

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the

*Twin Cities Association
of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church
of Phenix City, Alabama*

*October 8, 2005
Minutes of the 2005 Sessions*

Meeting Schedule for 2006

01-14-06 Weems

04-08-06 White Rock

07-08-06 Bethel

10-14-06 Calvary

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator	Rev. Russell Horne
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Danny Ryals
Clerk/Treasurer	Glenda George
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Edward Newman

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Russell Horne
Rev. Brett Sanders
Glenda George
Rev. Alton Sellers
William Carroll
Lester Thornton

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Willie Martin	2006
Rev. Brett Sanders	2007
Rev. Danny Ryals	2008

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Rev. Russell Horne - 3918 Reese Road, Columbus, GA 31907 706-563-3358
Rev. Willie Martin - 6329 Cricket Lane, Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-8440
Rev. Alton Sellers - 4001 Auburn Road, Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-4340
Rev. Ronnie Knighton - 941 52nd Street, Columbus, GA 31904 706-571-9833
Rev. Brett Sanders - 3618 Grier Avenue, Columbus, GA 31909 706-569-6679
Rev. Danny Ryals - 4800 22nd Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867 334-291-9151
Rev. Ricky Ward - 42 Stillwill Drive, Phenix City, AL 36869 334-480-0346

CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. Willie Martin 706-563-8440

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Missions Board Rev. Danny Ryals 2009
Trustee Board Rev. Russell Horne 2009
Camp Board Dea. Edward Parther 2009
Christian Education Board Rev. Willie Martin 2009

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
Calvary 6165 Billings Road Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-7031	Rev. Russell Horne 3918 Reese Road Columbus, GA 31907 706-563-3358	David VanPelt 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 Road Columbus, Ga 31909 706-561-1432
Bethel 10250 Lee Road Phenix City, AL 36870 334-448-0103	<u>N/A</u>	Thelma Green 479 Lee Road 211 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-8122
Weems Road 3400 Weems Road Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-0053	<u>N/A</u>	Juanita Bowens 6217 Highland Avenue Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-1722
St. Mark 3005 Sandford Road Phenix City, AL 36867 334-298-8015	Rev. Danny Ryals 4800 22 nd Avenue Phenix City, AL 36867 334-291-9151	Angie Brown 355 Lee Road 960 Smiths, AL 36877 334-297-2065
White Rock #4 Crawford Church Rd. Phenix City, AL 36869 334-297-6852	Rev. Ricky Ward 42 Stillwell Drive Phenix City, AL 36869 334-480-0346	Betty Ellis 22 Robin Lane Phenix City, AL 36869 334-297-0895

January 8, 2005

The Twin Cities District Association met at Bethel FWB Church on January 8, 2005.
Opening Song was "He Lives." We were opened in prayer by Rev. Tony Jernigan
Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Russell Horne

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association.

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

Morning devotion by Rev. Russell Horne, Scripture taken from Matthew 16:18

The Association received a letter requesting that Ricky Ward be approved by the Ordaining Council as Pastor of Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Alton Sellers made a motion that it go before the Ordaining Council, motion seconded and carried.

Tony Jernigan requested to meet with the Ordaining Council during the break.

Brother Edward Newman stated that the Association had not received letter on Rev. Johnny Lewis.

Recessed in prayer by Rev. Johnny Lewis

Meeting convened after break.

M/S/C to receive White Rock Free Will Baptist Church into full fellowship and to accept their delegates to the association.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board report as information.

M/S/C to accept Christian Board report as information.

M/S/C to accept Camp Board report as information.

M/S/C to accept Trustee Board report as information.

M/S/C to keep all members of the board for four years.

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

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk

Special Singing by Bethel FWB Choir

Morning Message by Tony Jernigan, Scripture from Isaiah 7:14, 53:1-2 entitled "Do You Believe the Report"

Ann Lewis seated as State delegate

Next Scheduled Meeting April 9, 2005, at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church

Date: January 8, 2005

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	9
Deacons Present	10
Delegates Present	24
Visitors Present	9
 Total Present	 52

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,242.27
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Deposited:

From Churches	\$275.00
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Other Deposits	\$305.00
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Total in Treasury	\$3,822.27
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Paid Out:

State/National Dues	\$675.00
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Printing of Minutes	\$101.65
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Balance in Treasury	\$3,045.62
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Association Money	\$3,045.62
Camp Money	\$0.00

April 9, 2005

The Twin Cities Association met at Calvary Baptist Free Will Baptist Church on April 9, 2005.

Opening Song was "Love Lifted Me"

We were opened in prayer by Rev. Russell Horne

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Russell Horne

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association.

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

Morning devotion by Rev. Russell Horne, Scripture taken from Ephesians 2:10, We are his workmanship.

M/S/C to accept camp treasury report given by Rev. Willie Martin at \$2,100.

Bro. Edward Newman reported that White Rock minutes stated they would grant letters of good standing for Rev. Johnny Lewis to the Twin Cities Association.

M/S/C to accept letter of Rev. Johnny Lewis

Rev. Johnny Lewis gave camp report stating that a camp meeting was scheduled for April 30th at 10:00, also that a letter would be sent to state for camp money.

M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Horne requested to meet with the Ordaining Council.

Rev. Willie Martin reported that at the Nationals in Kentucky there will be a display and will be accepting donations in a trailer for tools for use in tragedies and national disasters.

M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave Mission Board report. Bill Crank of Bartow County was hired to begin a church, a house was secured. Bill Lewis is in Valdosta. There is property for sale in Hampton. That there is a possibility of four new churches and one in Harris County.

M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Willie Martin gave Christian Education Board report referring to the bulletin for scheduled meetings. Ministers retreat will be in Fort Gaines.

M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Tony Jernigan stated that Teen Camp will be May 29 - June 3.

M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Russell Horne gave Trustee Board report. A building has been purchased in Valdosta, and it will cost \$14,000 to put on a new roof and remodel inside. Cordele property is up for sale.

M/S/C to accept as information.

New Business

Ricky Ward was examined and licensed for one year by the Ordaining Council.

Rev. Willie Martin made a motion to give Calvary a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion was carried by everyone standing.

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk

Announcements

Rev. Johnny Lewis stated that White Rock will be having their revival beginning Sunday, April 10th.

Rev. Willie Martin stated that First Church will also be having their revival beginning Sunday through Wednesday.

Rev. Tony Jernigan stated that Bethel will be having a singing Friday night, April 15th.

Rev. Danny Ryals stated they have a singing for abused children scheduled for April 23rd, a gospel singing scheduled for May 12th, and a River Walk Gospel Festival scheduled for April 16th.

The Youth Rally will be held at Calvary beginning with food being served at 5:30 and the Youth Rally beginning at 6:00 p.m and ending at 8:00 p.m.

M/S/C to adjourn meeting.

Rev. Danny Ryals introduced Bill Lewis from Valdosta as our morning speaker. Scripture basis taken from James 4: 6,7, 12 - entitled "Facing Enemies and Bullies" which include selfishness, self-centeredness, self-righteousness, and self-sufficiency, stating that we should not try to fit in with what is going on around us.

Closed in prayer by Tony Jernigan.

April 9, 2005

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	8
Deacons Present	10
Delegates Present	25
Visitors Present	5
 Total Present	 48

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,045.62
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Deposited:

From Churches	\$330.00
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Other Deposits	\$0.00
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Total in Treasury	\$0.00
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Paid Out:

State/National Dues	\$0.00
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Printing of Minutes	\$0.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$3,375.62
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Association Money	\$3,375.62
Camp Money	\$2,995.83

July 9, 2005

The Twin Cities Association met at First Free Will Baptist Church on July 9, 2005.

Opening Song was "Jesus Came Into My Heart" pg. 293, led by Rev. Ronnie Knighton

Opening Prayer by Brett Sanders

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Russell Horne

Morning Devotion by Rev. Russell Horne. Scripture taken from St. Mark 10:42-45 - Jesus, But Jesus Called Accountable to the Gentiles

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association

There was one correction made to the minutes where as to read "There is property for sale in Colquitt" M/S/C to accept minutes as corrected

M/S/C to accept treasurer's report

Rev. Willie Martin stated we received the camp deposit back, which was given to the treasurer.

Rev. Willie Martin made a motion to receive Resolution Concerning The Affirmation of Who is Qualified to Pastor. The motion was seconded. The resolution was read. There was a motion to table the resolution until after the break, motion seconded and carried.

A letter was received from Weems Baptist Church to receive Rev. Tony Jernigan as their pastor.

Rev. Willie Martin read General Resolution regarding expirations of terms of office, registration clerk, and assistant clerk. There was a motion to accept these resolutions. The motion was seconded and carried. A copy of the General Resolution is attached to the minutes.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave Mission Board Report. M/S/C to accept as information. The report is attached to the minutes.

Rev. Willie Martin stated the Master's Men, National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, have purchased an Emergency Response Van and it will be equipped with items needed to help in disasters. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Willie Martin asks that we look at the promotional bulletin. The activity is listed regarding all retreats. Retreats are growing in popularity and there have been packed houses. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Tony Jernigan gave Camp Board Report. He stated that the May 29th camp was successful and went as planned. Attendance was good, but it rained. M/S/C to receive as information.

The Trustee Board had not met this quarter. The state office was fixed up on the outside and a new roof was put on. Inside remodeling is scheduled in future. M/S/C to accept as information.

New Business

M/S/C to move Resolution Concerning The Affirmation of Who is Qualified to Pastor off the table.

M/S to accept resolution concerning divorced pastors. Rev. Willie Martin sated that if a pastor is divorced, he will be accepted, but if a pastor remarries then he has committed adultery. The motion was carried.

Rev. Willie Martin stated there were more resolutions in the General Resolutions that was not addressed. M/S/C that all officers, executive board members, ordaining counsel, state board members, camp director, and youth rally personnel be listed along with the expiration of terms of office, that a person and an assistant be elected to encourage and oversee registration at each association meeting and that they submit the statistical information to the clerk as soon as possible during the meeting, that their terms of office be for two years, and that their terms be listed along with their names and positions in the minutes, and that the following information be included in the minutes each year, a record of each church's attendance, and a record of attendance at each youth rally throughout the year. It was decided that there would be a nominating committee appointed for this task.

M/S/C to replace Alton Sellers with Brett Sanders on the Ordaining Council.

The delegates for the National Convention were seated. Rev. Willie Martin made a motion to seat anyone who appears as a delegated. M/S and carried.

Rev. Danny Ryals made appeal for churches to support and send their pastors to the National Convention.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:

Basil Hutto
Edward Newman
William Carroll
Tony
Lester Thornton
Gary Clegg

Rev. Brett Sanders motion a motion to give First Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. M/S and carried by everyone standing.

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk

Morning Message was given by Rev. Willie C. Martin. Scripture taken from 1 Kings 12:25-31 regarding Diluted Worshipers. The message was about Jeroboam building an idol on one day and getting people to worship it on the next. These were fickle people with no clear direction.

It was stated that a man went by a head stone that read "Follow Me" He responded with a note attached to the same head stone: "To follow you, I am not content until I am certain which way you went."

Reference was made to 1 Timothy 4:16 which reads, "Take heed to thyself and doctrine."

There are people without doctrine, people without devotion, people without determination and people with low dispositions and expectations.

July 9, 2005

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	7
Deacons Present	14
Delegates Present	25
Visitors Present	16
 Total Present	 62

TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward \$3,375.62

Deposited:

From Churches \$0.00

Other Deposits \$0.00

Total in Treasury \$0.00

Paid Out:

State/National Dues \$0.00

Printing of Minutes \$0.00

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Balance in Treasury \$3,375.62

Association Money	\$3,375.62
Camp Money	\$2,995.83

October 8, 2005

The Twin Cities Association met at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church on October 8, 2005.

Opening Song was "Everybody Will Be Happy" pg. 180, led by Rev. Brett Sanders

Opening Prayer by Edward Newman

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Russell Horne

Morning Devotion by Rev. Russell Horne. Scripture taken from 2 Timothy 2:20-21

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association.

There was one correction to the minutes whereas to read, "Weems Road to accept Tony Jernigan as their pastor." M/S/C to accept minutes as corrected.

M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.

Rev. Willie Martin reported that the Master's Men responded to Katrina Disaster and helped with a church who experienced destruction. They were impressed and grateful for work done. M/S/C to accept as information.

Missions Board reported by Rev. Danny Ryals. Missionaries met in McCrea, Georgia. Valdosta is still in negotiations to sell property. Attendance is getting better. Also reported that the Hampton property has been sold and it is possible to start a new missionary in Harris County, Georgia. M/S/C to accept as information.

It was requested that the Ordaining Council met at the break.

Christian Education Board report given by Rev. Willie Martin. No information to report. Refer to Bulletin for retreats scheduled in October.

Camp Board report given by Rev. Russell Horne. Teen Retreat scheduled for December. Registration form in bulletin. M/S/C to accept as information.

Trustee Board has not met.

Bro. Edward Newman gave nominating committee report. M/S/C to accept report. Copy of report attached to the minutes.

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Rev. Willie Martin read statement from the Ordaining Council. It was concluded that Rev. Tony Jernigan was in violation of the resolution that was passed. It was recommended that the Association revoke his credentials and declare them null and void. Statement attached to the minutes.

M/S/C to accept digest report.

M/S/C to give St. Mark a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality by everyone standing.

Rev. Willie Martin made observation that we needed an Association revival. It was decided that we would plan to meet and discuss.

Rev. Brett Sanders gave Youth Rally report. Need to do a lot more for our kids. Suggested churches combine resources to have one big Youth Rally. Rev. Willie Martin stated he thinks the Clerk needs to keep a record of attendance at the Youth Rallies in the minutes. M/S/C.

Clerk George stated that the Association had received a letter from South Georgia Association requesting a letter of good standing regarding Rev. Johnny Lewis. M/S/C to send letter of good standing. Letter attached to minutes.

Rev. Russell Horne, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk

Special singing by Ronnie Knighton, "Glory Land Way"

Morning message by Bro. Bill Crank, Cartersville, GA Scripture from John 14:13 "Put Your Hopes in God's Word"

October 8, 2005

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	8
Deacons Present	7
Delegates Present	19
Visitors Present	7
 Total Present	 41

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward \$3,375.62

Deposited:

From Churches \$330.00

Other Deposits(Camp Money) \$2995.83

Total in Treasury \$6,701.45

Paid Out:

State/National Dues \$0.00

Printing of Minutes \$0.00

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Balance in Treasury \$6,701.45

Association Money	\$3,705.62
Camp Money	\$2,995.83

Nominating Committee Report for 2006

Moderator.....Rev. Russell Horne (Term expires 2006)
Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Danny Ryals
Clerk/Treasurer.....Glenda George
Asst.Clerk/Treasurer.....Edward Newman

Executive Board:

Rev. Russell Horne
Glenda George
Rev. Brett Sanders
Rev. Alton Sellers
William Carroll
Lester Thornton

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Willie Martin 2006
Rev. Brett Sanders 2007
Rev. Danny Ryals 2008

Youth Rally Chairman.....Rev. Brett Sanders - 2 years
Asst. Youth Rally Chairman.....Kenny Brown - 2 years
Registration Clerk.....Lazell Brown - 2 years
Asst. Registration Clerk.....Barbara Clegg - 2 years
Camp Director.....Rev. Willie Martin - 2 years
Asst. Camp Director.....Rev. Danny Ryals - 2 years
State Camp Board.....Ed Prather - 2009

Submitted By,

Edward Newman, Chairman
Basil Hutto
William Carroll
Lester Thornton
Gary Clegg

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

TWIN CITIES WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The annual meeting of the Twin Cities Women Active for Christ was held on January 15, 2005 at First Free Will Baptist Church.

Meeting began by Sherrie Bailey, Vice President. She welcomed the members present from White Rock Free Will Baptist Church. Tiffany Chafin led the congregational singing. We praised the Lord by singing, "This is the Day" and "Living by Faith". Pianist – Rae Knighton. We were opened in a word of prayer by Debra Van Pelt.

Sue Flowers, First Free Will Baptist, welcomed us. Offering was received by Lisa Norsworthy and Brooke Prather.

Devotion was given by, Debra Van Pelt. She spoke on Psalms 118:24 – This is the day that the Lord hath made. She spoke about putting limits on God and compromising with God. She made references from the book of Job and how is faith pulled him through adversity. She ended by reading, "The Irresistible Jesus Christ."

The meeting was called to order by Sherrie Bailey, Vice President, and the delegates were seated. Delegates were Glenda George, Rae Knighton, Brooke Prather, Tammy Mitchell, Sarah Alexander, Tiffany Chafin, Debra Van Pelt, and Pat Martin. Then the 2004 Minutes were read. Approved as read. The Resolutions Report was given by Lisa Norsworthy and we were dismissed in prayer for break by Glenda George.

Meeting resumed with a song led by Tiffany Chafin, "When We All Get to Heaven." Business was resumed. Discussion of the Resolutions Report. Diane Martin made a motion to continue to support the Provision Closet and the State Project. S/C. Registration Report given by Diane Martin. M/C/A
Treasurer's Report given by Nadine Blanton. M/C/A Today's offering was \$79.80.
Nomination Report given – new slate of officers. M/C/A
New slate of officers were inducted at this time by Bobbie Jordan.

Delegates to the State Convention: Nadine Blanton, Ann Lewis, Rachel Horne, Sue Flowers, Mary Prather, and Helen Gilchrist. Sherrie Bailey, Coordinator, will appoint four more delegates at the State Convention.

Dates to remember were reviewed. Discussion of which date to conduct our District Meeting – it will be the 4th Saturday of January and this will be place in the Constitution and Bi-Laws. Discussion of District Suppers – White Rock is now to be included in the rotation and will now host one District Supper and our annual meeting on January 28, 2006. Discussion of time to start our District Meetings – 9:30 Registration and 9:45 the meeting will begin. We were dismissed in prayer by Nadine Blanton.

TWIN CITIES
2004 ANNUAL REPORT

1-24-04 Balance on Hand \$ 921.73

Deposits:

Calvary \$2,447.11

First 1,717.60

Offering 93.00

4,257.71

GRAND TOTAL

\$5,179.44

Disbursements:

*Designated funds \$4,333.19

Sandra Bishop (speaker) 250.00

Edward Newman (minutes) 30.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$4,613.19

BALANCE ON HAND

\$ 566.25

Designated Funds:

Dues for 29 members	\$ 362.50
Calvary (15)	\$ 195.00
First (14)	182.00
WNAC	290.00
GWAC	72.50
TCWAC	14.50

WNAC General Fund	220.00
State Project	579.13
50/50 National Project	50.00
State Minutes	1.00

\$ 1,212.63

Dot Harvey Loan Fund	110.00
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Missionary Accounts:

Foreign	
Bishop	522.32
Griffen	1,022.32
Snow	502.32
Laura Belle Barnard Day	203.96

\$ 2,250.92

Home

Wallace	522.32
R. Hollifield	237.32

\$ 759.64

Total Mission	\$3,010.56
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TOTAL	\$4,333.19
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Resolution Concerning The Affirmation of Who is Qualified to Pastor

Whereas the matter of who qualifies to be a pastor in the Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists continues to be challenged, And whereas the question of what is appropriate for a pastor concerning marriage continues to be brought up for review, and whereas the Twin Cities Association does not have a clear policy concerning whether the pastor may be divorced and remarried, or whether his wife may be divorced and remarried,

Be it resolved that the association affirm its commitment regarding the office of pastor as an office to be held in very high esteem without reproach¹ and affirm the following thoughts to be the policy for pastors.

First, that the Twin Cities, from this day forth, will not ordain a man that is divorced and remarried, nor will it ratify the credentials of an incoming minister who has been divorced and remarried, nor will it sanction any future violation of this standard among its present constituency.

Secondly, that the Twin Cities will not ordain a man whose wife is divorced and remarried,² nor will it ratify the credentials of an incoming minister whose wife has been divorced and remarried, nor will it sanction any future violation, from this day forth, of this standard among its present constituency.

Thirdly, that every church in our association refuses to request that the association violates these standards.

¹ Titus 1:7 reads, "For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God..." Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words says the word *blameless* "signifies that which can not be called to account...i.e., with nothing laid to one's charge (as the result of a public investigation)...It implies not merely acquittal, but the absence of even a charge or accusation against a person." I Timothy 3:2 & 7 also support the idea that the pastor's office should be clear of reproach, leaving no doubt or question in anyone's mind.

² The office of the present day pastor is significantly similar to the office of priest and prophet in the Old Testament. That being the case Leviticus 21:7 demands "They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God." (See also Leviticus 21:13 & 14). Ezekiel 44:22 teaches the same "Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before."

General Resolutions

Whereas the minutes of the Twin Cities Association is official documentation for the association, and whereas the minutes contain the officers, board members, etc. for the association, and whereas several other positions of importance to our association are not listed, and whereas other information pertinent to these offices is not included in the minutes,

Be it resolved that all officers, executive board members, ordaining council, state board members, camp director, and youth rally personnel be listed along with the expiration of terms of office.

Be it further resolved that a person, and an assistant, be elected to encourage and oversee registration at each association meeting, and that they submit the statistical information to the clerk as soon as possible during the meeting, and that their terms of office be 2 years, and that their terms be listed along with their names and position in the minutes.

Whereas the minutes of the Twin Cities Association is a progressive history of Free Will Baptists activity, be it resolved that the following information be included in the minutes each year, a record of each church's attendance and the number in attendance in each youth rally throughout the year.

Ordaining Council Report

October 9, 2005

The Ordaining Council met and concluded that Rev. Tony Jernigan is in violation of the resolution that was passed in the July 2005 meeting. The Council sent him a letter requesting his credentials. He did not respond.

It was recommended that the Twin Cities Association revoke Rev. Tony Jernigan's credentials and declare them null and void.

Submitted by
Willie Martin
Brett Sanders
Danny Ryals

Twin Cities Association

Ga. State Mission's Board

January 5, 2005

As we start 2005, our Mission Board is excited about the work of Missions this year! As you have read, we have hired Dr. Bill Lewis to go to Valdosta and open the doors of The Church property that was given to us last year. Pray about this work. There is a possibility that we may relocate it in the future, but we feel that Dr. Lewis is the man to get it started.

Also, we have been in serious negotiations with another mission's candidate who would come to Georgia and start a new work. This person has agreed to come, but we have yet worked out just where we will start the work! Places that are being considered are North Savannah, North Georgia, Harris County or Warner Robins. Be in prayer as we make this important decision.

Also, we are promoting a Damon Dodd Mission's Offering in The State of Georgia. We have The South Atlanta property up for sale, but until we can sale it, we need some start up money for those works! Will your church consider taking a love offering for Missions and in the memory of Bro. Dodd on Sunday March 5, 2005. Any amount will be appreciated. Pray for Our Board as we meet the challenge of building new churches in Georgia.

**Your Board Member
Brother Danny Ryals**

Ga. State Missions Board

Twin Cities Association

Ga. State Mission's Board

July 8, 2005

The Mission's Board met on Tuesday July 5th at the White Oaks FWB church in Macon. Our two home missionaries were present and we received a report from both of them. Bro. Bill Crank, missionary to Bartow County, Cartersville, gave a good report on the starting of his work in that area. He has begun a Bible study with nine people (some neighbors and some prospects) on Tuesday night. He is also making new contacts through referrals and their web site and some personal visits.

He is looking for a building to rent so that he can begin regular Sunday service in September. The Mission's Board will help to pay the rent until the church can establish itself. Bro. Crank is excited about the plans for the future and we are too!

Bro. Bill Lewis gave a good report on the Valdosta work. He said they are seeing an increase in attendance. He has planned some special days and has made a commercial about the church that is airing on the local cable stations. Also, they have started a morning Bible study followed by a fellowship lunch on Wednesday, and he has had a good response. Their Sunday morning attendance has increased from the teens into the thirties. This is good considering they have only been having service for a couple of months. The Lord also has blessed them with a couple of new young couples of which one of the couples' husband leads the music and his wife plays the piano.

Bro. Bill Lewis also told us that there is another church that has approached them about buying the church. The Mission's Board has always felt that we might have to relocate the church to the growing area of North Valdosta. The Mission's Board and Bro. Bill are in negotiations with this church and we will report back on the prospect of selling and buying new property.

Bro. Len Blanchard gave a report on the sale of the Hampton Church property. We have a serious offer on the table, but it is \$100,000 below our asking price. We will try to negotiate with this group and see if they are truly serious. Pray that they are and that we can reach an agreement. The money from the Hampton property would help us to hire another missionary possibly for Harris County, Georgia, which would benefit our Association.

The Damon Dodd Georgia Home Missions offering was a success for our first year. We collected nearly \$14,000.00. We believe this will grow every year! Has your Church took up this offering and sent it in? If not, it is not too late. We must build a new church in Georgia. Our small town and country churches are dying and declining. We who are member of this state must be concerned about the future of Free Will Baptist. If not us, then who? If not now, then when? We need your help and prayers.

Your Board Member
Brother Danny Ryals

Ga. State Missions Board

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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 discharge 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 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, Clerk, and at least three (3) men not holding any other office in the Association. 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 like 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 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 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

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. 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. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church. A license may be granted by the Association for no more than one year.

However, a license may be renewed after one complete year, for no more than one more year (or for a total of two years).

2. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordination upon request from the church to which he has been called and is pasturing 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 domination 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 watch care of the Association for a period of no less than one year from the time of licenser, 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: 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 Free Will Baptist Church. D) His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show a 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 tither, and an active supporter of world-wide missions. F) The candidate shall also be examined according to the Word as found in 1 Timothy 3. G) The Council shall not recommend the ordination of any person 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 (fifty-five (\$55) dollars per church quarterly and fifty-five (\$55) 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.
3. CHRIST - Christ is God manifest in 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 Scripture assigns 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 believers in water, and 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." (1 Corinthians 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, and Holy works.

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 in 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. Offering may be taken only if they are designated toward the rally program.

CHANGES AND UPDATES

1991 - Article IX; Item 3. The representation fee for each church will be increased from \$10.00 to \$35.00 quarterly.

1993 - Article IX; Item 3. The \$10.00 paid at the annual meeting for National dues will be increased to \$25.00 effective October 1994.

1999 - (October) - Article IX; Item 3. Voted to increase dues from \$35.00 to \$55.00 quarterly per church.