

The Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the

*Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*First Free Will Baptist Church
Of Columbus, Georgia
October 12, 2019*

Minutes of the 2019 Sessions

Meeting Schedule for 2020

01-11-20 Grace

07-11-20 Weems

04-11-20 St. Mark

10-10-20 First

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Ricky Ward (2021)
Asst. Moderator Rev. Ronnie Knighton
Clerk/Treasurer Sis. 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)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Ronnie Knighton 2020
Rev. Billy Champion 2021
Rev. Russell Ruhland 2021

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

State Camp Board Bro. Joey George (2021)
Missions Board Rev. Billy Champion (2021)
Christian Education Board Rev. Willie Martin (2021)
Trustee Board Rev. Russell Ruhland (2021)

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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 12, 2019

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

Welcomed by Rev. Danny Ryals. Song of praise, "Living by Faith" pg. 416.

Opening prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator called the meeting to order.

Devotion by Rev. Ricky Ward, scripture taken from Proverbs 2:1-2. The year 2019 could be the year the Lord comes back. We need to understand the commands of God and to adhere to them closer than we ever have. Live by the standards God has set before us. A wise person is always looking for more wisdom. God will lay the path before us. We need to understand that God is trying to speak to us in 2019. There is one resolution that will benefit us all, that is skill. Allow God's word to come in during 2019. Let us endeavor to get into more of God's word, more into understanding and more into serving.

M/S/C to adopt agenda.

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

Visitors to recognize – None

M/S/C to receive October 2018 minutes as read with one correction, the date of TCWAC Annual Meeting was October 20, 2018.

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

M/S/C to receive Camp Funds report as read.

No letters of correspondence.

Resolutions: None

The Ordaining Council did not need to meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Charles Wilson.

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

Youth Rally Attendance and Change Trophy statistics read by Sec. Glenda George and were approved as read.

Old Business

None.

Twin Cities Camp Report – Rev. Willie Martin stated that Camp Joy has been reserved. Things are in motion to have camp. M/S/C to receive as information.

Obituary Committee Report – Nothing to report. Grace had one to pass, Loyette Lane, a report will be given later. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Board Reports

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

State Missions Board – Sis. Leslie Baldrige gave State Mission Board report in Rev. Aaron Baldrige's absence. M/S/C to receive as information. The report is attached to the minutes.

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

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin stated he just learned they are meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in Albany. Look in the Promotional Bulletin. You will always find the various retreats. M/S/C to receive as information.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Leslie Baldrige stated the District Supper will be at Calvary FWB on January 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The Prayer

Retreat will be April 12-13, 2019, at Lake Blackshear in Cordele, Georgia. The deadline for registration is the end of February. Rev. Willie Martin stated he praises the auxiliaries for their work. Tiffany Chaffin stated she enjoys being a part of auxiliary. The number of members has dwindled. She urged the ladies of the other churches to get involved and to form an auxiliary in their church. M/S/C to receive.

New Business

National and Associational dues are going up. This could mean an increase in our district dues. Not sure when this increase will go in effect. M/S/C to receive as information.

Miscellaneous

Sis. 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.

Rev. Aaron Baldridge starts teaching Monday in Ukraine. He will be preaching tomorrow with an interpreter. Sis. Leslie Baldridge asked that we keep him in our prayers.

Announcements

Welch College will be a part of the Youth Rally at St. Mark. January 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. No food will be served.

Grace FWB has started an ASL (American Sign Language) class for basic sign language. They have two or three more weeks and then they will be reaching out to the deaf with an interpreter.

Grace FWB had a men's prayer breakfast at Grace FWB this past Saturday. The men's breakfasts will be held on a quarterly basis and invited all men to come and be a part.

M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Russell Ruhland.

Song of praise, video of Lynda Randle singing, "The God on the Mountain is Still God in the Valley."

Morning Message: Rev. Danny Ryals, scripture from Proverbs 27:1, "Live Like You Were Dying." Song by Tim McGraw. We don't know, we might only have hours to live. Tomorrow is a gift and you have eternity to think about it. Life is like a vapor. We need to think about time. We should consider: 1) make sure you're prepared; 2) make sure your loved ones are saved; and 3) live a prioritized life.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Danny Ryals.

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2019 – March 30, 2019

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2019) **\$4,425.01**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$300.00

Balance Subtotal **\$4,725.01**

Expenditures

State and National Dues \$800.00

Fed Ex Office (Printing of 2017 Minutes)..... \$264.44

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2019) **\$3,660.57**

Associational Funds	\$3,197.94
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$4,970.46

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2019) **\$3,277.62**

Deposits

Change Trophy..... \$270.54

Balance Subtotal **\$3548.14**

Expenditures

Camp Purchases \$26.78

Trailer Tag \$31.26

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

Balance on Hand (March 30, 2019) **\$3,390.12**

Digest Report January, 2019

January 12, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present	6
Deacons Present.....	5
Delegates	15
Visitors	<u>4</u>
Total Present.....	30

January 26, 2019 Youth Rally

St. Mark Free Will Baptist

Attendance

Calvary	0
First Church.....	5
Grace	7
St. Mark	5
Weems	<u>3</u>
Total Children.....	20
Adults	<u>31</u>
All Total.....	51

Change Trophy

Calvary	\$0.00
First Church.....	\$95.54
Grace	\$40.00
St. Mark	\$50.00
Weems	<u>\$85.00</u>
Total.....	\$270.54
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$270.54
Difference	\$0.00

GAFWB Mission Board Report
Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists
January 12, 2019

First, let's start with a big praise item! The Cartersville property has been sold. We are thankful that the property is being used for the furtherance of the Gospel. Remember Cloverleaf Missionary Baptist Church in your prayers as they continue to minister and reach Cartersville for Christ.

Awaken Church has officially launched services in Tifton, GA and are being well attended. There have already been several salvation decisions and baptisms which we are so very thankful for. The church is currently meeting at a temporary location but has secured a permanent location right on the main highway through town (US 82). Pray for Josh and Shane and their families as they lead this new church plant. We look forward to many wonderful reports about what God is doing in Tifton as a result of Free Will Baptists partnering to plant a new church there.

We are saddened about the resignation of Bro. Donnie Burke from the Gainesville Liberty FWB Church project. While great strides were beginning to be made in the work, finances were not sufficient to continue the ministry. We wish Bro. Donnie well as he has assumed the pastorate of First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, GA.

The Board will be meeting at the end of this month to finalize policies for a revitalization effort to help the many struggling churches in Georgia. Please pray for us.

Blessings.

Aaron Baldrige

April 13, 2019

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

Welcomed by Rev. Mike Randall. Hymn of praise led by Ronnie Knighton accompanied by Iris Parker on the piano, "At the Cross" pg. 166.

Opening prayer by Bro. Joey George.

Devotion by Rev. Ricky Ward, scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 2: 9, What we have doesn't compare with what God is creating for us in Heaven for those that know Him. Let us be a child of God.

Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

M/S/C to adopt agenda.

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

Visitors to recognize – Rev. Shane Suggs with the Tifton project. Dorothy Salas, a friend of Barbara Clegg.

M/S/C to receive January 2019 minutes as read.

M/S/C to receive treasurer's and camp fund reports as read.

No letters of correspondence.

Resolutions: None

The Ordaining Council did not need to meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Rev. Russell Ruhland.

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

Youth Rally Attendance and Change Trophy statistics read by Sec. Glenda George and were approved as read.

Old Business

None.

Twin Cities Camp Report – Rev. Willie Martin stated Heather Ransom is working on camp. She needs workers. All workers need a background check. The state furnishes insurance, and it is required. Registration deadline is the April 28, 2019. M/S/C to receive as information.

A Twin Cities Youth Rally will not be held this quarter.

Obituary Committee Report – Rev. Ricky Ward stated that Rex Reddish of Grace FWB passed this past week. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Board Reports

State Missions Board – Rev. Aaron Baldrige stated he appreciates our prayers during his trip. Mission Board has met twice. The Cartersville property has been sold. The work in Tifton is going well. He is putting together a mission trip to Eldridge Children's Home in Alabama July 25-28, 2019. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Shane Suggs stated he thanks everyone for supporting his family especially both of his daughters who are going on mission trips. Grace is going to Africa next month. They are trying to build a church in Tifton. They bought a piece of property on a main highway. The building is 9,000 sq. ft. Average attendance is 76 (64 adults and 21 children) which is down. They've had 22 salvations and 14 baptisms. They are in a portable facility right now. They are receiving \$3,000 to \$6,000 monthly in offerings. There are 65 people meeting in small like

Sunday School settings where they meet in people's homes. They have at least 45 volunteers to serve. M/S/C to receive as information

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

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

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin stated that on Monday April 15, 2019, ministers are going to Lake Blackshear for a Minister's Retreat. We need to be reminded that there is a Youth conference on May 4, 2019. M/S/C to receive as information.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis Glenda George stated that there will be a Women Active for Christ District Fellowship Supper at First Church on April 25, 2019, at 7:00 PM. M/S/C to receive as information.

New Business

Twin Cities Coop Revival, singing by Kingdom Express, Billy Hannah speaker (look in agenda for info). Twin Cities to give \$300 to Kingdom Express for their services. M/S/C to receive all as information.

Georgia State Association will be raising the dues in October. It is recommended that we raise our quarterly dues to \$90 per month beginning in October 2019. M/S/C to raise the dues.

Miscellaneous

The special Love Offering for the March 3, 2019 storm victims was \$2,543. There was a motion, seconded and carried that the Twin Cities give \$100 to the storm victims. That will bring the total giving to \$2,643.

The Ordination Council met with Bro. Billy Champion. They examined him doctrinally, in his life and standards. He is in line to be ordained. First Church will have the ordination service. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Ricky Ward made a motion to give host church, Weems Road FWB, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Announcements

Please support Twin Cities Camp this year.

There will be no Youth Rally this quarter.

Rev. Mike Randall, youth in Weems Road FWB doing a 4-H fundraiser, 10 lbs. of Vidalia onions for \$12.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Lakeview Memory Gardens at 7:00 a.m.

MS to adjourn.

Morning Message: Rev. Mike Randall, scripture from Hebrews 12:1-2, Fundamentals of Being a Member of a church or association. Are you convinced, convicted and committed? God's plan is contingent upon participation.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Treasurer's Report
April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019
Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2019) **\$3,660.57**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$750.00
Storm Victim Donations \$2,543.00
Twins Cities Co-Op Revival Offering \$1,219.39

Balance Subtotal **\$8,172.96**

Expenditures

Storm Victims \$2,543.00
Storm Victims from Tin Cities..... \$100.00
Kingdom Express..... \$300.00
Billy Hannah, Speaker \$1,369.39
Randall House – Ordination Certificate \$17.95

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2019)..... **\$3,842.62**

Associational Funds	\$3,379.99
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$5,020.46

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2019)..... **\$3,390.12**

Deposits

Camp Receipts \$4,605.35
Change Trophy \$0.00

Balance Subtotal **\$7,995.47**

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures (see attached report) \$7,067.64

Balance on Hand (June 30, 2019)..... **\$927.83**

Digest Report April, 2019

April 13, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	7
Deacons Present.....	5
Delegates.....	15
Visitors.....	<u>3</u>
Total Present	30

No Youth Rally

Attendance

Bethel.....	0
Calvary	0
First Church	0
Grace.....	0
St. Mark	0
Weems	<u>0</u>
Total Children	<u>0</u>
Adults.....	<u>0</u>
All Total.....	0

Change Trophy

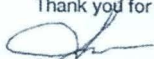
Bethel.....	\$0.00
Calvary	\$0.00
First Church	\$0.00
Grace.....	\$0.00
St. Mark	\$0.00
Weems	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total.....	\$0.00
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$0.00
Difference	-\$0.00

Quarterly Report to the Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists

The Georgia Mission Board is pleased to report that Awaken Church is doing very well. Since they moved in the new building five weeks ago they have had over 100 in attendance on 3 of those weeks have had 6 salvation decisions. We are so thankful for the good fruit that we are seeing. Continue to pray for Josh and Shane and their families. They invite our association to join them September 15th for their Grand Opening and Dedication service. Sunday morning worship begins at 10:30. The church is located on Highway 82 as you enter Tifton.

Please continue to pray for and support our missionaries. We are excited that Debbie Griffin will be returning to the field of Japan and encourage our churches to support her.

Thank you for the privilege of representing our association on the GAFWB Mission Board.



— Dr. Aaron R. Baldrige

Georgia State Camp Board Meeting

First Free Will Baptist Church

Albany, Georgia

The Georgia State Camp Board met March 5, 2019, at First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Twin Cities Camp will be May 24 – 27, 2019, at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia. We will get \$1,000 from State Camp Board. Twin Cities Camp registration is \$85.

Teen Camp will be June 23-28, 2019, at Lizella, Georgia. Early Registration is \$165 and late registration will be \$190. The teen camp will go on a day trip to Rigby's Fun Park. There will be no Six Flags trip.

Bro. William Smith said he would email the background check forms, if needed.

James, the camp director, stated that camp sites are declining and being sold due to low camp attendance. They are going to do an outreach program with the kids during camp. Also, he stated he lost a lot of camp workers.

During the 2018 camp, there were no reported injuries and three refunds were given. There was a gift of \$346 given and the camp account ended in the black with a balance of \$28.87.

Submitted by

Bro. Joey George

July 13, 2019

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

Welcomed by Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator.

Hymn of praise led by Tiffany Chafin and accompanied by Lazelle Brown on the piano, "I Want to Know More About My Lord" pg. 459.

Opening prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Devotion by Rev. Ricky Ward. Scripture taken from Matthew 4:18-20 "What are you fishing for?" When we accept the Lord as our Lord and Savior, it doesn't end there. We are to go out and bring in other people. Even though we go out and don't catch anything, we should keep fishing.

Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

M/S/C to adopt agenda.

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

There were no visitors to recognize.

M/S/C to receive the April 2019 minutes as read.

M/S/C to receive treasurer's and camp fund reports as read.

There were no letters of correspondence.

There were no resolutions.

The Ordaining Council did not need to meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Joey George.

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

Youth Rally Attendance and Change Trophy reports were not read as a youth rally was not held in April 2019.

Old Business

None.

Twin Cities Camp Report – Rev. Willie Martin gave Twin Cities Camp report. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive.

Obituary Committee Report – Given by Sec. Glenda George. They are attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive.

State Board Reports

State Missions Board – Rev. Aaron Baldrige gave report. It is attached to the minutes.

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

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

State Christian Education Board – Sis. Leslie Baldrige stated there will be a Minister's Wife Retreat at Lake Blackshear, September 12-14, 2019. Brenda Bunch will be the guest speaker. Send your pastor's wife.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Leslie Baldrige stated the District Supper will be held at Calvary FWB, July 25, 7:00 PM. Prayers for State Meeting and Prayer Retreat. M/S/C to receive.

New Business

Nominating Committee members: M/S/C that Moderator appoint a member from each church along with volunteers. Rev. Danny Ryals is to be the contact person for help.

Lee Evans, First Church
Charles Wilson, Grace
Russell Ruhland, Chairperson, Calvary
Alberta Wessel, St. Mark
_____, Weems Rd
M/S/C to accept.

Miscellaneous

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

Announcements

Calvary FWB is planning a trip on July 26-28, 2019 Eldridge Baptist Children's. Also, they are having a Boston Butt Sale on July 20, 2019, from 8:00 to 11:00

Youth Rally, August 3, 2019, at Calvary FWB. "Super Soaker"

National Association Meeting, July 21-24 in Cincinnati, OH.

Memorial singing for Roosevelt Oaks, Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Golden Acres Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama. The Calvary Quartet will be getting back together.

Dixie Echoes will be singing at Trinity Methodist Church, Saturday, July 20, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Special Singing by Leslie Baldridge.

Morning Message: Rev. Aaron Baldrige, scripture taken from Acts 2:40-47, "We Need Our Association." We need one another. The Christian life was never intended to be done alone.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Danny Ryals.

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2019) \$3,842.62

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$315.00

Balance Subtotal \$4,157.62

Expenditures

..... \$0.00

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2019) \$4,157.62

Associational Funds	\$3,694.99
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$5,020.46

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (July 1, 2019)..... \$927.83

Deposits

Camp Receipts \$0.00

Change Trophy \$271.86

Balance Subtotal \$1,199.69

Expenditures

Camp Expenditures (see attached report) \$0.00

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2019) \$1,199.69

Digest Report July, 2019

July 13, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	7
Deacons Present.....	6
Delegates.....	14
Visitors.....	<u>1</u>
Total Present	28

August 3, 2019 Youth Rally

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church

Attendance

Calvary	1
First Church	5
Grace.....	0
St. Mark	9
Weems	<u>0</u>
Total Children	<u>15</u>
Adults.....	<u>22</u>
All Total.....	37

Change Trophy

Calvary	\$0.00
First Church	\$256.86
Grace.....	\$0.00
St. Mark	\$15.00
Weems	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total.....	\$271.86
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$271.86
Difference	-\$0.00

TWIN CITIES 2019 CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 26th- May 29th.

Total Registered Campers 35
 Day & Night Workers 18
 Day Workers & Part Time Help 5
Grand Total 58

Camp Fund Balance \$2,742.10

Received from change trophy competition ¹	\$ 806.06
Received from State Camp Board ²	\$ 1,000.00
Received of Campers	\$ 2,890.00
Gross Canteen	<u>\$ 687.04</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 5,383.10

Expenses	
Camp Deposit (applied to camp rental)	\$ 100.00
Camp Rental	\$ 1,356.00
Camp Evangelist (Benjamin Miller)	\$ 450.00
Life guard (Kaley Tamaski)	\$ 115.00
Food	\$ 1,223.17
Canteen Purchases	\$ 679.35
Literature/Material for Bible Classes	\$ 215.69
Book for Campers	\$ 364.09
Paper goods & Supplies	\$ 574.47
Trailer Tag	\$ 31.26
Trailer Insurance	\$ 00.00
Trike Repairs	\$ 282.50
Shade Tent	\$ 71.00
Letter Mailing Postage	\$ 21.85
Shipping to receive items purchased	\$ 16.55
First Aid	\$ 00.00
Tee Shirt	\$ 580.00
Crafts	\$ 347.72
Fun-time, Games (recreational, balls, etc.)	\$ 338.69
Prizes (Awards)	\$ 164.06
Sales tax on all purchased items	<u>\$ 265.97</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 7,197.37

Total Receipts for Camp Year 2019	\$ 5,383.10
Less Total Expense for Camp Year 2019	<u>\$ 7,197.37</u>
2019 Camp Session Loss	<u>\$ 1,814.27</u>

Camp Fund Balance from 2018	\$ 2,742.10
Camp Receipts balance taken from report at top of page	<u>\$ 5,383.10</u>
Total	\$ 8,125.20
Less expenses listed above	<u>\$ 7,197.37</u>
Current Camp Fund Balance Total	\$ 927.83
(Bank balance is \$927.83.)	

We are grateful for the money we receive from the state camp board and money received from the youth rally change trophy competition as this helps tremendously to offset cost of camp. For example, total camp expense this year was \$7,197.37. Divide camp expense by 35 campers you'll get that actual camp cost per camper is \$205.64. Currently we charge \$85.00 for one camper to attend camp.

Report submitted by
 Heather Ransom, Camp Director

¹ August 4th \$357.40; October 27th \$178.12; January 26th \$270.54; April 27th \$0.00 (no youth rally held); (Aug. 2019 amount not recorded).

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

Twin Cities Camp 2019 Expenses

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	Camp Deposit	Camp Rental Fee	Camp Insurance	Transportation	Trailer Tag	Tithe Report	Shade Tent	Supplies	Postage	Food	Canteen	Crafts	Bible Class Literature	Awards/Prizes	Driver's Aid/Helms/Aides	Games/Fun Time	C. Quins	Shipping	Tax
																			\$3.65
																			\$1.70
																			\$1.39
																			\$0.98
																			\$3.34
																			\$1.20
																			\$1.13
																			\$2.64
																			\$2.09
Total	\$140.00	\$1,100.00	\$160.00	\$111.00	\$31.26	\$362.00	\$11.00	\$574.47	\$21.85	\$1,223.17	\$679.35	\$347.72	\$215.69	\$164.06	\$364.00	\$338.09	\$580.00	\$16.31	\$263.97

Twin Cities Camp 2019 Expenses

Total Cost for Camp \$7197.37

Received from State Association \$1000.00

Received from Campers \$2890.00

Received from Canteen \$687.04

Received from Youth Rally's \$806.06

Total Received Money \$5383.10

Plus Beginning Camp Balance \$2742.10

Total Camp Funds \$8125.20

Minus Cost of Camp \$7197.37

Ending Camp Balance \$927.83

Kate Lovering Obituary For Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists

Kate Lovering was born June 24, 1924 and died June 17, 2019. She was nearly 95 years old. She was the widow of a very faithful deacon in our church, Bennie Lovering. She was a very supportive member of the First Free Will Baptist Church during the years she had good health, attending all the services and being involved in everything she could be; Sunday school as teacher and later as secretary, WAC, Golden-Ager senior group of the church, and helping and assisting in many other matters in the church such as VBS, youth groups, etc. She cooked for all church socials, Master's men groups, and evangelists that came to the church. She entertained missionaries and invited guest that were interested in the church into her home. She was a strong and noble woman working hard inside and outside her home manifesting an exemplary Christian character. She worked in aa cotton mill for over 40 years.

She is appreciated very much by our church being a friend, confidant, counselor, mentor, laborer among the saints, committed wife, loving mother, and child of God prepared to meet Jesus for most of the years of her life! She will be remembered but not replaced.

Pastor Willie C. Martin
July 13, 2019

Obituary for Kate B. Lovering

Kate B. Lovering, 94, of Columbus, GA died Monday, June 17, 2019 at Columbus Hospice House. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Chapel of McMullen Funeral Home and Crematory 3874 Gentian Blvd. Columbus, GA 31907 with Rev. Willie Martin officiating. A private interment will be held at Evergreen Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Mrs. Lovering was born June 24, 1924 in Colquitt, GA daughter of the late Jessie C. Bush and Lila Hodges Bush. She worked as a Drawing End Hand and was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church. Mrs. Lovering loved to cook and serve the Lord in every way. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Lovering. Survivors include her daughter, Peggy Lovering Thompson (Tommy) of Tallassee, AL, son, Billy "Wayne" Lovering (Brenda) of Columbus, GA, grandchildren, Teresa Sasser, Jennifer Allen, Dewayne Deal and Todd Thompson, great-grandchildren, Taylor Sasser, Jake Sasser, Brittany Allen and Troy Allen, and several nieces and nephews. Flowers will be accepted but those so desiring may make memorial contributions to First Freewill Baptist 952 54th St. Columbus, GA 31904 or Columbus Hospice House 7020 Moon Rd. Columbus, GA 31909.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Kate B. Lovering please visit our Sympathy Store.

Sandra K. Winters 74 of Columbus, Georgia died Thursday May 9, 2019 at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Georgia. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday May 17, 2019 at Weems Road Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Randall officiating. Burial will follow at Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday May 16, 2019 at Weems Road Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mrs. Winters was born February 18, 1945 to the late Cary and Lucille Baisden in Harts, West Virginia. Mrs. Winters a member of Weems Road Baptist Church. Mrs. Winters served in the ministry over 20 years as a Pastor's Wife. Mrs. Winters is survived by her husband Rev. Harry Winters of Columbus, Georgia. Two sons Harry D. Winters Jr. (Terese) of Smith Station, Alabama and Brent L. Winters (Tiffany) of Columbus, Georgia. One Daughter Kimberley R. Isaacs of Columbus, Georgia. Four Brothers Earl (Sarah) Baisden of Harts, West Virginia. Cary (Sandra) Baisden of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Charles (Pam) Baisden of Harts, West Virginia. Bruce (Donna) Baisden of Athens, Alabama. Four Sisters Mary Howe of Apache Junction, Arizona. Sadie Whitiel of Jackson, Michigan. Louise Southerland of Michigan Center, Michigan. Norma Daly of Jackson, Michigan. Sixteen Grandchildren, Seven Great Grandchildren.

Don Eugene Benefield

October 11, 1937 ~ June 18, 2019 (age 81)



Don Eugene Benefield, 81, of Columbus, GA passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the Columbus Hospice House in Columbus GA.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon EST on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Vance Brooks Funeral Home with Dr. Jimmy Elder, Rev. Fred Evans, and Pastor Mike Randall officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon EST prior to the service at the funeral home in Phenix City.

Mr. Benefield was born October 11, 1937 in Daleville, AL, son of the Late Ernest and Jewell Benefield. He had worked for Fieldcrest Mills as a supervisor for 38 years of dedicated service and was retired. He served in the United States Army National Guard representing both Guard Units in Alabama and Florida. Don was a member of the YMCA and looked forward to opening the doors at the 14th St. location Monday through Friday. The YMCA was Don's home away from home and many of the people there were like his family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Edith Maria Schroth Benefield, his daughter, Wanda Leavins, one brother, Max Benefield, and five sisters, Hazel Ivins, Jean Webster, Faye Beck, Gale McKinnon, and Mildred McCumbee.

Don's biggest joy was his music ministry that he shared every chance that he got. Over the past 30 years he played once a month at the Valley Rescue Mission, nursing homes in Columbus and in Phenix City and the Blake Senior Living Community just to name a few.

He is survived by his sister, Jeanette Ballard of Connecticut, niece: Pam Vachon, nephew and best friend George Vachon (10) Grandchildren, (4) great grandchildren, one son, two stepsons, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was a member of Weems Road Freewill Baptist Church for 30+ years.

The family would like to extend a special Thank You to the Staff at Columbus Hospice.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Columbus Hospice and the Valley Rescue Mission both in Columbus, GA.

October 12, 2019

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

Welcomed by Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator. He asked us to keep Rev. William Smith in our prayers as he will be having back surgery.

Opening prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Hymn of praise led by Ronnie Knighton accompanied by Rae Knighton on the piano, "I Feel Like Traveling On" pg. 653.

Devotion by Rev. Ricky Ward. Scripture taken from Proverbs 4:23, "Making a Determined Effort" Making a determined effort to follow Jesus Christ. Determination is an important part of our spiritual warfare. 1 Cor 16:13. "Be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."

Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

M/S/C to adopt agenda.

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

There were visitors to recognize: Julia Webster and newborn Janie Baker (3 months old).

M/S/C to receive the July 13, 2019, minutes as read.

M/S/C to receive treasurer's and camp fund reports as read.

There were no letters of correspondence.

There were no resolutions.

The Ordaining Council did not need to meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Rev. Russell Ruhland.

Moderator Ricky Ward read a card from the family of Danny Ryals thanking the Association for their thoughts, prayers and flowers sent.

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

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

Old Business

None.

Twin Cities Camp Report – Rev. Willie Martin had nothing to report.

Obituary Committee Report – Sis. Glenda George read obituary report from St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Danny Ryals went to be with the lord September 6, 2019. The report is attached to the minutes.

State Board Reports

State Missions Board – Nothing to report.

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

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

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin stated there are various retreats that are planned and are listed in the Promotional Bulletin. A Senior Citizen's Retreat at George T. Bagby State Park on November 4 – 6, 2019. Bill Hanna and Kerry Steedley are the guest speakers, and music will be led by Tim Horne. Registration deadline was October 1, 2019. M/S/C to receive.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Glenda George stated that the Day of Prayer normally scheduled the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 23, 2019, is being cancelled. The District Women Active for Christ will look to do this in the Spring 2020. M/S/C to receive.

New Business

The pastors met, and with the Youth Rally being held on October 26, 2019 at First Church, and with the Welch College drama team coming, a suggestion was made to accept a love offering. Also, it was suggested that each church give a minimum of \$125 to cover the cost of this event. There will be five girls and two boys along with Anna Harris, director, who will be in attendance. The housing for these individuals has been covered.

Nominating Committee Report given by Rev. Russell Ruhland. It is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive by acclamation, with two or three additional positions being filled.

Rev. Mike Randall stated that Rev. Danny Ryals had been a devoted member of the Association and to St. Mark FWB for many years. It was moved that a plaque of recognition for his years of serve, enthusiasm, devotion and humor be donated to St. Mark FWB. M/S/C to receive.

Miscellaneous

Mod. Ricky Ward made a motion to give host church, First Free Will Baptist, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Announcements

Youth Rally will be October 26, 2019 at First FWB. The Drama Team from Welch College will be here for this event.

First Free Will Baptist will be having Homecoming this Sunday, October 13, 2019. Services will begin at 10:30 AM.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

Hymn of Praise led by Ronnie Knighton, accompanied by Rae Knighton on the piano, pg. 527, The Longer I Serve Him.

Morning Message: Rev. Billy Champion. Scripture taken from Philippians 2:5-11. The way to unity is through humility, and to count others more significant than yourselves.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Billy Champion

Treasurer's Report

October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2019) **\$4,157.62**

Deposits

Associational Dues..... \$255.00

Youth Rally Love Offering \$425.00

Balance Subtotal **\$4,837.62**

Expenditures

Youth Rally Offering to Welch College \$500.00

Food Tray (Danny Ryals) 55.97

Trophy Hut..... \$36.14

Glenda George – Reimb. Flowers – Rev. Ryals..... \$65.00

Balance on Hand (December 31, 2019)..... **\$4,180.51**

Associational Funds \$3,717.88

Youth Competition \$146.05

Men's Retreat \$216.58

Summer Intern \$100.00

\$4,180.51

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2019) **\$1,199.69**

Deposits

Change Trophy \$163.88

Balance Subtotal **\$1,363.57**

Expenditures

..... \$18.34

Balance on Hand (December 31, 2019)..... **\$1,345.23**

Digest Report October, 2019

October 12, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	6
Deacons Present	4
Delegates.....	13
Visitors.....	<u>4</u>
Total Present	27

Youth Rally October 26, 2019

Attendance

First Church	10
Grace.....	0
St. Mark	12
Weems	0
Total Children	22
Adults.....	<u>34</u>
All Total.....	56

Change Trophy

First Church	\$113.88
Grace.....	\$0.00
St. Mark	\$50.0
Weems	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total.....	\$163.88
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$163.88
Difference	-\$0.00

St Mark Free Will Baptist Church



3005 Sandfort Road
Phenix City, AL 36869
334-298-8015

To: Obituary Committee Report St Mark Free Will Baptist Church

Date: September 22, 2019

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Rev. Ryals was born August 12, 1955 in Phenix City, AL, son of the late Nolen B. Ryals and Betty Mae Cobb Ryals. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam. Rev. Ryals has served in the ministry for over 45 years. He was the present pastor at St. Mark Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Ryals enjoyed football being both a Central and Auburn fan. He loved to play a variety of instruments and sing and never met a stranger. Above all he loved his family and sharing the word of God.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Paula Kennedy Ryals of Phenix City, AL; two children, Joshua Ryals and Carrie Ryals, both of Phenix City, AL; two sisters, Connie Fay Woodham and husband Ken of Winter Haven, FL and Janice Downs and husband Edwin of New Iberia, LA; one brother, Billy Ryals of Phenix City, AL; several extended family, church family and numerous friends.

Respectfully,

Christy Green

Secretary/Treasurer

Rev. Danny Ryals

August 12, 1955 ~ September 6, 2019 (age 64)



Services

VISITATION

Monday

September 9, 2019

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Vance Brooks Funeral Home

- PC

Phenix City, AL

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday

September 10, 2019

2:00 PM

St. Mark Freewill Baptist

Church

Phenix City, AL

INTERMENT FOLLOWING

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday

September 10, 2019

Lakeview Memory Gardens

Phenix City, AL

Rev. Danny Ryals, 64, of Phenix City, AL passed away Friday, September 6, 2019 in Talladega, AL.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 pm EST Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at St. Mark Freewill Baptist Church, 3005 Sandfort Road, Phenix City, AL with Rev. Willie Martin and Rev. Dewayne Dean officiating. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm EDT at the funeral home.

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Condolences may be made online at
www.vancebrooksfuneralhome.net

Twin Cities District Association Nominating Report

<u>Moderator</u>	Rev Ricky Ward (2021)
<u>Asst. Moderator</u>	Rev Ronnie Knighton
<u>Executive Board</u>	Rev. Russell Ruhland (2020) Charles Wilson (2020) Rev. Willie Martin (2020)
<u>Ordaining Council</u>	Rev. Ronnie Knighton (2020) Rev. Billy Champion (2021) replacing Rev. Aaron Baldrige Rev. Russell Ruhland (2021) replacing Rev. Danny Ryals
<u>Camp Directors</u>	Heather Ransom (2020) Rev. Willie Martin (2020)
<u>Youth Rally</u>	Dir. Joey George (2020) Asst. Dir. Heather Ransom (2020) Sec. Glenda George (2020)
<u>Registration Clerks</u>	Lazelle Brown (2020) Barbara Clegg (2020)
<u>State Missions Board</u>	Rev. Billy Champion

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Ricky Ward, Grace FWB
Rev. Ronnie Knighton, First FWB
Rev. Mike Randall, Weems Rd. FWB

Twin Cities Auxiliary 2019 Annual Report

Balance on hand October 15, 2018					\$617.11
Deposits:					\$1,871.07
	Calvary			\$785.57	
	First Church			\$1,029.50	
	Offering (2018 annual meeting)			\$56.00	
				<u>\$1,871.07</u>	
Grand Total:					\$2,488.18
Disbursements:					\$2,318.16
	*Designated Funds			\$2,297.07	
	Check reorder			\$21.09	
				<u>\$2,318.16</u>	
Balance on hand October 31, 2019					\$170.02

Designated Funds					\$2,297.07
	Dues for Members (10 @\$18.75 ea.)				
	WNAC	24	x	\$15.00	\$360.00
	GWAC	24	x	\$3.00	\$72.00
	TCWAC	24	x	\$0.75	\$18.00
A. WNAC Disbursements					
	2019 Dues			\$432.00	
	Sub Total			<u>\$432.00</u>	
WNAC Total:					\$432.00
B. College Support:					
	Dot Harvey Scholarship			\$60.00	
College Total:					\$60.00
C. Missionary Disbursements					
	State Missions:				
	Acts 1:8			\$993.07	
				<u>\$993.07</u>	
	International Missions:				
	Bishop Cornmeal Project			\$30.00	
Missionary Accounts	Chris & Tori Sargent			\$120.00	
	Nathan and Linda Snow			\$120.00	
				<u>\$270.00</u>	
	Home Missions:				
Missionary Accounts	Nate & Jenna Altom			\$120.00	
	Suggs/Bennett			\$120.00	
	Pre-Thanksgiving Offering			\$107.00	
				<u>\$347.00</u>	
Missionary Total:					\$1,610.07
D. Misc:					
	AL FWB Children's Home			\$195.00	
Misc Total:					\$195.00
TOTAL of Designated Funds					\$2,297.07

*NOTE: There were no Twin Cities WAC District Minutes, as the meet in October 2019 was cancelled due to Calvary Free Will Baptist closing their doors and dissolving their auxiliary. This in turn dissolved the Twin Cities WAC District as it only consisted of Calvary and First Church.

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 licenser, during which time the minister will have proved himself, as well as his desire to be a Free Will Baptist, and then will be received into full fellowship by the Association.
5. Any minister presenting himself to this Association for license, ordination, etc., from another denomination, shall be examined by the Ordaining Council. The Examination shall include the following: A) A thorough investigation of his character shall be made. B) Close questioning concerning a Divine call to the office. C) He must be thoroughly familiar with and a firm believer in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church. D) His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show a willingness to further his knowledge by additional study. E) Any candidate for ordination must have been licensed and called to pastor one or more churches or hold a position in a member church that would require ordination such as Associate Pastor, etc. He must be a practicing tither, and an active

supporter of world-wide missions. F) The candidate shall also be examined according to the Word as found in 1 Timothy 3. G) The Council shall not recommend the ordination of any person whom they have honest doubt concerning his character, qualifications, and Divine Call to the work.

ARTICLE IX - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This Association shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. The Association shall convene at 10:00 AM on the date set by the body.
3. At each quarterly meeting, business shall be kept to a minimum with a delegate report and representation fee (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.

