

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the

***Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists***

meeting with the

***St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church
Of Phenix City, AL
October 11, 2014***

Minutes of the 2014 Sessions

Meeting Schedule for 2015

***01-10-15 Weems Road 07-11-15 Bethel
04-11-15 Whiterock 10-10-15 Calvary***

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator..... Rev. Willie Martin (2016)
Asst. Moderator Rev. Stephen Windham
Clerk/Treasurer Glenda George
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Edward Newman

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer
David Van Pelt
Gary Clegg
Don Bennefield

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Steven Windham..... 2017
Rev. Aaron Baldrige..... 2016
Bro. Lester Thornton..... 2015

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Rev. Aaron Baldrige	3930 Conrad Drive, Columbus, GA 31909	706-984-9726
Rev. Ronnie Knighton	941 52 nd Street, Columbus, GA 31904	706-571-9833
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. Stephen Windham	15 Windsweep Ct., Apt 216, Phenix City, AL 36870	334-797-9335

TWIN CITIES CAMP DIRECTORS

Heather Ransom, Director
Rev. Stephen Windham, Asst. Director

YOUTH RALLY DIRECTORS

Joey George, Director (2015)
Ronnie Knighton, Asst. Director (2015)
Glenda George, Secretary (2015)

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

State Camp BoardBro. Joey George (2017)
Christian Education Board..... Rev. Willie Martin (2015)
Missions Board.....Dr. Aaron Baldrige (2017)
Trustee BoardBro. Russell Ruhland (2015)

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
Bethel 10250 Lee Road 240 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-448-0103	Earl Ransom, Interim 4040 Tococa Avenue Columbus, GA 31907 706-561-3617	Norma Jean Hayes 166 Lee Road 887 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-7549
Calvary 6165 Billings Road Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-7031	Dr. Aaron Baldrige 3930 Conrad Drive Columbus, GA 31909 706-984-9726	David Van Pelt 794 Diamond Circle Waverly Hall, GA 31821 706-582-3989
First 952 54 th Street Columbus, GA 31904 706-324-1741	Rev. Willie Martin 6329 Cricket Lane Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-8440	Glenda George 288 Buckhead Ridge Fortson, GA 31808 706-587-4946
St. Mark 3009 Sandfort Road Phenix City, AL 36867 334-298-8015	Rev. Stephen Windham 15 Windsweep Ct., #216 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-797-9335	Christy Green 3106 7 th Avenue Phenix City, AL 36867 706-325-8070
Weems Road 3400 Weems Road Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-0053	None	Juanita Bowens 6217 Highland Avenue Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-1722
White Rock #4 Crawford Church Rd. Phenix City, AL 36869 334-297-6852	None	Betty H. Ellis 22 Robin Lane Phenix City, AL 36869 706-297-0895

January 11, 2014

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

Opening Song: "Down at the Cross" pg. 170 led by Rev. Earl Ransom

Opening Prayer: by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Morning Devotion: by Rev. Aaron Baldrige. "A Need for Workers in the Kingdom," scripture taken from Matthew 9:35-38

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes of previous meeting as read with one correction "persecution of the church" instead of "prosecution of the church."

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

M/S/C to receive Youth Rally and Change Trophy report as read.

There was one visitor to recognize. Betty Ellis' son Billy Sheffield.

There were no committee meetings during the break.

Rev. Willie Martin stood and thanked Rev. Baldrige for the morning devotion. He made reference to Edward Newman and the Thornton's and others for their many years of work in the church. He treasures their efforts. He asked that we pray for other laborers like these in our churches.

We were dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Ed Prather.

State Camp Board report given by Rev. Aaron Harris. He stated Teen Camp will be the same as last year at Camp Echeconnee during the first week of June. Grant money will also be the same. They are still exploring the idea of a cooperative Junior Camp. They are leaving that to the individual churches. No speaker has been named. M/S/C to receive as information. Rev. Aaron Harris will be resigning as pastor of St. Mark sometime during May, and will be returning to his home in Tennessee. Therefore, the position of State Camp Board member will be vacant. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Missions Board report given by Rev. Aaron Baldrige. There was no report as they have not met, but they will be meeting January 28, 2014 in Cartersville, Georgia. They need to sell the building in Cartersville. He also asked that we prayer for the future of this church. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Christian Education Board report given by Rev. Willie Martin. He stated to look in the Promotional Bulletin for dates and activities. Couple's Retreat will be in February, and Minister's retreat in April. M/S/C to receive as information. Rev. Aaron Baldrige encouraged all churches to send their pastors to the Minister's Retreat.

Twin Cities Women Active for Christ report given by Heather Ellison. The District Fellowship Supper will be held January 23, 2014, at First Church beginning at 7:00 pm. First Church Auxiliary will be going to Muscogee Manor on February 8, 2014, at 10:00 am to deliver Valentine Cards to the residents. She encouraged the ladies of the other churches to join them. On April 11-12, 2014, is the Annual Prayer Retreat at Norman

Park, Georgia. The registration fee is \$80 and deadline is March 14th. After that it will be \$90. M/S/C to receive as information.

Twin Cities Camp Board report given by Rev. Willie Martin in Director Heather Ransom's absence. He stated camp is reserved at Camp Joy for May 25-28. M/S/C to receive as information.

There was no **State Trustee Board** report as they have not met. Rev. Wayne Pricket has resigned his position as pastor of Weems Road leaving the position of State Trustee Board member vacant.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 1) Rev. Willie Martin nominated Joey George to take the position of State Camp Board member. M/S/C to receive Joey George to this position.
- 2) Rev. Willie Martin nominated Russell Ruhland to take the position of State Trustee Board member. M/S/C to receive Russell Ruhland to this position.

Rev. Willie Martin reminded everyone that the Co-op Revival is coming up. It will be in May. Derek Stinnett from Arkansas will be the speaker. It will be discussed at the next meeting what each church will need to provide.

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

M/S/C to adjourn business meeting.

Song of praise, pg. 307 "I Shall Never Forget that Day" led by Len Hayes.

Morning message given by Rev. Earl Ransom. Scripture taken from Luke 13:23-35, "There is a Lack of Prophetical Preaching in Our Churches and a Lack of Believing the Prophetical Preaching."

Closed in prayer by Rev. Earl Ransom

Respectfully submitted
Glenda George, Clerk

Treasurer's Report

January 2014

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2014)\$8,017.72

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$525.00

St. Mark Dues..... \$75.00

Change Trophy..... \$452.36

Camp Funds (Left From 2013 Camp)\$3,131.81

Balance Subtotal**\$12,201.89**

Expenditures

Postmaster (Postage) \$13.68

Fed-Ex (Printing of Minutes) \$224.86

State & National Dues..... \$975.00

Transfer of Camp Funds to Camp Acct.....\$5883.92

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2014)**\$5,104.43**

Associational Funds \$4,641.80

Youth Competition \$146.05

Men's Retreat \$216.58

Summer Intern \$100.00

\$5,104.43

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2014)\$2,299.75

Deposits

Change Trophy..... \$452.36

Camp Funds\$3,131.81

Balance Subtotal (Transferred)**\$5,883.92**

Expenditures

Valley Rescue Mission (Camp Reservation)..... \$100.00

Trailer Tags..... \$44.29

Printing of Checks..... \$18.95

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2014)**\$5,720.68**

Digest Report

January 2014

January 11, 2014 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	6
Deacons Present.....	4
Delegates.....	15
Visitors.....	<u>1</u>
Total Present	26

January 25, 2014 Youth Rally

Attendance

Bethel.....	5
Calvary	1
First Church	15
St. Mark	3
Weems	0
Whiterock	<u>22</u>
Total Children	46
Adults.....	<u>40</u>
All Total.....	86

Change Trophy

Bethel.....	\$0.00
Calvary	\$0.00
First Church	\$162.07
St. Mark	\$0.00
Weems	\$60.00
Whiterock	<u>\$230.29</u>
Total.....	\$452.36

Georgia Mission Board Report

Presented to Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists

Our board has met one time since our last quarterly meeting. The meeting was held at the State meeting last month in Cordele. Please pray for the mission board as some major decisions are needed to be made regarding the property in Cartersville. A church start has approached us about purchasing the property but the offer was far too low to be feasible. The current payment on the property is about \$5600 a month. The property needs a good bit of maintenance and cleaning up with spring coming. Of course, a bad yard affects property resale values. There are plans in the works to schedule a work day. If you would be interested in helping please let me know and I will keep you updated as plans are finalized. We are not able to move forward with new mission works in Georgia until we sell this property.

April is International Missions month for Free Will Baptists. I would like to encourage all of our churches to receive a special offering for missions this month. The last couple of years our association has had 100% participation and I hope that we will again this year. When we all chip in, it can make a big difference. Whenever you receive your offering, mail it to Bro. William Smith at the state office and be sure to indicate that it is for "World Missions Offering." Let's make this a great offering to support our missionary work abroad. Also take time to pray for our missionaries. You can find more information about our missionaries and their prayer requests at www.fwbgo.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Baldrige

April 12, 2014

The Twin Cities Association met at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening Song: "Mansion Over the Hill Top"

Opening Prayer: by Rev. Willie Martin.

Morning Devotion: by Rev. Ricky Ward, scripture taken from Romans 1:11

M/S/C to accept letters and to seat all delegates.

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

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

M/S/C to receive Youth Rally and Change Trophy report as read.

M/S/C to accept the State Mission Board report.

M/S/C to accept the verbal report of the Christian Education Board.

M/S/C to accept the verbal Twin Cities Camp report.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Edward Newman, Assistant Clerk

Morning message by Rev. Ricky Ward, scripture taken from Acts 2:42.

Treasurer's Report

April 2014

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2014)\$5,104.43

Deposits

Associational Dues \$450.00

Co-Op Revival Offering\$1,633.25

Balance Subtotal**\$7,187.68**

Expenditures

Co-Op Revival – Rev Derek Stinnett\$1,783.25

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2014) **\$5,404.43**

Associational Funds	\$4,941.80
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$5,404.43

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2014)\$5,720.68

Deposits

Deposits (according to bank statement)\$5,011.25

Balance Subtotal **\$10,731.93**

Expenditures

Withdrawals (according to bank statement) \$5778.71

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2014)**\$4,953.22**

Digest Report

April 2014

April 12, 2014 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	5
Deacons Present.....	8
Delegates.....	15
Visitors.....	<u>0</u>
Total Present	28

April 26, 2014 Youth Rally

Attendance

Bethel.....	0
Calvary.....	5
First Church	0
St. Mark	7
Weems	0
Whiterock	<u>10</u>
Total Children	22
Adults.....	<u>23</u>
All Total.....	45

Change Trophy

Bethel.....	\$0.00
Calvary.....	\$0.00
First Church	\$23.51
St. Mark	\$0.00
Weems	\$74.00
Whiterock	<u>\$149.00</u>
Total.....	\$246.51

July 12, 2014

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

Opening Song: "Jesus Hold My Hand" pg. 612 led by Rev. Ronnie Knighton

Opening Prayer: by Rev. Stephen Windham

Morning Devotion: by Rev. Aaron Baldrige, Two Mistakes that will Destroy a Church, scripture taken from 1 Samuel 8:1-9

M/S/C to accept letters and to seat all delegates.

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

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

M/S/C to receive Youth Rally and Change Trophy report as read.

Secretary George read letter from St. Mark FWB requesting that Stephen Windham's credentials be transferred for fellowship into the Twin Cities Association.

Ordination Council to meet at break.

There were three visitors present to recognize, Jeff Vaughn, Rev. Mike Randall, and Heather Ransom.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer.

State Missions Board report given by Rev. Aaron Baldrige. He stated they will meet in September and to pray for clarity. He stated that 75% of church plants do not make it past three to five years. M/S/C to accept as information.

State Christian Education Board. Rev. Willie Martin stated there was no report. M/S/C

State Trustee Board has not meet. M/S/C

State Camp Board. Bro. Joey George stated they have not met, and there was nothing to report. M/S/C

Twin Cities Camp report given by Heather Ransom. They all had a great time. The report is attached to the minutes. M/S/C There was a rising vote of thanks to Heather Ransom for her role as the new camp director. M/S/C

Twin Cities Women Active for Christ report given by Leslie Baldrige. She stated that July 24th was the District Supper at First Church at 7:00 PM. That the Promotional Bulletin had lots of information in it. A Women's Day Event was scheduled for August 23, 2014, at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Berlin, Georgia. A Minister's Wife Retreat scheduled for September 18-20 with Debbie Burden as guest speaker. The registration deadline was August 13, 2014. M/S/C

Old Business: None

New Business:

At the October Annual Meeting to make sure Form 502 is used for reporting.

Officer elections. Nominating Committee as follows:

Bethel – Joe Hayes

Calvary – David Van Pelt

First – Ronnie Knighton

St. Mark – Gary Clegg, chairman

Weems Rd – Don Benefield

Whiterock – Lester Thornton

M/S/C to accept.

Ordination Committee met with Stephen Windham. It was recommended that they meet one more time, then pending outcome will instruct clerk to send request for letter of good standing. M/S/C

Mike Randall is currently interim pastor at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church.

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

Announcements

Youth Rally is August 2, 2014 at First Church. Heather Ransom encouraged all children to come. Earl Ransom emphasized encouraging youth to accept a call to ministry.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Glenda George, Clerk

Morning message by Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from Psalm 22:11. "Be not far from me because trouble is near. There is none to help but me." How many really understand what it means to be alone with God?

Treasurer's Report
July 2014
Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2014)	\$5,404.43
<u>Deposits</u>	
Associational Dues.....	<u>\$375.00</u>
Balance Subtotal	\$5,779.43
<u>Expenditures</u>	
None.....	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance on Hand (September 30, 2014)	\$5,779.43

Associational Funds	\$5,316.80
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$5,779.43

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2014).....	\$4,953.22
<u>Deposits</u>	
Change Trophy.....	<u>\$677.98</u>
Balance Subtotal	\$5,631.20
<u>Expenditures</u>	
None	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance on Hand (September 30, 2014)	\$5,631.20

Digest Report
July 2014

July 12, 2014 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	7
Deacons Present.....	6
Delegates.....	17
Visitors	<u>4</u>
Total Present	34

August 2, 2014 Youth Rally

Attendance

Bethel.....	3
Calvary.....	2
First Church	18
St. Mark	13
Weems	5
Whiterock	<u>35</u>
Total Children	76
Adults.....	<u>53</u>
All Total.....	129

Change Trophy

Bethel.....	\$0.00
Calvary.....	\$28.92
First Church	\$296.06
St. Mark	\$100.00
Weems	\$52.00
Whiterock	<u>\$201.00</u>
Total.....	\$677.98

Report re: GAFWB Mission Board

Twin Cities Association Meeting Sat. July 12, 2014

The Board has not met together since our last meeting. However, there is good news to report. We have entered into a lease to purchase agreement with Cloverleaf Missionary Baptist Church for the Cartersville property. This church is a growing, conservative Bible preaching church. I am thankful that our building in Cartersville will continue to be used to spread the Gospel. Please join us in praying for this church and its pastor Bro. Justin Gazaway. For the next couple of years the Mission Board will still have some financial responsibility for the mortgage payments. We see this though as partnering to build the Lord's Kingdom for His glory.

The mission board has a meeting scheduled in September. At this meeting we will be talking about the next steps for GAFWB Missions. While we are saddened that the work in Cartersville did not take off like we had hoped, we are continuing to pray and seek the Lord's direction for Georgia Free Will Baptists' church planting efforts. (You may be surprised to learn that studies show that across denominations about 75% of church plants do not survive past 5 years.) Please be praying for the board to have clarity and unity.

Sincerely,

Aaron Baldridge
Twin Cities Representative

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Baldridge

TWIN CITIES 2014 CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Total Campers 37
 Day & Night Workers 10
 Day Workers & Part Time Help 9
 Grand Total 56

Camp Fund Balance ¹		\$5,472.20
Received from change trophy competition ²	\$ 1507.45	
Inflatable Rental	\$ 0.00	
Received from State Camp Board ³	\$ 1200.00	
Received of Campers	\$ 3145.00	
Received unofficial camper donation	\$ 5.00	
Gross Canteen	\$ 398.56	
Return on canteen items	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 6256.01</u>	

Expenses		
Tag for Trailer	\$ 44.29	
Fee for Checks for Camp Account	\$ 18.95	
Replacement Trike Purchase (2)	\$ 678.00	
Camp Deposit (applied to camp rental)	\$ 100.00	
Camp Rental	\$ 968.00	
Camp Evangelist	\$ 550.00	
Canteen Purchases	\$ 535.59	
Food	\$ 1079.59	
Paper goods & Supplies	\$ 518.89	
First Aid	\$ 6.96	
Literature	\$ 157.43	
Fun-time, Games (recreational, balls, etc.)	\$ 489.53	
Crafts	\$ 242.88	
Prizes (Awards)	\$ 37.98	
Tee Shirts	\$ 502.20	
Welch College Student Donation to Steven Bozeman	\$ 1000.00	
Life guard (Cora Suggs volunteer, amount for renewal)	\$ 0.00	
(honorarium for outside help)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,930.29</u>	

Total Receipts for Camp Year 2014		\$6256.01
Less Total Expense for Camp Year 2014		<u>\$6930.29</u>
2014 Camp Session Loss		\$ 674.28

Camp Fund Balance from 2013		\$5,472.20
Camp Receipts balance taken from report at top of page		<u>\$6,256.01</u>
Total		\$11,728.21
Less expenses listed above		<u>\$ 6,930.29</u>
Current Camp Fund Balance Total.....		\$4,797.92

(Bank balance is \$4953.22.)

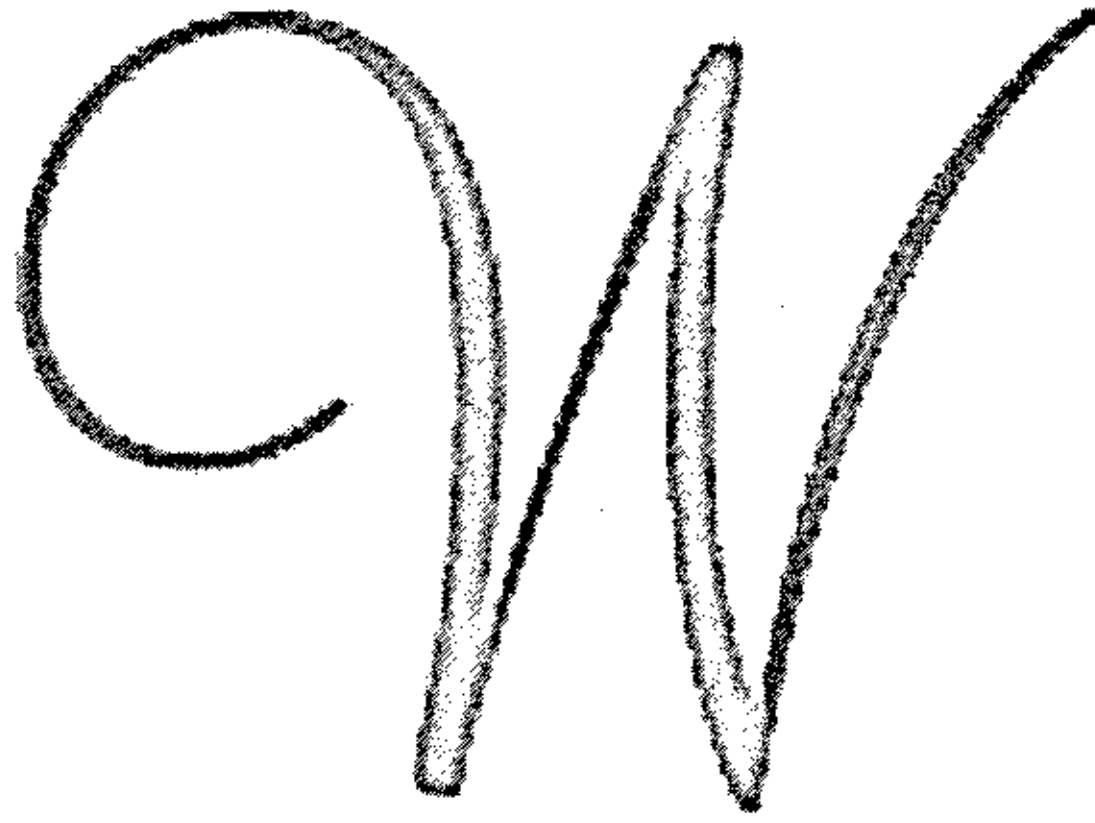
Report submitted by
 Heather Ransom, Camp Director

¹ Taken from camp fund report in July 2013.

² July 27th \$375.03; October 26th \$433.55; January 25th \$452.36; April 26th \$246.51; (July 2014 amount un-included)

³ The State Camp Board provides each Junior Camp (per association) an equal share of money.

*Twin Cities
Women Active for Christ*



*Annual Conference
Saturday, October 18, 2014
First Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus, GA*

Registration begins @ 9:30

*We will enjoy time of fellowship over brunch
and Mrs. Debra Van Pelt, former GAWAC
president will be speaking.*

We hope to see you there!

October 11, 2014

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

Opening Song: "The Glory-Land Way" pg. 286 led by Bro. Russell Ruhland.

Morning Devotion: by Rev. Aaron Baldrige, Be Diligent in Getting People to Know the Lord. Be workers of the Lord. A lot of people need the love of the Lord, scripture taken from Matthew 9:35.

M/S/C to accept letters and to seat all delegates.

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

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

M/S/C to receive Youth Rally and Change Trophy report as read.

M/S/C to receive the day's digest report.

Moderator Rev. Aaron Baldrige reminded everyone about the same sex marriage report. He stated that all pastors needed to read it and take action. They need to make it a part of the by-laws of their church to protect them. Also, that brochures regarding coveting eyes helps keep people away from sin. There is software available and there is a handout.

Ordination Council to meet at break.

There were three visitors to recognize: Rev. William Smith from the state office, and Danny and Karen Williams from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Rev. Jeff Vaughn.

Rev. William Smith stated that the state office and missionaries appreciate the prayers and financial support. He revealed that 10% percent of the money from missionary offerings goes to Co-op, and 5% to the Acts 1:8 project. He reminded us that if any of our churches need him to come speak that he would be glad to. Also, he stated that camp workers are now required to fill out a criminal background check. On all the children's applications, social security numbers are required for State Camp. He stated this information is not placed into a computer, and is shredded at the end of each camp session. This information is needed in case of an emergency. The Camp Board meeting is coming up. Teen Camp will be the last day of May into June (May 31 – June 5, 2015). He mentioned the retreat schedule and all of this could be found in the Promotional Bulletin. He lastly stated that there are 18 churches without pastors and prayers are needed.

Danny Williams with the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama reported that the children's home has been in existence since 1947, and they have helped 900 children overall. There were 35 children helped within the past year. There are currently 21 children on campus. There are four cottages on the campus, two for boys and two for girls. He stated that six teenagers gave their heart and life to Jesus. In 2013, they had a record income, but they are currently \$60,000 behind. They will be having an Eldridge Toy Ride where motorcyclists will be collecting donations. This will occur Saturday, December 6, 2014. They are also having a Harvest Drive (started in the 1960's)

where they collect can goods and paper products. It fills their pantry, and saves on food expenses.

State Missions Board Rev. Aaron Baldrige stated there was no report as they had not met. M/S/C

State Christian Education Board Rev. Willie Martin stated there was no report, but that retreats are mentioned in the bulletin. M/S/C

State Camp Board Bro. Joey George stated they have not met and there was nothing to report. M/S/C

State Trustee Board has not meet. M/S/C

Twin Cities Women Active for Christ report given by Leslie Baldrige. The report is attached to the minutes. She stated that the Fourth Annual Day of Prayer will be at Calvary on November 22, 2014, where there will be two people praying every hour from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, then there will be a concert of prayer where everyone will gather together for one hour. The signup sheet will be available to those women who are interested in participating. M/S/C to accept as information.

The Ordination Council received the letter of good standing on Rev. Stephen Windham. It was recommended that the Association receive him into fellowship. M/S/C. The Ordination Council will meet with Jeff Vaughn in the near future. His visit was recognized today.

Nominating Committee report given by Gary Clegg. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive report by acclamation.

Old Business: None

New Business:

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

Rev. Willie Martin stated that at First Church, on Wednesday nights, during CTS, that they are currently studying Dr. Picirilli's book on Discipleship. He stated it was a very good book, and recommended that everyone read it.

Announcements

On January 31, 2015, First Church will have a group called Southern Raised (a group of 4 individuals). Also, sometime during the month of October, First Church will be hosting a block party.

Calvary will be having a Fall Festival October 31, 2014, from 5:30 to 7:30.

St. Mark will be hosting the Youth Rally on October 25, 2014, and a Fall Festival on October 31, 2014.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted
Glenda George, Clerk

Singing: pg. 279 "O, I Want To See Him" led by Russell Ruhland

Morning message by Rev. Stephen Windham, scripture taken from Luke 14:25-35 "Are we just casual, or are we committed? You must put Him (the Lord) above yourself."

Treasurer's Report

October 2014

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2014).....	\$5,779.43
<u>Deposits</u>	
Associational Dues	<u>\$375.00</u>
Balance Subtotal	\$6,154.43
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Locks for Trikes	\$22.40
State and National Dues	<u>\$975.00</u>
Balance on Hand (December 31, 2014)	\$5,157.03

Associational Funds	\$4,716.80
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$5,179.43

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2014).....	\$5,631.20
<u>Deposits</u>	
Change Trophy.....	<u>\$575.17</u>
Balance Subtotal	\$6,206.37
<u>Expenditures</u>	
None	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance on Hand (December 31, 2014)	\$6,206.37

Digest Report
October 2014

October 11, 2014 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	8
Deacons Present.....	8
Delegates.....	17
Visitors	<u>3</u>
Total Present	36

October 25, 2014 Youth Rally

Attendance

Bethel.....	0
Calvary.....	5
First Church	4
St. Mark	14
Weems	2
Whiterock	<u>8</u>
Total Children	33
Adults.....	<u>35</u>
All Total.....	68

Change Trophy

Bethel.....	\$0.00
Calvary.....	\$16.18
First Church	\$368.21
St. Mark	\$37.00
Weems	\$53.00
Whiterock	<u>\$101.00</u>
Total.....	\$575.39
Actual Change.....	\$575.17
Difference	-.22

**TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
UPDATED NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
VOTED ON AND APPROVED AT QUARTERLY MEETING
10 JANUARY 2015**

MODERATOR: REV WILLIE MARTIN (TERM EXPIRES 2016)
ASS'T MODERATOR: REV STEVEN WINDHAM
CLERK/TREASURE: GLENDA GEORGE
ASS'T CLERK/TREASURE: EDWARD NEWMAN

EXECUTIVE BOARD
REV WILLIE MARTIN: MODERATOR
GLENDA GEORGE: CLERK
DON BENEFIELD
GARY CLEGG
DAVID VAN PELT

ORDAINING COUNCIL
REV ARRON BALDRIDGE: 2016
REV STEVEN WINDHAM: 2017
LESTER THORNTON 2015 (REPLACED UNEXPIRED TERM REV RICKY WARD)

CAMP DIRECTORS
HEATHER RANSOM: CAMP DIRECTOR
REV STEVEN WINDHAM: ASS'T CAMP DIRECTOR

BOARDS
MISSIONS: REV ARRON BALDRIDGE (TERM EXPIRES 2017)
TRUSTEE: RUSSELL RUHLAND (TERM EXPIRES 2015)
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: REV WILLIE MARTIN: (TERM EXPIRES 2015)
CAMPING: JOEY GORGE (TERM EXPIRES 2017)

YOUTH RALLY
DIRECTOR: JOEY GEORGE
ASS'T DIRECTOR: RONNIE KNIGHTON
SECRETARY: GLENDA GEORGE

REGISTRATION CLERKS
LAZELLE BROWN
ASS'T CLERK: BARBARA CLEGG

Respectfully Submitted: Chairman, Gary Clegg

Members: Don Benefield, Ronnie Knighton, Joe Hayes, Lester Thornton, David Van Pelt

Twin Cities Women Active for Christ
District Convention
October 18, 2014

Welcome and Prayer

- The meeting began with a welcome to First Free Will Baptist Church by the president of their WAC, Mary Prather. She opened our meeting in prayer.
- We were led in song by Tiffany Chaffin and she was accompanied by Rae Knighton on piano and Dee Mitchell on organ. We sang, page 669 "Where the Soul Never Dies".
- Our second song was page 550 "Wonderful Peace".
- The offering was taken by Gail Sams and Brooke Prather. Heather Ellison offered the blessing over the offering. During the offering, Rae and Dee played "Lord, I Want to Love You More".

Call to Order

- The business meeting was called to order by Heather Ellison, President of TCWAC.
 - Gail Sams, TCWAC Vice President, read the Credentials report. (Attached)
 - Purpose of Credentials Report is to seat the delegates.
 - 2 churches, 22 members, and 10 delegates
 - Seating of the delegates was made by the standing delegates, TCWAC officers and local presidents. Motion/Second/Carried
 - The Financial Report was given by Brooke Prather, TCWAC Treasurer. (Financial report attached). Year: October 15, 2013 – October 15, 2014
 - Beginning of year: \$440.86
 - Ending of year: \$579.36
 - 2012 speaker, Linda Snow, never cashed her speaker check so that amount, \$200.00, was added back to the bank account.
 - Made a motion to accept the partial financial report as read, Motion/Second/Carried
 - State Project - \$1,305.00! That is \$59.32 per member!
 - Heather Ellison asked Leslie Baldrige to ask the blessing on the brunch.

Break: We enjoyed brunch supplied by the ladies of First and Calvary.

Resume Business

- Registration Report:
 - Glenda George presented our registration report. Report passed. (Attached)
 - Delegates – 8
 - District Officers – 8
 - State Officers - 0
 - Visitors –
 - Missionaries – 0
 - Pastors - 0
 - Total present – 16
- Day of Prayer – 5th Annual Day of Prayer
 - November 22, 2014
 - Calvary will host
 - Start at 7:00 a.m. – End at 6:00 p.m.; followed by a concert of prayer
 - Prayer request will be on the alter for us to pray over
 - Two ladies to pray during each hour
 - Initial the prayer requests as you pray through your hour so everything is prayed over throughout the day.
 - Mission Prayer Request
 - International – Brooke Prather
 - Home – Leslie Baldrige
 - Local/State/National government – Heather Ellison
 - Personal Prayer Request – Gail Sams for Calvary, Sue Flowers for First, get personal prayer requests to Leslie by Nov. 19
 - Token Gift –Tiffany Chaffin
 - Music – Calvary
- Debra Van Pelt presented to following slate of officers for the 2015-2017 operating year.
 - President – Heather Ellison
 - Vice President – Gail Sams
 - Treasurer – Brooke Prather
 - Secretary – Leslie Baldrige
 - Historian – Glenda George (position was not filled, volunteered from the body)
 - Service/Prayer – Sue Flowers (These two offices have been combined)
 - Field Worker – Mary Prather
 - Mission/Study – Bobbie Jordan (These two officers have been combined)

- Resolutions Report:
 - Dianne Martin presented our resolutions report. (Attached)
 - Resolutions were voted on item by item.
 - Resolution 1 – passed
 - Resolution 2 – passed
 - Resolution 3 – passed
- Delegates to GAWAC Convention: March 19, 2015 (standing delegates: state officers, district president and field worker)
 - Heather Ellison (standing, district president)
 - Mary Prather (standing, district field worker)
 - Leslie Baldrige (standing, state secretary)
 - Helen Gilchrist
 - Sue Flowers
 - Nadine Blanton
 - Brooke Prather
 - Vickie McFarlin (Heather will ask her if she is planning on attending.)
 - Debra made a motion to allow Heather to appoint others at the meeting if necessary. (motion passed)
- Final Financial Report today's offering - \$133.00 makes our current balance - \$712.36 (motion/seconded/passed)
- Business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Special Singing – Tiffany Chaffin and Leslie Baldrige sang page 684 "Home Of The Soul".

Program: Debra Van Pelt

- Heather introduced the speaker, Debra Van Pelt.
 - *Making Good Habits: Breaking Bad Habits* by Joyce Meyer

People see us in different ways than the way we see us.

- God gives us new beginnings – first day of the week, first day of each month, first day of the year
- Jesus had habits and He knew what He was going to do when He went to certain places. (Luke 22:39)
- Overcome your bad habits with good habits. (Romans 12:21)
- 14 Behaviors or Habits
 - The God Habit
 - Turn your day over to God even before you get out of the bed each morning.

- When we say we don't have enough time for a particular activity, we are actually saying that it's not a priority for us.
- Psalm 46:5 – “God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.”
- Jer. 29:13 – “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”
- Ps. 5:3 – “In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.”
- Matt. 6:33 – “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
- The Positive Habit
 - Being negative does not get us anywhere
 - Be careful when you speak negative, we are giving the Devil authority of our thoughts when we speak them out loud
 - Our thoughts and words are both key factors in our success and failure.
 - Our own thoughts and words, if negative, can prevent us from accomplishing our goals.
 - 2 Corinthians 10:5 – “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”
 - Be in constant prayer!
- The Habit of Being Decisive
 - “In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing you can do is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.” Theodore Roosevelt.
 - It is impossible to learn how to make good decisions without having the experience of making decisions.
 - How to make decisions:
 - Make a list of options
 - Weigh the possible outcomes

- Acknowledge God
- Healthy Habits
 - We are what we eat!
 - God wants us to be healthy because our body is His temple.
- The Happy Habit
 - John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world.”
 - Put a smile on your face. No one can make you happy; it is a choice that you make.
 - Ps. 118:24 – “This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”
- The Habit of Faith
 - Romans 12:3 – “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”
 - Faith requires that we step out in the situation and KNOW that God WILL see us through.
 - Our faith has to be demonstrated by our actions and our speech; knowing that God will STILL be God!
- The Habit of Excellence
 - Create the habit of being an excellent person by saying repeatedly, “I do what I do with excellence. I am an excellent person. I speak excellent words. I think excellent thoughts.” When you are constantly complimenting yourself, you will be more conscious of doing the right thing.
 - We can be excellent in everything that we do.

- Everything that we do is a reflection of God's love for us.
- People should see God in ME.
- How are people going to remember you when you are gone?
- The Habit of Being Responsible
 - Proverbs 31 – virtuous woman
 - Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.
 - 5 steps to stop making excuses
 - Face the truth
 - Don't have unrealistic expectations
 - Stop complaining
 - Be aggressive – don't procrastinate
 - Find a solution to obstacles
- The Habit of Generosity
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7 – “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
- The Hurry Habit
 - A Turkish proverb “the Devil has a hand in what is done in haste.”
 - Being in a hurry causes us to miss the truly important things in life.
 - John 14:27 – “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
 - Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
 - A habit becomes a habit when we do something for 21-30 days. Habits are done without even thinking.
- Emotional Habits

- Psalm 37:8 – “Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret – it only causes harm.”
- The Confidence Habit
 - 2 Timothy 1:7 – “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, or love and of self-discipline.”
- The Habit of Adding Value to Others
 - We reap what we sow. When we add value to others, that encouragement will come back to us in like manners.
 - “Pretend that every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says, Make Me Feel Important. Not only will you succeed in sales, you will succeed in life.” Mary Kay Ash
- The Habit of Discipline
 - Hebrews 12:11 – “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Brooke Prather presented Debra with our token of appreciation for coming to speak to us.

Reading of October 18, 2014 TCWAC Minutes

- Leslie Baldrige, TCWAC secretary, read the minutes from the day’s business session. Minutes were accepted as read.

Mary Prather closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Baldrige, TCWAC Secretary

Twin Cities 2014 Annual Report			
Balance on hand October 15, 2013			\$440.86
Deposits:			\$3,319.97
	Calvary	\$1,637.60	
	First Church	\$1,610.37	
	Offering (2013 annual meeting)	\$72.00	
		<u>\$3,319.97</u>	
Other:			
	2012 Speaker Fee Never Cashed (Linda Snow)	<u>\$200.00</u>	\$200.00
Grand Total:			\$3,960.83
Disbursements:			\$3,381.47
	*Designated Funds	\$3,181.47	
	October 2013 Speaker (Irene Crowder)	\$200.00	
		<u>\$3,381.47</u>	
Balance on hand October 15, 2014			\$579.36

Designated Funds						\$3,181.47
	2015 Dues for 22 Members (@\$18.75 ea.)					
	Calvary			10	\$187.50	
	First Church			12	\$225.00	
					<u>\$412.50</u>	
	WNAC	22	x	\$15.00	\$330.00	
	GWAC	22	x	\$3.00	\$66.00	
	TCWAC	22	x	\$0.75	\$16.50	
A. WNAC Disbursements						
	2015 Dues				\$396.00	
	WNAC General Fund				\$120.00	
	Emphasis Month Offering				\$182.00	
	State Project				\$1,305.00	
	Bishop Cornmeal Project				\$30.00	
	Sub Total				<u>\$2,033.00</u>	
WNAC Total:						\$2,033.00
B. College Support:						
	Dot Harvey Loan Fund				\$120.00	
College Total:						\$120.00
C. Missionary Disbursements						
	State Missions:				\$30.00	
	Acts 1:8				\$133.10	
					<u>\$163.10</u>	
	International Missions:					
	Pre-Easter Offering for World Missions				\$286.42	
Missionary Accounts	Dale Bishop				\$120.00	
	Nathan Snow				\$120.00	
					<u>\$526.42</u>	
	Home Missions:					
	Pre-Thanksgiving Offering				\$98.95	
Missionary Accounts	Barry Long				\$120.00	
					<u>\$218.95</u>	
Missionary Total:						\$908.47
D. Misc:						
	AL FWB Children's Home				\$120.00	
Misc Total:						\$120.00
TOTAL of Designated Funds						\$3,181.47

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.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

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

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

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

into membership according to regular methods of the local church and upon condition of Baptism.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

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

- Section 1: The Moderator shall preside over all business of this Association. He shall keep order and, in general, direct all business of the Association. He shall serve as ex-officio member of all standing committees or boards.
- Section 2: The Assistant Moderator shall discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence. In the absence of both the Moderator and his Assistant, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Standing Delegates shall elect someone to preside at the meeting.
- 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 is to be added at the annual meeting each year.
4. The officers shall be elected at the regular annual session of the Association on the second Saturday in October.
5. Any additional Boards, Committees, or Officers needed shall be appointed or elected by the Association at its discretion.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

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

1. Full acceptance of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will 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 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, 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 un-served 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 persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promises of eternal salvation.
13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES** - Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and teaching humility, or universal obligation, is 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.