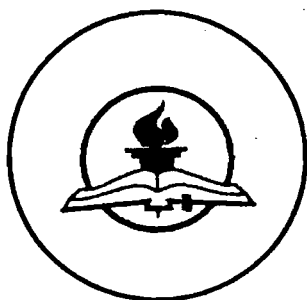


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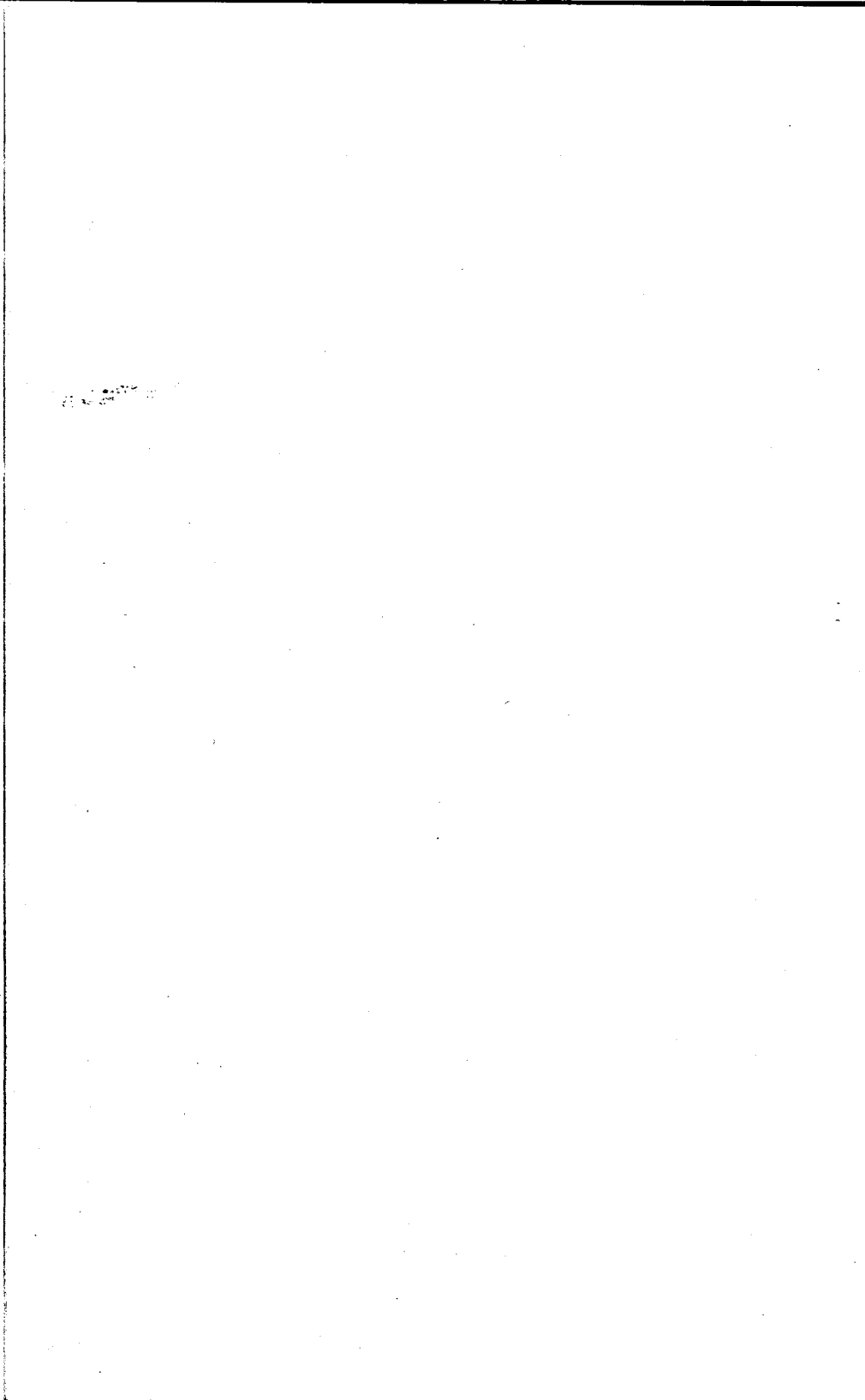
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**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS
2018-2019**

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator
Assistant ModeratorRev. Kent Barwick
TreasurerSister Pam Roberts
Assistant TreasurerSister Annie Laura Middleton
Clerk
Assistant ClerkBro. Rod Brewer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Kent Barwick
Sis. Annie Laura Middleton
Bro. Rod Brewer
Sis. Pam Roberts

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Andy Merritt - 2020
Rev. Kent Barwick - 2022
Rev. Bobby Whitaker - 2020

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Andy Merritt - 2020
Bro. Randy Adams - 2022
Rev. William Smith - 2020

REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARD

Board of Trustees - Rev. Talmadge Worsley, 2021
Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick, 2021
Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Thompson, 2023
Board of Camping - Rev. James Judkins, 2023

MARTIN ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETINGS

FIRST SESSION

Mother's Home FWBC - January 13, 2019

Fellowship MeetingSunday, 6:00 p.m.

SECOND SESSION

New Home Decatur County FWBC - April 14, 2019

Fellowship MeetingSunday, 6:00 p.m.

THIRD SESSION

New Home Miller County FWBC - July 14, 2019

Fellowship MeetingSunday, 6:00 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION

New Salem FWBC - October 12, 2019

Business MeetingSaturday, 10:00 a.m.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

January 14, 2018

Colquitt FWB Church, Colquitt, GA
Fellowship Meeting

The Martin Association of Georgia Free Will Baptists held their fellowship meeting at New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Miller County in Colquitt, GA on Sunday, January 14, 2018. There were 65 people in attendance. The meeting began with Bro. Buddy Johnson extending a warm welcome to everyone in attendance. He then led the congregation in singing, "Power in the Blood."

Moderator, Rev. Ron Wallace thanked the Colquitt church for hosting the meeting. He then recognized those in attendance from each church in the Martin Association. There were 4 churches (Corinth, Donalsonville, Highway and New Home, DC) that were not represented. Bro. Ron announced that the next Martin meeting will be held April 8, 2018 at Hebrew FWB Church in Donalsonville. This will be a fellowship meeting. The Georgia state convention will be held at White Oaks FWB Church in Macon on March 14-16. Three delegates are needed to represent the Martin Assoc. Charles Harrell and Janice Wallace volunteered to serve as delegates. The body granted the moderator permission to appoint the other delegate from those in attendance.

We received an offering of \$379.00.

Announcements: The 2017 minutes have been distributed to each church. Please see the clerk if more copies are needed.

Bro. Ron then turned the program over to the host church.

The congregation sang "When we all get to Heaven." Rev. Matt Calhoun then brought a message on gratitude from Colossians 3:12-17. The grace OF God galvanizes gratitude TO God.

Bro. Ron encouraged everyone to pray for Bro. Matt as he seeks God's direction for his life.

Bro. Steve Holt gave prayer of dismissal and blessing on the food.

We then enjoyed a delicious meal of soup and sandwiches as well as a good time of fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Harrell, Clerk
Rev. Ronald Wallace, Moderator

Clerk Becky Harrell

Moderator Ron Ronald Wallace

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

April 8, 2018

Hebrew FWB Church, Donalsonville, GA
Fellowship Meeting

The Martin Association of Georgia Free Will Baptists held their fellowship meeting at Hebrew FWB Church on Sunday, April 8, 2018. There was 48 people in attendance. The meeting began with the Hebrew church choir singing a medley of songs including, "How Great is our God" and "How Great Thou Art." Rev. Talmadge Worsley led in prayer.

Moderator, Rev. Ron Wallace welcomed everyone and thanked the Hebrew church for hosting the meeting. He then recognized Rev. Andy Merritt who had an item of business to bring before the body. Bro. Andy made a motion that we send a letter of good standing to the Florida State Line Association on behalf of Rev. Kevin Hill. Motion seconded and voted on by the standing delegates. Motion carried. Bro. Kevin has accepted the position of youth pastor at Panther Creek FWB Church.

He then recognized those in attendance from each church in the Martin Association. There were 5 churches (Corinth, Donalsonville, Highway, Mt. Glory and New Home, DC) that were not represented.

Bro. Ron announced that the next Martin meeting will be held July 8, 2018 at Highway FWB Church in Brinson. This will be a fellowship meeting.

We received our regular offering of \$183.00.

Bro. Andy Merritt led the congregation in singing, "Redeemed." A quartet from Hebrew church then sang "Canaanland is Just in Sight."

Bro. Andy then turned the program over to Rev. Josh Bennett and Rev. Shane Suggs who together will be planting a FWB church in Tifton, GA. Bro. Josh shared Jesus' last words to us from Acts 1:8 where He challenged us to be His witnesses. Bro. Shane shared the need for prayer partners as well as financial support. They encouraged all that could to give \$5 each month to support the work. 52% of Tifton are unbelievers. One special prayer request is that they will be able to find a place to hold services.

We then received an offering of \$360 for the work in Tifton.

Bro. Andy gave prayer of dismissal and blessing on the food.

We then enjoyed a delicious meal as well as a good time of fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Harrell, Clerk
Rev. Ronald Wallace, Moderator

Clerk Becky Harrell

Moderator Rev. Ronald Wallace

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

July 8, 2018

Highway FWB Church, Brinson, GA
Fellowship Meeting

The Martin Association of Georgia Free Will Baptists held their fellowship meeting at Highway FWB Church on Sunday, July 8, 2018. There were 40 people in attendance. The meeting began with Sister Brenda Bailey leading the congregation in singing "He Set me Free." The host pastor, Rev. Kim Whitehead led in prayer. The congregation then sang, "The Comforter has Come." We received our regular offering of \$81.00.

Rev. Whitehead welcomed everyone to Highway Church. He then introduced our speaker for the evening, Sister Janice Whitehead.

She stated she was there to give a speech of encouragement. She said the most important thing we can do is to build strong character. We can do this by doing the following:

1. Don't complain
2. Be content
3. Be forgiving
4. Show compassion and kindness

We are diamonds in the rough and only God knows what we can be if we let the Holy Spirit work in us. He sends storms to help mold us.

In closing, the congregation sang, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" Bro. Alvin Bailey gave prayer of dismissal and blessing on the food. Everyone then enjoyed a delicious meal and a wonderful time of fellowship.

Respectfully submitted

Becky Harrell, Clerk
No moderator present

Clerk Becky Harrell

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists
Annual Business Session
October 13, 2018

There was no meeting held today due to the awful devastation caused by Hurricane Michael.

Clerk: Becky Harrell

December 11, 2018

On December 11, 2018, the Executive Board of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Moby Dick restaurant in Colquitt. Board members, Rev. Kent Barwick, Rod Brewer, Annie Laura Middleton, Pam Roberts and Becky Harrell, were in attendance. Rev. William Smith also attended.

Moderator, Bro. Kent Barwick thanked everyone for coming. Charles Harrell opened the meeting with prayer and asked the blessing on our meal.

Following our delicious meal, we discussed the dates and places for the 2019 meetings. They are as follows:

January 13, 2019 (Fellowship meeting) - Mother's Home FWB Church, 6:00pm

April 14, 2019 (Fellowship meeting) - New Home FWB Church Decatur County, 6:00pm

July 14, 2019 (Fellowship meeting) - New Home FWB Church Miller County, 6:00pm

October 12, 2019 (Business meeting) - New Salem FWB Church, 10:00 am.

The Martin Association officers at present are:

Moderator - none Asst. Moderator - Rev. Kent Barwick

Treasurer - Sister Pam Roberts, Asst. Treasurer - Sister Annie Laura Middleton

Clerk - Sister Becky Harrell, Asst. Clerk - Bro. Rod Brewer.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Andy Merritt (2020), Rev. Bobby Whitaker (2020), Rev. Kent Barwick (2019).

Investigating Committee: Rev. Andy Merritt (2020), Bro. Randy Adams (2019). We also recommend that Rev. William Smith be placed on this committee. He will serve until 2020.


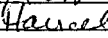
Representatives to State Boards: Board of Trustees - Rev. Talmadge Worsley (2021), Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick (2021), Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Thompson (2019) and Board of Camping - Rev. James Judkins (2019)

Since we were unable to have the annual meeting in October due to the devastation of Hurricane Michael, we will need to conduct some business at the January meeting. We need to elect a new clerk as well as a moderator and/or assistant moderator. We recommend that Bro. Randy Adams, Bro. Gerald Thompson and Rev. James Judkins continue to serve on their respective boards.

Bro. William Smith informed us that National dues will increase from \$150 to \$175 in 2020.

Moderator: Rev. Kent Barwick

Clerk: Becky Harrell

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Annual Treasurer's Report
October 1, 2017 – September 30 , 2018

Deposits

Date	Purpose	Amount
10/14/17	Offering	\$370.00
10/14/17	Fees	\$2035.00
1/14/18	Offering	\$379.00
1/14/18	Fees	\$1989.00
4/08/18	Offering	\$183.00
4/08/18	Missionary Offering	\$360.00
4/08/18	Fees	\$1854.00
7/08/18	Offering	\$81.00
7/08/18	Fees	\$1573.50
Total Deposits		\$8824.50

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Annual Treasurer's Report continued
October 1, 2017 – September 30 , 2018

Disbursements				
Date	Check #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
10/14/17	1553	Rev. Ronald Wallace	Moderator	\$ 50.00
10/14/17	1554	Becky Harrell	Clerk	50.00
10/14/17	1555	Annie L. Middleton	Treasurer	50.00
10/16/17	1556	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	398.53
10/16/17	1557	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	398.53
10/16/17	1558	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolence	398.53
10/16/17	1559	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	245.70
12/28/17	1560	Houston Printing Co.	Printing Minutes	379.32
1/22/18	1561	Rev. Ronald Wallace	Moderator	50.00
1/22/18	1562	Becky Harrell	Clerk	50.00
1/22/18	1563	Pam Roberts	Treasurer	50.00
1/22/18	1564	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	387.72
1/22/18	1565	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	387.72
1/22/18	1566	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolence	387.72
1/22/18	1567	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	242.20
1/22/18	1568	GA State Assoc. of FWB	State & National Fees	1,875.00
4/8/18	1569	North American Ministries	Shane Suggs (Tifton)	360.00
4/9/18	1570	Becky Harrell	Postage Reimb.,	20.00
4/9/18	1571	Rev. Ronald Wallace	Moderator	50.00
4/9/18	1572	Becky Harrell	Clerk	50.00
4/9/18	1573	Pam Roberts	Treasurer	50.00
4/17/18	1574	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	385.93
4/17/18	1575	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	385.93
4/17/18	1576	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolence	385.93
4/17/18	1577	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	107.10
7/16/18	1578	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	389.80
7/16/18	1579	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	389.80
7/16/18	1580	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolence	389.80
7/16/18	1581	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	73.15
7/16/18	1582	Becky Harrell	Clerk	50.00
7/16/18	1583	Pam Roberts	Treasurer	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$	8,538.41

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Annual Treasurer's Report continued
October 1, 2017 – September 30 , 2018

Beginning Balance 10/01/17	\$1,798.45
Deposits	\$8,824.50
Subtotal	\$10,622.95
Expenditures	\$8,598.41
Closing Balance	\$2,084.54

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OBITUARY REPORT AS REPORTED

Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church

Cathy Colwell

DOB: 01/02/1953 DOD: 12/25/2017

Brenda Sheffield

DOB: 12/09/1941 DOD: 05/04/2018

Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church

Kenneth A. "Chuck" Faircloth

DOB: 12/03/1959 DOD: 07/25/2018

Billy Joe Adams Deacon

DOB: 01/10/1944 DOD: 09/19/2018

Highway Free Will Baptist Church

Mable Scott

DOB: 10/18/1928 DOD: 08/05/2018

Mother's Home Free Will Baptist Church

Tyrone Williams

DOB: 10/01/38 DOD: 11/24/2017

Mt. Glory Free Will Baptist Church

Alice Luvern Newberry

DOB: 01/26/1937 DOD: 07/11/2018

New Home Free Will Baptist Church (D.C.)

Regina Cumbie Hornsby

DOB: 01/29/1975 DOD: 04/19/2018

Evonne Harrell Taylor

(No dates provided)

Doris Brock Cumbie

DOB: 06/20/1924 DOD: 11/03/2017

New Home Free Will Baptist Church (M.C.)

Mary L. Covington

DOB: 09/26/1918 DOD: 04/11/2018

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Bro. Louie Grimes
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Assistant Clerk:
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265 Grimsley Rd.
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BY-LAWS

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. It is recommended that each church close its books on September 1st and mail the quarterly and annual reports to the clerk two weeks before each session of the Association.

2. It is suggested that the Pastoral year begin September first.

3. All business of this Body shall be conducted according to established parliamentary procedures as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

4. 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.

5. The Woman's Auxiliary, and any other Auxiliary of this Association shall give an annual written report at the October meeting.

6. Obituary reports from each church should give name, date of birth, and date of death of deceased members in the annual report to the Association. This information will be given to the Resolutions Committee.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the meeting to order and to maintain order and harmony.

8. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his/her absence or upon the request of the Moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate financial records in terms of receipts, expenditures, and balance of funds to be reported to the Association quarterly and prepared for yearly publication.

10. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform such duties as are incumbent on the Treasurer in his/her absence or upon the request of the Treasurer.

11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a minute of the proceedings and to prepare the Minutes for publication, including all items of business, committee reports, and all other matters which effect the program of this Association.

12. The Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as are incumbent on the Clerk in his/her absence or upon request of the Clerk.

13. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular session.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia, do establish and ordain this Constitution for the purpose of advocating, promoting, and increasing our fellowship with one another as fellow members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God through the preaching of the Gospel of the divine Son of God.

ARTICLE I

NAME:

This Association shall be called the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE II

COMPOSITION AND DELEGATES:

Section 1. This Martin Association shall be composed of its general officers, all ordained and licensed ministers of Gospel, all ordained deacons who are in good standing with the churches of which they are members, duly elected delegates from the local churches comprising the Association, and all Home and Foreign Missionaries who are members in good standing with a church belonging to this Association.

Section 2. Local churches shall be allowed two (2) delegates for the first fifty members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS:

The Sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly in January, April, July, and October on Saturday following the first Sunday of these months. The place of meeting to be determined by vote of the Association. It shall be the duty of the member churches to represent by letter and delegates at these meetings and report their condition and statistics on forms provided by the Association. The October session shall be considered the annual session of this Association.

AMENDMENT #1

MEETINGS:

Meeting Sessions of the Association shall be classified in 2 categories as follows. On January and July of each year there shall be held a Fellowship Meeting only. On April and October of each year there shall be held the regular Business Meetings as in the past. The By-Laws shall only apply to the April and October Meetings as specified.

AMENDMENT #2

MEETINGS:

Meeting sessions of the association shall be classified in 2 categories as follows. In January, April and July of each year there shall be held a Fellowship Meeting only. In October of each year there shall be held the annual Business Meeting as in the past.

ARTICLE IV

INDEPENDENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES:

Every church in this Association shall be considered an independent body and shall control its own internal affairs, having unrestricted right to administer its own government without interference from any higher body, being under Christ free and independent.

ARTICLE V

ASSOCIATIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE LOCAL CHURCHES:

The Martin Association shall be considered an advisory board whose function is to meet quarterly at such places as may be determined according to Article III of this Constitution, and not to adjourn formally until all pertinent matters are disposed of. While in session its duty shall be to examine all questions of interest to this Association and to use its best influence to promote Christian, denominational, and benevolent programs and institutions, such as Sunday Schools, Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliary, Masters Men, Home and Foreign Missions, and child-care institutions. The only punitive power this Association has in relation to the member churches is the right to withdraw fellowship from such churches who are in open violation of the rules and regulations of said Association or who become unsound in the doctrines and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, each of whom shall be elected at the close of the October session and assume the duties of their offices the next day following their election.

Section 2. No individual shall be elected to more than one office at a time.

Section 3. The Moderator may not serve more than (3) terms in succession. The Clerk and Treasurer may serve for an indefinite period of time.

ARTICLE VII

PROCEDURES FOR JOINING THE ASSOCIATION:

A church desiring to become a member of Martin Association shall submit a petitionary letter to the Association at any of its regular quarterly sessions, stating the date and place of organization, the Pastor's name and address, list of all elected officers, number of members, and time and place of regular meetings. The church must conform to the doctrines, and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

This Association reserves the right to send its Executive Committee to investigate any applicant for membership in this Association if it deems necessary and to subsequently act on the report of said Executive Committee before approval for membership becomes final.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE:

Section 1. It is suggested that each church comprising this Association send to the Association on a quarterly basis fifty cents (.50) per member to be determined on a total membership basis. However, at the discretion of the churches, inactive members need not be in the per-capita figure, but it is hoped that the churches will elect to include all members, active and inactive, in determining their total fee.

Section 2. Regular funds to the Associational treasury shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis as follows:

- A. Retain in the treasury fifty (50) dollars.
- B. State Association, fifteen (15) dollars.
- C. For printing minutes, one hundred fifty (150) dollars.
- D. Moderator's honorarium, fifty (50) dollars; Clerk's honorarium, fifty (50) dollars; Treasurer's honorarium fifty (50) dollars.
- E. The remaining funds will be allocated as follows: State Cooperative Program, 70% - Benevolent Fund, 30%.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES, BOARD, COUNCIL

Section 1. Committees may be chosen for any particular function at any session of the Association as the need arises. Unless otherwise specified, the Moderator shall appoint these committees.

Section 2. Standing committees may be set up by the Association as the need arises and unless otherwise specified, the Moderator shall appoint these committees.

Section 3. The Standing Committees of this Association shall be the Executive Committee and the Investigating Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and three (3) members to be elected annually by the Association. The Executive Committee shall act for and in behalf of the Martin Association on matters pertaining to its interests which may arise between sessions and which by their nature require immediate action. Such actions shall, however, be subject to final approval by this Association at its next regular session and consequently must be reported in full to the Association at its regular meeting.

The Investigating Committee shall consist of three (3) members who shall be elected as follows: one for a three (3) year term; one for a two (2) year term; and one for a one (1) year term. Election thereafter shall be for the three (3) year term. This committee shall act on instruction from the Association in investigating any irregularities among the churches which threaten the harmony and well being of the Association. It shall have no legislative or jurisdictional powers within itself, but must report all its findings to the Association for official action.

Section 4. There shall be an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) ordained ministers in good standing with Martin Association. They shall be elected as follows: one for a three (3) year term; one for a two (2) year term; and one for a one (1) year term. Election thereafter shall be for the three (3) year term.

The Ordaing Council shall examine candidates for ordination to the Gospel ministry under the procedures adopted by this Association . * (Guidelines adopted by the State Association.)

ARTICLE X

ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be altered or amended by the Martin Association at any of its regular sessions by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed alteration or amendment be presented in writing, filed with the Clerk of the Association, and read publicly before the Body at least two (2) times at a previous regular meeting.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 in reference to 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 in 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 ordinances of the holy 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 the 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.

