

MINUTES

Of The

Fifty-Third Annual Session Of

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With Hopewell Church 2
Miles West of Bendavis Sept.
3, 4, and 5, 1952

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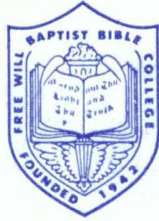
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Rev. Lloyd Jeffries

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Proceedings of the Fifty-third annual session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Hopewell Church on Wednesday 4 p. m. before the First Sunday in September in 1952.

Services began by singing. Clerk called conference into session. Prayer by Eld. Ben Owens. Clerk calls Eld. Earl Baker who delivered introductory sermon.

Scripture reading part of 2nd Chapter of Acts. Bro. Baker brought a good gospel message and called for Christian handshake.

The moderator O. L. Allen then took charge, called for permanent enrollment, and appointed the following temporary committees. Pulpit committee Bro. H. E. Wilson, Elds. Verl Tate, Oliver Letterman.

Credential committee Elds. Claud Smith, N. E. Snyder, Ben Owens.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Oliver Letterman until 8:00 o'clock Divine Service.

Wednesday Night Divine Service

Service began by singing. Prayer by Bro. Fred Justise and Bro. Ralph Fletcher.

Scripture reading 14th Chapter of Exodus, first 25 verses.

Messages by Eld. O. L. Allen concluded by Eld. Claud Smith. Both speakers brought good gospel messages, which seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. N. E. Snyder until 8:30 Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning Session September 4, 1952

Session began by singing. Scripture reading 37th Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Virgil Bandy. Call for permanent registration.

Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings. Clerk read letter from Wright County Quarterly Meeting. Motion carried letter be received and delegates seated letter as follows:

Mountain Grove, Mo.

August, 1952

Letter from Wright County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist to Union Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Hopewell Church.

We send as Delegates Brother Manie Newton and Sister Velma Crewse, we pray you receive our letter and delegates to aid you in your Godly deliberations. We report State of religion good. We have had some very successful revivals. Our Quarterly Meetings very successful. We have ordained as Deacons

Brother Jennings Tucker and Brother Homer Hicks on request of Union Chapel church. We have collected from churches \$305.85.

JOHN N. PRYOR, Clerk

1st call for report of Credential Committee, report favorable on the following churches, Hopewell, Willow Springs, No. 1, Rock Springs, Northview, Big Creek, Providence, Oak Grove, Breeden. Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated. Cleark read letter Douglas County Quarterly Meeting. Motion carried letter be received and delegates seated. Letter as follows.

Vanzant, Mo.

August 30, 1952

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist to Union Association when convened with Hopewell Church September 3, 1952.

Greetings—

We send as delegates our Beloved Brethren Bro. Claud Smith and Bro. Arthur Rich whom we pray you receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations. The State of religion in general is good. There have been some good revivals with souls saved; also some not so good as far as visible results are concerned. There is a good Sunday School in every Church with one exception. We have ordained two Ministers and granted license to one. We have paid to Evangelist fund of Association \$79. We have 8 churches with a membership of 396. We have 20 ministers. Done by order of Douglas County Quarterly Meeting this 30th day of August, 1952.

J. H. JOHNSTON, Moderator

OLIVER LETTERMAN, Clerk

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elder Oliver Letterman elected Moderator. Elder Verl Tate elected assistant Moderator.

Temporary Committee on Credential made permanent.

Committee on Divine Service H. E. Wilson, Jeff Black, Irene Tate, Fred Justice and Elder Claud Smith.

By laws read by Assistant Clerk. Bro. Woodrow Montgomery placed on Credential Committee.

Call for Corresponding Delegates. Clerk read letter from Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptist.

August 15, 1952

The Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptist sends Christian Salutation unto Union Association.

We send this with our beloved brethren Eld. Dale Jones and Elder Curtis Wilson, we pray you receive our letter

and our delegation to sit with you during your Godly deliberations.

We report state of religion good.

We have 9 churches belonging to our Association. 18 ordained Ministers, 2 Licensed Ministers with 8 of our churches having Sunday School and Prayer Meetings.

Our statistics for the year—Received in church 42, Number baptized 32, Number died 8, dismissed 11. Present membership 729. Amount paid for Evangelistic work \$607.58 Amount paid Pastors \$4428.95.

We solicit a return of letter and messenger to afford us encouragement and strength in the Lord. God be with you and prosper you in holiness, in winning men to God, and in building up and establishing the churches.

Our next Association convenes with Happy Hill church 8 miles East of Lebanon on Highway 32, 4 miles South on Highway H, beginning on Thursday at 3 p. m. before the 3rd Sunday in August 1953.

T. J. PETERSON Moderator
C. E. BUTTS, Assistant Moderator
CURTIS WILSON, Clerk
DALE JONES, Assistant Clerk

Motion carried the above letter be received and Delegates seated.

Committees appointed as follows—

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Elders Owen Saladin, O. L. Allen, Jason Johnston, W. B. Scheets, Mose Johnson.

STATE OF RELIGION COMMITTEE:

J. W. Oxley, Earl Baker, Preston Branster, Archie Coomer, Ira Babbitt.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Virgle Bandy, Willie Leighty, Lewie Wake, Wm. Stephens, John Ratterree.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Vern Altis, Ervin York, Virgle Tate, H. T. Edwards.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Thelma Allen, Alice Burney, Margaret Baker, Edna Saladin, Pearl Coomer, Marie Micham.

Second call for report of Credential Committee, reported favorable on the following churches. Glad Tidings, Unin Chapel, Pleasant Home, Lebanon, Friendship. Motion carried report be adopted, Delegates seated.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Mose Johnson for 11 o'clock Divine Service.

11 O'clock Divine Service

Began by singing "Cabin in Gloryland," "Empty Mansion,"
Prayer by Elder Ben Freeman.

Scripture reading part of 14 h Chapter of Mark.

Message by Elder Dale Jones concluded by Elder Curtis Wilson. Both preached Soul stirring messages. Services concluded by the Moderator who called for Christian handshake. Great season of rejoicing followed.

Dismissed for noon hour.

Thursday Afternoon session September 4

Scripture reading 23 Psalms. Prayer by Brother Jeff Black.

All Christians invited to seat in Council

Third call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches—Fox Creek, Tyrone, Mt. Zion, Moore's Chapel. Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated.

Call for Ministers written report.

Ministers received their annual certificates.

Call for report of Executive Board. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

Union Association Board met at Willow Springs church Aug. 30, 1951. Organized with O. L. Allen, chairman.

Oliver Letterman, Vice Chairman; Claud Smith, Mose Johnson, Members; Verl Tate, Secretary Treasurer. Board met at Lebanon Church Sept. 28, 1951 with 3 members present. Voted to grant Elder Mose Johnson and Elder Elmer Snyder use of tent 5th Sunday in September. Board met at Ashley Church March 28, 1952. Voted to use money on hand for Association Treatise. Money to go back in Treasury as collected for same.

Money received during year at last Association

for Evangelist fund \$144.00

Collected from Wright County

Quarterly Meeting \$346.67

Collected from Douglas County

Quarterly Meeting \$79.00

Money on hand last Association \$29.66

Other Collections \$60.00

Total \$659.33

Paid Evangelist during year \$390.50

Paid for Treatise \$160.00

Total Expense \$550.50

Money on hand this date \$108.83

Signed

O. L. Allen

Claud Smith

Oliver Letterman

Mose Johnson

Verl Tate

Dismissed for 3 o'clock Divine Service by Elder Archie Coomer.

3 O'clock Divine Service September 4, 1952

Began by singing. Part of 12th Chapter of Hebrews for scripture lesson.

Message by Elder Ben Freeman. Concluded by Elder Irvin York. Both messages well received. Brother York called for Christian handshake. Season of rejoicing followed.

Adjourned until 7:30 Divine Service.

Thursday Night Divine Service September 4, 1952

Began by singing song, "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian", "Pray the Clouds Away," and "Jesus Opened Up the Way."

Prayer by Sister Alice Burney and Sister Emma Pryor.

Special song by Crews Sisters "Life Boat is Coming."

Special song by Oxley Sisters "I've Got that Old Time Religion."

Part of 24th Verse of 1st Chapter of James for Scripture text.

Message by Elder Owen Saladin concluded by Elder Mose Johnson.

Bro. Johnson made altar call. One soul came to the altar and was gloriously saved.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Stanley Letterman until 8:30 Friday morning.

Friday Morning Session

Began by singing Scripture reading 23 Psalms. Prayer by Elder J. M. Cloven. Song "Jesus Saves."

Fourth call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on Willow Springs Church, No. II Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated.

Call for Corresponding Delegates and letters. Clerk read letter from Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptist motion carried letter be received. Delegates seated, given right hand of fellowship. Letter as follows.

August 26, 1952

The Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist send Christian Salutation unto the Union Association.

Grace, Mercy and peace be unto you, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We send this with our beloved brothers and sisters. J. M. Cloven, F. D. Johnson, G. J. Pingleton, C. R. Bryan, Tula Johnson, Mrs. C. R. Bryan, Mrs. Grover J. Pingleton and Keith Johnson.

We pray you to receive our letter and our delegation to

sit with you during your Godly deliberations. We report the state of religion good.

Our statistics for the year are:

Received in Church	81
Number Baptized	53
Number Dismissed	2
Number Died	16
Present Number July 1, 1952	1497
Paid for Preaching	\$4,975.57

We solicit a return letter and messenger, to afford us encouragement and strength in the Lord. God be with you and prosper you in holiness, in winning men to God, and in building up and establishing the churches.

Our next meeting convenes with the Royal Oak Church one mile North of the Griffith store. The store is six miles Northwest of Alton, Missouri on Missouri State Highway 14.

F. D. JOHNSON, Moderator

Alton, Mo. Rt. 2

J. W. KING, Clerk

Myrtle, Mo.

P. S. Take Mo. state highway 80 from West Plains to junction with 14 then south to Griffith store. All blacktop.

Clerk received and read letter from Missouri Association of General Baptist we're sorry no delegation present.

Call for report of Business Committee. Motion carried resolution No. 1 be passed as follows:

Be it resolved that this Association give Rev. Clifton Harrison, wife and children, Pauline and Joe a vote of thanks for their contribution of \$25.00 to the Association, and be it further resolved that the clerk of the Association notify Bro. Harrison of same and send his yearly Certificate.

Motion carried resolution No. II be passed as follows:

Proposed change in the Constitution of Article 7, line 2, if approved to read as follows:

7:30 p. m. instead of 4:00 p. m.

Owen Saladin

O. L. Allen

W. B. Scheets

Mose Johnson

Call for report of Corresponding Delegates. From Missouri Association of General Baptist as follows:

We the delegates chosen by this Association to represent them, had the privilege of attending the Missouri Association of General Baptist, and what a day we had. Bro. Verl and I were chosen to preach on Saturday and I think I have never seen the Spirit more manifest than it was that day. At the

ciose of the Service one Soul came to the Altar and was gloriously saved. I have never been in a church or community where we were treated better or made to feel more at home. We came home feeling that we had met some people of God and that they were serving the same God that we serve. Will be glad to recommend that anyone go to their Association if you have the opportunity.

O. L. Allen

Verl Tate

Clerk read rept of Delegation who attended Cave Springs Association as follows:

We the Delegates chosen by this Association made the trip to Cave Springs Association and are glad to report that we found them still serving the same God that we serve. We were given a very warm welcome, and were invited to send delegates to their Association next year. They elected delegates to meet with us in our Association. In general it was just a good time of fellowship and am glad to recommend that anyone that can, will be glad that you went to their Association.

O. L. Allen, Verl Tate, John N. Pryor, Emma Pryor, Golda Tate, Thelma Allen, Fred Justise.

Clerk read report of Delegates who attended Laclede County Association as follows:

We the Delegates to the Laclede County Association, attending. We received a very warm welcome. Had good Divine Services. Interesting Business Session. We feel they are a band of workers striving to do the will of the Lord. We feel we should continue to correspond with them and invite a delegate to come and be with us in our Association.

Verl Tate, N. E. Snyder, Mrs. J. E. Burney, Emma Pryor, Golda Tate, O. L. Allen, John N. Pryor.

Call for treasurer report:

Collection from Churches \$145.46

Disbursed \$100.46

Balance \$45.00

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

Revivals held 14

Professions Witnessed 60

Money Received \$390.50

MOSES JOHNSON Evangelist

5th call for report of Credential Committee reported favorable on Pleasant Ridge Church. Motion carried report be received, Delegates seated, given right hand of fellowship.

Call for election of Member of Executive Board. Elder Verl Tate elected for regular term of five years.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder T. C. Halford for 11 o'clock

Divine Service.

11 o'clock Divine Service begin by singing. Prayer by Elder A. W. Gardner.

Special song by Sister Hazel Franklin, "Common Salvation." Prayer by Elder Finas Johnson. Scripture reading part of 4th Chapter of Hebrews. Message by Elder Finas Johnson concluded by Elder Keith Johnson. Both speakers brought very spiritual and gospel messages. Brother Keith Johnson gave invitation to the unsaved and one soul was saved. Season of rejoicing followed.

Friday afternoon Session

Begin by singing. Scripture reading part of 4th Chapter of 1st Thessalonians. Prayer by Elder Tom Edwards.

6th call for report of Credential Committee reported favorable on Cabool and Cold Spring Churches. Motion carried report be adopted, Delegates seated.

Call for ordination, none reported.

Call for report of Temperance Committee. Motion carried be passed as follows:

We the undersigned Committee have agreed together on the following:

The Bible the Word of God teaches to be temperate in all things. Knowing our body to be the temple of the Holy Ghost, we therefore as children of God believe that the use of intoxicating beverages or other habit forming Drugs can not be a part of the use of those who are children of God. We recommend our Ministers and Pastors to preach against the pitfalls which Satan has placed before us. We also recommend that our Church Members read and live according to the Bible and our Church Covenant.

Virgil Bandy, Willie Leighty,, Luey Wake, W. H. Stephens, John Ratterree.

Call for report of Committee on State of Religion. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

We your Committee on State of Religion knowing the condition as they are now, we believe we as Christians should put forth a greater effort to win lost souls, and to keep a clean Church before God, to warn against strange doctrines and practices that would deceive the very elect if possible. And recommend we teach and follow closely the word of God as set forth in the Treatise of Union Association of Free Will Baptist. And we know there will be a great improvement in State of Religion if we do so. It is necessary for us as Christians to watch over the weak members. The harvest is ripe, we earnestly urge the cooperation of all Christians for the Salvation of Souls.

John W. Oxley, Archie Coomer, Earl Baker, Ira Babbitt,

Preston Branstetter.

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

We your Sunday School Committee recommend that the King James version be taught in our Sunday schools. We recommend that our teachers and officers must be Christians and should be Free Will Baptist, also that parents accompany their children to Sunday school. We recommend our Pastors to urge our churches to have vacation Bible schools for the young people with the Pastors to act as supervisor. We urge the Sunday Schools to have Christmas and Easter programs with the idea in mind to teach the true meaning of these religious holidays.

Thelma Allen, Mrs. J. E. Burney, Margaret Baker, Edna Saladin, Marie Micham, Pearle Coomer.

Call for requests

Oak Grove Church selected for next session of Association.

Elder N. E. Snyder selected to bring Introductory sermon with Elder Claud Smith Alternate.

Motion carried have 600 Minutes printed.

Credential Committee reports 22 churches present. \$147.81 received.

Condition of Treasury at close of the Association.

Money on hand from last Assn.	\$45.00
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Collection from C. R. Harrison family	\$25.00
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Collection from Churches'	\$122.81
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Total on hand this date	\$192.81
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Call for election of Corresponding Delegates. To Cave Springs Association.

O. L. Allen and wife, Verl Tate and wife, Charles Edwards and wife, Jahu Hill, Fred Justice, John N. Pryor, Emma Pryor.

Laclede County Association Delegates O. L. Allen and wife, Archie Coomer, John N. Pryor, Emma Pryor.

Motion carried that anyone attending the above Association may add names of anyone attending from this Association.

T. E. Halford selected to bring Memorial address at next Association.

Vote of thanks given Church and Community for kindness in caring for Conference.

Vote of thanks given Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerk in fairness of work done.

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

We your Committee on obituary submit the following report:

Whereas it has pleased the Heavenly Father to call from labor to reward since our last Association the following sisters and brethern. They are greatly missed in our churches and

homes. We submit our will to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Our loss is Heavens gain.

Deceased

Elder Olean Bass

Sister Teolie Locklin

Sister Lois Curtis

Sister Zella Austin

Brother Charles Gurin

Sister Lara Thomas

Sister Opal Branson

Brother Delmer Merritt

Sister Laura Hagan

Vern Altis

Tom Edwards

Ervin York

Virgil Tate

At this time Elder Verl Tate gave a short but very interesting Memorial Sermon, together with a farewell address. Using for Scripture "Blessed are they that die in the Lord."

Call for parting handshake which was enjoyed by all present. Glad to report a friendly spirit existed through out entire conference.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder Owen Saladin, to meet with Oak Grove Church 8 miles north of Norwood on Wednesday 4 p. m. before 1st Sunday in September, 1953.

Elder Oliver Letterman, Moderator

Elder Verl Tate, Asst. Moderator

John N. Pryor, Clerk

Emma Pryor, Asst. Clerk

REGISTRATION OF MINISTERS

Verl Tate	418 Jackson, Lebanon, Mo.
O. L. Allen	2223 North Franklin, Springfield, Mo.
Claud Smith	Macomb, Mo.
Ben Owens	Norwood, Mo.
Oliver Letterman	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
N. E. Snyder	Huggins, Mo.
Earl Baker	Cabool, Mo.
Owen Saladin	Norwood, Mo.
Mose Johnson	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
John Ratterree	Graff, Mo.
Jason Johnson	Norwood, Mo.
H. T. Edwards	Norwood, Mo.
John Oxley	Cabool, Mo.
Preston Branstetter	Tyron, Mo.
Archie Coomer	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Louie Wake	Willow Springs, Mo.
A. W. Gardner	Houston, Mo.
Ervin York	Drury, Mo.
W. H. Stephens	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Charles Edwards	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Coreal Cotney	Houston, Mo.
T. C. Halford	Norwood, Mo.

MINISTER'S WIVES

Thelma Allen	Bertie Letterman
Alice Burney	Hazel Wake
Florence Ratterree	Pearl Coomer
Arizona Owens	Eva Johnson
Margaret Baker	Verba York
Edna Saladin	Alice Stephens
Golda Tate	Beulah Edwards
Tassie Branstetter	Mrs. T. C. Halford
Ollie Johnson	

CHURCH CLERKS

Hazel Pridemore	Gladis Montgomery
Marie Micham	Hattie Hull
Iriene Tate	Hazel Pamperian
Eilene Barnett	Ada Hubbs
Hazel Altis	E. A. Lund
Dora Massey	Mrs. T. C. Halford

DEACONS

W. M. Rymal
Buck Franklin
H. E. Wilson
Jehu Hill
Fred Justice
James Owens
Theo Pridemore
Earl Irish
Sterling Murr
Virgil Tate
Jeff Black
Willie Leighty
Earl Carter

Arthur Murr
W. B. Scheets
Virgle Bandy
Geo. Leighty
Ira Babbit
Jennings Tucker
Charles Hicks
Henry Deathridge
A R. Frampton
Woodrow Montgomery
John McAllister
Charles Keseling

DELEGATES

Deloris Phelps
Mortin Phelps
Ethel Bandy
Elua Loss
Pearl Massey
Earl Barnette
Velma Barnette
Arthur Tate
Bertie Letterman
Velma Crews
Jim Bandy
Mannie Newton
Sam Barten
Charles Hicks
Hatty Walling
Rosa Frampton
Mabel Uhlman
Opal Pamperine

Elua Dixon
Ibby Dixon
R. M. Dixon
Rosa Biggs
J. E. Waterman
Nellie Murr
Murve Crews
Murrel Hill
Tula Grey
Ruby Dedmon
Minnie Lund
Maggy Shannon
Nellie Gierent
W. M. Freeman
Robert Tate
Opel Hill
Sarah Aldridge
Ruby Norifelise

VISITING MINISTERS AND DELEGATES

Elders Stanley Letterman and wife	
Curtis Wilson	F. D. Johnson and wife
Dale Jones	J. M. Cloven
Ben Freeman and wife	Keith Johnson

IN MEMORY

Of the ministers of Union Association of Free Will Baptists, who have gave their lives for His cause, and gone on to their reward.

J. W. Hamby
James T. Holcomb
William J. Gosvenor
A. J. Barnett
Alfred Murr
O. F. Dennis
C. M. Branstetter
J. C. Housley
James F. McCall
Marion B. Clift
Thomas Conner
H. A. Jones

J. T. Cole
Ora C. Keller
John H. Plunk
Dee Royster
Ona Richardson
Levi T. Koch
L. J. "Bud" Gearing
Clarence Ussery
H. M. "Bud" Cope
James Eli Burney
Orean Bass

STATISTICAL REPORT

Received in church	61
Numbers dismissed by letter	16
Excluded	
Died	10
Total membership	1345
Money for Minutes	\$147.80
Paid for preaching	\$9826.42

STATISTICAL REPORT

Ministers Names	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Held	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Professions Witnessed	Rec. Into Church	Baptized	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Oliver Letterman	4	2	3	120	4			3324	\$354.00
Orville Wake								641	27.50
Preston Branstetter		2	2	84	14		3	424	719.48
W. L. Cornelison				18				604	12.80
Orville Stephens	1	1	3	81				1730	408.75
W. H. Stephen	2	3	2	123	2	1		3264	434.96
Earl A. Baker		1	1	70	8	1	3	3447	159.82
N. E. Snyder	1	4	2	119	19		4	2450	142.85
Ben Owens		1		16	2			200	14.00
Claud J. Smith	3	1	2	140	1	1		3920	598.86
J. H. Johnston				15				600	24.00
Coval Coatney				30				400	70.00
Owen Saladin		3	1	126	27	6	13	6742	471.96
Mose Johnson	4	14	3		60	8	8		1205.21
Ocia L. Allen	4	2	2	106	19	15		8165	1008.90
Ervin York		1		47	1			1926	94.82
Archie Coomer	1	4		59	32		9	3502	298.47
Lewie Wake		1		50	6		2	550	15.80
Verl Tate	2	4	1	140	7	12	10	8930	1502.22
T. C. Halford		2		25	17	8	8	200	75.00
A. W. Gardner									

STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Churches	Church Sunday	Amt for Ministers	Total Membership	Members Received	Members Dis. by letter	Members Excluded	Members Died	Amt. for Evangelist	Amt. Paid Pastors
Pleasant Home	2-4	\$3.00	55	1				\$65.25	\$226.76
Cabool	FT	2.00	53	6	1			45.84	382.37
Moore's Chapel	1-3	2.00	13				1	20.00	120.20
Lebanon	FT	10.00	71	8	2			128.76	1116.05
Willow Springs 2.	1st	2.00	61	5				42.50	66.15
Willow Springs 1.	2-4	15.00	176	13	2	2		128.53	547.53
Number One	2-4	5.00	37	4				72.33	208.00
Coldsprings	2-4	2.50	36					10.50	158.30
Oak Grove	FT	11.20	140	1				52.61	332.61
Fox Creek	3	2.50	30					29.40	78.80
Hopewell	2-4	10.00	34	2		1			250.25
Union Chapel		6.00	63	2		1		34.64	
Breeden	3rd	2.00	49	7		1		16.00	99.50
Glad Tidings	1-3	5.00	34	1				113.25	131.27
Rock Springs	1-3	6.25	21			1		50.00	235.53
Pleasant Ridge	1-3	5.00	68	1	1	1		75.00	343.60
Tyrone	FT	10.00	105	2	1			60.00	335.12
Northview	3rd	4.75	27	6	1			20.00	75.00
Mt. Zion	2	2.00	27						65.00
Providence	FT	3.00	95		1			154.58	558.00
Big Creek	2-4	5.00	130	6	2	1		90.00	161.77
Friendship	1-3	2.50	80	1		1		28.68	132.68

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 all appearances 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 Scripture, 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 to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation 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 the 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, suffering, 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 of sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or 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 perseverance in holiness to the end of their 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, and the 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 work, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of 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 Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches as may embody themselves under the constitution.

2. The active 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, ministers wives who belong to a Free Will Baptist church in this Association, 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 the 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 and 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 Associa-

tion, 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 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; or 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 rule 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 a 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 Meeting 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 committee; and transact such other business, not repugnant to this Constitution nor to the usage 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 gener-

al 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 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, 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 are present then the senior minister in years of service shall act as Moderator.

2. All persons declared by the Committee on Credentials to be 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 transacting 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 anyone wishing to retire, shall first obtain 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 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 discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will lead

to discord and division.

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

13. No person shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes each time, nor more than 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 message 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 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. Praised 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 Christian 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 appeal from Quarterly Meetings.
21. Call for report of Executive Board.
22. Call for Treasurer's report.
23. Call for report of Evangelist.
24. Call for report of Corresponding delegates.
25. Elect a member of Executive Board, or more if vacancy exists.
26. Miscellaneous business.
27. Moderator inquiries: Are all churches represented?
28. Call for ordination of ministers.
29. Call for pastorless churches.
30. Call for ministers written report.
31. Call for election of Evangelist.
32. Corresponding delegates.
33. Report of all committees.
34. Determination of number of minutes to be printed.
35. Call for money for minutes.
36. Elect someone to deliver farewell address.
37. Call for vote of thanks to Moderator.
38. Call for vote of thanks to church and community.
39. Select place of next annual session.
40. Select someone to preach introductory sermon.
41. Final report of committees.
42. Discharge all committees.
43. Adjourn with prayer.

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