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OF THE
UNION ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH

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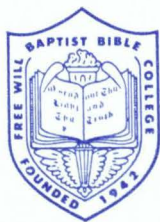
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PROCEEDINGS OF

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists which met with Wolf Creek Church, six miles North of Mansfield, Mo., on the 28th day of August, 1940, at four o'clock P.M., being the Forty-First Annual Session.

House called to order by Moderator Geo. W. Scott, Jr.

Introductory Sermon preached by Elder Claud J. Smith.

Prayer by Elder Ruel Parker.

Brother Smith brought wonderful message on prayerful courage.

After christian hand shake Moderator took charge.

Call for enrollment of Ministers, Ministers Wives, Deacons, and Church Clerks.

Names will appear elsewhere.

Committees Appointed

Credentials—J. E. Burney, H. T. Edwards and Reuel Parker.

Pulpit—Lewis Moody, Lee Pope and Pruitt Cansler.

Anyone having letters from churches instructed to hand them to Credential Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder O. L. Allen.

Wednesday Night Divine Service

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Elder H. T. Massey and L. T. Koch.

Scripture lesson 5th Chapter Revelations.

Prayer by Elder Oliver Letterman.

Elder John Koch brought a rousing spiritual message on the subject "Opening of the Seals."

Elder Oliver Letterman sang old time song, "When Shall I See Jesus," and called for christian hand shake, great rejoicing with all God's children present.

Adjourned till Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Thursday Morning Session

Praise by Congrégation.

Scripture lesson read by Moderator—Psalms 116.

Prayer by Elder Elmer Snyder.

First call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on following churches: Providence, Tyrone, Willow Springs, Faith and Hope, Pleasant Home No. 1, Pleasant Home No. 2, Wolf Creek, Union Chapel, Breeden, New Harmony, Mt. Zion No. 2, Oak Grove (Wright County) and Pleasant Ridge.

Motion carried report be adopted.

Delegates seated and given right hand of fellowship. Names will appear elsewhere.

Sister Emma Pryor appointed Assistant Clerk.

Election of Officers:

Moderator—Clarence Ussery.

Assistant Moderator—Claud J. Smith.

First call for corresponding letters and delegates.

Letter read from Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptists and Missouri Association of General Baptists.

Motion carried both Associations be received. Delegates invited to a seat in council.

Delegates from Missouri Association of General Baptists: M. Q. Kent and Geo. W. Scott, Sr.

Call for reading of By-Laws, which was read by Assistant Clerk.

Conference dismissed by prayer by Elder Albert Brooks until 1:45 P.M.

Thursday Morning 11 o'Clock Divine Service

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Brother Jeff Postalwait.

Scripture lesson part of 5th Chapter Matt.

Elder O. L. Allen and Elmer Snyder brought very spiritual messages on "Love."

After christian hand shake dismissed for noon.

Moderator together with Assistant Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Business Committee—Geo. W. Scott, Jr., H. M. Cope, Elmer Snyder, Oliver Letterman, Jason Johnston.

League Committee—H. H. Vandivort, Arthur Rich, C. M. Rutledge, L. J. Gearing, and Ben Owens.

Sunday School Committee—Aloth Smith, Alice Burney, Myrtle Harrison and Bertie Mishler.

Temperance Committee—H. H. Vandivort, Arthur Rich, C. M. Rutledge, L. J. Gearing and Ben Owens.

Observance of the Sabbath Committee—Ernest Deatherage, Reuel Parker, W. E. Crain, George Cox and W. L. Cornelison.

The Temporary Committees on Credentials and Divine Service were made permanent.

Obituary Committee—John S. Hickman, A. L. Massey, U. S. Findley, Rolla Ballard, and Claud Lawler.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Opened by singing by Brother and Sister Archie Hogue.

Moderator read 17th Chapter St. John.

Prayer by Brother Virgil Bandy.

Call for Petitionary Letters. Letters received from the following new churches: Cold Springs, Happy Ridge No. 2. Delegates as follows: J. W. Goodman, Nancy Goodman, Ervin York, Verba York, Pruitt Cansler and D. E. Evans.

Second call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches: Mountain Grove, Mountain Valley, New Home, Mt. Pisgah and Merritt. Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated.

Call for letters from Quarterly Meeting. Letter received and read from Wright County Quarterly Meeting. Motion carried to receive the letter and seat the delegates. Delegates as follows: Fern Fagan, Zelin Altis and Riley Hutsell.

Third call for report of Credentials Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches: Happy Ridge No. 2, Pleasant Grove, (Cope) and Big Creek. Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated.

Call for appeals from Quarterly Meetings. None reported.

Call for report of Executive Board. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: The Executive Board of Union Association met September 1, 1939 and organized with Elder Clarence Ussery, Chairman; Elder Claud J. Smith, Vice Chairman; Oliver Letterman and O. L. Allen, Members; H. B. Smith, Secretary. The Board met again in special session May 31, 1940 in consideration of a request from Douglas County Quarterly Meeting. The following report was agreed upon and mailed to Arthur Lund, Mansfield, Missouri. We the Executive Board of the Union Association have at our hands a request from Douglas County Quarterly Meeting asking to be released from the Union Association. We also have a grievance from the aggrieved minority of said Quarterly Meeting stating that they are dissatisfied with the action of the majority. After prayerful consideration we recommend that the said Quarterly Meeting grant letters to all the churches that wish to withdraw from the Union Association and retain the churches that wish to remain as they are.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand September 1, 1939.....	\$.85
Expenditures during year.....	none
Balance on hand.....	.85

Clarence Ussery, Chairman
 Claud J. Smith, Vict Chairman
 Oliver Letterman and O. L. Allen, Members
 H. B. Smith, Secretary.

Call for election member of Executive Moard. Elder H. M. Cope elected for term of five years.

Call for Treasurer report. Motion carried report be approved as follows:

Money on hand close of last Association.....	\$41.46
Other collections	4.00

Total	\$45.46
Paid Rust Printing Company for minutes	28.00

Balance	17.46
Clerical work	10.00

Balance	7.46
Yearly Certificates for Ministers	2.50

Balance	4.96
Postage	1.50

Balance	3.46
Ministers and Deacons Ordination Blanks, one dozen each	2.00

Balance	1.46
Other Blanks	1.00

Balance46
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Call for report of Corresponding Delegates, Elder J. E. Burney attended and made verbal report on Laclede County Association. Stated they had old time salvation and still working for the Lord.

Elder Claud J. Smith made written report on Cave Springs Association as follows: I went to Cave Springs Association together with Elders Oliver Letterman, Clarence Ussery, Geo. W. Scott, Jr., and Brother John N. Pryor. We were there Friday Night and Saturday. They received our letter and invited us to a seat in council. We found a bunch of friendly people also spiritually and not afraid to shout the praises of God. We had a real spiritual feast and a hearty welcome to their next Association. They sent letter and delegation to our Association.

Claud J. Smith.

Adjourned till 8:30 Friday morning.

Closing prayer by Sister Myrtle Harrison.

Thursday Night Divine Service

Call together by singing.

Prayer by Elder Geo. W. Scott, Sr., and Deacon Lewis Moody.

Scripture lesson 12 Chapter Romans.

Prayer by Elder Herbert Vandivort.

Elder M. Q. Kent and Wm. Mishler brought message. Subject, "Let Brotherly Love Continue."

Friday Morning Session

Called together by singing.

Prayer by Elder John Koch.

Scripture lesson 2nd Chapter of 1st John.

Prayer, Sister Alice Burney.

Fourth call for reports of Credentials Committee. Reported favorable on Mt. Olive Church (Odin). Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated.

Call for report of Business Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: Mt. Pisgah Church requests Brother Albert Judkins be ordained as Minister of the Gospel. Committee recommends he be licensed for one year.

Call for Ordination of Ministers. None.

Call for Pastorless Churches. None reported.

Call for election of Evangelist. Motion carried we elect Evangelist. Motion carried we pay Evangelist \$2.00 a day. Motion carried Executive Board of Quarterly Meetings collect for Evangelist from Quarterly Meetings and turn same to Executive Board of Association to pay Evangelist. Elder Clarence Ussery elected Evangelist for coming year.

Call for Corresponding letters and delegates. Letter read from Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists. Motion carried that we receive letter and invite delegates to a seat in council. Delegates as follows: W. E. Crews, C. H. Crews, Meka Crews, and Elder Billie Rogers.

Election of Corresponding Delegates:

To Missouri Association of General Baptists, L. T. Koch and H. T. Massey.

To Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptists to meet at Green Ridge church, L. T. Koch, Elmer Snyder and W. E. Crain.

To Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists, Elders Claude J. Smith, H. M. Cope, W. L. Cornelison, Clarence Ussery, Oliver Letterman, G. W. Scott, Jr., J. E. Burney, and Brother John N. Pryor and Deacon Lewis Moody.

To Little Vine Association of General Baptists, L. T. Koch, Ellen Gentry, Elmer Snyder, A. A. Hogue, W. L. Cornelison.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother John R. Crewse, until 1:45 P.M.

Friday Morning 11 o'Clock Divine Service

Came together by singing.

Free-Will offering taken up by Elder George W. Scott, Jr., for Sister Myrtle Millsap, for medical care for her young son, who had been in the Ryan Hospital, who was unfortunately kicked by a horse. Amount \$14.40.

Prayer was led by Elder Osie Allen, and at the close of Brother Allen's prayer such a season of rejoicing broke out that Brothers Deatherage and Rogers were cheated out of preaching. Conviction seemed to be among the unsaved. Elder George W. Scott, Jr., soon as he could be heard, made an Altar call. One precious soul came forward to the Altar, and after heart reaching prayer by Brother Billie Rogers, she was saved. After much rejoicing, adjourned for the noon hour.

Friday Afternoon Session

Opened by singing.

Scripture lesson read by Assistant Moderator Claud J. Smith, who read the Fifth Chapter of Galatians.

Prayer by Elder Ora Keller.

Fifth call for report of Credentials Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches: Mt. Zion No. 1, Friendship, Union Chapel, No. 2, Mt. Olive No. 2, Oak Grove (Texas County), Pleasant Hill, Fox Creek. Motion report be carried. Delegates seated.

Call for report of Temperance Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend as we of Free Will Baptists strictly keep the covenant relative to the sale and use of intoxicating beverages, and all other habits that might be harmful to the progress of Christianity. We discourage the use of tobacco among our Ministers, and worldly amusements among our people.

L. J. Gearing

Herbert Vandivort

Ben Owens

C. M. Rutledge, Committee.

Call for report of Committee on League. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on League, sincerely urge all pastors to recommend a Free Will Baptist League in all churches, and that all League officers be Christians; also that the League of each church put forth every effort to get in contact with all the young people of their community.

We further recommend that our churches put forth every effort in the religious training of our young people.

H. H. Vandivort

Wm. Mishler

John Ratterree

C. R. Harrison, Committee.

Call for report of Committee on Sunday School. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on Sunday School, report as follows: We recommend the Bible (King James Version) and the Free Will Baptist Literature, and that all officers and Teachers be Christians.

We also urge parents to attend Sunday School with their children, and try to get others to attend and put forth a greater effort to have year around Sunday School.

Aloth Smith

Myrtle Harrison

Bertie Mishler

Alice Burney, Committee.

Call for report of Committee on Obituary. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on Obituaries—Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from labor to reward since our last Association met, the following named members:

Brothers George Wood, Jess Thompkins, John H. Hughes, Grover West, Isaac Owens, Brodie Absher, Wm. Smith and Willis Ballard,

Deacons James Dennis, John Conrow, and David Bennett,

Sisters Ellen Wyrick, Nola Smith, Mary Claxton, Sarah Workman, Mary Summers, Hannah Dugger, Orpha Callahan, Effie Findley, Lucinda Dake, Ella Garner, Mary Rippee, Hannah Smith, Nettie Woods, Sarah Young, Vina Davis and Vina Kelsay.

They are greatly missed in our churches but they will illuminate our Heavenly Home.

John S. Hickman

U. S. Findley

A. L. Massey

C. A. Lawler

R. M. Ballard, Committee.

Call for report of Business Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

August 30, 1940.

RESOLUTION: Inasmuch as a number of our churches of Douglas County Quarterly Meeting have organized in a new Association (Harmony Association), without the consent of the Union Association, also contrary to the Treatise, page 54, article 5. Be it resolved that Union Association dismiss the churches connected with the Harmony Association, namely, Brushy Knob,

Girdener, New Prospect, Happy Home, Star, Liberty, Burnett and Harmony, and retain the following churches: Friendship, Merritt, Pleasant Ridge, Breeden, Pleasant Home, as the Douglas County Quarterly Meeting. Be it further resolved, that this Association recommend that any member of these churches which are dismissed, wishing to unite with any church of Union Association that they may be received as any other member.

Geo. W. Scott, Jr.
 Oliver Letterman
 Jason Johnson
 H. M. Cope
 N. E. Snyder, Committee.

Call for report Committee on Observance of the Sabbath. Motion carried report be adopted, as follows: Inasmuch as there is a general lack of observance of the Lord's day, and as the Lord commanded that we should not neglect the assembling of ourselves together for worship, and also hallowed the first day of the week for the same, we, your Committee, recommend we as God's people, Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen strictly observe the same.

Verle Tate
 Albert Brooks
 O. L. Allen
 Fred Wynn
 L. T. Koch, Committee

Call for report on Committee on State of Religion. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on the State of Religion, submit the following: We believe our people are manifested a good interest towards God, and a great love for each other, although we find that some of our people are slack in observance of the ordinance keeping the Commandments, we advise that our Ministers preach our faith and admonish them that cause contention among us referred to in Matt. 12 and 20.

Ernest Deatherage
 R. B. Parker
 George Cox
 W. L. Cornelison
 W. E. Crain, Committee

Sixth and last call for report of Credentials Committee. Reported favorable on Rock Springs church. Motion carried report be adopted.

Determination of number of minutes to be printed. Motion carried we have 600 minutes printed.

Call for minute money which was turned over to the Treasurer.

Minute money amount \$53.69	\$53.69
Balance left over last Association46

Total	\$54.15
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Call for election of someone to deliver farewell address. Elder H. M. Cope elected.

Miscellaneous business called for. Clerk read a letter from Elder Walter E. George from Los Angeles, California. Brother George sends \$1.00 for expense of Association. He states he is still in the battle for the Lord and makes the following report. Preached 26 sermons, witnessed 7 conversions, baptized 5, traveled 50 miles and received \$3.50. Clerk instructed to write letter for the Association to Brother George and Family.

Clerk read letter from Douglas County Quarterly Meeting, with Arthur Lund, delegate. Motion carried letter be received. Delegate seated.

Free-will offering taken for the benefit of Elders Elias Matney and H. T. Massey. Amount \$9.12.

Call for selection of place of 1941 session of the Association. The following churches requested next session meet with them. Union Chapel No. 1, Oak Grove (Wright County), and Willow Springs. By vote of the body the next session goes to Willow Springs, 4 miles north of Mountain Grove on Highway.

Elder Ernest Deatherage chosen to preach introductory sermon with Austin Wright as alternate.

Vote of Thanks given Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk for their fairness and service.

Vote of Thanks given Assistant Clerk.

Vote of Thanks given the Association by Wolf Creek Church for meeting with them, and vote given by Association to Wolf Creek Church thanking them for the courtesies extended during the meeting.

Vote of Thanks given other neighborhoods by Wolf Creek Church for their kindness and assistance.

The following resolution was offered by Deacon Walter Sheets through the Business Committee. Be it resolved that this Association have Divine Service on Thursday at 3:00 P.M. effective 1941 session and thereafter.

All Committees discharged.

We are glad to report the friendly spirit and christian fellowship that existed throughout the entire session.

Motion carried we stand adjourned to meet with Willow Springs Church on farm-to-market road, Wednesday 4:00 P.M. before the first Sunday in September, 1941.

Closing prayer by Sister Emma Pryor.

A short farewell address filled with the spirit of God given by Brother H. M. Cope. All left rejoicing.

Clarence Ussery, Moderator, Norwood, Mo.

Claud J. Smith, Assistant Moderator, Mansfield, Mo.

John N. Pryor, Clerk, Mansfield, Mo.

Emma Pryor, Assistant Clerk, Mansfield, Mo.

Clerk received letter from Union Church after Association adjourned, together with \$1.00 minute money. We ask the Clerks of the Churches to give full statistical report in your

letter to the Association, such as Total Membership, members received, members dismissed by letter, number excluded, members died, and amount for minutes and Church Sunday.

Registration as follows:

MINISTERS

Claude J. Smith, Macomb	Ernest Deatherage, R. 2, Mansfield
Oliver Letterman, R. 3, Ava	
Clarence Ussery, Norwood	C. R. Harrison, Mountain Grove
N. E. Snyder, Huggins	John Rattree, Huggins
H. T. Edwards, R. 3 Mt. Grove	Wm. Mishler, Springfield, Mo.
J. H. Johnston, Drury	Herbert Vandivort, R. 2, Cabool
Reuel Parker, Drury	Geo. Cox, Bado Route, Houston
H. T. Massey, Drury	Ben Owens, Norwood
C. M. Rutledge, R. 5, Mt. Grove	Preston Branstetter, Cabool
Clyde Wilson, 319 Summit St., Springfield	A. J. Kelsey, Hartville
O. L. Allen, Mountain Grove	Albert Brooks, Mountain Grove
J. E. Burney, Hartville	W. M. Stevens, Mountain Grove
L. T. Koch, Bucyrus	Lester Lawler, Hartville
Arthur Rich, Norwood	O. C. Keller, Norwood
Verl Tate, Huggins	Worth Broughton, R. 5, Hartville
L. J. Gearing, Mountain Grove	Mose Johnson, Mountain Grove
Geo. W. Scott, Jr., Mt. Grove	Charley Edwards, Hartville

VISITING MINISTERS

John C. Koch, Long Lane, Mo.	G. W. Scott Sr., Mountain Grove
M. Q. Kent, Mountain Grove	Billie Rogers, Cave Sp'gs Assoc.

MINISTERS' WIVES

Ollie Johnston	Myrtle Cornelison	Josie Deatherage
Alice Burney	Ola Wilson	Aloth Smith
Minnie Ussery	Minnie Rutledge	Arizona Owens
Myrtle Harrison	Arabelle Rich	Golda Tate
Mrs. Worth Brough-Florence Ratteree	Bertie Mishler	
ton	Alice Stevens	Thelma Allen

DEACONS

Ed Fagan	Lee Pope	Sherman Gray
H. H. Vandivort	Luther Curtis	Charley Coatney
L. R. Crews	Earl Hull	Roy Claxton
John S. Hickman	A. L. Massey	Rolla Ballard
Coval Coatney	L. D. Hampton	Barnard Deatherage
Warren Vandivort	Lewis Moody	W. J. Long
James E. Claxton	Claud Lawler	Virgil Bandy
J. P. Driskell	F. M. Justice	George Lemons
U. S. Findley	J. H. Mears	Riley Hutsell
Walter Sheets	John Gentry	F. E. Shaw
W. E. Vandivort	Ralson Claxton	

DELEGATES

York Norfalise	Ester Sheets	Delbert Aldridge
Ollie Long	Minnie Lund	Florence Fagan
Dollie Lawler	Oneal Gentry	Frank Caggin
L. D. Hampton	Cleo Chandler	Phyllis Norfalise
Marie Micham	Rose Owens	E. A. Lund
Jane Butcher	Dortha Claxton	Ruby Hicks
Roy Hurley	Elizabeth Ballard	Jessie Wynn
Sarah Irvin	Earl Hull	Roper Dixon
Albert Bresler	W. N. Irvin	Delmar Ellis
George Lemons	Bill Sherman	Mary Bresler
Lizzie Giles	Everett Kelsay	H. C. Klingensmith
Lula Hutsell	Jessie Reeves	Iva Curtis
Carl Haney	Elzina Owens	Crissy Cravens
Blanche Micnam	Phenia Poboy	Virgil Stilling
G. C. Leagstry	Maud Smart	A. W. Reeves
Vinite Clark	Elsie Hampton	Ann Shaw
Myrtle Deatherage	Loren Babbitt	

CHURCH CLERKS

Delia Aldredge	Bessie Cisco	Doris Goforth
Nina Sherman	Thursa Bogart	Verba Claxton

Statistical Report

Name of Church	Clerk's Name	Clerk's Address	Church Sunday	Amount for Minutes	Total Membership	Members Received	Members Excluded	Members Dismissed by Letter	Died
New Home	Addie Long	Hartville	2	\$1.15	42	2	2		
Pl. Home No. 2	Mrs. E. Dobyms	Drury	1	1.50	28	1			
Mtn. Grove	Mrs. M. Coffman	Mtn. Grove	*	3.30	64	1	1		
Willow Spr'gs	Nettie M'd'l't'n	Mtn. Grove	1	1.25	97	36			3
U Chapel No. 1	Virgie Kl'smith	Rayborn	2	2.70	118	8	1	1	
Oak Grv. (WC)	Ralph Fletcher	Norwood	3	6.00	202	4	6	6	2
Providence	Hazel Altis	Cabool	2	2.20	85	39	2		1
Mt. Zion No. 1	Eller Owens	Norwood	4	1.00	42				2
Breeden	Bertie L't'm'n	Ava, R. 3	3	1.50	52		3		
Mt. Zion No. 2	Nettie Kelsey	Hartville	4	1.00	60	7	5	2	2
U Chapel No. 2	Francis Dean	Mtn. Grove	2		43	2			
Hpy Rdg No. 1	Ermal Quillen	Norwood	2	1.00	12	12			
Hpy Rdg No. 2	Doris Goforth	Yukon	2		15	15			
Mt. Olive No. 1	Merl Hunter	Hartville	2	1.00	51		4		
Mt. Olive No. 2	Mary Lowery	Grove Sp'g	3	.50	29				
Oak Gr. No. 2	Edna Ellis	Cabool	1	2.35	46	7			
Friendship	Mina Sherman	Ava		1.00	76	8		3	
Pleas. Grove	Versa Garner	Hartville	3	1.50	60	8			1
Fox Creek	Hattie Hull	Mtn. Grove		1.00	27	2			1
Merritt	Neil Rieger	Dora	1	1.00	31				1
Big Creek	Myrtle Jones	Yukon	4	1.50	104	4	11		1
Mt. Pisgah	Luther Curry	Cabool	1	1.00	59	5			
Wolf Creek	Emma Pryor	Mansfield	3	2.00	29		28	7	1
Tyrone	Delie Aldridge	Tyrone	3	1.50	45	8		3	
Faith & Hope	Gillie Reeves	Willow Sp.	3	2.50	42	7			
Pl. Home No. 1	Mrs. L. L. Barr	Mtn. Grove	4	.69	10				
Pleas. Ridge	Thursia Bogart	Mansfield	4	3.05	86			9	3
Pleasant Hill	Verba Claxton	Hartville	1	1.00	163	2			6
Number One	Dora Massey	Huggins	2	.99	76		1		
New Harmony	Grace Koch	Long Lane	4	1.50	24	5			
Rock Springs	W. I. Robertson	Ben Dvgs.	1	1.00	47				
Cold Springs	Bessie Cisco	Cold Spgs.		1.50	29				
Union	Charles Neal	Success	3	1.00	58	6	10	3	
Mtn. Valley	Minnie Love	Mtn. Grove	2	1.50	80				

*Full Time.

Statistical Report

Minister's Name	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Held	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Professions Witnessed	Received in Church	Baptised	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Assisted in Organizing Churches
H. T. Massey				17				75	\$	
Lester Lawler	2	3	69	11	2			1371	63.43	
Oliver Letterman	1	1	44	5	7	6	300	42.00		
C. M. Rutledge	3		129	61		3	3330	129.33		
Mose Johnson	2	2	86	4	2	2	1590	104.07		
O. C. Keller	5		25				225	11.32		
C. R. Harrison		1	1	65	2	2	230	12.00		
H. T. Edwards				11			700			
Wm. Mishler	4	1	90	35	15	17	2719	136.83		
L. T. Koch	1		35	17	5	17	600	48.00		
Clarence Ussery	6	12	3	266	191	75	119	5232	421.46	1
Verl Tate	1	4	2	89	13			2090	120.14	
J. H. Johnston				36				544	1.38	
W. E. Crain	1	5	3	115	93	38	55	2493	147.05	
A. J. Kelsey		2			11					
Fred Wynn	2	1	48	19	12	10	1000	45.40		1
O. L. Allen	8	1	1	42	9	2	1956	100.32		
H. B. Smith	9	1	4	92	7	2	2650	164.65		
Preston Branstetter				16			420	15.26		
Claud J. Smith	1	4	4	164	5	15	8	4044	208.60	
W. H. Stevens	2			32				654	2.92	
L. J. Gearing				36	3	2	1895	29.70		
Geo. W. Scott, Jr.	23		3	152	6	7	5	2010	355.15	
N. E. Snyder			4	214	40	7	7	5632	238.86	
W. L. Cornelison		4		60	23	15	7	1500	15.50	1
J. E. Burney	8	3	3	128	20	16	5	4674	354.90	
Virgil Miller		4		34	19		3	1137	10.83	
Austin Wright		4		42	5	11		430	18.00	1
Geo. E. Cox		1		25	3		1	675	17.44	
Arthur Rich				25				294	8.32	1
Reuel B. Parker	6		105	94		48	900	31.62		1
Herbert Vandivort			30	3			650	16.64		

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited 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, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes 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 conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men became 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 and live, 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, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at 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 shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Constitution

From long experience we, the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Quarterly Meetings and churches, to perpetuate our union and communion among us and preserve and maintain a correspondence among each other in our union; therefore, we propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government.

1. This Association shall be called the Union Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

2. The acting members of the conference of this Association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members of their respective churches, while in conference, together with all ministers, deacons and church clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the Permanent Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually, and hold their office until their successors shall be elected; a permanent Clerk and Treasurer, who shall superintend the printing of the minutes; an Executive Board of five members whose duty it shall be to transact all business of this Association when this body is not in session, and whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years; and at the expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected. And further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association; all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

4 Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting or church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with this denomination in doctrine and practices in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sabbath schools, missions, temperance and education, may be received into this Association by presenting a petition asking to be received; and ministers and deacons desiring to become members, must be recommended by the church to

which they belong, appear in person, and then by a vote of this Association, when such vote shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

5. This Association shall have power to discipline its Quarterly Meetings and churches, exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; to ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the Quarterly Meetings or churches may refer to them; to make any rules or By-Laws necessary to its regulation and not inconsistent with its Constitution: but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of its Quarterly Meetings or in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical power over the Quarterly Meetings or churches composing this Association.

6. The sessions of this Association shall be held with only such churches that call for it by a vote of the church while in conference, and when two or more churches make such request for the same session, it shall be decided by a vote, and the majority of all votes cast shall be final.

7. The sessions of the Association shall convene annually at four o'clock p.m. on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates, and send written reports. The Quarterly Meetings are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, ministers licensed or ordained, and appeals if any have been taken. The churches are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, names and addresses of their ministers and clerks, the names of their deacons, meeting days, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to them through their committees; and transact such other business, not repugnant to this Constitution nor to the usages of the denomination as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the Quarterly Meetings and churches within the limits of this Association.

8. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches, to point out their interests and aid them in securing pastors, to put out evangelists and other ministers in places where the Gospel is most needed, and require a written annual report of each minister belonging to this body.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority of all members at any regular session of this Association, when written notice setting forth the exact intended alterations or amendments shall have been given at previous meetings.

By-Laws

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, and in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present the Moderator or, in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither be present, then the senior minister in years of service shall act as Moderator.

2. All persons declared by the Committee on Credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this Association and accepted by this body, are hereby made full members of this Association.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; a less number shall adjourn until that number is present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and closed by prayer.

5. All Christians shall be entitled to a seat in council, and may take part in all discussions, but members only shall be allowed to vote.

6. Any ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of all members voting.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. It shall be the duty of the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire, shall first obtain the leave of the Moderator.

9. All business, except routine, shall be brought before this body by committees; but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to this body by any member, but cannot be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

10. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all members of the committee who favor them, and if the names be not a majority of all members of the Committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

11. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will lead to discord and division.

12. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

13. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.

14. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or uses words that cast reflection upon the denomination or of one or more of its members.

15. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

16. Anyone violating these By-Laws shall be subject to a public reprimand by the Moderator.

17. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the Constitution or By-Laws, and overrule the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

18. Each minister shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association, provided there is no charge against him.

19. No minister of this Association shall pastor any church that has been excluded from this or any other association until they set their house in order.

20. The ordaining or licensing council shall be composed of only all ordained ministers of the Association in good standing, present at each session.

21. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association.

Order of Business

This conference will open each day at 8:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Preaching each day at 11:00 and at night; Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

1. Convene on Wednesday at four o'clock p.m.
2. Praise by congregation.
3. Clerk calls the Association into conference.
4. Clerk calls the Moderator to the chair.
5. Moderator calls for the introductory sermon.
6. Enrollment of ministers, ministers' wives, deacons and church clerks.
7. Appointment of committees on credentials and Divine services-temporary.
8. Call for letters from churches.
9. Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings.
10. Call for petitionary letters.
11. Call for report of Committee on Credentials.
12. Seat delegates and give right hand of fellowship.
13. Roll Call.
14. Elect a Moderator and assistant.
15. Invite all Christians to seats in council.
16. Call for corresponding letters and delegates.
17. Seat delegates.
18. Read the By-Laws.
19. Appointment of committees.
20. Call for appeals from Quarterly Meetings.
21. Call for report of Executive Board.
22. Call for Treasurer's report.
23. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
24. Elect a member of Executive Board, or more, if vacancy exists.
25. Miscellaneous business.
26. Call for ordination of ministers.
27. Call for pastorless churches.
28. Call for ministers' written report.
29. Call for election of evangelist.
30. Elect corresponding delegates.
31. Report of all committees.
32. Determination of numbers of minutes to be printed.
33. Call for money for minutes.
34. Elect someone to deliver farewell address.
35. Call for vote of thanks to Moderator.
36. Call for vote of thanks to church and community.
37. Select place for next annual session.
38. Select someone to preach introductory sermon.
39. Final report of committees.
40. Discharge all committees.
41. Adjourn with prayer.

