

(FREE WILL-FREE GRACE-FREE SALVATION)

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

MEETING WITH

THE

OF

1990

MINUTES

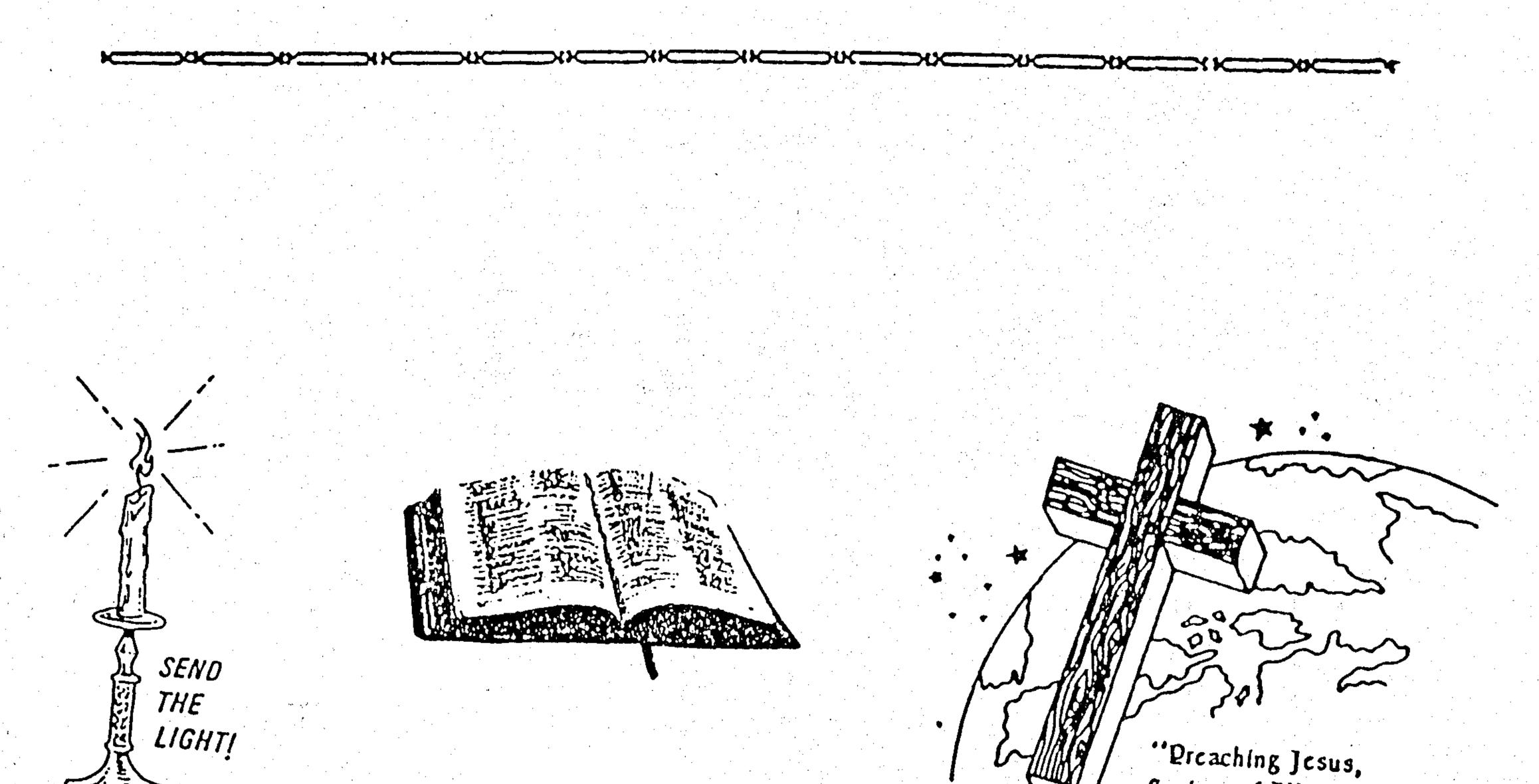
OF THE

OF THE

WEEMS ROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 14, 1990



(MINUTES OF ALL 1989-90 CHURCH YEAR QUARTERLY MEETING INCLUDED)

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator – Rev. Ronnie Knighton – Clerk	/Treasurer - Edward Newman
Asst. Moderator – Rev. David Dollar – Asst.	Clerk/Treasurer - Rev. Willie Martin
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS	ORDAINING COUNCIL
Rev. Ronnie Knighton - Rev. Mike Nelson	Rev. Russell Horne - 1991
Rev. David Dollar – Walter Walsh	Rev. Willie Martin - 1992
Edward Newman - Lester Thornton	Rev. Jimmy Stubbs - 1993

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Board of Camping
Board of Missions

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MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1991

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1-12-91 White Rock

4-13-91 Calvary

7-13-91 First

10-12-91 Landmark

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, January 13, 1990.

Opening song was "I feel like Traveling On".

Prayer by Rev. WIllie Martin.

Morning devotion was brought by the Moderator using Scripture from the following books: I Timothy 6:12, Luke 9:23, I Peter 2:21, I John 2:15.

*M/S/C to seat delegates.

The Moderator appoints the following digest committee: Joe Weldon, Dave Roberts, Buddy Watley.

M/S/C to accept finance and minutes report as read.

M/S/C to accept digest report as read.

M/S/C that the Pastor's serve as a committee to work out a time and set up a youth meeting.

Sis. Rachel Horne gave a report on the work of the Women's Auxiliary.

M/S/C to accept the ordaining council report to give license to preach to Bro. Edward Watley, Dennis Smith for one year.

M/S/C to give Calvary Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kennedy.

Special music by The Calvary Quartet.

Morning message by Bro. Dale Bishop. Scripture taken from Isaiah 6:1-3.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

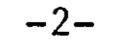
DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Churches Reporting5Ministers Present5Deacons Present4Delegates Present20Visitors Present9Total41Church Dues\$125.00

FINANCE REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$988.22
Dues from Churches	125.00
Women's Aux.	46.45
Total	\$1159.67
Paid Out-	
Ruby Kelly	- \$75.00
Balance in Treasury	\$1084.67

*Moved, Seconded, & Carried



SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met at First Free Will Baptist Church, April 14, 1990.

Opening song was "Heavenly Sunlight". Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Stubbs.

Welcome by Rev. WIllie Martin.

Morning devotion was brought by the Moderator using Scripture from Colossians 3:1-4.

M/S/C to seat delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes and finance report as read.

Appointed to the digest committee: Sis Martha Thornton, Sis. Ann Jordan.

M/S/C to accept the digest committee report.

The Moderator gave a report on a youth rally to be held at White Rock Church April 28, 1990 at 7:00 PM.

M/S/C to receive Rev. Jimmy Stubbs into full fellowship with the association.

M/S/C to write a letter to the Sunday School department requesting that they keep printing the Scripture in the Sunday School literature and send copy of letter to the State Executive board.

Bro. Martin gave a report from the State Christian Education Board.

Bro. Horne gave a report from the State Mission Board.

M/S/C to give First Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

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Morning message by Bro. David Lix. Scripture taken from Matthew 26: 36-46.

DIGEST COMMITTEE	REPORT	FINANCE REPORT	
Ministers Present	6	Balance Brought Forward	\$1084.67
Deacons Present	9	Deposit from Churches	100.00
Delegates Present	20	Total in Treasury	\$1184.67
Visitors	5		
Total	40	Paid Out-	- 75.00
		Balance in Treasury	\$1109.67

Dues from 4 Churches \$100.00

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THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met at Landmark Free Will Baptist Church, July 14, 1990.

Opening song was "Heaven's Jubilee". Prayer by Rev. David Dollar.

The devotion was brought by the Moderator. Scripture from James 1:17.

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

M/S/C that the minutes and finance report stand approved as read.

The moderator appointed a digest committee as following: Gary Kinser, Noble Richards.

M/S/C to accept digest committee report as read.

M/S/C that the Moderator appoint a nominating Committee: Lewis Taylor, Tony Mitchell, Jim Helms, Lester Thornton, Charlie Willingham.

M/S/C to increase dues to \$35.00 a quarter beginning in January 1991.

M/S/C that the clerk write a letter to the telephone company requesting changes in the yellow pages ad.

M/S/C to give Landmark Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

Special singing by Martha Jordan. Morning message by Rev. Rich. Scripture taken from II Corinthians 13:5.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT		FINANCE REPORT	
Ministers Present	7	Balance Brought Forward	
Deacons Present	7	Deposit from Churches	
Delegates Present	21	Total in Treasury	
Visitors	5		
Total	40	Paid Out-	
		Ruby Kelly	
		CB&T for checks	

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\$1109.67

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125.00

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\$1151.03

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Balance in Treasury

ANNUAL MEETING

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Twin Cities District met at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church, October 14, 1990.

Opening song was "To God Be The Glory". Prayer by Rev. David Dollar.

Devotion and welcome was brought by the Moderator, Scripture taken from Romans 8:1-11, I John 3:2.

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes and finance report as read.

The Moderator appointed Truman Lockhart, Clyde Brooks to serve as the digest committee.

M/S/C to accept the digest report as read.

M/S/C to place Bro. Jimmy Stubbs on the ordaining council for a 3-year term.

M/S/C to place Bro. David Lix on the camp board for 2 yrs. replacing Bro. Mike Nelson.

M/S/C to accept the ordaining council report.

M/S/C that the Moderator appoint a committee to organize and plan future youth rallies. Bro. David Kirby, Chairman, Bro. David Lix, Bro. Rick Kennedy, Bro. Darrell Walsh, Sis Dianne Fiegle were appointed.

M/S/C that this committee be called Youth Council.

M/S/C to accept the Moderator appointment of Mrs. Lillian Willingham to serve as registration clerk for each association meeting.

Delegates to the State are Donna Dollar, Ann Jordan and Rachel Horne as alternate. M/S/C to adjourn.

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Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

A Special Thanks to Weems Road Church for their hospitality. Special Music by Bro. Jimmy Stubbs & family.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Ministers Present	8
Deacons Present	7
Delegates Present	20
Visitors Present	14
Total	49

Offering from Churches \$175.00

FINANCE REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$1151.03
Dues from Churches	\$175.00
Total in Treasury	\$1326.00

Paid Out-GA State Association (for State&Nat'1 dues) -\$80.00 -\$75.00 Mrs. Ruby Kelly 5.00 Postmaster (Stamps) \$160.00 Total Paid Out \$1166.03 Balance in Treasury Breakdown of Accounts: Assoc. Revival.....\$804.05 General Fund.....\$ 92.45 Camp.....\$168.53

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORTS

- The Ordaining Council met Tuesday, October 9, 1990 for the purpose of 1. questioning Bro. Tim Horne and Bro. David Kirby to be licensed to preach the gospel. After questioning both individuals, we recommend that they be licensed to preach.
- The Ordaining Council would like to recommend that Bro. Lee Jordan's 2. ordaination credentials be requested by the association in view of the fact that he is no longer active in Free Will Baptist Ministry and is now attending another denomination.

Rev. David Dollar, Chairman

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TWIN CITIES DISTRICT AUXILIARY MINUTES

The annual session of the Twin Cities District Woman's Auxiliary met October 6, 1990, at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing, "Living by Faith", led by Mary Prather. Prayer by Mary Hughes.

Special Music by Sherrie Bailey.

Devotion by Faye Davis. Scripture taken from Matthew 28:19 & Mark 12:29-31. Welcome by Betty Dollar.

Another congregational song, "Amazing Grace".

Delegates were seated and minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Resolution's Committee report was read and approved.

M/S/C to adopt all 8 resolutions.

Registration Committee report was read and approved.

Dismissed for a break.

After reassembling, meeting was started with congregational singing, "Victory

In Jesus".

M/S/C to accept Nominating Committee report. Floor was opened for nominations and there were none.

A report on the Georgia Retreat at Norman Park was given by Ann Jordan. Next retreat will be March 22-23, 1991.

A report on WNAC retreat at Ridgecrest was given by Debra VanPelt.

Delegates to state are: Donna Dollar, Debra VanPelt, Mary Shellhouse, Ann Jordan, Jane Jifkins.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rachel Horne, President Rae Knighton, Secretary

NOMINATING COMMITTE REPORT

President	Sherrie Bailey
Vice President	
Secretary	Rae Knighton
Treasurer	Denise Crosby
Field Worker	Cindy Foder
Mission Prayer Chairman	Diane Martin
Mission Action Chairman	Debra Tamor

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Dee Mitchell, Chairperson Betty Dollar Sherrie Bailey ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT TWIN CITIES 1989-1990

Beginning Balance Offering Oct. 7, 1989 \$18.75

\$180.47 \$199.22

Receipts:

Calvary	\$2177.75
lst Church	\$ 496.26
White Rock	\$1269.94

(This includes the \$5.00 for the video used in the workshop.)

Offering	from	workshop	\$]	3.71
Donation			\$	5.00

Total Receipts Total Funds Available

Total Disbursements

Calvary	\$2150.25
lst Church	\$ 469.76
White Rock	\$1243.44

\$3962.66 \$4161.88

Printing of Min.(1989) \$46.45 Foreign Missions Videotape\$20.00 Women's Nat'l Aux. \$2.55 District Speaker (1990) \$50.00

Total

Voided check (194) Sept. 25, 1989 for \$3.00. Balance in Treasury October 6, 1990

\$ 182.43

\$3982.45

Respectively Submitted,

Sherrie Bailey Treasurer

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report:

According to Article IV of the Constitution and Article V of the By-Laws, the following Auxiliaries have properly Reported and are eligible for seats in this convention:

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Calvary, First, and White Rock

We recommend that this report be adopted and the delegates seated.



Debra Vanpelt, Chairperson Dale Shierling Donna Dollar

1990 RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR TWIN CITIES DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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- 1. The Twin Cities District Woman's Auxiliary will adopt the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary's theme, scripture verse(s) and song for 1991 adopted at the November 1990, State Meeting.
- 2. We adopt the Lora Shutes State Mission's Project supporting such missionaries as adopted in the November, 1990, State Meeting. Realizing our responsibility to support our missionaries, we encourage each Auxiliary to sponsor a quarterly fund raiser.
- 3. We write to the Weems Road Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary and to the Landmard Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary officially inviting them to join our District Woman's Auxiliary.
- 4. We continue to support the District Fellowship Supper for another year meeting quarterly on an alphabetical basis with the host church specifying the place, speaker (or kind of program) and the type of supper.
- 5. At the Twin Cities District Woman's Auxiliary Fellowship Suppers a time period of ten to fifteen minutes may be devoted to business.
- 6. This resolution will serve as a reminder to support our district yearly Provision Closet Shower. The Mission Action Committee is responsible for each local; motivating and correlating activities in conjuction with the District Mission Action person.
- 7. To give Mrs. Janice Wallace, our guest speaker and our program personalities a rising vote of thanks in appreciation for their participation in this meeting.
- 8. We give a rising vote of thanks to White Rock Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality.

Submitted by,

Diane Martin Cindy Foder Mary Shellhouse

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 1990

Executive committee meeting was held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

Plans were made for Spring Workshop, to be held at First Free Will Baptist Church, April 28, 1990. Registration will be at 9:30 AM, and program starts at 9:45. Devotion will be brought by Janice Wallace, Faye Davis will serve as a back-up. Plans for a skit will be made by Sherrie Bailey, Rae Knighton, and Marion Sellers. Rachel Horne will check on renting 2 videotapes. Musicians: Dee Mitchell & Rae Knighton. Songleader: Debra Tamor; Dianne Martin, back-up. Special Music will be brought by First FWB Quartet. Plan for covered dish lunch.

Provision Closet Shower will be held May 18, 1990, at 7:00 PM at First Free Will Baptist Church. A Program, "Please Search The Book Again", will be at 7:30 PM, everyone invited. Refreshment will be served.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 4, 1990

Executive meeting was held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

Devotion by Rachel Horne. Scripture from II Corinthians 4. Prayer by Rae Knighton.

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Program Plans for annual meeting, October 6, 1990:
Speaker: Janice Wallace
Devotion: Faye Davis
Song Leader: Mary Prather
Pianist: Rae Knighton
Theme: The Great Commission
Church: White Rock
Welcome: Betty Dollar (White Rock President)
Special Music: Sherrie Bailey
Registration: Marion Sellers
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Each local auxiliary to contribute \$10.00 to pay the speaker and to pay \$20.00 from treasury.

Recommend that each auxiliary pay \$5.00 toward the printing of the district minutes (In addition to the \$1.00 per auxiliary for printing of the State minutes)

Dismissed by Debra VanPelt.





OF THE TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, being the members of the Freewill Baptist denomination, having adopted the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the national Association of Original Free Will Baptist, realizing the necessity of fellowship among sister churches of like faith, do bond ourselves togethter to form an Association, and do therefore ordain this Constitution and By-Laws to the glory of God and to the improvement of denominational relations.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Twin Cities Association of Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Twin Cities Association is to promote greater fellowship among its member churches and to realize a greater harvest in the vineyard of the Lord through the combined efforts of the churches. The Association shall encourage the forming of such auxiliaries as are beneficial to the work of the churches, such as, Sunday School, Church Training Service, Marter's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meetings, Youth Organizations, and Missionary and Educational Endeavors.

With this Divine purpose in view, we set forth the following statements of truth:

This Association neither claims nor desires to hold nor wield any power or authority over its member churches which are by Divine Right reserved to the churches themselves. We emphasize anew that the local church is its own independent body so far as it relates to its own government, the transactions of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members. However, we do hold that churches who have the right and privilege of the above liberty and fellowship are composed of persons who believe the truth as it is in Christ, and give evidence of true piety, are, upon examination or recommendation, received into membership according to regular methods of the local church and upon condition of Baptism.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 1: The Moderator shall preside over all business of this Association. He shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall serve as ex-officio member of all standing

committees or boards.

Section 2: The Assistant Moderator shall discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence. In the absence of both the Moderator and his Assistant, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Standing Delegates shall elect someone to preside at the meeting.

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Section 3: The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the

of the Association. He/She shall be responsible for the printing and distributing of the Associational minutes to all churches, and shall enroll delegates at each session corresponding necessary for the Association. He/She shall receive all monies contributed to the Association, and make disbursements as authorized by the Association and/or the Executive Board (Committee).

Section 4: The Assitant Clerk-Treasurer shall discharge the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer in his/her absence.

The Association shall appoint or elect any other officers, boards, or committees it deems necessary for its business.

ARTICLE IV - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section I: There shall be an Executive Board (Committee) composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and at least three (3) mennot holding any other office in the Association. The Executive Board (Committee) shall promote the work of the Association in general and assist any department when the need arises or if called upon. This Committee shall act in behalf of the Association in case of any emergency and shall act as the Association when the Association is not in session. However, any action taken by this Committee is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Association at its next meeting. This Committee

> shall plan and prepare the programs of the Association. It shall be responsible to the Association for the questioning and examination of churches petitioning this body for membership. This Committee shall have power to deal with any officer of the Association who fails to function in his/her office or indulge in unchristian conduct. However, this action is temporary pending their report to the Association and final action by the body while in session. This Committee shall be available to mediate any dissention or offer any help to member churches providing their help is requested by the church. In such cases their traveling expenses shall be paid by the church desiring their assistance.

Section 2: There shall be an Ordaining Council composed of at least three (3) deacons or ministers whose duties consist of those set forth in Article IX, Ministerial Relations of this document.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1. The term of the Moderator shall be two (2) years. He shall not succeed himself more than once.
- 2. The length of service for the Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and the assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be at the discretion of the Association.
- 3. The memebers of the Ordaining Council shall serve three (3) years. A new member to be added at the annual meeting each year.
- 4. The officers shall be elected at the regular annual session of the Association on the second Saturday in October.
- 5. Any additional Boards, Committees, or Officers needed shall be appointed or elected by the Association at its discretion.
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ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Representation in this Association is conditioned upon meeting the following requirements:

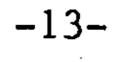
- 1. Full acceptance of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.
- 2. The churches of this Association shall practice consistancy in supporting missions and Christian education.
- 3. Churches who petition this Association shall be examined concerning their spiritual and moral standard before the Associational acts.
- 4. Churches expelled from other Associations for any cause may not be received until their expulsion is satisfactorily explained to the Association.
- 5. Each church is allowed five (5) delegates. All ordained men in good standing with the church are standing delegates.
- 6. The Association shall meet four (4) times a year, three (3) quarterly meetings and one (1) annual meeting. Regular quarterly meetings of this Association shall be on the second Saturday in January, April, and July. The annual meeting shall be on the second Saturday in October.

ARTICLE VIII - VOTING

- 1. The Moderator shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall bote only in a tie vote, shall rule any person to silence who refuses to come to order, and in case of extreme disorder may rule the meeting closed. The Moderator shall not allow any discussion on any subject unless it is placed before the body by a move and a second.
- 2. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject or more than five (5) minutes without permission from the Moderator.
- 3. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee/ board provided the person nominated is elected.
- 4. Any person desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
- 5. Any ruling by the Moderator may be set aside by 2/3 majority of voting delegates.
- 6. All voting in this Association shall be as agreed upon by its delegates while in session.
- 7. The Moderator shall follow the Principles of Parliamentary Procedure in moderating the business of this Association.
- 8. The Moderator shall limit voting to authorized delegates only and no delegate shall leave the building during a business session without being excused by the Moderator.

ARTICLE IX - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

- 1. Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church.
- The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordaination upon request from the church to which he has been called and is pastoring provided he has been licensed and has met the qualifications as stated in Item #5 of this same article.
 Any Free Will Baptist Minister presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning, and upon the recommendation



from the Ordaining Council be received into full fellowship pending a letter of good standing from his former Association.

- 4. Any minister, from another denomination presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a letter of request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning. It is agreed that he will, upon recommendation from the Ordaining Council, be received under the watchcare of the Association until such time as agreed upon by the body, during which time the minister will have proved himself, as well as his desire to be a Freewill Baptist, and then will be received into full fellowship by the Association.
- 5. Any minister presenting himself to this Association for license, ordaination, etc., from another denomination, shall be examined by the Ordaining Council. The examination shall include the following:
 - A. A thorough investigation of his character shall be made.
 - B. Close questioning concerning a Divine call to the office.
 - C. He must be thoroughly familiar with and a firm believer in the doctrine of the Freewill Baptist Church.
 - D. His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show willingness to further his knowledge by additional study.
 - E. Any candidate for ordaination must have been licensed and called to pastor one or more churches or hold a position in a member church that would require ordaination such as Associate Pastor, etc. He must be a practicing tither and an active supporter of world-wide missions.
 - F. The candidate shall also be examined according to the Word as found in I Timothy 3.
 - G. The Council shall not recommend the ordaination of any person of whom they have honest doubt concerning his character, qualifications, and Divine call to the work.

ARTICLE X - ORDER OF BUSINESS

- This Association shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
- 2. The Association shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on the date set by the body.
- 3. At each quarterly meeting business shall be kept to a minimum with a delegate report and representation fee(Ten (\$10) dollars per church quarterly and Ten (\$10) dollars at the annual meeting) report being made and any other pressing item of business being left for the annual meeting.
- 4. At the annual meeting, the annual reports from the churches shall be compiled for the convenience of the Clerk-Treasurer in preparation of the Associational minutes.
- 5. The meetings of the Association shall rotate among the member churches in succession.
- 6. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. THE BIBLE The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rules of Faith and Practice.
- 2. GOD There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitelywise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey.

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- 3. CHRIST Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in His divine nature truly God, in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, one crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our present Saviour and Lord.
- 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.
- 5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD Tod exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.
- 6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.
- 7. THE WORK OF CHRIST The Son of God by His incarnation, life suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin, that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.
- 8. TERMS OF SALVATION The conditions of salvation are:
 - (1) Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
 - (2) Faith of the unserved commital of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God.

(3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

- 9. ELECTION God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- 10. FREEDOM OF WILL The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.
- 11. SALVATION FREE God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.
- 12. PERSERVERANCE All believers in Christ, who through grace preserves in holiness to the end of life have promises of eternal salvation.
- 13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordinances teaching humility, or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.
- 14. TITHING God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (Matthew 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)
- 15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
- 16. RESURRECTION, HUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection

of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

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