

The twenty-seventh annual session of the

*Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
Of Phenix City, Alabama*

*October 11, 2003
Minutes of the 2003 Sessions*

Meeting schedule for 2004

*01-10-04 Calvary
04-10-04 First*

*07-10-04 St. Mark
10-09-04 Weems Rd*

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator.....Rev. Russell Horne
 Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Tony Jernigan
 Clerk/Treasurer.....Edward Newman
 Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....Glenda George

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Russell Horne
 Rev. Tony Jernigan
 Rev. Brett Sanders
 Edward Newman
 Rev. Alton Sellers
 Joe Hayes

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Russell Horne.....2004
 Rev. Danny Ryals.....2005
 Rev. Willie Martin.....2006

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
Calvary 6165 Billings Rd. Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-7031	Rev. Russell Horne 3918 Reese Rd. Columbus, GA 31907 706-563-3358	David Van Pelt 794 Diamond Circle Waverly Hall, GA 31821 706-582-3989
First 952 54 th Street Columbus, GA 31904 706-324-1741	Rev. Willie Martin 6329 Cricket Lane Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-8440	Mary Deal 6224 Moon Rd. Columbus, GA 31909 706-561-1432
Bethel 10250 Lee Rd. Phenix City, AL 36870 334-448-0103	Rev. Charles Jernigan #3 Gibbs Dr. Phenix City, AL 36869 334-885-0443	Thelma Green 479 Lee Rd. 211 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-8122
Weems Road 340 Weems Rd, Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-0053	Rev. Larry Davis 4306 Bridgewater Dr. Phenix City, AL 36867 334-297-8260	Juanita Bowens 6217 Highland Ave. Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-1722
St. Mark 1012 11 th Street Phenix City, AL 36867 334-298-8015	Rev. Danny Ryals 4800 22 nd Ave. Phenix City, AL 36867 334-291-9151	Angie Brown 355 Lee Rd. 960 Smiths, AL 36877 334-297-2065

January 11, 2003

The Twin Cities District Association met at First Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening song was "Everybody Will Be Happy".

Prayer by Bro. Steve Hancock.

Welcome & devotion by the moderator. Scripture from Acts 28:1-6.

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

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

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

M/S/C to accept camp board report as information.

M/S/C to accept the Christian education report as information.

M/S/C to receive the report from Women's auxiliary as information.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator

Edward Newman, Clerk

Morning message by Rev. Nathan Snow, missionary to Japan.

Scripture taken from Psalms chapter 67.

DIGEST REPORT

Churches Present.....	5
Ministers Present.....	7
Deacons Present.....	12
Delegates Present.....	23
Visitors Present.....	<u>8</u>
Total Present.....	50

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward.....\$ 5027.83

Deposited

From Churches \$ 275.00

Other Deposit (Men's Day) \$ 39.00

Total in Treasury.....\$ 5341.83

Paid Out –

Ga State & Nat'l Dues \$ 295.00

Valley Rescue Deposit (camp) \$ 100.00

Typing & Printing of minutes \$ 168.10

Total Paid Out \$ 563.10

Balance in Treasury.....\$ 4778.73

April 12, 2003

The Twin Cities District Association met at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening Song: He Set Me Free.

Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

Welcome & devotion by the Moderator. Scripture from Matthew 28:18-20.

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

Bro. Martin gave a verbal report from Twin Cities camp.

M/S/C to accept the report from the following boards as information: Treasury, Camp, and Missions.

M/S/C to accept the resignation from Bro. Russell Horn on the Mission board, and Rev. Danny Ryals to replace Bro. Horne on the Mission board.

M/S/C to accept Christian education board report as information.

M/S/C to accept the digest report.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator
Edward Newman, Clerk

Special music by Dan and Carleen Williams.

Morning message by Rev. Arthur Smith. Scripture taken from John 8.

Digest Report

Ministers Present	4
Deacons Present	3
Delegates Present	18
Visitors Present	<u>7</u>
Total Present	32

Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward.....\$ 4778.73

Deposited –

From Churches	\$ 275.00
Other Deposits	\$ 0.00

Total in Treasury.....\$ 5053.73

Paid Out –

CB&T (checks)	\$ 15.25
Rev. Willie Martin (camp)	\$ 2500.51

Total Paid Out \$ 2515.76

Balance in Treasury \$ 2537.97

Association Money \$ 2537.97

Camp Money \$ 0.00

July 12, 2003

The Twin Cities District Association met at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening song was "Amazing Grace".

Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

Morning devotion by the Moderator. Scripture from Psalms 1:1-3

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

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

M/S/C to accept the camp report and finance report as information.

M/S/C to accept Don Benefield's resignation from the Trustee Board.

M/S/C that Rev. Russell Horne replace Don Benefield on the Trustee Board.

M/S/C to accept verbal report from the Christian education board as information.

M/S/C to accept report from Mission board.

M/S/C to accept the camp board report as information.

M/S/C to accept the digest report.

Nadine Blanton was appointed to serve as delegate to the National Association.

Ronnie Knighton, chairperson, Tony Jernigan, Done Benefield, Basil Hutto, and Kenny Brown were appointed to serve as the nominating committee by the Moderator.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator
Edward Newman, Clerk

Special music by Don & Edith Benefield.

Morning message by Rev. Shane Carter. Scripture from 1 Corinthians Chapter 16.

Digest Report

Ministers Present	8
Deacons Present	8
Delegates Present	19
Visitors Present	<u>5</u>
Total Present	40

Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward.....	\$2537.97
Deposited	
From Churches	\$ 275.00
Other Deposits (Camp)	<u>\$3380.10</u>
Total in Treasury.....	\$6193.07
Paid Out.....	\$ 0.00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$6193.07

Association Money \$ 2812.97

Camp Money \$ 3380.10

October 11, 2003

The Twin Cities District Association met at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening song was "Sunlight".

Prayer by Rev. Tony Jernigan.

Morning devotion by the Moderator. Scripture from Acts 13:22.

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

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Willie Martin, Bro. Alton Sellars and Bro. Brett Sanders to serve on the ordaining council for this session.

M/S/C to accept verbal report of the Christian Education Board and Camp Board as information.

M/S/C to license Bro. Larry Davis for three months and meet with him at the next meeting.

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

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

M/S/C to give Bethel church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator
Edward Newman, Clerk

Special music by Rev. Tony Jernigan.

Morning message by Rev. Dwight Smith. Scripture from John 6:15.

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	7
Deacons Present	8
Delegates Present	19
Visitors Present	<u>5</u>
Total Present	39

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward.....	\$6193.07
Deposited	
From Churches	\$ 275.00
Total in Treasury.....	\$6468.07
Paid Out-	\$ 0.00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$6468.07

Association Money \$3087.97
Camp Money \$3380.10

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the nominating committee recommend the following report.

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.....Glenda George
Ordaining council for 3 years.....Rev. Willie Martin
Twin Cities Youth Camp Director.....Rev. Tony Jernigan
Twin Cities Asst. Youth Camp Director.....Rev. Danny Ryals

Ronnie Knighton, Chairman
Tony Jernigan
Don Benefield
Basil Hutto
Kenny Brown

Twin Cities 2003 Camp Report

Camp held at Camp Joy Hamilton, Georgia June 1st -June 4th

The Twin Cities Association had another successful year of camping with a final registration of 71 campers and 23 workers. Camping is always tiring and trying, however its profitability does outweigh the difficulties. Decisions were made and lives were influenced, campers and counselors alike.

As far as I am able to determine we had camp without incident. I am unaware of the slightest injury. We always have a few squabbles among campers, a few campers with attitudes to subdue, but from a group perspective we had good campers, and the weather was more comfortable this year (except for that drencher for about a half a day).

We had plenty of kitchen help this year. We are grateful for the devoted people of the Calvary Church that labor cheerfully at camp every year.

The crew that helped us outside, and at night, was fewer in number and likely created a work overload for some, especially for the men. Our guest evangelist, Chuck Lysaker, had to serve as more than the evangelist (and without compensation for the extra unexpected work). We are indebted to him for his help.

We really need more workers committed to FULL TIME service. That is workers that come to camp and stay 24hrs. every day that we have camp. Camp is so close to home it is easy for workers to leave camp and take care of personal matters. This is a matter that needs to be addressed and rectified because it stretches the limits of others; and no counselor should be expected to carry a 24hr. load without some kind of break.

This Camp Director is tired. For campers and most counselors/workers camp last about 3 or 4 days. However, camp for the director spans at least several months. Camp for the director begins long before camp and last for several weeks after camp.

The responsibilities before, during and after camp need to be shared, but only a persistent devoted director will be able to keep others motivated and bring the whole together at the appropriate time. I recommend that the association pray for God's wisdom for at least another quarter. I recommend that we ask God to specifically lead us to the right man for the job. Then the association could select and elect that person in the next session.

A financial statement follows this report.

In Sincere Service to You and the Lord,

Rev. Willie C. Martin

Twin Cities 2003 Camp Financial Report

Camp held at Camp Joy Hamilton, Georgia June 1st -June 4th

Total Campers Total	71
Small Children Day	02
Workers Day & Night	10
Workers Grand Total	<u>13</u>
	96



Received from State Camp Board	
Received of Campers Gross	\$1,500.0
Canteen Deposit	0
	<u>\$4,595.0</u>
Total Receipts	0 \$
	<u>717.24</u>

Expenses	\$2,260.00
Camp Rental (Sun. \$770/Mon. \$810/Tues. \$780 less deposit)	\$1,500.00
Kathy's Rock (inflatables Mon - Wed) Canteen Purchases Food	\$ 368.26
Advertise Camp posters, paper, etc.	\$ 926.42
Literature	\$ 14.15 \$
Miscellaneous (fun-time, recreational, first ad, etc.) Crafts	35.83 \$
Life guard Camp Evangelist Total Expenses	100.55 \$
	130.60 \$
Total Receipts for Camp Year 2003 Less	200.00 \$
Total Expense for Camp Year 2003 Profit:	<u>400.00</u>
	\$5,935.81



Beginning Camp Fund Balance	
Less earlier deposit to reserve Camp Joy	\$6,812.2
Total Funds from 2002	4
Plus 2003 Net Profit	\$5,935.81
Total.....	

Current Camp Fund Balance
We have this much, too much!

	\$2,600.51
	\$ 100.00
	\$2,500.51
	<u>\$ 876.43</u>
	\$3,376.94
	<u>\$3,380.10</u>
	\$ 3.16

Report Submitted by

Rev. Willie C. Martin
Camp Director

Salvation Decisions	11
Rededications	3
Other	2

ST. MARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1012 11th Street
Phenix City, AL. 36867

Pastor: Danny Ryals

March 19th, 2003

To: Twin Cities Association Subject: State
Missions Board Report

Our State Missions board meets at the State minister's retreat in Mcrae, Ga. Our purpose was to discuss the sale of our South Atlanta work which the State Association voted to do at the State meeting. We had two offers to consider; one was from an interdenominational group who had made an offer to place a small binder on the building and then wanted an opportunity to pay us over a 3 year period in increments while searching for ligament financing. The other was from a Southern Baptist congregation who wanted to lease the building for 2 years with an option to purchase after the terms of the lease.

After much discussion it was concluded that we would accept the first offer if more money could be put down on the building and that we could also charge interest if we carried the note for a length of time. If this fell through, we would contact the Southern Baptist to see if they were interested.

The last report I received is that the interdenominational group refused our offer and the Southern Baptist accept a 2 year lease for 2 years for the amount of the Building payment, with an option to purchase at the end of the lease... Also much work had to be done on the Building for leaks and sheet rock and also had to repair an Air conditioning unit,

The only Mission work that is currently under way is The Kingsland work under Bro. Billy Bevan.

This work is doing well and Bro Billy is working to try to move the church into a self supporting work in 2 years. Pray for Bro Billy. Also pray for the Mission board as we seek the Lord about a man for a future Mission work in our state.

gpectively Submitted

Bro.Danny Ryals

(334) 298-8015 - Church or (334) 291-9151 - Pastor Ryals Home

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TWIN CITIES WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Twin Cities Women Active for Christ was held on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at First Free Will Baptist Church.

Sarah Mitchell led us in singing, "Send the Light." Diane Martin led us in prayer to open the meeting. We then sang, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Pianist: Rae Knighton.

Glenda George welcomed us. Offering was received.

Nadine Blanton introduced our guest speaker, Linda Snow. Linda and her husband are missionaries to Japan. She did a beautiful job of painting a word picture of Japan by sharing some of her experiences there. She said that her desire was to be a pleasant fragrance everywhere she went and challenged us to do likewise.

Special music was rendered by Sarah Mitchell. A love offering was received for the Snows. Nadine Blanton dismissed us in prayer for Brunch Break. We reassembled after the break for business. Meeting was called to order by the president, Nadine Blanton.

Credentials report was given by Mary Deal. M/S/C

Minutes of 2002 Annual Meeting were read by Mary Prather. (Secretary - Jamie Suggs was unable to attend).
Approved as read.

Secretary's report was not available.

Registration report was given by Mary Deal. M/S/C

Treasurer's report was given by Helen Gilchrist. Offering today was \$91.00. Love offering received for Linda Snow was \$399.00. Offering from First Free Will Baptist WAC was \$51.00 with the speaker fee of \$50.00 from TCWAC - we were able to present Linda with a check for \$500.00. M/S/C

Nominating Committee report was given by Sherrie Bailey. Floor was opened for other nominations -none were made. Those presented for election and installation were:

President— Mary Deal

Vice-President - Sherrie Bailey

Secretary - Jamie Suggs

Treasurer - Nadine Blanton

Study Chairman - Diane Martin

Service Chairman — Michele Henry

Missions Chairman - Bobbie Jordan

Prayer Chairman - Rachel Home

Field Worker - Mary Galloway

Historian - Sue Snider Report was M/S/C. Officers
were elected.

Resolutions Report was given by Glenda George. M/S/C Resolutions were approved as a whole.

Reports: 2002 Conventions and Retreats

District Retreat (Pine Mountain) Glenda George

State Convention (Kingsland) Nadine Blanton

National Retreat (Ridge Crest) Stephanie Burgess

State Retreat (Norman Park) Sherrie Bailey

National Convention (Memphis) Rachel Home This
completed old business.

First item of new business was the election of delegates to the State Meeting, which will be held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, GA on March 13, 2003.

The delegates are: Glenda George, Sue Snider, Mary Prather, Stephanie Burgess, Helen Gilchrist, Jeanette Thomas, Mary Ann Burleson, Rachel Home, and Sherrie Bailey. Motion made to accept these delegates. M/S/C

After discussing concerning: 1) Raising the speaker fee from each Auxiliary 2) Fellowship suppers and retreats 3) Including other Twin City Women's groups in the TCWAC
It was decided to turn these matters over to the Executive Committee for their recommendations and report back to us.

New business was completed.

Debra Van Pelt, President of Calvary Women Active for Christ, installed the officers for the 2003-2004 term. She used the theme For Such a Time as This. She read Esther 4:13-17 and challenged each officer to perform the duty of her office as unto God.

President Mary Deal closed the meeting with announcements and called on Prayer Chairman, Rachel Home, to dismiss in prayer.

TWTN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TWTN 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 together 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, Master's Men, Women'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

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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.
- Section 3: The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association. He/She shall be responsible for the printing and distributing of the Association-al 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 Assistant 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 1: There shall be an Executive Board (Committee) composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and at least three (3) men not 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 dissension

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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, ClerkTreasurer, and the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be at the discretion of the Association.
3. The members 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.

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 consistency 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 VII - VOTING

1. The Moderator shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association.

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He shall vote 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 VIII - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

1. Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church.
2. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordination 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.
3. 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 Free Will Baptist, and then will be received into full fellowship by the Association.
5. Any minister presenting himself to this Association for license, ordination, etc., from another denomination, shall be examined by the Ordaining Council. The examination shall include the following:

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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 ordination must have been licensed and called to pastor

one or more churches or hold a position in a member church that would require ordination such as Associate Pastor, etc. He must be a practicing tithe 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 ordination of any person of whom they

have honest doubt concerning his character, qualifications, and Divine Call to the work.

ARTICLE IX - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This Association shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. The Association shall convene at 10:00 AM 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 infallible 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, infinitely wise 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 Savior 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** - God 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, to 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 committal of one's self to Christ as Savior 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. **PERSEVERANCE** - All believers in Christ, who through grace perseveres in holiness to the end of life, have promises of eternal salvation.
13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES** - Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and 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

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and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT 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.

1991 ADDENDUM TO THE BY-LAWS:

Article IX; Item 3. The representation fee for each church will be increased from \$10.00 to \$35.00 quarterly.

1992 ADDENDUM TO THE BY-LAWS:

The Youth Rally Committee Report States:

1. That a director, assistant director, and secretary should be elected at each annual meeting.
2. That they welcome and recognize each church at the rally. That they take an attendance count and give an attendance banner to the church with the most attendance. This church will be responsible to bring the banner to the next rally.
3. That the rallies be held on the 4th Saturday of January, April, July and October, and that each church shall host and provide the program of the rally in alphabetical order.
4. Each program should include devotion from the Bible.
5. Offerings may be taken only if they are designated toward the rally program.

1993 ADDENDUM TO THE BY-LAWS:

Article IX, Item 3: The \$10.00 paid at the annual meeting for National dues will be increased to \$25.00 effective October 1994.

October 1999:

Voted to increase dues from \$35.00 to \$55.00 quarterly per church.