

The Forty-Second Annual Session of the

*Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*Grace Free Will Baptist Church
Of Phenix City, AL
October 13, 2018*

Minutes of the 2018 Sessions

Meeting Schedule for 2019

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| <i>01-12-19 St. Mark</i> | <i>07-13-19 Calvary</i> |
| <i>04-13-19 Weems</i> | <i>10-12-19 First</i> |

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Ricky Ward (2021)
Asst. ModeratorDr./Rev. Aaron Baldridge
Clerk/TreasurerSis. Glenda George
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....Bro. Tony Mitchell

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Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator (2021)
Sis. Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer
Rev. Russell Ruhland (2020)
Bro. Charles Wilson (2020)
Rev. Willie Martin (2020)

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Dr./Rev. Aaron Baldridge2019
Rev. Ronnie Knighton2020
Rev. Danny Ryals.....2021

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

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

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CAMP DIRECTORS

Heather Ransom, Director (2020)
Rev. Willie Martin, Asst. Director (2020)

YOUTH RALLY DIRECTORS

Joey George, Director (2020)
Heather Ransom, Asst. Director (2020)
Glenda George, Secretary (2020)

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January 13, 2018

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

Welcomed by Bro. Don Benefield and hymn of praise, pg. 446, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Rev. Mike Randall called the meeting to order and led prayer.

Devotion by Rev. Willie Martin, Acts 15: 1-2, Accountability – When we follow the doctrine of Christ, we will come out on top.

MSC to adopt the day's agenda

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – Martha Watson and Jackie Pierce

MSC to receive previous minutes as read.

MSC to receive treasurer's report as read.

MSC to receive letter as information from Grace FWB. It is attached to the minutes.

Letter from Calvary FWB regarding extending the licensure of Bro. Russell Ruhland for one year ending October 2018.

Resolutions: None

Ordaining Council to meet at break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Russell Ruhland.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

MSC to receive the Youth Rally and Change Trophy reports as read.
Rev. Willie Martin expressed his gratitude with the money that

comes in through the change trophy. This helps camp costs tremendously.

Old Business

None.

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Bro. Russell Ruhland had nothing to report.

State Missions Board – Rev. Aaron Baldridge submitted State Missions Board report and is attached to the minutes. MSC to receive as information.

State Camp Board – Bro. Joey George submitted State Camp report and is attached to the minutes. MSC to receive as information.

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin gave State Education Board report. They met in November 2017. Almost everything they do concerns retreats in the state of Georgia. Look in the Promotional Bulletin for dates and speakers. MSC to receive as information.

Women's Auxiliary – District Supper is January 25, 2018, at First Church at 7:00 p.m. There will be an officer's meeting next Saturday, January 20, 2018, in order to plan the state meeting on March 14, 2018, in Macon, Georgia. The Prayer Retreat will be held at Lake Blackshear on April 13-14, 2018. MSC to receive as information.

Obituary Committee – Sis. Lazelle Brown gave Obituary report. It is attached to the minutes. Bro. Edward Newman passed on November 30, 2017, and Edith Benefield passed on November 26, 2017. Also, two from Grace Free Will Baptist had passed, Faye

Wade November 21, 2017, and William Carroll on November 30, 2017.

It was recommended that the quarterly report be amended to add deceased members. Motion to modify quarterly report to include obituaries, motion seconded and carried.

Danny Ryals made a motion to honor Bro. Edward Newman and his service to the Association. The motion was seconded and carried. It was decided that the Executive Committee should oversee this. Bro. Newman was an important part of this Association and very knowledgeable regarding the history of the Association. Rev. Ryals wanted to see the Association honor Bro. Newman's memory and his dedication to the Association.

Ordaining Council – Recommended the extension of Bro. Russell Ruhland's licensure to October 13, 2018. MSC

Miscellaneous

Bro. Russell Ruhland made a motion to the give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Announcements

Youth Rally at Weems Road Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Weems Road – January 20, 2018 fundraiser for Hear the Cries Ministry.

Grace – Colonial Funeral Home has invited all ministers for a free breakfast and will be giving information about the funeral home on January 24 7-8 a.m.

State Meeting – March 14-16, 2018 at White Oaks FWB Macon, Georgia.

MSC to adjourn.

Morning Message: Rev. Mike Randall, scripture taken from Matthew 5:16, the message "Light of the World, A Time to See." We must let our light shine. We must be the light in a world of darkness. Don't be a light hidden under the bushes. As Christians, our light needs to shine. Let our eyes be opened to the truth. To let your light shines means to let God's light shine. Mathew 5:14 says you are the light of the world.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Mike Randall.

**Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2018 – March 30, 2018
Twin Cities Association Funds**

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2018) **\$5,723.72**

Deposits

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

Balance Subtotal **\$6,023.72**

Expenditures

State and National Dues **\$800.00**

Fed Ex Office (Printing of 2017 Minutes) **\$253.26**

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2018)..... **\$4,970.46**

Associational Funds **\$4,507.83**

Youth Competition **\$146.05**

Men's Retreat **\$216.58**

Summer Intern **\$100.00**

\$4,970.46

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2018)..... **\$6,076.63**

Deposits

Change Trophy **\$352.45**

Balance Subtotal **\$6,429.08**

Expenditures

Camp Purchase **\$217.43**

Trailer Tag **\$33.96**

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

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2018)..... **\$6,077.69**

Digest Report January, 2018

January 13, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Ministers Present | 5 |
| Deacons Present..... | 3 |
| Delegates | 23 |
| Visitors | <u>3</u> |
| Total Present..... | 34 |

January 27, 2018 Youth Rally **Weems Road Free Will Baptist** Attendance

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Calvary | 0 |
| First Church..... | 0 |
| Grace | 18 |
| St. Mark..... | 0 |
| Weems..... | <u>3</u> |
| Total Children..... | 21 |
| Adults | <u>28</u> |
| All Total..... | 49 |

Change Trophy

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Calvary | \$0.00 |
| First Church..... | \$184.45 |
| Grace | \$100.00 |
| St. Mark..... | \$25.00 |
| Weems..... | <u>\$43.00</u> |
| Total..... | \$352.45 |
| Actual Change Trophy Deposit | \$352.45 |
| Difference | \$0.00 |



Grace Free Will Baptist Church
2101 18th Place Phenix City, AL 36869

DATE: 01.11.2018

To: Twin Cities Free Will Baptist Association

This letter is to inform the association of re-location of Grace Free Will Baptist Church which will be located at: 10290 Lee Rd. 240 Phenix City, AL 36870. (next door to the former Bethel FWB Church)
This will be in effect Jan. 28th 2018.

Signed *Ricky Ward*

Ricky Ward, Pastor

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
6165 Billings Road
Columbus, Georgia 31909
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November 19, 2017

Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists
% Glenda George, Secretary

Twin Cities Association Ordaining Council
% Rev. Danny Ryals, Chair

via Email

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church requests that the minister's license of Russell Ruhland be extended for a period of one additional year through October, 2018.

Sincerely,

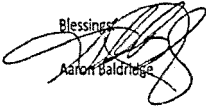
Rev. Aaron R. Baldridge
Pastor

Mission Board Report
Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists
January 13, 2018

The Mission Board met in November at the Senior Retreat. We received an update on the Mission in Tifton. Things are progressing very well and Josh is making some great contacts and has had a couple of "get to know you" meetings at his home. He will begin holding Bible study with a core group very soon and the first "formal" service will be in August 2018. At this meeting the Board approved Shane Suggs and his family joining the mission work as Associate Missionaries. They have had their first services and will spend the next five to six months raising support. Please keep them in your prayers. They are natives of our association and we really need to do all that we can to rally around them with our support – both prayer and financial.

The Board is also working on revising the Mission Board handbook and preparing a report to the state association which will meet in March in Macon regarding revitalization efforts. Statistics continually show that 75-80% of church in America are either plateaued or declining in membership. This is a great concern and certainly a trend we see in our Georgia Free Will Baptist Churches. As a side note, the South Georgia Association is sponsoring a Turnaround Pastors Bootcamp at the end of February. There is still some spaces available but the registration deadline is quickly approaching. If interested pastors should contact Steve Hughes THIS week.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as the Twin Cities representative to our state mission board.

Blessings

Aaron Baldridge

State Camp Board Report
First Free Will Baptist Church
Albany, Georgia
October 30, 2017

Teen Camp will be held June 24 through June 29, 2018 in Lizella, Georgia, 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 4, 2018, will be \$165 and the price goes up to \$190 after that date. Junior Camp is \$85.00. The tentative speaker for Teen Camp will be Aaron Poshanu, youth pastor at First Free Will Baptist in Donalsonville, Georgia. We had 130 teens to attend camp in 2016. William Smith said all camps were down in numbers, especially southern Baptists.

James, Teen Camp director said teen camp will be held at the camp in Macon, and they will be adding one off campus event. It was decided that the Six Flags trip would be planned every four to five years.

Background checks are getting easier. There has been a lot of advancement made, and it is so much faster than it was three years ago. Bro. William Smith stated he would not know about background checks until January 2018, and if some of the workers will be re-checked.

Bro. James also talked about another church group coming from a different denomination, Sumter Baptist. The Board said it was okay. Most of the time outside churches are a no show.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. William Smith. It is attached. Bro. Smith stated the account is back in the black. By going to a different park that it helped pull them out of a deficit. Using this park and adding one outside activity is even better for the account. They will be able to go to Six Flags again. There are two refunds to give back due to deaths in the family.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey George
State Camp Board Member

Obituary Report for First Free Will Baptist Church

Edward Newman, a deacon at First Free Will Baptist Church, went to be with the Lord last November 30, 2017. He was 85 years old. He was extremely active in his church, and The Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists. Bro. Willie Martin described him as a good and faithful servant, a servant to his family, a servant to his friends, and a servant to his church, at his funeral. His departure leaves many responsibilities that his church and association will find difficult to fill. We will truly miss him, but we know he is enjoying the company of Jesus now, along with all the saints of ages past.

Obituary Report for Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church

Edith Benefield went to be with the Lord on November 26, 2017. She was 83 years of age. She was a faithful member of Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church for 30 years. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Don Benefield, who is also a faithful member.

Obituary Report for Grace Free Will Baptist Church

Melinda Fay Wade went to be with the Lord on November 21, 2017. She was 60 years of age. She was a member of Grace Free Will Baptist Church for several years and participated in any and all activities and church functions.

William Earl Carroll went to be with the Lord on November 30, 2017. He was 70 years of age. He was a member of Grace Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Carroll had a love for God and people as he served in Clown (Beaney the Clown) Vacation Bible School and the Fall Festival ministries. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of thirty-four years, Debra Lee Carroll.

April 14, 2018

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

Welcomed by Bro. Russell Ruhland, and hymn of praise, pg.692,
"When We All Get to Heaven."

Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin called the meeting to order.

Devotion by Rev. Willie Martin, read scripture from Ephesians 1:1-23.

MSC to adopt the day's agenda.

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – Nathan Snow and his two sons, Isaac and Josiah.

MSC to receive previous minutes as read.

MSC to receive treasurer's report as read.

Letter from Calvary Free Will Baptist regarding ordaining Bro. Russell Ruhland.

Ordaining Council to meet at break.

Resolutions: None

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Rev. Danny Ryals.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

MSC to receive the Youth Rally and Change Trophy reports as read.

Old Business

The Executive Committee was supposed to get together to honor Bro. Edward Newman, but nothing official had been done. The Executive Committee will plan to get together.

There will be a Co-Op Revival to be held May 7-9, 2018 at Grace FWB. Van Dale Hudson will be the guest speaker. Bro. Ricky Ward will be taking care of the music for the revival. There will be a different group each night to perform. It was suggested that we offer Living Water, The Masters, and the Ward Family some compensation. M/S/C to receive.

Bro. Tony Mitchell suggested that the Association hold Revivals during a time when younger couples attending ball can come and would like suggested dates. M/S/C to receive.

Rev. Willie Martin made an appeal for Twin Cities Camp workers. The applications need to be in two weeks prior to camp for conducting background checks. M/S/C to receive.

Rev. Aaron Baldridge stated there was an issue with the rallies, that two to three churches did not have any children attending at all. The Association needs to look at the Youth Rallies to see if we can do something different. Children are not coming to the rallies. The pastors met, and it was decided that the Youth Rally for April 2018 would be cancelled. It was suggested to do a semi-annual youth rally and let every church be involved. Motion to cancel youth rally this quarter and the pastors and Joey George to meet before July.

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Bro. Russell Ruhland had nothing to report.

State Missions Board – Rev. Aaron Baldridge submitted State Missions Board report and it is attached to the minutes. MSC to receive as information.

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

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin. Look in the Promotional Bulletin for dates and speakers. MSC to receive as information. Minister's Retreat, April 16-18, 2018 at Lake Blackshear.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Glenda George, the WAC District Supper will be April 28, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Free Will Baptist. MSC to receive as information.

Obituary Committee Report – given by Juanita Bowens. Sylvia Burgess passed on March 14, 2018, she taught Sunday School at Weems Road FWB for many years. Virginia Moss, Robin Ward's, mother passed April 9, 2018.

Every church is to give \$150 for the speaker at the Co-Op Revival. Since we're down to five churches, there was a motion and a second for each church to give \$225. It was suggested to leave the church offering as is. There was an amended motion and a second for each church to give \$180 and then a love offering would be taken. The amended motion was carried.

There was a motion to give \$100 per group for the Co-Op Revival from the Associational funds. Motion was seconded and carried.

Ordaining Council – Twin Cities Ordaining Council voted unanimously to ordain Bro. Russell Ruhland. Motion second and carried.

Motion that the Association buy a brick for the walkway for the Welch campus. Motion seconded and carried.

Miscellaneous

Motion to give host church, Calvary FWB for their hospitality. The motion was carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Announcements

Grace FWB is having a Boston butt and yard sale on May 5, 2018.

MSC to adjourn. Closed in prayer by Rev. Danny Ryals.

Morning Message: by Bro. Nathan Snow, missionary from Japan. He talked about why they are there and why they do what they do. In Japan, "Land of the rising sun," there are very few churches. They are the second largest of unreached people. The islands are about the size of the state of California. There are 128 million people living there. There are 99.7% that don't know Christ. There's no word for sin in Japan in the same context as in America. He showed several photos of his family and life in Japan.

Closed in prayer by Bro. Russell Ruhland.

Treasurer's Report
April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018
Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2018) **\$4,970.46**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$600.00

Co-op Revival Dues and Offerings \$1,766.00

Balance Subtotal **\$7,336.46**

Expenditures

U.S. Postal Svc (mailing to Historical Society) \$3.17

Ward Family \$100.00

Donald Andrews \$100.00

Thomas Lane..... \$100.00

Van Dale Hudson..... \$1,766.00

“Pave the Way” Brick/Welch College \$250.00

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2018)..... **\$5,017.29**

Associational Funds \$4,554.66

Youth Competition \$146.05

Men's Retreat \$216.58

Summer Intern \$100.00

\$5,020.46

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2018)..... **\$6,077.69**

Deposits

Camp Receipts \$6,667.64

Change Trophy (Youth Rally Cancelled) \$0.00

Balance Subtotal **\$12,745.33**

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures (see attached report) \$10,003.23

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2018)..... **\$2,742.10**

Digest Report April, 2018

April 8, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

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|-------------------------|----|
| Ministers Present | 7 |
| Deacons Present..... | 3 |
| Delegates | 10 |
| Visitors | 4 |
| Total Present..... | 24 |

April 22, 2018 Youth Rally

NOTE: Youth Rally at Calvary was cancelled

Attendance

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|---------------------|---|
| Bethel..... | 0 |
| Calvary | 0 |
| First Church | 0 |
| Grace | 0 |
| St. Mark | 0 |
| Weems | 0 |
| Total Children..... | 0 |
| Adults | 0 |
| All Total..... | 0 |

Change Trophy

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Bethel..... | \$0.00 |
| Calvary | \$0.00 |
| First Church | \$0.00 |
| Grace | \$0.00 |
| St. Mark | \$0.00 |
| Weems | \$0.00 |
| Total..... | \$0.00 |
| Actual Change Trophy Deposit | \$0.00 |
| Difference | -\$0.00 |

TO THE TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, GLENDA GEORGE, CLERK
FROM: THE CONGREGATION OF CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS, GA

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church has called Bro. Russell Ruhland unanimously as Associate Pastor tonight, Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Calvary accordingly requests that the Ordaining Council extend to Bro. Russell official ordination within the Free Will Baptist Church in accordance with our Treatise and By-laws as soon as possible. Bro. Russell has been licensed already for the required year and has submitted the ordination exam to the committee at the time of his licensure.

(I have ccd the ordaining council so they will be prepared to meet Saturday and Bro. Willie so that he will be aware as well. If I have remembered who is on that board incorrectly, would you please forward this to them.)

Blessings,

Aaron



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Calvary Free Will Baptist Church is a growing Bible-centered family of believers that exists to share the love of God spread the gospel, and to equip believers to impact our world.

GAFWB MISSION BOARD REPORT TO THE TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

The mission board continues to work hard on two fronts in our state. Planting new churches is our first priority, and the reason that we exist. The work in Tifton, Awaken Free Will Baptist Church, is developing well. Shane and Jamie Suggs and their daughters will be moving to Tifton in the near future. Please pray that the Lord would open the right doors for a location to meet in when the church launches in August. A former building that housed a Locos Pub that is right across the street from Lowes in Tifton is the perfect location (at least to man's eyes.) The building was for rent and when Josh made an offer to rent the property the owners decided that they did not want to lease the building but rather to sell it. Pray that the Lord would change their minds if it is His will and that is the right spot. We serve a mighty God. Plans are for the first launch service to be August 19, 2018. I would like to challenge our association to get together a group from each church to go that weekend to help Josh and Shane with this first service. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible so that we can work out transportation and hotel accommodations.

The board also knows that in order to plant new churches, we need strong, vital existing congregations to help fund those new church plants. We are working on establishing policies and guidelines that will help us launch a revitalization program in cooperation with various national departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The pilot program is currently underway in Gainesville, Georgia, one of only a few Free Will Baptist churches left in North Georgia. After one year the church has seen a 15% increase in attendance and baptisms. Bro. Donnie Burke is doing an excellent job up there and is to be commended.

Remember that April is International Missions month for Free Will Baptists. We encourage all our churches to support this offering on April 29. Offerings should be reported to the NAFWB via their website (fwbgo.com) or by contacting their office directly. The offering can be mailed to either Bro William at the State Office or directly to Nashville. Nathan and Linda Snow are still home raising support to return to Japan. If your church has not had them yet, please consider inviting them soon. Let's get them back to JAPAN.

Blessings

Rev. Aaron Baldridge

Obituary Committee Report for Calvary Free Will Baptist Church

Sylvia Greer Burgess went to be with the Lord on March 14, 2018. She was 77 years of age. She was a member of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church and was a Sunday school teacher. She is survived by her husband, Grady Burgess.

Obituary Committee Report for Grace Free Will Baptist Church

Rosemary Virginia (Burkes) Moss went to be with the Lord on April 9, 2018. She was 77 years of age. She was a member of Grace Free Will Baptist Church and the mother of Robin Slaughter Ward, who is the wife of Rev. Ricky Ward of Grace Free Will Baptist Church.

July 14, 2018

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

Welcomed by Rev. Ronnie Knighton, and hymn of praise, pg.651,
"The Glory Land Way."

Opening prayer by Rev. Aaron Baldrige.

Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin called the meeting to order.

Devotion by Rev. Willie Martin, read scripture from Exodus 28:40,
"Should We Dress for Church." God is concerned with modesty,
beauty and glory. God is a God of excellence. We give God our
deteriorated, our lowest for worship.

MSC to adopt agenda.

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – None

MSC to receive previous minutes as read.

MSC to receive treasurer's report as read.

Letter from Evangelist Van Dale and Sandy Hudson. Attached to the
minutes.

Resolutions: None

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Tillman Smith.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

No Change Trophy report as the April Youth Rally was cancelled.

Old Business

The "Pave the Way" brick was purchased for Welch College.

The pastors met and they talked about honoring Bro. Edward Newman. He asked if anyone had anything to offer regarding this. No one had anything to say.

There was some confusion about the decision on the youth rallies. Rev. Mike Randall stated they discussed again the idea of twice a year, but nothing has been determined on type and agenda. It is currently unresolved, and they are continuing to work on it. They have a date to meet in August. MSC to receive as information.

Bro. Tony Mitchell suggested that we have associational meetings twice a year.

Twin Cities Camp and Camp Financial reports given by Rev. Willie Martin. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

Obituary Committee report given by Lazelle Brown. The obituaries are attached to the minutes.

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Bro. Russell Ruhland had nothing to report.

State Missions Board – Rev. Aaron Baldrige had nothing to report.

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

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin. Minister's Wife Retreat at Lake Blackshear, September 13-14, 2018. Look in Promotional Bulletin for other retreat information.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Leslie Baldrige, District Supper is July 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at First Free Will Baptist. We will be painting on

canvas with Truth be Told Art with Elicia Gordy. This is a mission minded project that helps buy supplies for Damascus Way so the residents of this facility can paint for free. MSC to receive as information.

Nominating Committee: Rev. Baldridge suggested that each church appoint someone to be on the committee.

Members are:

Calvary – Rev. Aaron Baldridge, chm.

First Church – Ronnie Knighton

Grace – Rev. Ricky Ward

St. Mark – Danny Ryals

Weems Road – Don Benefield

Miscellaneous

Sis. Leslie Baldridge made a motion to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Announcements

The National Association will be in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 24-27, 2018.

July 21, 2018, St. Mark tribute sing to Scotty Scott. At 6:00 p.m. A red book type singing, and some soloist will be singing.

Youth Rally will be held at First Church on August 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Willie Martin suggested that each pastor and church members read “The Sodomy of Christians, the Biblical View,” by Martin & Deidra Bobgan.

MSC to adjourn.

Morning Message: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from Proverbs 8. God clothes himself in many different forms. A cloud, a burning bush, etc. God is seen in this passage. He is cloaked in a particular concept. He is cloaked in the concept of wisdom. There is such a thing as wisdom, because God exists.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Willie Martin

Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018
Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2018) **\$5,017.29**

Deposits

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

Balance Subtotal **\$5,317.29**

Expenditures

..... **\$0.00**

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2018) **\$5,317.29**

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Associational Funds | \$4,854.66 |
| Youth Competition | \$146.05 |
| Men's Retreat | \$216.58 |
| Summer Intern | <u>\$100.00</u> |
| | \$5,317.29 |

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2018)..... **\$2,742.10**

Deposits

Change Trophy **\$357.40**

Balance Subtotal **\$3,099.50**

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures (see attached report) **\$0.00**

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2018) **\$3,099.50**

Digest Report

July, 2018

July 14, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Ministers Present | 7 |
| Deacons Present..... | 3 |
| Delegates | 10 |
| Visitors | <u>4</u> |
| Total Present..... | <u>24</u> |

August 4, 2018 Youth Rally **First Free Will Baptist Church** Attendance

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Calvary | 0 |
| First Church..... | 25 |
| Grace | 0 |
| St. Mark..... | 10 |
| Weems..... | <u>1</u> |
| Total Children..... | <u>36</u> |
| Adults | <u>24</u> |
| All Total..... | <u>60</u> |

Change Trophy

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Calvary | \$0.00 |
| First Church..... | \$271.40 |
| Grace | \$0.00 |
| St. Mark..... | \$25.00 |
| Weems..... | <u>\$61.00</u> |
| Total..... | \$357.40 |
| Actual Change Trophy Deposit | \$357.40 |
| Difference | -\$0.00 |

Van Dale Hudson
Evangelist/Minister-at-Large
1603 Dolly Tubb Road
Amory, Mississippi 38821
"Preaching Christ to a Perishing World!"

May 14, 2018

Pastor Aaron Baldrige
Pastor Willie Martin
Pastor Danny Ryals
Pastor Ricky Ward
And all members of Cooperating Churches
Twin City Association of Free Will Baptists

Dear Fellow Laborers in the work of our Lord,

Sandy and I wish to thank each pastor and all the association of church families who took part in the revival meeting we were privileged to have a part in recently.

We count it a special blessing to see God's people come together in such a manner and hear the uplifting singing and the preaching of the Holy Bible as we experienced at the host church, Grace in Phenix City.

We appreciate Calvary church providing the prophet's chamber for our lodging during the meeting, along with the nice container of treats for our enjoyment.

Along with so many acts of kindness, we certainly enjoyed the delicious meals and times of fellowship during and apart from the services.

Thanks so much for the very generous love offering. God has definitely met our needs through the years in revival work among our people.

If it be the will of our Lord we would hope to come again someday and have a part in the cooperative meeting. Keep up the good work.

Prayerfully - Bro. Van & Sandy Hudson

Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists

952 54th Street * Columbus * Georgia * 31904 * 706-324-1741

Twin Cities FWB Camp 2018 Report

We survived! Bro. Benjamin Miller from Shallowford FWB Church in Marietta, GA was our camp evangelist. He related the message of Jesus Christ well and was fantastic with the campers. His wife, Jara, came to help out and they brought nine campers from their church (one of their campers was from Liberty Square Church). Weems Road FWB Church had one camper to attend. St. Mark FWB Church had four campers to attend. First FWB Church had 22 campers to attend. The other 21 campers were friends or relatives of members in our association representing the following churches: Northside Baptist, Calvary Tabernacle, Cascade Hills, First Baptist, My Church, Trinity Fellowship, Crawford Road Baptist, Pierce Chapel UMC, and Wynnbrook Baptist. We had a total of 57 campers (31 girls and 26 boys). There were five Bible classes (three girl classes and two boy classes). Our Bible class teachers were Mary Prather, Cindy Fodor, Jara Miller, Russell Ruhland, and Jonathan Ransom. There were two campers who made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, Ella Kate and Mally and several who came to altar for prayer. We had a wonderful crew of about eight from Calvary FWB Church to prepare, cook, and serve our meals daily at camp. Bro. Danny Ryals from St. Mark FWB Church led a morning devotion and brought Billy King along to help out wherever needed. Bro. Ed and Bro. Willie Martin from First FWB Church led a devotion one morning as well. Bro. Mike and Salina Randall from Weems Rd FWB Church came out one afternoon to share about the ministry in India they serve. Some campers signed up to become pen pals with children in India. We had two other special guests to come share with our campers. Bro. Chuck Fletcher and his wife Layla came one afternoon and shared a Bible story through storytelling with chalk artwork and song. Bro. Jeff Hicks, a sleight of hand performance artist, came to our carnival Monday night and shared how he's used his talents in sharing the love of Jesus. There were about twelve volunteers from First FWB Church to come serve where needed along with a lifeguard. Making for a total of 81 campers, workers, & volunteers in attendance at camp (not all stayed the night). We all had a great time even though everything was wet and soggy and red clay slippery muddy the whole time. The threat of severe weather passed us by and we were able to continue on with our camp session. The kids loved splashing and slipping in the puddles and they just carried on as if it were a bright sunny day. Our five oldest campers led teams in games and helped their team to work together for points. Several campers volunteered to sing specials for chapel services and several volunteered to work puppets for the services as well. Thank you Lord for the seeds planted this week at camp. I pray each of these campers will grow into men and women who will serve God in all they do.

Heather Ransom
Camp Director

TWIN CITIES 2018 CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 27th- May 30th.

Total Registered Campers 56
 Day & Night Workers 15
 Day Workers & Part Time Help 9
 Unofficial Campers 1
 Grand Total 81

| | | |
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| Camp Fund Balance | | \$5,050.73 |
| Received from change trophy competition ¹ | \$ 1,338.35 | |
| Received from State Camp Board ² | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Received of Campers | \$ 4,675.00 | |
| Gross Canteen | \$ 531.05 | |
| Products Returned | \$ <u>51.53</u> | |
| Total Receipts | \$ 8,005.99 | |

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|---|------------------|
| Expenses | |
| Camp Deposit (applied to camp rental) | \$ 100.00 |
| Camp Rental | \$ 1,630.00 |
| Camp Evangelist (Benjamin Miller) | \$ 450.00 |
| Chalk Artist (Chuck Fletcher) | \$ 100.00 |
| Sight of Hand Performance Artist (Jeff Hicks) | \$ 125.00 |
| Life guard (Pearse King) | \$ 150.00 |
| Food | \$ 1,411.66 |
| Canteen Purchases | \$ 983.02 |
| Literature/Material for Bible Classes | \$ 561.14 |
| Bible for Campers | \$ 119.58 |
| Paper goods & Supplies | \$ 97.09 |
| Trailer Tag | \$ 33.99 |
| Trailer Insurance | \$ 00.00 |
| Replaced 2 Tires (stolen 2017) | \$ 815.10 |
| Ice Chest/drink storage for canteen | \$ 140.39 |
| Popcorn Maker Machine | \$ 263.01 |
| Puppet Stage | \$ 455.45 |
| Trailer Supplies & Tarps/Inflatable Supplies | \$ 58.77 |
| Tire Repairs | \$ 65.00 |
| Letter Mailing Postage | \$ 15.97 |
| First Aid | \$ 18.90 |
| Tee Shirt | \$ 641.52 |
| Crafts | \$ 132.51 |
| Fun-time, Games (recreational, ball's, etc.) | \$ 573.11 |
| Prizes (Awards) | \$ <u>520.24</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$10,354.62 |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Receipts for Camp Year 2018 | \$ 8,005.99 |
| Less Total Expense for Camp Year 2018 | \$10,354.62 |
| 2018 Camp Session Loss | \$ 2,348.63 |

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|--|---------------------|
| Camp Fund Balance from 2017 | \$ 5,050.73 |
| Camp Receipts balance taken from report at top of page | \$ 8,005.99 |
| Total | \$ 13,056.72 |
| Less expenses listed above | \$ <u>10,354.62</u> |
| Current Camp Fund Balance Total | \$ 2,742.10 |
| (Bank balance is \$2,742.10.) | |

Report submitted by
 Heather Ransom, Camp Director

¹ July 29* \$496.27; October 28* \$489.63; January 27* \$152.45; April 28* \$0.00 (no youth rally held); (Aug. 2018 amount not recorded).

² The State Camp Board provides each Junior Camp (per association) an equal share of money.

Obituary Committee Report for First Free Will Baptist Church

Edna Simmons passed away on July 4, 2018, in her home state of Tennessee. She was a faithful and supportive member of First Free Will Baptist Church. She was a woman of great faith in God's ability to cure her of cancer if it was His will. She fought a good fight and was victorious over this world entering into the next to be with Jesus.

She had also been a member of White Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama, where both her and her husband served and attended for several years. She will be missed by many church members and her many friends.

Obituary Committee Report/Unknown Church

CPO (USN Ret) Samuel L. Herrington went to be with the Lord on July 4, 2018. He was 92 years of age. He was a Navy Veteran who served during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

Obituary Committee Report for St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church

St Mark Free Will Baptist Church



3005 Sandfort Road
Phenix City, AL 36869
334-299-8015
Pastor: Danny Ryals

To: Benevolent Committee Twin Cities Association

The Saint Mark Free Will Baptist Church would like to add to your list today of Mrs. Alma "Jeanette" Touchton. She was a long time faithful member of our church, very active and held many offices over the years. She passed away on May 9, 2018 at the age of 82. She is with the Lord, but she will be greatly missed.

Also a former member, Wayne Murphy, passed away on June 6, 2018.

October 13, 2018

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

Welcomed by Robin Hudson, and hymn of praise, pg. 248, "Just Over in the Glory Land."

Opening prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin called the meeting to order.

Devotion by Rev. Billy Champion, read scripture from Psalm 46:1-7, "Look to God, No Matter What Situation You Are In."

MSC to adopt agenda.

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – None

MSC to receive previous minutes as read.

MSC to receive treasurer's report as read.

Letter from First Free Will Baptist Church requesting ordination of Billy Champion.

Resolutions: Youth Rally proposed changes read.

The Ordaining Council needs to meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Tiffany Chaffin.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

Youth Rally attendance and Change Trophy statistics read by Glenda George. Approved as read.

Old Business

Rev. Danny Ryals honored Bro. Edward Newman with a short speech and presented a plaque and gift card to his family. There was a motion to receive this as an honorary presentation, and for it to be placed in the minutes. Also, that \$500 to be sent to missions in the Tifton work. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion and second to adopt the Youth Rally resolution as read. Motion carried. The bylaws will be changed as necessary.

Obituary Committee report given by Glenda George and others. The obituaries are attached to the minutes.

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Bro. Russell Ruhland had nothing to report.

State Missions Board – Rev. Aaron Baldrige had nothing to report.

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

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin. Nothing to report. Seniors Citizens retreat will be at George T. Bagby State Park.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Leslie Baldrige, Annual TCWAC at First Church. October 20, 2017.

All above M/S/C carried as information.

Nominating Committee report by Aaron Baldrige. It is attached to the minutes. M/S to receive by acclamation. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Glenda George made a motion to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Hurricane Michael knocked down trees in our state especially in Colquitt. It took the brunt of the storm and several churches were damaged. Cedar Springs was destroyed by a large oak tree. It was asked they we pray as they recover. On November 4, 2018, it was asked that all churches take up a love offering to help them rebuild. Also, the Association will donate \$500 in the efforts.

Ordaining council will meet again with Billy Champion and will make their decision at the next associational meeting.

Announcements

MSC to adjourn.

Song led by Robin Hudson, pg. 306, "The Good 'Ol Gospel Ship"

Morning Message: Rev. Ricky Ward, message from 1 Peter 1:3, "Hope" We are not living our hope. Every day we need to have that living hope that Jesus Christ is coming back this day. It our duty to show our hope in Jesus Christ and a growing hope.

Closed in prayer by Bro. Joey George

Treasurer's Report

October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2018) **\$5,317.29**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$225.00
 Calvary – Hurricane Michael Offering \$500.00
 First Church – Hurricane Michael Offering..... \$361.00
 Grace – Hurricane Michael Offering \$200.00
 St. Mark – Hurricane Michael Offering \$75.00

Balance Subtotal **\$6,678.29**

Expenditures

Bro. Edward Newman Honors \$117.28
 GAFWB (Tifton Ministries) \$500.00
 GAFWB (Hurricane Michael - Churches) \$1,136.00
 GAFWB (Hurricane Michael - TCA) \$500.00

Balance on Hand (December 31, 2018)..... **\$4,425.01**

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Associational Funds | \$3,962.38 |
| Youth Competition | \$146.05 |
| Men's Retreat | \$216.58 |
| Summer Intern | <u>\$100.00</u> |
| | \$4,425.01 |

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2018) **\$3,099.50**

Deposits

Change Trophy \$178.12

Balance Subtotal **\$3,277.62**

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures..... \$0.00

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2018) **\$3,277.62**

Digest Report

October, 2018

October 13, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

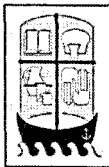
| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Ministers Present | 7 |
| Deacons Present..... | 4 |
| Delegates | 16 |
| Visitors | 0 |
| Total Present..... | 27 |

October 27, 2018 Youth Rally **Grace Free Will Baptist Church** Attendance

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Calvary | 0 |
| First Church..... | 4 |
| Grace | 9 |
| St. Mark..... | 5 |
| Weems | 0 |
| Total Children..... | 18 |
| Adults | 24 |
| All Total..... | 42 |

Change Trophy

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Calvary | \$0.00 |
| First Church..... | \$113.12 |
| Grace | \$0.00 |
| St. Mark..... | \$25.00 |
| Weems | \$40.00 |
| Total..... | \$178.12 |
| Actual Change Trophy Deposit | \$178.12 |
| Difference | -\$0.00 |



First Free Will Baptist Church

952 54th Street
(706) 324-1741
Church

Columbus, Georgia 31904
(706) 563-8440
Pastor Willie G. Martin

October 10, 2018

Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists
% Clerk Glenda George
288 Buckhead Ridge
Fortson, Georgia 31808

Dear Ordaining Council & Association Members,

The First Free Will Baptist Church has called Billy Champion to be the Associate Pastor of our church. Bro. Champion graduated from Welch College in 2017 with a B.A. degree in Pastoral Ministry. He has nearly completed his Master's degree with Welch.

He previously served 3 1/2 years as the Youth Pastor of the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, Tennessee. He has been involved in a preaching ministry for 6 years. He was licensed to preach in the Florida State Line Association of the Alabama State Association. We believe that he is well prepared for, and we request ordination as soon as possible, pending an examination and recommendation of the Twin Cities ordination council, and approval of the Twin Cities Association.

Members of First Free Will Baptist Church
& Glenda F. George, Clerk

Glenda F. George

Growing, Glowing & Going for Jesus!

Resolution to the Twin Cities Association
concerning Youth Rallies
October 13, 2018

Whereas the Ministers of the Twin Cities Association have extensively discussed the Twin Cities Youth Rallies since our last association meeting, and whereas some conclusions have been made, be it resolved that the association consider the following and consider changing any by-laws affected by the suggested practices listed below.

- Be it resolved that churches will not have to provide a meal before any Youth Rally.¹
- Be it resolved that associational pastors collectively plan programs for each rally.
- Be it resolved that each church, if possible, continue to host the rallies as usual providing only the facilities on the same rotating basis we currently follow.
- Be it resolved that those that plan the rallies consider age appropriate programs.²
- Be it resolved that the programs begin at 6:00PM.

Presented by Rev. Willie C. Martin

Discussed with associational ministers August 7, September 4 and October 2

Information below

The Grace church has agreed to have a youth rally at the same time as usual October 27th at 6:00PM. They already have a program planned. Welch College is sending preacher boys to our association in January during the weekend of our youth rally. The ministers of the Twin Cities are planning a rally to coincide with this event. The St. Mark FWB Church will host the rally then.

Thanks for your patience during our deliberations concerning the youth rallies.

¹ The ministers consensually agree that meals before youth rallies create problems for smaller churches.

² Our churches have difficulties planning rally programs for many reasons.

Obituary Committee Report for Calvary Free Will Baptist Church

Mary L. Callaway, went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2018. She was 76 years of age and a member of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. She was the mother of former member Debra Van Pelt.

Obituary Report from Saint Mark Free Will Baptist Church

Two members went to be with the Lord:

Bro. Conrad Thompson died July 18, 2018. He was 87 years of age. He was a long time member of St. Mark. He served as a Trustee and was a help in relocating the church. His wife and mother were also faithful members. He will be missed.

Bro. Henry Gipson died August 15, 2018. He was 69 years of age. He attended St. Mark until he was no longer able to come. Bro. Henry did a lot of work at the church and helped us to add our fellowship hall. His family still attends St. Mark and is active today.

Obituary Report for Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church

Linda Carol (Haines) McCrary passed away August 20, 2018 at the age of 71. She was a member of Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Charlie McCrary.

Twin Cities District Association 2019 Nominating Report

Moderator Rev. Ricky Ward (2021) replacing Rev. Willie Martin (not eligible for re-election)

Executive Board

Rev. Russell Ruhland (2020) replacing Harold Smith
Charles Wilson (2020) replacing Charles Wilson
Rev. Willie Martin (2020) replacing Rev. Ronnie Knighton

Ordaining Council

Rev. Aaron Baldrige (2019) replacing Rev. Ricky Ward
Rev. Ronnie Knighton (2020) replacing Rev. Mike Randall
Rev. Danny Ryals (2021) replacing Tony Mitchell

Camp Directors

Heather Ransom (2020) replacing Heather Ransom
Willie Martin (2020) replacing Rev. Willie Martin

Youth Rally

Joey George (2020) replacing Joey George
Heather Ransom (2020) replacing Tiffany Chaffin
Glenda George (2020) replacing Glenda George

Registration Clerks

Lazelle Brown (2020) replacing Lazelle Brown
Barbara Clegg (2020) replacing Barbara Clegg

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Dr. Aaron Baldrige, Calvary
Rev. Ronnie Knighton, First
Rev. Ricky Ward, Grace

Rev. Danny Ryals, St. Mark
Bro. Don Benefield, Weems Rd.

Twin Cities Women Active for Christ
District Convention
October 20, 2018

Welcome and Prayer

- The meeting began with a welcome to First Free Will Baptist Church by Brooke Prather, President of First WAC. Brooke Prather opened our meeting in prayer.
- We were led in song by Leslie Baldridge and she was accompanied by Rae Knighton on piano. We sang, page 223 "Standing on the Promises".
- Heather blessed the offering taken by Gail Sams and Brooke Prather.

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, 21 members, and 11 delegates
 - Motion/Second/Carried
 - The Financial Report was given by Brooke Prather, TCWAC Treasurer. (Financial report attached). Year: October 2017 – October, 2018
 - Beginning of year: \$565.36
 - Ending of year: \$617.11
 - Motion/Second/Carried

- Blessing on Brunch – Mary Prather
 - Break: We enjoyed brunch supplied by the ladies of First and Calvary.
- Leslie lead us in page 459 “I Want to Know More About My Lord” accompanied by Dee Mitchell and Rae Knighton on piano and organ.
- Registration Report:
 - Sherry Evans presented our registration report. Report passed. (Attached)
 1. Local Churches - 2
 2. Delegates – 6
 3. District Officers – 6
 4. Visitors – 2
 5. Total present – 14
- Day of Prayer – 9th annual
 - November 17, 2018
 - 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.
- State Meeting and GAWAC Retreat – Leslie Baldridge
 - Shared information about these upcoming events
- Bulloch House Outing
 - December 1, 2018 @ First Church; meet at 10:00
 - Great time of fellowship and shopping in Warm Springs
- Nominating Committee Report for new slate of officers (October, 2018 – October, 2020)
 - President – Heather Ellison
 - Vice President – Tiffany Chaffin
 - Secretary – Leslie Baldridge
 - Treasurer – Brooke Prather

- Historian – Glenda George
 - Study/Mission – Lisa Moore
 - Service/Prayer – Sue Flowers
 - Field Worker – Mary Prather
- Resolutions Report:
 - Mary Prather presented our resolutions report. Motion/Second/Carried
 - Be it resolved that we, Christian women, give full support to any local, state, and national political candidate who acknowledges that life begins at conception and who will uphold his/her pro-life stance.
 - Whereas, Free Will Baptist women have been and continue to be active, fully involved, and contributing members of the church and of this organization.
 - Be it therefore resolved that the Women Active for Christ will be in earnest prayer for both our home and foreign missionaries who so eagerly give of their time and effort to the winning of souls to Christ.
 - Furthermore, be it resolved that we give the host church, First Free Will Baptist, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.
- Delegates to GAWAC Convention: March 21, 2019 – First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, GA (standing delegates: state officers, local/district president and field worker)
 - Heather Ellison (standing, district president)
 - Leslie Baldridge (standing, state secretary)
 - Brooke Prather (standing, local president, state treasurer)
 - Leslie made a motion to allow Heather to appoint others at the meeting if necessary. (motion passed)
- Business portion was adjourned.

Special Singing – Scarlett Martin sang “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Program: Brooke Prather

- Promise - declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something
- 2 Kinds of Promises
 - Unconditional – fulfillment rests solely on God, independent on God, no conditions, example – never to send another flood to destroy the Earth
 - Conditional – the Lord is willing to act under certain circumstances, example – John 3:16, typically “if” and “then” statements
 - Jeremiah 33:3 – “Call to Me”
 - Ask God and He will help.
 - How do we know it is the Lord taking over or when it is our wants taking over?
 - Prayer
 - Our hearts have to be in-tune with the Lord’s dealing
 - Surround yourself with Christian brothers and sisters
 - Tune out the things of the world
 - Be still, be quiet, and listen
 - Matthew 7:7

Heather asked Mary Prather to close the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Baldrige, TCWAC Secretary

| Twin Cities Auxiliary 2018 Annual Report | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----|---|-------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand October 15, 2017 | | | | | \$565.36 |
| Deposits: | | | | | \$1,889.75 |
| | Calvary | | | \$540.00 | |
| | First Church | | | \$1,213.75 | |
| | Offering (2017 annual meeting) | | | \$136.00 | |
| | | | | <u>\$1,889.75</u> | |
| Grand Total: | | | | | \$2,455.11 |
| Disbursements: | | | | | \$1,838.00 |
| | *Designated Funds | | | \$1,738.00 | |
| | October 2017 Speaker (Rae Knighton) | | | \$100.00 | |
| | | | | <u>\$1,838.00</u> | |
| Balance on hand October 15, 2018 | | | | | \$617.11 |
| Designated Funds | | | | | \$1,738.00 |
| | Dues for Members (19 @\$18.75 ea.) | | | | |
| | Calvary | 8 | | \$150.00 | |
| | First Church | 13 | | \$243.75 | |
| | | | | <u>\$393.75</u> | |
| | WNAC | 21 | x | \$15.00 | \$315.00 |
| | GWAC | 21 | x | \$3.00 | \$63.00 |
| | TCWAC | 21 | x | \$0.75 | \$15.75 |
| A. WNAC Disbursements | | | | | |
| | 2018 Dues | | | \$378.00 | |
| | Provision Closet Offering | | | \$100.00 | |
| | Sub Total | | | <u>\$478.00</u> | |
| WNAC Total: | | | | | \$478.00 |
| B. College Support: | | | | | |
| | Dot Harvey Loan Fund | | | \$120.00 | |
| College Total: | | | | | \$120.00 |
| C. Missionary Disbursements | | | | | |
| | State Missions: | | | \$50.00 | |
| | Acts 1:8 | | | \$350.00 | |
| | | | | <u>\$400.00</u> | |
| | International Missions: | | | | |
| | Bishop Cornmeal Project | | | \$40.00 | |
| Missionary Accounts | Chris & Tori Sargent | | | \$120.00 | |
| | Angie Outlaw | | | \$90.00 | |
| | Nathan and Linda Snow | | | \$30.00 | |
| | | | | <u>\$280.00</u> | |
| | Home Missions: | | | | |
| Missionary Accounts | Barry & Jessica Long | | | \$90.00 | |
| | Nate & Jenna Altom | | | \$120.00 | |
| | Suggs/Bennett | | | \$30.00 | |
| | | | | <u>\$240.00</u> | |
| Missionary Total: | | | | | \$920.00 |
| D. Misc: | | | | | |
| | AL FWB Children's Home | | | \$220.00 | |
| Misc Total: | | | | | \$220.00 |
| TOTAL of Designated Funds | | | | | \$1,738.00 |

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 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. 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 licensure, 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 (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 if grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN - Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, to inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.
7. THE WORK OF CHRIST - The Son of God, by His incarnation, life suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all, 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 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 on a rotating basis and provide only the facilities for the rally in alphabetical order. Each rally will begin at 6:00 PM.
4. Each program should include devotion from the Bible, be collectively planned by associational pastors and age appropriate for each rally.
5. Offering may be taken only if they are designated toward the rally program.