The Thirty-Second 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 11, 2008
Minutes of the 2008 Sessions

Meeting Schedule for 2009

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2009

Moderator			Rev. Wil	llie Martin	(Exp. 2010)
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Willie C. Martin Glenda George Rev. Alton Sellers Phillip Camp Lester Thornton

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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ORDAINED MINISTERS IN TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Rev. Aaron Baldridge -7047 Stoneridge Circle, Columbus, GA 31909 706-567-1356

Rev. Ronnie Knighton - 941 52nd Street, Columbus, GA 31904 706-571-9833

Rev. Willie Martin - 6329 Cricket Lane, Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-8440

Rev. Danny Ryals - 4800 22nd Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867 334-291-9151

Rev. Brett Sanders - 3618 Grier Avenue, Columbus, GA 31909 706-569-6679

Rev. Alton Sellers - 4001 Auburn Road, Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-4340

Rev. Ricky Ward - 42 Stillwill Drive, Phenix City, AL 36869 334-480-0346

Rev. Jay Hollis - 7467 Wood Duck Lane, Midland, GA 31820 706-221-6206

Rev. Bobby P.Hayes Jr. - pending letter

TWIN CITIES CAMP DIRECTORS

Rev. Willie Martin, Director.......706-563-8440 Rev. Danny Ryals, Asst. Director......334-291-9151

YOUTH RALLY DIRECTORS

Bro. Jeremy Jordan, Director Bro. Kenny Brown, Asst. Director

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Missions Board	Rev. Danny Ryals 2009
Trustee Board	
Camp Board	Bro. Shane Suggs 2009
Christian Education Board	Rev. Willie Martin 2009

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES				
<u>CHURCH</u>	PASTOR	<u>CLERK</u>		
Bethel 10250 Lee Road Phenix City, AL 36870 334-448-0103	None Bobby P. Hayes, Jr. Letter Pendng	Thelma Green 479 Lee Road 211 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-8122		
Calvary	Rev. Aaron Baldridge	David Van Pelt		
6165 Billings Road	7047 Stoneridge Circle	794 Diamond Circle		
Columbus, GA 31909	Columbus, GA 31909	Waverly Hall, GA 31821		
706-563-7031	706-561-1356	706-582-3989		
First	Rev. Willie Martin	Glenda George		
952 54 th Street	6329 Cricket Lane	288 Buckhead Ridge		
Columbus, GA 31904	Columbus, GA 31909	Fortson, GA 31808		
706-324-1741	706-563-8440	706-596-9357		
St. Mark	Rev. Danny Ryals	Angie Brown		
3005 Sandfort Road	4800 22nd Avenue	355 Lee Road 960		
Phenix City, AL 36867	Phenix City, AL 36867	Smiths, AL 36877		
334-298-8015	334-291-9151	334-297-2065		
Weems Road	Rev. Brett Sanders	Juanita Bowens		
3400 Weems Road	3618 Grier Avenue	6217 Highland Avenue		
Columbus, GA 31909	Columbus, GA 31909	Columbus, GA 31909		
706-327-0053	706-569-6679	706-327-1722		
White Rock	Rev. Ricky Ward	Betty Ellis		
#4 Crawford Church Rd.	42 Stillwill Drive	22 Robin Lane		
Phenix City, AL 36869	Phenix City, AL 36869	Phenix City, AL 36869		
334-297-6852	334-480-0346	334-297-0895		
Real Life 245 W. Bonacre Cataula, GA 31804 706-221-6206	Rev. Jay Hollis 7467 Wood Duck Ln Midland, GA 31820 706-221-6206	None		

MINUTES January 12, 2008

The Twin Cities Association met at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Opening Song: Heaven's Jubilee led by Rev. Brett Sanders

Opening Prayer: Bro. Bobby Mitchell

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion: Rev. Jay Hollis, Scripture taken from Matthew 5:16, "We

Should Be the Light of The World. Let Your Light Shine"

M/S/C to accept meeting agenda and order.

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

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive digest and treasurer's report as read.

Rev. Danny Ryals introduced Brother Jay Hollis as our new Harris County pastor, along with his wife April, and their children, Chan Hee, Dinara, Noah and Dylan.

Rev. Danny Ryals stated that the Ordaining Council needed to meet during the break.

There were no resolutions.

We were dismissed for brunch in prayer by Rev. Aaron Baldridge

There was a M/S/C to accept the day's Digest Report as read by Clerk George.

Rev. Willie Martin gave Twin Cities Camp Report. Camp for 2008 will be May 25 - 28, 2008 at Camp Joy in Hamilton, Georgia. He asked that all ministers be present at the meeting on Monday, January 28th, 2008. M/S/C to receive as information.

Bro. James Tidwell stated that the State Trustee Board has not met. There will be a meeting in Colquitt, Georgia, this month (January). M/S/C to receive as information.

Bro. Ed Prather was not present to give the State Camp Board report. State Camp will be the last week of May and the same place as last year. Reminded to look in Promotional Bulletin for dates and fees. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Education Board report. He stated the Couple's Retreat will be February 22 - 23, 2008, at Jekyll, Island, and that Wednesday, January 9, 2008, was the deadline for registration. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ken Riggs. He reminded everyone to refer to the Promotional Bulletin for dates and other information. M/S/C to receive as information.

Announcements:

Debra Van Pelt stated the State Women's Convention will be in Albany, Georgia, and that Thursday was ladies day. Linda Snow will be the guest speaker.

The Ladies Retreat will be at Norman Park again this year on April 25 & 26, 2008. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Laura Thigpen.

January 19, 2008, is the District Auxiliary Meeting and will be held at Calvary FWB. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Crickett Lee will be the guest speaker. M/S/C to receive as information.

Ordaining Council Report given by Rev. Danny Ryals. They met with Rev. Jay Hollis and it was stated that we would request a letter from the West Central Association of FWB in Illinois. M/S/C to receive Ordaining Council Report.

We received a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association for Rev. Aaron Baldridge. There was a M/S/C to receive him into the Twin Cities Association in full fellowship.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave Missions Board Report and is attached to the minutes. He also provided December's report from Bro. Bill Crank. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave Celebration Committee report. He stated Bro. Horne is not the type to have the lime light put on him. Rev. Danny Ryals suggested we have a plaque made and that a nice Thomas Kinkade painting has been acquired. The committee would send the plaque, picture, and a thank you note to him. M/S/C

Miscellaneous:

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

Youth Rally at Bethel FWB, January 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Reminder that Rev. Willie Martin to meet with association pastors on Monday night Jan. 28th at First FWB Church at 7:00 p.m.

Calvary FWB Revival.

White Rock FWB, Gospel Music, Thurs. Jan. 31st at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark FWB, Special Services, Jan. 27th

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Morning Message:

Rev. Brett Sanders, Scripture: Mark 12:30, "For a Church to Be a Church, It Needs To Be Healthy."

Date January 12, 2008

DIGEST REPORT

<i>;</i>	Ministers Present	
	Deacons Present	
	Visitors Present 7	
	Total Present 54	
	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	Balance Brought Forward\$ 7,388.83	1
	Deposited:	
	From Churches\$ 330.00)
. •	Other Deposits\$ 500.00)
	Total in Treasury\$ 8,218.83	l
	Paid Out:	
	State/National Dues\$675.00	•
	Printing of Minutes\$87.84	
	TCA Camp Deposit\$100.00	ł
	Martha Thornton (Gift for the Hornes\$56.48	
	Dr. Charles Thigpen\$750.00)
•	Balance in Treasury\$6,549.71	
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Ordaining Council Report

January 12, 2008

We need to request a letter for Jay Hollis' credentials from the Bethel FWB Church, West Central Association of Illinois. We will accept him into full fellowship after we receive his letter and he joins one of our local churches.

Submitted by Rev. Danny Ryals, Chairman Rev. Ronnie Knighton Rev. Ricky Ward

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Twin Cities Association

January 11, 2008

Our Mission board meetings have been a little slack due to the Holidays. But we still have some good things to report. We purchased a piece of property for Brother Bill Crank and the Carterwille Church. It has seven acres and a new highway is being created near the property, However the Church still has to meet in rented facilities. We hope to be able to start a building in the future. Also I have attached Brother Bill's report.

Also it looks like we may be able to purchase land for the Valdonta Church. Brother Bill Lowis will attend a land auction this week. It is for several parcels of property just off Highway 41. We have about 170,00 from the sale of the old Church and will have to add some with it to make the bidding process viable. Brother Lewis wife is larginging chemo treaments and the church is still struggling with attendance. We hope this will change with the property purchase.

Brother Jay Hollis. April and Kids are now here and trying to get their feet planted in Georgia soil, to began the new work in Harris county. We will hear from him today and meet his family. We need you to achedule him at your Church to preach and for your people to meet him. Please see him or me about this. Thanks to all who indped him get moved in it was a bleasing. Also we want your youth group to get excited about missing hards for this mission Church and also to help us later go out and Evangelize the area. Please begin to talk this up. It will help Brother Jay and your youth as well.

In Jesus.

Brother Danny Ryals

GA. State Mission Board

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December 2007 Report

December was a good month for our church. We appear to be gaining strength for the coming year. We erected a sign on the property and will letter it this week. We look forward to a new men's ministry beginning in January as well as beginning a new round of classes for our new believers. One of our goals this year is to solidify and increase our weekly giving from our new converts. This has been harder for me than at any other place in my ministry. God will provide however, of this I am sure.

We had a high attendance day of 117 on December 23rd. We maxed out our parking lots that we are using (3 of them). Unfortunately, we missed having some enter our worship because of a lack of parking. We are also more than double our legal occupancy load so that will become a prayer item for us. Our average attendance for the month was 93 easily besting our previous high. We followed the 117 with 104 in spite of inclement weather.

At this writing, both Loraine and myself are battling flu/colds. This too shall pass.

December events include our first Christmas play, being in the Christmas parade and a church Christmas party intent on inviting non church people. That did not produce as much as we had hoped but over 60 of our church family attended which is good.

We look forward to 2008 as being a year of transition, growth, building and reaching the lost.

Bill Crank

Church Planter to Cartersville, GA

MINUTES April 12, 2008

The Twin Cities Association met at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church on April 12, 2008.

Opening Song, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus." Pg. 599. Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin.

Opening Prayer led by Rev. Willie Martin.

Morning Devotion given by Rev. Willie Martin. Scripture taken from James 1:27, "Spirituality, What Is It?"

M/S/C to accept meeting agenda and order.

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

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive treasurer's report as read.

There will be no meetings during the break.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave Mission Board Report and is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

It was requested that Brother Jay Hollis be accepted into the Association in full fellowship. Ordaining Council will not meet as Brother Hollis will not be at the meeting.

Rev. Danny Ryals stated there will be a revival at St. Mark on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 14 - 16.Rev. Mike McCoy will be the speaker.

We were dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Larry Carroll.

Rev. Martin gave Twin Cities Association Camp report. He stated he needed the applications for campers and workers. He stated he would bring applications to the Youth Rally to be held later this month. The director of the National Master's Men Department will be the speaker at camp. M/S/C to receive as information.

Brother Jim Tidwell stated he had nothing to report regarding the Trustee Board.

Brother Ed Prather gave State Camp report. State Camp will be held in May. The board met in February in Albany, Georgia. Last year, the camp was held in Lizella, Georgia. They are looking at moving the location and the time of camp. M/S/C to receive as information.

Women's Auxiliary is having a prayer retreat at Norman Park.

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Women's Auxiliary will be having a District Supper at Calvary on April 24. Tiffany Chafin to contact each church. Encouraged all ladies to attend. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Christian Education Board report. He said to read the Promotional Bulletin that it was all in there. Minister's Retreat is coming up and encouraged all churches to send their pastor.

Miscellaneous

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

Brother Jeremy Jordan gave schedule for Youth Rally. M/S/C to move Youth Rally up one hour to begin at 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2008 at Calvary FWB. Jonathan and Lisa Moore and the North Highland Video Team to perform.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Brother Jeremy Jordan led in song, Pg. 318 "Thank You Lord."

Morning Message given by Rev. Aaron Baldridge. Scripture taken from Ephesians 4:1-4 "Paul to Encourage the Church at Ephesus to be United."

Date April 12, 2008

DIGEST REPORT

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	Visitors Present					1
Total Present40	Total Present	•••••				40

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$6,549.71
Deposited:	
From Churches	\$330.00
Total in Treasury	\$7,129.71
Paid Out:	
Cody Road Trophy	\$32.30
Youth Crusaders	\$2,794.42
Balance in Treasury	\$4,302.99

Association Money	\$4,302.
Camp Money	\$.0

Twin Cities Association

April 12, 2008

Our Mission board meets at the state meeting to hear from our missionaries and to evaluate their progress. We feel that each missionary is on track and is trying to move forward in establishing their mission churches on their field. Bro Bill crank had a great Easter with 130 in attendance. He is still have space problems and will have to once again relocate to another rented facility. He is gathering building plans and needs to establish a building on the recently purchased 7 acres. The board is trying to help him move into that process, but we are also asking the mission Church raise some cash.

Bro Bill Lewis was able to purchase land on highway 41 North in Valdosta. The new Property is a little ways away from the present location and we have instructed him to find a suitable rental location near the property. His attendance numbers are down also and we hope that the purchase of this property will help in the vision of this church and help gain some new people,

Bro Jay Hollis is in talks with a school in Harris County to use their faculties to begin his work. He is also making contact with people in the area. I want each C church in our Association to pray and think about what you can do for Bro Jay's work in Harris County. He is going to need some finical help, some fellowship and some help in opening the Church and saturating the area. Plan to get your youth, Ladies Aux, Sunday school classes and other groups to plan to do something very soon.

Pray for all our our Missionaries and our board.

Brother Danny Ryals

GA, State Mission Board

Dear Fellow Pastors of the Twin Cities Association of FWB,

I just want to share a brief outline as to where we are and what will be taking place in the next few months. We will have several needs, and if given the opportunity, I would like to share more about those in person.

Our Outline - What's Going On and What Will Happen:

- January May 2008: Recruit families for our launch team. Build and develop the following teams: Worship Team, Children's Team, and Connection Team. Secure a meeting place. Begin building momentum in our community.
- June August 2008: We will conduct three (3) preview services. These will be coupled
 with some evaluations among our launch team, connection events with the guests to our
 services, and planning sessions for the next service.
- August 2008 We will do an operation saturation of the immediate area around where we are meeting. These materials will have to be organized in July (this will take a lot of work with printing and preparation). We will also plan two separate servant evangelism projects at the same time, where we will pass out some info about our church and gear up for the opening day.
- September 7, 2008 Launch Day, our grand opening to have weekly services.

Current Big Needs:

- Musicians guitarists, drummers, etc., 2-3 people
- Vocalists and Worship Leader, 1-2 people to lead and sing
- Children's Team Leader help coordinate our children's program, 1-2 people
- Connection Team Leader help coordinate our greeters, our hospitality team, and connection materials, 1 person

Volunteers Needs:

- Greeters 2 to 3 people, show people where to go and help them with any needs
- Hospitality 2 people, direct people to worship center, children's center, etc. pass out bulletins,
- Children's 3 people, check children in, keep records, help with operational phases of ministry
- Operational
 - o Set-up / Tear-down 4 people
 - o Support 2 people, help with felt needs during services
 - o Technical 1-2 people, sound, video, etc.

Equipment Needs:

- This will be determined by how we have to set up and what we have to do each week to have church.
- One area that may be needed is an enclosed trailer for our equipment. The size will depend on what we have to provide to have church.

Thank you for your help,

Jay Hollis, Real Life FWB Church

MINUTES July 12, 2008

The Twin Cities Association met at First Free Will Baptist Church on July 12, 2008.

Opening Song was "Amazing Grace." Pg. 230 led by Ronnie Knighton.

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Opening Prayer by Rev. Aaron Baldridge

Morning Devotion by Bro. Shane Suggs, Scripture taken from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, "Why Do We Have an Association?"

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

M/S/C to accept meeting agenda and order of business.

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive digest and treasurer's report as read.

Recognition of visitor at today's meeting: Dustin Huff who is interning at Calvary Free Will Baptist.

There were no resolutions and no business meetings scheduled for the break.

We were dismissed for brunch in prayer by Lester Thornton.

There was a M/S/C to accept the day's Digest Report as read by Sister Glenda George.

Twin Cities 2008 Camp Report was given by Rev. Willie Martin. They are attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

Ordaining Council stated that the association has received Bro. Jay Hollis' letter of acceptance and credentials and there was a M/S/C to receive him into full fellowship.

Trustee Board had no activity the past quarter.

State Missions Board report given by Rev. Danny Ryals. They are attached to the minutes. He asked that at the next association meeting that each church bring a love offering and a project to adopt. Bro. Ryals also stated that the Missions Board will be discussing opening a church in northeast Georgia. There was a M/S/C to receive as information.

Christian Education Board Report given by Rev. Willie Martin. He stated there will be a Minister's Wives Retreat September 18-20, 2008, at Red Top Mountain State Park in Cartersville, Georgia. Sandy Atwood will be the speaker and the deadline for registration is August 14, 2008. There will also be a Senior Citizen's Retreat November 3-5, 2008, at George T. Bagby State Park in Fort Gaines, Georgia. Tom Malone will be the speaker and registration deadline is October 1,

2008. Bro. Martin asked again that everyone not throw away anything relating to church history. M/S/C to receive as information.

State CampBoard only meets once a year, therefore, no report was given.

There were 300 in attendance at State Camp in Lizella, Georgia, this year.

Debra Van Pelt stated that the Women Active for Christ Fellowship Supper will be July 24th, 2008, at First Free Will Baptist Church. It will be a woman's pajama party and will begin at 7:00 p.m. She also stated that the National Retreat will be held at Ridgecrest, N.C. Sister Debra also wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and support during her husband's recent illness. At the National Conference, the Women Active for Christ will be meeting Tuesday. Sister Debra stated that the next national secretary will be Danita High. M/S/C to accept as information.

Miscellaneous

M/S/C that the association elect a nominating committee for 2009 officers.

First Church - Ronnie Knighton, Chair St.Mark - Conrad Thompson Calvary - Jim Tidwell Bethel - Steve Hubbard Whiterock - Roger McCan Weems Road - Don Benefield

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Morning Message by Rev. Willie Martin. Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 3:1 entitled "Lollipop Christians"

Date July 12, 2008

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	·
Deacons Present Delegates Present	
Visitors Present	11
Total Present	58
TREASURER'S REPORT	
Balance Brought Forward	\$4,302.99
Deposited:	
From Churches	\$330.00
Other Deposits (\$ for Real Life)	\$300.00
Total in Treasury	\$4,932.99
Paid Out:	
State/National Dues	\$0.00
Printing of Minutes	\$0.00
Postal Service (Shipping of Minutes to The Timema	achine)\$7.10
Valley Rescue Mission (2008 Men's Retreat)	\$100.00
Balance in Treasury as of September 30, 2008	\$4,825.89
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Association Money Camp Money

\$4,825.89 \$0.00

Twin Cities Mission's Report July 9, 2008

We have seen several answers to prayer in our state mission work. Bro Bill Crank submitted plans to our board for his new building in Cartersville. It will be a 70k' x 100 building that will sit near the front of the 7 acre property on a major interchange. The board also cosigned a loan for the construction of the church. The loan will also be in the name of the church. The board was a co signer for collateral purposes, pray construction can begin soon.

Bro. Bill Lewis has relocated the Valdosta Church, close to the new property. This new location will offer better and larger facilities for the church and they are near the major intersection where the 7 acre tract of land is located in North Valdosta. They believe this will also increase their attendance numbers, as they have more visibility and room. Pray that a good number of people will begin to attend and be saved and be involved in the work.

Bro. Jay Hollis is starting his first service tomorrow in Harris County. He is located on Bon Acres Road in Cataula in a great location. This location offers great space and parking on a busy road and Jay is having a lot of interest by those who come by! Has your church been up yet to help? We need to get behind our mission work. Also we need to do something individually and collectively for the Real Life F.W.B. Church as we decide what to do as an Association please go back and ask your church to participate.

Pray for our missions works and our state. Also our mission board met in Harris County to see the building, also to evaluate our missions work and to talk about planting our 4th church in the state. God help us as we try to grow Free Will Baptist in the state of Georgia.

In Christ,

Bro. Danny Rydls
Your Missions Board Member

TWIN CITIES 2008 CAMP REPORT

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 25th-May 28th

It hardly seems possible that we just had our 9th annual camp session, but we did! It is with much gratitude that I write this brief report, because I am very much aware of the fact that our workers made a safe and happy session possible. Children love to play and often get injured. I am unaware of any serious injury this year. It is also possible for children to verbally abuse each other, but it seems this was minimal this year as well. I hope those that labored in camp will realize how much they are appreciated, and the children that came to camp will want to come back again.

Our numbers were down again slightly. We had 44 campers and 21 workers, of which 5 were temporary, some only working a day or two. Everyone did a great job, though some sickness threatened to handicap our session. All of our churches had campers present and 4 of our churches had a worker(s) present.

Our children responded very well to invitations by our evangelist Ken Ackers of the Master's Men department in Nashville. There were several salvation decisions, and other decisions to move into a closer relationship with the Lord. That's why we have camp!

The Old Camp Director Rev. Willie C. Martin

A financial statement follows this report.

TWIN CITIES 2008 CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 25th May 28th

Total Campers	44		
Day & Night Workers	21		50
Grand Total	65		
Received from change trophy competit	tion \$ 824.85		
Received from State Camp Board	\$1,600.00		
Heceived of Campers (see note # 1	below) \$3,235.00		
Gross Canteen Deposit	\$ 528.01	•	•
Total Receipts	\$6,187.86		•
Expenses			•
Camp Rental (Sun. \$590/Mon. \$570/T	ues \$560 + \$100 den \	\$1,720.00	
Clownin' Around (inflatables Mon - Wi	かい こまり ありこんだい (2017) かいこと しょうしょう こうさい こうこうしゅつ	\$2,256.00	•
Canteen Purchases		\$ 300.41	
Canteen Start Up Cash		\$ 150.00	
Food \$835.94 + paper goods \$230.48		\$1,066.42	
Photos for churches	•	\$ 39.23	•
Miscellaneous (fun time, recreational,	first ad, etc.)	\$ 93.12	• •
Crafts		\$ 53.00	- -
Life guard	•	\$ 200.00	
Camp Evangelist		\$ 475.00	•.
Total Expenses		\$6,353.18	
Total Receipts for Camp Year 2008			\$6,187.86
Less Total Expense for Camp Year 20	008		\$6,353.18
Loss for session (See note #3)			\$ - 165.32
Beginning Camp Fund Balance		\$2,894.42	
Total Receipts for Camp 2008		\$6,187.88	
Iotal	• .	\$9,082.28	
Minus 2008 Expense	•	\$6,353.18	
Current Camp Fund Balance Total	ennare ene e expaño tenten kon en		\$2,729.10

Report submitted by

Rev. Willie C. Martin Camp Director

Note 1: One camper had to go home Monday. We only charged \$10.

Note 2: The cost of inflatables went up considerably because the company we used changed owners and we had to get someone else.

Note 3: The loss for the session would have been much greater if the "Change Trophy" money had not cushioned us.

Decisions 12

MINUTES October 11, 2008

The Twin Cities Association met at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church on October 11, 2008

Opening Song "A New Name in Glory" pg. 154, led by Rev. Danny Ryals Opening Prayer by Rev. Brett Sanders

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion by Rev. Willie Martin, Scripture taken from Matthew 22:23-30, "Misconceptions of Scripture - How People Misuse the Word of God"

M/S/C to accept meeting agenda and order.

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

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive treasurer's report as read. Rev. Willie Martin stated that he has \$2,729.10 that needed to be given back to the Association from the Twin Cities Camp, \$186.90 from the Youth Rally Change Competition, which totals \$2,916.00 for Camp Money funds, and was not reported in this quarter's treasurer's report. M/S/C

The Nominating Committee to meet at break.

We were dismissed for brunch in prayer by Larry Carroll.

There was a M/S/C to accept the day's Digest Report

Miscellaneous

No Ordaining Council report.

Rev. Willie Martin gave Men's Retreat report and it is attached to the minutes. He stated they received \$465.00 and had expenditures of \$306.68. They still needed to give back \$100 to Twin Cities for reserving the camp and also needed to pay Valley Rescue Mission another \$30. He stated they have a remaining balance of \$28.22. M/S/C

Total in attendance at the Youth Rally held in July 2008 at First Church was 169.

State Trustee Board - No report.

Mission Board Report given by Rev. Danny Ryals and is attached to the minutes. Rev. Jay Hollis stated that Real Life Mission Church will be having a "Trunk or Treat" event at the church on October 31, 2008, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. He stated that this will be a car to car type trick or treating to promote a safe neighborhood. M/S/C

Rev. Danny Ryals stated he would like to have an associational meeting at Real Life Church in the near future.

State Camp Board - No report.

Christian Education Board report given by Rev. Willie Martin. He stated that the board will be meeting on November 1, 2008. He stated that the Historical Society had met and that we would be seeing more postings from them. He noted that the Senior Citizen's Retreat will be November 3-5, 2008, at Ft. Gaines, Georgia. M/S/C

Women Active for Christ report given by Debra Van Pelt. She stated that the District Wide Fellowship Supper will be held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. She invited all ladies to attend. M/S/C

Ronnie Knighton gave Nominating Committee Report. He stated that the following changes were made: Rev. Willie Martin would be the moderator for another two years. Rev. Aaron Baldridge would replace Rev. Danny Ryals on the Ordaining Council, and Shane Suggs would replace Edward Prather on the State Camp Board. M/S/C to receive new officers by acclamation.

The following Resolutions were made. Resolution report is attached to the minutes.

- 1) That the association would continue to have yearly cooperative revivals. M/S/C
- 2) That the association would continue to have yearly men's retreat. M/S/C
- 3) That the association would appoint a committee to revisit the association's Constitution and By Laws. M/S/C

M/S/C that each pastor review and bring changes to the Constitution and By Laws to the next association meeting. M/S/C

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

Rev. Aaron Baldridge stated that Dustin Huff will be going to the Ivory Coast with the Hanna Project. They will be giving eyeglasses, immunizations, and building schools. Anyone interested in supporting this mission is urged to contact Aaron Baldridge.

There was a motion to give \$500 of the treasury to Real Life Mission Church. There was a second and the motion was carried.

Announcements

There will be a Homecoming at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, October 12, 2008. One Accord will be singing. M/S/C to receive as information. St. Mark will sponsor the Youth Rally on October 26, 2008 with supper beginning at 6:00 and the service beginning at 7:00 p.m. They will also be having a singing on Saturday, November 8, 2008. The Singing Echoes will be performing. M/S/C to receive as information.

There will be a Teen Bon Fire held Saturday, October 11, 2008, at First Free Will Baptist Church from 7:00 p.m. til 12:00 a.m.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Special Singing by Russell Ruhland.

Morning Message by Rev. Danny Ryals, Scripture taken from Numbers 14:1 "People Leaving the Ministry and Service of the Lord"

Date October 11, 2008

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	
Deacons Present	
Delegates Present	
Visitors Present	0
Total Present	54
TREASURER'S REPORT	•
Balance Brought Forward	\$4,825.89
Deposited:	
From Churches	\$330.00
Men's Retreat	\$411.27
Change Trophy	\$1,149.13
TCA Camp	\$1,904.25
Total in Treasury	\$8,620.54
Paid Out:	
Real Life Mission Church	\$800.00
Valley Rescue Mission (2008 Men's Retreat)	\$30.00
Sam's Discover (Men's Retreat)	\$252.95
Balance in Treasury as of October 31, 2008	\$7,537.59

Association Money Camp Money \$4,584.21

\$2,953.38 (-100.00 due to TCA for Camp)

Georgia Stat e Mission Board Report Oct 10th 2008.

We have really been busy as a board in this last quarter. As you know Bro paul Creech our board Chair has almost made a full recovery from his surgery and is cancer free. We have had 2 or 3 meetings in the last few months. One weas conducted back in August at the Real Life Mission church in Harris county, This gave the board members a chance to see the location and the building, Needless to say they were very excitied and wanted me to thank the Churches in our Association who help Brother Jay with the building. As you know Jay has plannee some special days that have already produced results with great prospects for the church, He has also outlined for the board some of his future plans. I hope that we His locak Association will turn out to help him, especially our youth this is a good experience in helping a Mission church and winning souls to Jesus. My hope is that Jay will share this morning woith us some of these areas. Also if you would like to help the Harris county work and the Church you or your Church can send a love offering to sister glenda through the Twin Cites Association, we ill give you credit for your gift and keep records through the Association and make it part of our fianincial report each quarter.

Brother Crank had an article on in our State paper about the recent Groud Breaking on the property in Cartersville. We hope by now that all permits have been approveded and the work on the building will began. The Congregation continues to grow and is still out growing the present store front, Also the Church could stand some fiancial help with the building. Maybe your church or some ministry in your church would like to send a love offering to the Cartersville work to help on the cost of the building I know they would appreciate it.

It is with a sad note that I must report that the board made a decsion in our September meeting to close the Mission Church in Valdosta and to discountinue our contract with Bro Bili Lewis at the end of the year. Their was a lot if disscussion and I personally did not want to see the work close. Yet our duty as a board is to be good stewards of the money you have intrusted us with and to seek God's direction. However since that dissession was made we had opportunity to meet with the Church family and get a real feeling of the work there and their heart for the mission this meeting took place a couple of week's ago. We have decided to meet in November and revisit the Issue and it maybe a possibility that we look at finishing the contract which will automatically end in one year. Help us pray about this matter, we would like to hear from you I

We are about to discuss our future plans and the possibility of starting even another new work in our state. The doors are open, God has provided a way and the means, and we just have the faith. We can plant new and good Churches in Georgia but we must be ready. As the Lord told Moses and the Chilren of Israel when they where ready to leave Egypt in a hurry, Lets have everyting ready our clothes our staff in our hand and our shoes on our feet so we can move at His Comand. When he opens the door we will go through it.

Respectivley Submitted

Danny Ryals - Ga Sate Mission Board

Twin Cities Men's Retreat

A men's retreat was held October 3, 4, 2008 at Camp Joy in Hamilton, Georgia. Twenty six men attended. Friday night, a steak supper was served, followed by singing, a devotion by Jay Hollis missionary to Harris county, communion and feet washing, and special singing by a local guitarist/soloist Richard Nixon. The evening concluded with some going back home, and others spending some time in the recreation room of the camp before going to bed.

Saturday morning the men that stayed overnight, and those that returned that morning, were greeted by the smell of bacon and sausage, grits, smothered potatoes with onions, biscuits, tomato gravy, eggs, and sausage gravy.

After breakfast we had an informal sing along with Danny Ryal's playing the mandolin. This was followed by devotion by Tony Mitchell, a deacon in the First Free Will Baptist Church, and testimonies.

Many good remarks about the retreat were made. The men are in favor of having another one. We had participation from 5 of the 7 churches we have in the association. The names of those attending are listed below. Bethel. Bobby Hayes, Philip Camp, Steve Hubbard. Calvary: Aaron Baldridge, David Van Pelt, Mark Walker, Lee Jordan, Jeremy Jordan, Michael Jordon. First: Willie Martin, Joey George, Edward Newman, Ronnie Knighton, Tony Mitchell, Lee Livans, Michael Ellison, Wade Prather, Richard Schmucker, Shane Suggs, Kevin Carter, Ed Prather, Real Life: Jay Hollis (& his children). St. Mark: Danny Ryals, Jimmy Hodge, Carlton Greathouse.

Report by Willie C. Martin

RESOLUTIONS

OCTOBER 12, 2008

Whereas our association seems to enjoy cooperative revivals, and whereas they have been well received in years gone by, be it resolved that we plan to have them on a yearly basis and encourage each of our churches to support them with their prayers, attendance and finances.

Whereas the Twin Cities Association has had two successful Men's Days, and whereas the recent men's overnight retreat at Camp Joy was well received, be it resolved that our association adopt the Men's Retreat as a yearly event to be planned, promoted, and supported by our association.

Whereas the constitution & by laws of the Twin Cities Association is sometimes vague, and whereas the procedures and practices of the association change, and whereas our procedures and practices need to correlate with our constitution and by laws, be it resolved that a committee be appointed to study and present needed changes to the association.

These resolutions are being submitted by the moderator. They can only be acted upon if someone makes a motion to adopt them.

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Twin Cities District Association Nominating Committee Report

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Willie Martin (Moderator)
Glenda George (Clerk)
Rev. Alton Sellers
Phillip Camp
Lester Thornton

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton - 2009 Rev. Ricky Ward - 2010 Rev. Aaron Baldridge - 2011

CAMP DIRECTORS

Rev. Willie Martin - Director Rev. Danny Ryals - Asst. Director

BOARDS

Missions - Rev. Danny Ryals

Trustee - Jim Tidwell

Christian Education - Rev. Willie Martin

Camping - Shane Suggs

Registration Clerk - Lazell Brown
Asst. Registration Clerk - Barbara Clegg

YOUTH RALLY

Jeremy Jordan - Director

Kenny Brown - Asst. Director

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Knighton – Chairman
Jim Tidwell
Steve Hubbard
Conrad Thompson
Don Benefield
Lester Thornton

Twin Cities 2008 Men's Retreat Financial Report Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia October 3, 4, 2008

Total Campers	26
Registration Fees	\$465.00
Expenses	
Camp Rental	\$130.00
Food	<u>\$306.68</u>
	<u>-\$436.68</u>
Balance	\$28.32

Change Trophy for Twin Cities Camp Fund 2008

•	January	April	July	October	Average
Change	Bethel	Calvary	First	St. Mark	Dollars
Bethel	0	\$121.89	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$48.96
Calvary	0	\$166.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.33
First	0	\$127.86	\$74.07	\$55.14*	\$85.69
St. Mark	0	\$64.04	\$70.00	\$52.70	\$62.25
Weems Rd.	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Whiterock	0	\$347.25*	\$17.95	\$30.00	\$131.74
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Total	0	\$827.04	\$187.02	\$137.84	\$383.97

^{*} Indicates Won Trophy

YOUTH RALLY ATTENDANCE CHART

Place Held (Across Chart) 2007

•	January	April	July	October	Average
Participants	First	St. Mark	Weems	Whiterock	Attendance
Bethel	28	21	8	10	17
Calvary	6	2	1	5	4
First	28	12	22	17	20
St. Mark	21	34*	15	18	22
Weems Rd.	0	14	19	0	9
White Rock	34*	18	26*	26*	26
Adults	61	51	37	63	53
Total	178	152	128	139	150

Place Held (Across Chart) 2008

	January	April	July	October	Average
Participants	Bethel	Calvary	First	St. Mark	Attendance
Bethel	16	14	7	10	12
Calvary	10	21	21	5	14
First	15	17	28	15	19
St. Mark	, 3	12	16	26	14
Weems Rd.	0	4	8	2	4
White Rock	17*	28*	36*	28*	27
Adults	45	58	53	40	49
Total	106	154	169	126	139

^{*} Indicates Won Trophy

Women Active for Christ Annual Minutes Not Available.

Twin Cities 2007 Annual Report

Balance on hand 1-01-07		\$ 522.63
Deposits		\$4,158.85
Calvary	\$2,626.95	
First	1,471.90	
* Offering (Annual mtg)	60.00	
	\$4,158.85	· .
Grand Total		\$4,681.48
Dishursements	•	\$4,290.85

Designate	d Funds		•	\$4,050.85
Due	s for 26 member	ers (@ \$18.0	0 ea.)	\$ 468.00
4 FT 4 T 4 E	Calvary	10	\$180.00	
	First	16	288.00 \$468.00	
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WNAC	General Fund	d	\$ 240.00	
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•	State Project		688.95	•
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-	Sub Tota	, ¹ , 1	\$1,129.95	
WNACT	otal			\$1,584.95
Dot Harve	y Loan Fund			\$ 120.00
	en's Home			60.00
Missionar	y Accounts			
Fore	ign	•		
	Bishop		\$420.00	
·	Griffin		420.00	
	Snow		420.00	
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	Sub Total	·	\$1,805.90	
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<u> بېرىنىنىنى</u>	Wallace		\$ 420.00	
	Hollifield		60.00	
			\$ 480.00	
Missionar	y Accounts To	otal		\$2,285.90
TOTAL o	f Designated E	unds		\$4,050.85

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, being the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, having adopted the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists, 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 1 - NAME

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

<u>ARTICLE II - PURPOSE</u>

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 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 he 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.

<u>ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION</u>

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

- 1. Full acceptance of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
- 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 (1) 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 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 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 licensor, 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 if 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 denomin ation 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.
- 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.

YOUTH RALLY BY-LAWS

The Youth Rally Committee Report states:

- 1. A director, assistant director, and secretary should be elected at each annual meeting.
- 2. They shall 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. The rallies shall be held on the 4th Saturday of January, April, July, and October, and 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.