

The Forty-First Annual Session of the

*Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church
Of Columbus, GA
October 14, 2017*

Minutes of the 2017 Sessions

Meeting Schedule for 2018

*01-13-18 Weems Road 07-14-18 First
04-14-18 Calvary 10-13-18 Grace*

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Rev. Willie Martin (2018)
Asst. Moderator Rev. Aaron Baldrige
Clerk/Treasurer Sis. Glenda George
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Bro. Tony Mitchell

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Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer
Harold Smith (2018)
Charlies Wilson (2018)
Ronnie Knighton (2018)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Mike Randall 2020
Bro. Tony Mitchell 2018
Rev. Ricky Ward 2019

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

State Camp Board Bro. Joey George (2021)
Missions Board Dr. Aaron Baldrige (2021)
Christian Education Board Rev. Willie Martin (2019)
Trustee Board Bro. Russell Ruhland (2019)

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Rev. Mike Randall	6400 Main St., Apt 8D, Columbus, GA 31909	706-587-2914
Rev. Danny Ryals	4800 22 nd Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867	256-589-5313
Rev. Ricky Ward	42 Stillwell Drive, Phenix City, AL 36869	334-480-0346

CAMP DIRECTORS

Heather Ransom, Director (2018)
Rev. Willie Martin, Asst. Director (2018)

YOUTH RALLY DIRECTORS

Joey George, Director (2018)
Tiffany Chaffin, Asst. Director (2018)
Glenda George, Secretary (2018)

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January 14, 2017

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

Welcome by Rev. Dr. Aaron Baldridge and Hymn of Praise: "Higher Ground" page 462 led by Bro. Russell Ruhland accompanied by Sis. Martha Jordan on the piano.

Morning Devotion: given by Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator, scripture taken from Matthew 28:19, "Jesus says we are to go forth and to teach all nations." If God did not intend for us to be educated, why did He put His word in written form? God expects us to learn and to teach. This is how God communicates His message to us. That's what we do in our churches, we teach the word of God.

Opened in prayer by Rev. Willie C. Martin, Moderator.

M/S/C to adopt the agenda and order of business.

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

There was one visitor to recognize, Bro. Paul Horton.

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

M/S/C to receive Treasurer's report and Camp Fund report as read. We were reminded that camp funds would go down tremendously once the inflatables were purchased.

There were no letters or resolutions to read.

Ordaining Council did not need to meet at break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Tillman Smith.

M/S/C to receive the day's Digest report as read.

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

Old Business

None.

Board Reports:

Twin Cities Camp: Rev. Willie Martin stated that Heather Ransom is working on camp matters for this year. She is yet to have a firm commitment on the date. M/S/C to receive as information.

Co-Op Revival: Motion to set the date for May 1 -3, 2017. Motion seconded and carried.

State Trustee Board report. Bro. Russell Ruhland stated there was nothing to report.

State Mission Board report. Rev. Dr. Aaron Baldrige gave Mission Board Report. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Camp Board report. Bro. Joey George gave State Camp Board report and it is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Education Board report. Rev. Willie Martin stated they meet and plan retreats for the year. All retreats are listed in the Promotional Bulletin. Some of the work consists of the Historical Society. Someone pulled a November article from the Time Machine and there were several misspellings in the article. Rev. Martin called and fussed about material going out that way. It was embarrassing to him because his name was the only one mentioned there. M/S/C to receive as information.

Dr. Rev. Baldrige stated the Minister's Retreat is coming up. His church always sends him, and he wanted to encourage all churches to send their pastors. M/S/C to receive as information.

Women Active for Christ report. Report given by Glenda George. District Supper January 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Calvary. M/S/C to receive as information.

New Business

Moderator Rev. Willie Martin stated he would like for the Association to form an Obituary Committee. He stated if the Association had some interest in this to just let it be known. Motion to consider and the motion was seconded. Rev. Earl Ransom said one member from each church should form the committee and report that way. It will be discussed further at the next meeting. The motion was carried.

Miscellaneous Business

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

Rev. Aaron Baldrige stated that he teaches online for Welch College. They college has moved to Gallatin, Tennessee. They are hoping that the campus will be completed by March 1, 2017. The outside is complete, but there is still quite a bit to be done on the inside. The school semester has already begun. Dorms are ready and professors are teaching online. He asked that we continue to pray for Welch College. There was a motion, seconded and carried to receive as information.

The Georgia State Association Meeting will be held at First Church on March 15-17, 2017. The ladies might want to consider going to the Women Active for Christ Meeting to be held March 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

Rev. Ricky Ward received a report that his stepmother was in distress and is on Hospice care. Ruth Wilson passed away later that day.

Announcements (listed on back of agenda)

Youth Rally at Calvary on January 28, 2017, at 6:00 PM.

M/S/C to adjourn the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda F. George, Clerk

Special Singing by Bro. Russell Ruhland, "I Found a Lily in My Valley."

Morning message by Dr. Rev. Aaron Baldrige, scripture reference, Hebrews 2:1-4 "An Association, A Group of Churches that Come Together." Our salvation in our Christian walk cannot be neglected. There are things you need to tend to daily. You need to walk with the Lord every day. If you only spend time with the Lord when you're at church, there is a problem. The Church is made up of those that are born again. We get too busy to tend to certain things like spiritual things. The Devil even sometimes creates busy work for us to keep us away. Your salvation and walk with the Lord is a serious thing. A church is only as strong as its weakest member. Churches need more prayer and faithful servants. It is important that we come together as a church and an association and not neglect the work of God.

**Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2017 – March 30, 2017
Twin Cities Association Funds**

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2017) **\$5,056.12**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$300.00

Balance Subtotal **\$5,356.12**

Expenditures

Office Supplies (Printer Toner)..... \$49.67

USPS (Postage to Mail Minutes to Time Machine) . \$7.60

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2017)..... **\$5,298.85**

Associational Funds	\$4,835.95
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$5,298.85

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2017)..... **\$11,630.92**

Deposits

Change Trophy \$703.43

Balance Subtotal **\$12,334.35**

Expenditures

Trailer Insurance \$494.00

Camp Rental (Camp Joy)..... \$100.00

USPS..... \$11.06

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2017)..... **\$11,729.29**

Digest Report January, 2017

January 14, 2017 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present	6
Deacons Present	5
Delegates	21
Visitors	<u>1</u>
Total Present	33

January 28, 2017 Youth Rally

Attendance

Bethel.....	0
Calvary	0
First Church	13
Grace	16
St. Mark.....	23
Weems	<u>2</u>
Total Children.....	54
Adults	<u>38</u>
All Total.....	92

Change Trophy

Bethel.....	\$0.00
Calvary	\$33.77
First Church	\$283.96
Grace	\$200.00
St. Mark.....	\$160.07
Weems	<u>\$33.00</u>
Total.....	\$710.80
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$703.43
Difference	-\$7.37

Mission Board Report

JANUARY 14, 2017 TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION @CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The GAFWB Mission Board met in November at White Oaks FWB Church in Macon. Plans are being made for a new project in the Tifton, GA area. Several years ago the church in Tifton closed and gave the money from the sale of the property to the Mission Board with the designation that it be used for a work in the Tifton area. The board feels that the time is right to plant a new church in the rapidly growing Tifton area. Please pray with the board as plans are being made. We hope to be able to release more information about this new project at the state meeting in March.

Another big undertaking of the Mission Board is the hiring of Donnie Burke in partnership with the National Association for a revitalization project at Liberty Bible Free Will Baptist Church in Gainesville, GA. Bro. Donnie and his family went to Colorado five years ago to plant a new church. They did an excellent job, but circumstances were such that the work had to be closed. The Burkes will be moving back to Georgia in the next couple of months pending the sale of their home in Castle Rock. Please pray for them as they make this big transition.

Also, I would like to encourage every church to remember the World Missions Offering in April. Materials to help promote the offering can be ordered and downloaded at International Missions' website: www.fwbgo.com.

Until All Have Heard,

Dr. Aaron Baldrige
Twin Cities Association Representative/Board Secretary

State Camp Board Report
First Free Will Baptist Church
Albany, Georgia
October 25, 2016

All board members stayed the same except Bro. Edward will be the new Vice Chairman.

Junior Camp will get \$1,000 and not \$1,200 from the State office for expenses. There will be a back ground check every five years for counselors. Counselors must be 24 years old to be counted by the State. Please remind new workers about the background checks.

It was voted to cancel the Six Flags trip for Teen Camp in 2017 due to the budget being in the red. The Fun Park in Warner Robins is where they plan to go this coming year. This should put the budget back on track for 2018 and a Six Flags trip may or may not be added back later. It will depend greatly on the budget and camp attendance.

Teen Camp will be held June 4 through June 9, 2017, with check in at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday and pickup on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. The price for early bird sign up on or before May 5, 2017, will be \$165 and the price goes up to \$190 after that date. Junior Camp is \$85.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey George
State Camp Board Member

April 8, 2017

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

Welcome by Rev. Ronnie Knighton, and Hymn of Praise: "I'm Redeemed" page 296, led by Rev. Ronnie Knighton accompanied by Sis. Rae Knighton on the piano.

Opened in prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Morning Devotion: given by Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator, scripture taken from Acts 15:1-11, "The Church and It's Leadership in Business." This is to preserve the doctrine. We believe that the Word of God is our rule in faith and practice.

M/S/C to adopt the agenda and order of business.

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

There were no visitors to recognize.

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

M/S/C to receive Treasurer's and Camp Fund reports as read

There were no letters, but there was one resolution to read.

Clerk Glenda George read the resolution, "Establishment of an Obituary Committee."

Ordaining Council did not need to meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

M/S/C to receive the day's Digest report as read.

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

Old Business

Rev. Willie Martin submitted an Establishment of an Obituary Committee resolution. It is attached to the minutes. Motion and second to receive as an item of business. Two members from the association are to form a plan to get information on member's passing from each church. Motion passed. Motion and seconded that the Moderator appoint two people to serve. Motion carried. Ms. Lazelle Brown and Juanita Bowens were appointed to this committee.

Board Reports:

Twin Cities Camp: Rev. Willie Martin stated that camp applications need to be in by the date of the Youth Rally, April 22, 2017. M/S/C to receive as information.

Co-Op Revival. Co-Op Revival to be held at First Church on May 1-3, 2017. Each church to give \$150 for this function. The speaker will be Terry Forrest. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Trustee Board report. Bro. Russell Ruhland stated there was nothing to report.

State Mission Board report. Rev. Dr. Aaron Baldrige gave Mission Board Report. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information. Debbie Griffin said to send everyone her greeting.

State Camp Board report. Bro. Joey George had nothing to report.

State Education Board report. Rev. Willie Martin stated the Promotional Bulletin has a lot of the retreats listed. April 17-19 is the Minister's Retreat and will be held at Lake Blackshear, Georgia. The fee is \$150. M/S/C to receive as information.

Women Active for Christ report. Report given by Glenda George. The Prayer Retreat will be held April 14-15, 2017 at Lake Blackshear. The Women Active for Christ District Supper will be April 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM at First Church. M/S/C to receive as information. The Pre-Easter Week of Prayer will begin April 9 – 15, 2017. Coin banks will be given out to be filled and returned before April 30, 2017 for International Missions. M/S/C to receive as information.

New Business

None.

Miscellaneous Business

Motion and second to give host church, First FWB, a "hallelujah" vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

Announcements (listed on back of agenda)

Next Associational meeting will be held at Grace FWB on July 8, 2017. Rev. Ricky Ward says they are looking forward to hosting the Associational meeting and the upcoming Youth Rally.

Youth Rally at First Church on April 22, 2017, at 6:00 PM.

Rev. Aaron Baldrige stated there will be a campus dedication on September 29, 2017, at Welch College. He wanted everyone to think about going.

Welch College has moved into the new facility and some construction work remains ongoing. The president's house has been completed and a gymnasium is being built.

M/S/C to adjourn the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda F. George, Clerk

Morning message by Rev. Willie Martin, scripture reference, 1 Peter 4:10. There was a country that was need of food and supplies. A ship was sent with the supplies and it was docked, but the supplies were never distributed. There was a lot of resources wasted. The people were not benefited. The same with the talents that were given out in Matthew 25:14, one person never did anything with their talent. We need to make an assessment of what we're doing in our churches today. Everything centers around talent.

- 1) Acquisition - God has given everyone a talent. God expects you to employ this in His work. Exodus 4 – Moses said he couldn't do anything,
- 2) Attitude - people will say "what can I do" or "that's all I can do". Don't take the attitude that it's unworthy and unusable. God can use these small things and magnify them.
- 3) Accounting - some doubled theirs and the one nothing. Our failure to produce, it's failed. Verse Matthew 25:29 – says those talents given will be taken away if not used.
- 4) Appeal - get up and do something and do it today because God will take you into account. Don't just think about it, be active and get it done.

You need to decide today whether you will face the Lord with your talents or your failure.

Treasurer's Report
April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2017) **\$5,298.85**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$600.00

Co-op Revival Dues and Offerings \$1,272.30

Balance Subtotal **\$7,171.15**

Expenditures

Co-op Revival Speaker Terry Forest..... \$1,422.30

Printing of Minutes \$275.13

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2017)..... **\$5,473.72**

Associational Funds \$5,010.82

Youth Competition \$146.05

Men's Retreat \$216.58

Summer Intern \$100.00

\$5,473.72

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2017)..... **\$11,729.29**

Deposits

Camp Receipts \$4,679.65

Change Trophy \$534.90

Balance Subtotal **\$16,943.84**

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures Not Previously Reported (see
attached report) \$11,853.11

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2017)..... **\$5,090.73**

Digest Report April, 2017

April 8, 2017 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present	6
Deacons Present.....	4
Delegates	14
Visitors	<u>1</u>
Total Present.....	25

April 22, 2017 Youth Rally

Attendance

Bethel.....	0
Calvary	0
First Church	25
Grace	15
St. Mark.....	8
Weems	<u>2</u>
Total Children.....	<u>50</u>
Adults	<u>45</u>
All Total.....	95

Change Trophy

Bethel.....	\$0.00
Calvary	\$0.00
First Church	\$190.40
Grace	\$265.00
St. Mark.....	\$44.50
Weems	<u>\$34.00</u>
Total.....	<u>\$534.90</u>
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$534.90
Difference	-\$0.00

GAFWB Missions Board Report
Twin Cities Association
April 8, 2017

The Mission Board met during the state meeting last month. At this meeting we discussed the revitalization project in partnership with the National Association Home Missions Department at Liberty Bible Free Will Baptist Church in Gainesville. The Board was given permission by the Association to try this project and report back whether this would be a feasible program to launch elsewhere in our state. We will report on our findings at the 2018 state meeting at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, GA.

At this meeting the Board unanimously approved entering into a joint missions venture with the National Association Home Missions Department in Tifton, Georgia. We have contracted with a missionary family who will move to the field this summer. We anticipate a church launch in the second or third quarter of 2018. In this partnership the Home Missions Department will assist our board with ongoing training of the missionary. The Georgia Association will have primary oversight of the project. Partnering with the National Association brings some additional giving opportunities to the project as well. We are very excited about this new mission work and will be able to release more information at our next quarterly meeting. The missionary is employed with a church and until he resigns we are not able to release his name.

April is International Missions month for Free Will Baptists. Our Board encourages all of our churches to support the World Missions Offering April 30, 2017. Every bit of support is beneficial. Even if a church is only able to send \$20, the Lord will take our small gifts and join them together and do great things.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your representative on the Mission Board.

Blessings.

Aaron R. Baldrige

Twin Cities Camp 2017

We all survived and had a great time. Benjamin Miller was our preacher and he did an excellent job. He connected well with the campers and the campers listened intently to him. His family (wife and two sons) was able to join us too. I believe there was one decision made for salvation. Our five oldest campers stepped up to the plate and lead their teams in games and encouraged their team to work together for their team. Campers enjoyed Bible Class time, swimming, fishing, eating, playing games, crafts, and eating smores around the camp fire. The workers who came and helped are very much appreciated. Hope to see more workers and campers next year!

Heather Ransom

TWIN CITIES 2017 CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 28th- May 31st.

Total Registered Campers 39
 Day & Night Workers 14
 Day Workers & Part Time Help 3
 Unofficial Campers 2
Grand Total 58

Camp Fund Balance		\$4,903.09
Received from change trophy competition ¹	\$ 2,070.80	
Received from State Camp Board ²	\$ 1,000.00	
Received of Campers	\$ 3,185.00	
Gross Canteen	\$ 474.65	
Received from Bible's reimbursement	\$ 20.00	
Received from Insurance Co reimbursement (for stolen inflatables & trikes)	<u>\$ 5,895.36</u>	
Total Receipts	\$12,645.81	

Expenses		
Camp Deposit (applied to camp rental)	\$ 100.00	
Camp Rental	\$ 1,246.00	
Camp Evangelist (Benjamin Miller)	\$ 450.00	
Life guard (Emily King)	\$ 120.00	
Trailer Tag	\$ 36.75	
Trailer Insurance	\$ 494.00	
Inflatables (Slide and Jump/Bounce House)	\$ 4,590.00	
Inflatable Dolly/Handtruck	\$ 965.00	
Trailer Supplies	\$ 118.28	
Letter Mailing Postage	\$ 12.95	
Canteen Purchases	\$ 526.37	
Food	\$ 1,215.93	
First Aid	\$ 40.00	
Tee Shirt	\$ 464.13	
Literature/Material for Bible Classes	\$ 144.15	
Bible for Campers	\$ 503.21	
Crafts	\$ 265.24	
Paper goods & Supplies	\$ 758.46	
Fun-time, Games (recreational, balls, etc.)	\$ 299.15	
Prizes (Awards)	<u>\$ 108.55</u>	
Total Expenses	\$12,458.17	

Total Receipts for Camp Year 2017		\$12,645.81
Less Total Expense for Camp Year 2017		<u>\$12,458.17</u>
2017 Camp Session Gain		\$ 187.64

Camp Fund Balance from 2016		\$ 4,903.09
Camp Receipts balance taken from report at top of page		<u>\$12,645.81</u>
Total		\$ 17,548.90
Less expenses listed above		<u>\$ 12,458.17</u>
Current Camp Fund Balance Total		\$ 5,090.73

(Bank balance is \$5,090.73.)

Report submitted by
 Heather Ransom, Camp Director

¹ July 23rd \$493.26; October 22nd \$339.21; January 28th \$703.43; April 22nd \$534.90; (July 2017 amount not recorded)
² The State Camp Board provides each Junior Camp (per association) an equal share of money.

Establishment of an Obituary Committee

Whereas the Scripture informs us that God memorializes the names of the saints in His records, **Malachi 3:16**, *“Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.”*

Be it resolved that the Twin Cities Association elect two members interested in serving in this capacity, to serve on an obituary committee, whose responsibility shall be to inform the clerk of the passing of members in each church by submitting their names to be entered into the Twin Cities minutes each quarter.

Resolution submitted by the Moderator Willie C. Martin
April 8, 2017

July 8, 2017

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

Welcome by Sis. Robin Hudson, and Hymn of Praise: "I Shall Not Be Moved" page 339, accompanied by Bro. Tillman Smith on the piano.

Morning Devotion: given by Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator, scripture taken from Luke 10:1-2, "A Christian Worker Shortage."

Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

M/S/C to adopt the agenda and order of business.

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

There were no visitors to recognize.

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

M/S/C to receive Treasurer's and Camp Fund reports as read.

There were no letters or resolutions to read.

Ordaining Council did not meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Earl Ransom.

M/S/C to receive the day's Digest report as read.

M/S/C to receive Youth Rally and Change Trophy reports as read. Rev. Willie Martin stated that the enthusiasm for youth

rallies has dwindled in the Association. Rev. Earl Ransom recommended it would be a good idea to use the Youth Rallies as an instrument to aim the youth to listen and accepting the call into Christian work i.e., ministry, music, etc. M/S/C to receive.

Old Business

None.

Board Reports:

State Trustee Board report: Bro. Russell Ruhland stated there was nothing to report.

State Mission Board report: Rev. Aaron Baldrige gave Mission Board Report. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

There was a joint meeting of the State Mission and Executive Boards regarding Church Revitalization Program through Mission's Board, Donny Burke. M/S/C carried as information.

State Camp Board report: Bro. Joey George had nothing to report.

State Christian Education Board report: Rev. Willie Martin stated the Promotional Bulletin has the retreats listed. He mentioned the Minister's Wife Retreat. Rev. Aaron Baldrige encouraged all churches to send their pastor's wife. M/S/C to receive.

Twin Cities Camp: report given by Glenda George. M/S/C to receive. Rev. Martin stated that, concerning camp, we really have a Christian Worker shortage.

Women Active for Christ: report given by Glenda George. District Supper will be held at Calvary FWB, Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Obituary Committee Report: Dennis Smith's mother in law passed. The report is attached. M/S/C to receive.

New Business

Nominating Committee Members: M/S/C that Moderator appoint committee members which are as follows:

- 1) Bethel – Pat Hudgins
- 2) Calvary – Russell Ruhland
- 3) First – Edward Newman, chm.
- 4) Grace – Roger McCann
- 5) St. Mark – Rev. Danny Ryals
- 6) Weems – Harold Smith

Miscellaneous Business

Some newly appointed missionaries to Japan, Daniel and Katie Spear need prayers. Katie had problems with her eyes and their daughter, Audrey, developed bacterial meningitis and a tumor between her eyes. A motion was made that the Association send \$500 to the Spears. The motion was seconded and carried. The Hear the Cries Mission will add \$200 to the amount to send.

M/S/C to give host church, Grace FWB, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Announcements (listed on back of agenda)

Rev. Danny Ryals stated that we need to see that our youth stays in the sanctuary during preaching.

Old Fashion Camp Meeting at St. Mark beginning July 23 – 27, 2017. Preaching and singing at 6:30 each night.

M/S/C to adjourn the business meeting. Closed in prayer by Rev. Willie Martin

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda F. George, Clerk

Singing led by Cami Wells, pg. 52. Jesus, “Hold My Hand” and pg. 333 “I’ll Fly Away” accompanied by Robin Ward on base, and Tillman smith on the piano.

Morning message by Rev. Ricky Ward, Act 13:42 “What Takes Place When the Meeting Breaks Up?” Often-times, the meetings break up and we’re done. On Sunday mornings, it is the same. We should be preparing for the next meeting when the meeting is over. We should be getting out there and spreading the word of God.

Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017
Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2017) **\$5,473.72**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... **\$300.00**

Deposit..... **\$150.00**

Balance Subtotal..... **\$5,923.72**

Expenditures

Daniel & Katie Speer **\$500.00**

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2017)..... **\$5,423.72**

Associational Funds \$4,961.09

Youth Competition \$146.05

Men's Retreat \$216.58

Summer Intern \$100.00

\$5,423.72

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2017)..... **\$5,090.73**

Deposits

Change Trophy **\$496.27**

Balance Subtotal **\$5,587.00**

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures..... **\$0.00**

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2017)..... **\$5,587.00**

Digest Report July, 2017

July 8, 2017 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present	7
Deacons Present	6
Delegates	17
Visitors	<u>8</u>
Total Present	38

July 29, 2017 Youth Rally

Attendance

Calvary	0
First Church	1
Grace	43
St. Mark	4
Weems	<u>1</u>
Total Children	49
Adults	<u>49</u>
All Total	96

Change Trophy

Calvary	\$0.00
First Church	\$232.27
Grace	\$196.00
St. Mark	\$30.00
Weems	<u>\$37.00</u>
Total	\$495.27
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$496.27
Difference	+\$1.00

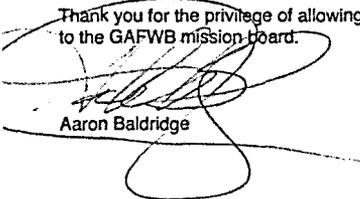
Mission Board Report to Twin Cities Association
Saturday, July 8, 2017 at Grace Free Will Baptist Church

We are excited to announce that Josh Bennett will be planting a new Free Will Baptist Church in Tifton, Georgia. This project will be a joint project between the state mission board and FWB North American Ministries. Josh moved this week and is actually moving in to their new home today. Please pray for Josh and Ashley as they make the transition to Tifton from their successful ministry in Marana, Arizona with Jeff Goodman. The Lord is already opening many doors for ministry for Josh and we are excited about what the Lord will do in Tifton through this work.

I encourage all of our churches to have Josh come and share as well support their work. A portion of the Acts 1:8 giving will go toward this project, as well as any designated support.

Please join the Mission: Tifton Facebook page to stay up on the latest news and updates on the work.

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as our association's representative to the GAFWB mission board.



Aaron Baldrige

Obituary Committee Report

Name of Church: St Mark Free Will Baptist Church

Name of Deceased: Betty C. Ference

Age at time of Death: 82

Date of Death April 22, 2017

Survivors: Daughters-Diana Smith, Debra Ball, and Cindy Devore and husband Kenneth, Sister-Wanda Catlett and husband David, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

October 14, 2017

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

Welcome by Rev. Danny Ryals, and Hymn of Praise: "The Family of God" page 344, accompanied by Sis. Lazelle Brown on the piano.

Morning Devotion: given by Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator, scripture taken from Matthew 28:19-20, "The Great Commission" The last part of that scripture states, "I am with you always." God is ever present. We need to respond to the presence of God.

Call to Order and Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

M/S/C to adopt the agenda and order of business.

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

There were no visitors to recognize.

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

M/S/C to receive Treasurer's and Camp Fund reports as read.

There was one letter from Grace and Bethel. It is attached to the minutes. Motion and second to receive oral report by Earl Ransom regarding merging of Grace and Bethel members. The motion was carried. Rev. Willie Martin stated he thought it was wonderful what they did and thought it was a good decision. We stood in applause in approval of this decision.

Ordaining Council did not meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Harry Winters.

M/S/C to receive the day's Digest report as read.

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

Old Business

None.

Nominating Committee report given by Bro. Edward Newman. It is attached to the minutes. Motion to receive, seconded and carried to receive by acclamation.

Board Reports:

State Trustee Board report: Bro. Russell Ruhland stated there was nothing to report.

State Mission Board report: Rev. Aaron Baldrige gave Mission Board Report. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Camp Board report: Bro. Joey George had nothing to report.

State Christian Education Board report: Rev. Willie Martin stated the Promotional Bulletin has all the information. The Senior Citizen's Retreat in November and the speaker is Van Dale Hudson. The board hasn't met. M/S/C to receive as information.

Twin Cities Camp: Nothing to report.

Women Active for Christ: report given by Leslie Baldrige.
Annual District Meeting at Calvary FWB, Saturday,
November 4, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Obituary Committee Report: Nothing to report.

New Business

None.

Miscellaneous Business

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

Announcements (listed on back of agenda)

Rev. Danny Ryals stated that they are in charge of the Youth Rally later this month. Danielle, his 14-year-old niece, is speaking and then they will be having a Fall Carnival outdoor. The Youth Rally will be October 28, 2017.

Senior Citizen's Ho-down at First Church, November 11, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

The Dixie Echoes will be at St. Mark FWB on November 10, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. The announcement is attached to the minutes.

Motion and second to adjourn the business meeting. Carried by everyone standing.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda F. George, Clerk

Singing led by Rev. Danny Ryals, pg. 416 "Living by Faith," accompanied by Lazelle Brown on the piano.

Special singing by Keri Ryals, "My Father Will Do It For You."

Morning message by Rev. Danny Ryals, scripture taken from Luke 24:15-33, "Needing Heartburn" When we lose our faith and hope we need heartburn. You need to have Jesus in your heart to have heartburn. If he's still at the door knocking then you haven't let him in. In this verse, the guest became the host.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Danny Ryals.

**Treasurer's Report
 October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
 Twin Cities Association Funds**

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2017) \$5,423.72

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$300.00

Balance Subtotal \$5,723.72

Expenditures

..... \$0.00

Balance on Hand (December 31, 2017)..... \$5,723.72

Associational Funds	\$5,261.09
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$5,723.72

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2017) \$5,587.00

Deposits

Change Trophy \$489.63

Balance Subtotal \$6,076.63

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures..... \$0.00

Balance on Hand (December 31, 2017)..... \$6,076.63

Digest Report October, 2017

October 14, 2017 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present	5
Deacons Present.....	6
Delegates	15
Visitors	0
Total Present.....	26

October 28, 2017 Youth Rally

Attendance

Calvary	0
First Church.....	8
Grace	13
St. Mark.....	15
Weems.....	0
Total Children.....	36
Adults	36
All Total.....	72

Change Trophy

Calvary	\$0.00
First Church.....	\$172.63
Grace	\$214.00
St. Mark.....	\$50.00
Weems.....	<u>\$53.00</u>
Total.....	\$489.63
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$489.63
Difference	+\$0.00

GAFWB Missions Board

Saturday, October 14, 2017

The Mission Board is excited about the early progress of the mission work in Tifton. Josh Bennett and his family have gotten moved in and settled. Josh continues to make some good contacts in the community. During Hurricane Irma he was able to use the large grill to feed several families in the Tifton area that had been affected by the hurricane. Through the storm God opened doors to develop relationships with several. He is building a team that will help launch the church and will begin Bible studies very soon. A couple from Alabama is considering coming to help Josh as associate missionaries. Please pray for the Lord's direction and provision regarding this couple and the work in Tifton.

The revitalization project in Gainesville is going very well. The church is reaching new people and has had a baptism service recently. Remember Donnie Burke and his family and the work in your prayers as well.

November is Home Missions month for Free Will Baptists. We encourage all of our churches to participate in the Benjamin Randall offering November 26. Home Missions has several tools to help promote the offering. Their website is fwbnam.com.

Aaron Baldrige

Twin Cities District Association
2017-2018 Nominating Committee Report

Moderator - Rev. Willie Martin (term expires 2018)
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Aaron Baldrige
Clerk/Treasurer - Glenda George
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer - Tony Mitchell

Executive Board

Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk
Harold Smith (replaced Don Benefield) - 2018
Charles Wilson (replaced Gary Clegg) - 2018
Rev. Ronnie Knighton - 2018

Ordaining Council

Rev. Mike Randall (term expires 2020)
Tony Mitchell (term expires 2018)
Rev. Ricky Ward (term expires 2019) (replacing Rev. Aaron Baldrige)

Camp Directors

Heather Ransom - Director (term expires 2018)
Rev. Willie Martin - Assistant Director (term expires 2018)

Boards

State Camp Board - Joey George (term expires 2021)
State Mission Board - Rev. Aaron Baldrige (term expires 2021)
State Trustee Board - Russell Ruhland (term expires 2019)
State Christian Education Board - Rev. Willie Martin (term expires 2019)

Youth Rally

Joey George - Director (term expires 2018)
Tiffany Chaffin - Assistant Director (term expires 2018)
Glenda George - Secretary (term expires 2018)

Registration Clerks

Lazelle Brown (term expires 2018)
Barbara Clegg (term expires 2018)

To: Twin Cities Freewill Baptist Association
And Willie Martin Associational Moderator
952 54th Street
Columbus, GA 31904

July 20, 2017

From: Bethel Freewill Baptist Church
Of Phenix City, Alabama
Greetings:

We are writing to inform you of a decision which was voted on in a special called business Conference on Sunday July 9th 2017. As you are aware of Bethel Freewill Baptist Church and Grace Freewill Baptist Church has been in discussions on the possibility of merging the two Churches. As a result we the members present at the afore mentioned conference voted on the following actions to achieve this merger in going forward:

1. To begin immediately the operation as a single Church entity this would involve the following:
2. To suspend the use of the name Bethel Freewill Baptist Church and adopt from henceforth the name of Grace Freewill Baptist thus uniting (merging) under the same name.
3. To blend (merge) all worship services immediately including Sunday School, Sunday Morning Worship, Sunday Night Worship, and Mid Week Worship Service.
4. To merge all resources Including buildings and grounds and all associated holdings, equipment, vehicles, monies and bank accounts so that these are a part of merged properties and resources.
5. To merge our membership role into the membership role of Grace Freewill Baptist Church.
6. To adopt immediately and accept the current Bylaws and Mission Statement of Grace Freewill Baptist Church as they stand.

These are the actions voted on by unanimous consent, of the present membership, in Conference on July 9th 2017. We believe this to be an act of faith to move forward with the proposed merger of said churches. We submitted these proposals to the Membership of Grace Freewill Baptist Church for their acceptance in conference so as to complete said merger, as soon as possible, thus allowing Bethel's membership to enjoy full fellowship and privileges as a part of the merged unified membership of Grace Freewill Baptist Church.

Grace Freewill Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama voted in Conference on Wednesday July 19th, 2017 to accept the proposed merger as presented to the Church Body From Bethel Church, Thus completing the merger.

Bethel Freewill Baptist Church therefore ceases to exist except as (and should) from henceforth be known as Grace Freewill Baptist Church. The Pastor of Grace Freewill Baptist Church is Ricky Ward.

Signed; Church Clerk of Bethel Freewill Baptist Church Joe Hayes Joe Hayes

Signed; Current Pastor of Bethel Freewill Baptist Church Earl Ransom Earl Ransom

Signed; Church Clerk of Grace Freewill Baptist Church Alisha Prickett Alisha Prickett

Signed; Pastor of Grace Freewill Baptist Church Ricky Ward Ricky Ward

Women Active for Christ District Meeting

Welcome and Prayer

- The meeting began with a welcome to Calvary Free Will Baptist Church by Bobbie Jordan, President of Calvary WAC. Dianne Martin opened our meeting in prayer.
- We were led in song by Tiffany Chaffin and she was accompanied by Rae Knighton on piano. We sang, page 568 "Count Your Blessings".
- The offering was taken by Gail Sams and Brooke Prather. During the offering, Rae played "Thank You, Lord!".

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)
 - Seating of the delegates was made by the standing delegates, TCWAC officers and local presidents.
Motion/Second/Carried
 - Purpose of Credentials Report is to seat the delegates.
 - 2 local churches, 19 members, and 8 delegates
 - Motion/Second/Carried
 - Received as information
 - The Financial Report was given by Brooke Prather, TCWAC Treasurer. (Financial report attached). Year: October 2016 – October 2017
 - Beginning of year: \$501.11
 - Ending of year: \$565.36
 - Motion/Second/Carried

- Received as information
- Tiffany lead us in page 8 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” accompanied by Dee Mitchell on piano.
- Registration Report:
 - Lisa Moore presented our registration report. Report passed. (Attached)
 1. Delegates – 8
 2. District Officers – 7
 3. State Officers - 0
 4. Visitors – 0
 5. Missionaries – 0
 6. Pastors - 0
 7. Total present – 15
- Day of Prayer – 8th Annual Day of Prayer
 - November 18, 2017
 - First will host
 - This year we will begin at 9:30 with a time of feet-washing, missionary prayer requests, and a devotional. Brunch will be served.
 - Ladies are asked to bring brunch items
- State Meeting and GAWAC Retreat – Leslie Baldrige
 - Shared information about these upcoming events
- Bulloch House Outing
 - December 2, 2017 @ First Church; meet at 11:00
 - Heather needs a head count the day before
 - Great time of fellowship and shopping in Warm Springs
 - Mail out invitations to invite ladies who do not typically attend WAC
 - Use this as a tool to encourage women to join WAC

- Nominating Committee for Officers October 2018-October 2020
 - Tiffany Chaffin
 - Bobbie Jordan (chairperson)
 - Brooke Prather
- Resolutions Report:
 - Mary Prather presented our resolutions report. Motion/Second/Carried
 - Be it resolved that the ladies of the Twin Cities WAC make a conscious effort to engage in sponsored activities that improve our support to State, International, and Home Missions as well as fellowship activities within our local churches.
 - Be it resolved that the ladies of the Twin Cities WAC continue to prayerfully encourage our sister churches to participate within the auxiliary.
 - Due to the negative obstructions that are impacting the decisions of our elected officials, be it resolved that we pray persistently and earnestly for all levels of government, including our courts.
 - Be it resolved that we give the host church, Calvary Free Will Baptist, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.
- Delegates to GAWAC Convention: March 16, 2017 – First Free Will Baptist Church (standing delegates: state officers, local/district president and field worker)
 - Heather Ellison (standing, district president)
 - Mary Prather (standing, district field worker)
 - Leslie Baldrige (standing, state secretary)
 - Brooke Prather (standing, local president)
 - Glenda George
 - Sue Flowers
 - Nadine Blanton
 - Gail Blanton

- Leslie made a motion to allow Heather to appoint others at the meeting if necessary. (motion passed)
- State Nominating Committee Member to represent Twin Cities WAC
 - Heather Ellison
- Business portion was adjourned.
- Heather Ellison asked Mary Prather to ask the blessing on the brunch.

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

Special Singing – Tiffany Chaffin sang, “Better Than A Hallelujah”

Program: Rae Knighton

- Scripture Joshua 1: 1-9 (NIV) was read as preface
- Rae opened her devotion in prayer
- She spoke on Fear, the Lord has placed a burden on her heart to focus, Joshua 1:9
- Lord spoke to Moses on being strong and courageous
- Lord encourages
- He expects us to live strong and courageous lives
- Act 1:8 – You will receive power when the holy spirit come upon you
- Called to live without fear (difficult)
- God is present with us – wherever we go
- Matthew 28:20 – I am with you until the end of days
- Be assured Satan is our enemy. He keeps us in fear

- Staying and claiming His promises with keep him preset
- She spoke about her father and his need for prayer. She knows that God is with her during the difficult times.

Heather Ellison closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Baldrige, TCWAC Secretary

Twin Cities Auxiliary 2017 Annual Report

Balance on hand October 15, 2016					\$501.11
Deposits:					\$2,806.25
	Calvary			\$1,255.00	
	First Church			\$1,451.25	
	Offering (2016 annual meeting)			\$100.00	
				\$2,806.25	
Grand Total:					\$3,307.36
Disbursements:					\$2,742.00
	*Designated Funds			\$2,642.00	
	October 2016 Speaker (Brenda Gilkey)			\$100.00	
				\$2,742.00	
Balance on hand October 15, 2017					\$565.36
Designated Funds					\$2,642.00
	Dues for Members (19 @\$18.75 ea.)				
	Calvary		8	\$150.00	
	First Church		11	\$206.25	
				\$356.25	
	WNAC	19	x	\$15.00	\$285.00
	GWAC	19	x	\$3.00	\$57.00
	TCWAC	19	x	\$0.75	\$14.25
A. WNAC Disbursements					
	2017 Dues			\$342.00	
	Emphasis Month Offering			\$100.00	
			Sub Total	\$442.00	
WNAC Total:					\$442.00
B. College Support:					
	Dot Harvey Loan Fund			\$120.00	
College Total:					\$120.00
C. Missionary Disbursements					
	State Missions:			\$50.00	
	Acts 1:8			\$190.00	
				\$240.00	
	International Missions:				
	General Fund			\$60.00	
	Bishop Cornmeal Project			\$40.00	
	Rosa the Bus			\$700.00	
Missionary Accounts	Chris & Tori Sargent			\$120.00	
	Angie Outlaw			\$60.00	
	Daniel & Katie Speer			\$200.00	
				\$1,180.00	
	Home Missions:				
	Pre-Thanksgiving Offering			\$200.00	
Missionary Accounts	Barry & Jessica Long			\$120.00	
	Nate & Jenna Altom			\$120.00	
				\$440.00	
Missionary Total:					\$1,860.00
D. Misc:					
	AL FWB Children's Home			\$220.00	
Misc Total:					\$220.00
TOTAL of Designated Funds					\$2,642.00

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 I - 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. The Nominating Committee shall ensure that there is equitable representation among the member churches on all boards and committees within the Association to the best of their ability.

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 I 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 (seventy-five (\$75) dollars per church quarterly and seventy-five (\$75) 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 perseveres 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, and October, and the July rally will be held three Saturdays after the Associational Meeting. 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.

