

MINUTES

of the

Union Association

of the

Free Will Baptists

OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA



AUGUST 15

1958

WHEN CONVENED WITH
THE ANTIOCH CHURCH

Custer County



OFFICERS

MODERATOR	JAMES MURRAY
ASST. MODERATOR	CLARENCE SHEPHERD
CLERK	PAULINE SHEPHERD
ASST. CLERK	FERN SHEPHERD
TREASURER	JIMMY RAY NICHOLS

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Friday Morning — 10:00 O'clock

1. Devotional
2. Reading of the minutes of last association.
3. Call for Church letters.
4. Election of officers.
5. Invitation to any and all visiting brethren to be in our council
6. Appointment of Pulpit Committee.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.
9. Short recess.
10. Introductory sermon.

Friday Afternoon

1. Devotional Service.
2. Reading of minutes of morning session.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Minister's Report.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. Selection of place where the next association will be held.
7. Extending a vote of thanks.

MORNING SESSION

The Union Association of Free Will Baptist met in regular session on the 15th of August at the Antioch Church. Opened by singing led by Bro. James Murray.

Morning devotions were brought by Bro. Clarence taken from the 1st Chapter of Thes.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read and accepted.

Church letters were called for and the following responded: Antioch, Guymon, Prairie Belle, Webb, Clinton, Sayre, Pleasant Valley and German Church.

Letters were read and a motion made and seconded that we accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

Brother James Murray was elected moderator.

Brother Clarence Shepherd was elected as assistant moderator.

Pauline Shepherd was elected clerk.

Fern Shepherd was elected as the assistant clerk.

Jimmy Ray Nichols was elected as the treasurer.

An invitation was given to all visiting brethren to say anything that might benefit the Association.

Moved and 2nd that we have the ordination of Brother Gar Wilson, as a deacon of the Antioch Church, and that Rev. Paul Bowser bring the ordination message at the eleven o'clock worship service.

Motion made and 2nd that we adjourn the business session until the afternoon session.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clyde Hamar.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The eleven o'clock service opened by singing led by Sister Fern Shepherd and was followed by a word of prayer led by Bro. Ernest Walker.

Rev. Bowser brought the ordination message and Rev. Clarence Shepherd prayed the ordination prayer, in ordaining Bro. Gar Wilson as a deacon.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. and Sister Wilson.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Johnny Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened by singing led by Bro. Ernest Walker.

Bro. Jimmy Nichols brought the devotional taken from the 133rd Psalm.

Minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

Enid Church letter was read and accepted and their delegates seated.

Bro. Clarence Shepherd was elected for the four year member on the executive board.

Bro. Homer May was elected for our five year member on the executive board.

Motion made and seconded that we have a Resolution committee.

Moved and 2nd that we give the moderator the power to appoint the resolution committee: Bro. R. B. Shepherd, Clyde Hamar, and De Arthur Yandell were selected.

Moved and seconded that the next Quarterly Meeting be held at Webb the first Saturday in November, the following Quarterly Meeting at German Church the 1st Saturday in February, and the next Quarterly Meeting at Enid the first Saturday in May. The Yearly Association will be held at Clinton Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in August.

Motion made and 2nd that we have an introductory message on Thursday night, before the 3rd Sunday in August and that it would be continued each year hereafter.

Motion made and 2nd that the moderator be given the power to appoint the speaker for the Thursday evening service.

Report of the Executive committee was given. Brother Jasper Burnell from Guymon was examined for ordination as a minister and C. B. Russ was examined for licenses to the Ministry. They were both found sound in faith and doctrine. Brother Jasper Burnell requested ordination by this body at earliest time. The Executive Board referred Bro. C. B. Russ back to his church.

Moved and seconded that our treasurer write a check on our Association and send to the State Associationn for our delegates.

Motion made and seconded that we elect a standing Home Mission Board consisting of three members with one being elected newly each year, at all times retaining at least one minister on this board.

Brother Ralph Hutchinson was elected for the 3 year member on the Home Mission Board.

Brother De Arthur Yandell elected for 2 year member on the Home Mission Board.

Brother Gar Wilson was elected for the 1 year member.

Motion made and seconded that we hold our election of officers at the close of the business session instead of at the beginning.

Motion made and 2nd that we elect a League Board.

Motion made and 2nd that we have a number of three on the League Board. Brother Jimmy Nichols, Ralph Earles and Joan Rice were appointed by the moderator.

Motion made and seconded that we have an Associational Revival.

Motion made and seconded that the Associational Revival be held at Clinton.

Motion made and seconded that we dismiss for a ten minute recess.

The moderator called the meeting to order.

Motion made and seconded that our Associational Revival be held in the two weeks before the Yearly Association.

Motion made and seconded that we refer our unfinished plans for our Associational Revival back to The Association at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Motion made and seconded that we accept the report given by the League Board, that we meet the first Friday night in September at the German Church to reorganize our Associational League Rally with the election of officers for the coming year. Cletus Langley is to bring the message on this night and also will plan our program then according to the desire of the people present.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Ministers reports were read and accepted. Brother Yandell, Jimmy Nichols, Clarence Shepherd, Jasper Burnell, Clyde Hamar, Cletus Langley, and James Murray responded.

Motion made and seconded that the power to appoint the delegates for the National Association. Sister Yandell, Sister Kirby, Sister Clarence Shepherd, Sister Clyde Hamar, Sister Murray, Chad Russ, Mrs. Chad Russ, Russell Rayner, and Mrs. Russell Rayner.

Motion made and 2nd that we send a check of \$5.00 for each delegate

Brother De Arthur Yandell was appointed by the moderator to bring the introductory message before the Association.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn our business meeting and enter into the ordaining of Bro. Jasper Burnell. Rev. De Arthur Yandell brought the ordaining message and Rev. Clarence Shepherd prayed the ordaining prayer.

Motion made and seconded that everyone who holds an office should have their name printed in the minutes.

Motion made and seconded we extend a vote of thanks to the Antioch Church for their hospitality.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Billy Ray Woods.

OFFICERS

Moderator	James Murray, Clinton, Okla.
Assistant Moderator	Clarence Shepherd, Butler, Okla.
Clerk	Pauline Shepherd, Butler, Okla.
Assistant Clerk	Fern Shepherd, Arapaho, Okla.
Treasurer	Jimmy Ray Nichols, Camargo, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Homer May, 5 years	Clinton, Okla.
Clarence Shepherd, 4 years	Butler, Okla.
Ernest Walker, 3 years	Clinton, Okla.
Paul Epperly, 2 years	Webb
Roy Shepherd, 1 year	Pleasant Valley

HOME MISSION BOARD

Ralph Hutchinson, 3 years	Clinton
De Arthur Yandell, 2 years	Guymon
Gar Wilson, 1 year	Antioch

LEAGUE BOARD

Jimmy Nichols	Webb
Ralph Earles	Clinton
Joan Rice	Webb

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Clyde Hamar	Sayre, Oklahoma
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	Butler, Oklahoma
Rev. James Murray	Clinton, Oklahoma
Rev. Ross Hamar	Arapaho, Oklahoma
Rev. Johnny Jones	Putnam, Oklahoma
Rev. Paul Bowser	Sickles, Oklahoma
Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols	Camargo, Oklahoma
Rev. De Arthur Yandell	Guymon, Oklahoma
Rev. Fred Kerby	Enid, Oklahoma
Rev. Jasper Burnell	Elk City, Oklahoma

STATE DELEGATES

Clinton	Russell Rayner
Pleasant Valley	Virginia Roush
Prairie Belle	Bertha Haggard
Webb	Eva Hicks
Enid	James Sanford
Guymon	C. B. Russ
German	Arthur Klein
Antioch	Woodrow Langley

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Clyde Hamar

Miles traveled	11,250
Sermons preached	98
Funerals	4
Money received for funerals	\$20.00
Money received from Sayre	\$1,562.94
Money received for expense to State Association ..	\$45.00

Rev. James Murray

Miles traveled	5,000
Sermons preached	135
Revivals conducted	3
Churches pastored	1
Money received from Clinton	\$1,565.00
Money received for Evangelistic work	\$250.00
Weddings	2

Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Miles Traveled	6,000
Sermons preached	100
Money Received:	
Pleasant Valley	\$540.00
Antioch	\$ 45.00
Prairie Belle	\$ 75.00
Sayre Revival	\$ 68.00
Weddings	1

Rev. De Arthur Yandell

Miles traveled	16,000
Sermons preached	135
Revivals conducted	2
Churches pastored	1
Organized Church	1
Funerals conducted	6
Weddings	2
Total money received	\$2,300.00

Rev. Jasper Burnell

Miles traveled	1,000
Money received	\$142.00
Sermons preached	15

Bro. Cletus Langley

Sermons preached	51
Money received	\$130.00

Rev. Jimmy Nichols

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	50
Commencement addresses	1
Ministerial conferences attended	1
Sunday School Institutes	1
Association League Rallys	1
Miles traveled	2,000
Money received from Webb	\$750.00

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

August 16, 1957 to August 15, 1958

Money received from:

Pleasant Valley -----	\$360.00
Prairie Belle -----	200.00
Antioch -----	25.00
Guymon -----	327.65
German Church -----	126.63
Clinton -----	284.15
Webb -----	149.85
Enid -----	190.17
Sayre -----	50.00
Home Missionns -----	270.00
Money on hand August 16, 1957 -----	249.25
Total -----	\$2,207.80

PAID OUT:

Electricity for Revival at Putnam -----	\$ 10.00
Sayre Church -----	50.00
Linderer Printing Co, Clinton, for Minutes -----	40.00
Enid Church -----	65.00
Song Books -----	36.00
Advertising for Annual Revival -----	16.80
Bro. Bailey Thompson for Revival at Pleasant Valley --	200.00
Total Expense -----	\$1,684.24

Bro. Ernest Kennedy, State Treasurer ----- 1,266.44
 Total money in treasury ----- \$ 523.56
 Enid Church sent \$81.24 designated for Foreign Missions.
 Checks were forwarded to Bro. Kennedy and not deposited
 to our account.

Kenneth Cline
 Treasurer

SAYRE CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Antioch Church on August 15, 1958:

We send as delegates: Sister Opal Hamar, Sister John Varnell, Brother John Varnell. As Alternates: Brother Lee Brown, Sister Varnell, Sister Maddax.

Period covered in this report: From August 15, 1957 to August 15, 1958.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clyde Hamar, 312 N. 3rd, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Ellen Jarvis, Rt. 4, Sayre, Oklahoma.

We have Sunday School, Prayer Meeting and League.

Church membership	46
Non-resident	1
Members received	7
By Baptism	1
By statement of faith	1
Py preference	6
Sunday School enrollment	51
Leage enrollment	11
Total offerings received	\$3,059.06
General offerings	\$1,827.79
Building fund	\$222.96
Pastor's salary	\$1,562.94
Evangelistic work	\$200.74
Building and repair	\$843.30
Literature	\$60.45
Miscellaneous	\$338.45
Other	\$103.30
Total local expenditures	\$3,179.79
Cooperative Plan	\$50.00
Home Missionns	\$35.00
Other	\$3.00
Total outside expenditures	\$88.00
Value of church property	\$5,300.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$13.00	

CLINTON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Antioch Church on August 15, 1958:

We send as delegates: Sister Flossie Walker, Naomi Pevehouse, and Jessie Earles. As alternates: Marie Murray, Mattie Hutchinson and Jane Earles.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 17, 1957 to August 15, 1958.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. James Murray, 404 S. 17th, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mattie Hutchinson, Neptune Park, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons: 3.

We have Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, and Prayer Meeting.

Church membership	21
Members received by letter	3
Sunday School enrollment	60
Woman's Auxiliary membership	8
Total offerings received	\$3,653.87
General offerings	\$2,647.25
Building fund	\$1,511.62
Pastor's salary	\$1,565.00
Evangelistic work	\$155.00
Air conditioner	\$122.00
Literature	\$89.93
Advertisingn for revival	\$10.00
Rent	\$480.00
Cooperative Plan	\$258.01
Missions	\$30.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, ets. \$15.00	

GERMAN CHURCH

To The Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Antnioch Church on August 15, 1958:

We send as delegates: Sister Sarah Shelton, Sister Faye Kauk, Sister Ovada Kauk. Alternates: Brother Walter Lindsey, Sister Beulah Klein, Sister Jessie Kauk.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 16, 1957 to August 15, 1958.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Arthur Klein, Rt. 1, Butler, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons	2
Church membership	37
Resident	28
Non-resident	9
Members received by statement of faith	3
Sunday School enrollment	45
Average Sunday School attendance	35
Total giving in the church	\$565.98
General offerings	\$540.98
Building fund	\$25.00
Pastor's salary; Brother Burnell	\$122.00
Rev. Ross Hamar	\$59.00
Rev. Hatchess	\$58.00
Total	\$739.00
Buiding and repair	\$23.01
Literature	\$62.22
Insurance	\$10.05
Flowers and gifts	\$17.23
Attendance plaque and song books	\$24.80
Total local expenditures	\$376.31
Cooperative Plan	\$126.22
Associational projects	\$40.00
Total outside expenditures	\$166.22
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$10.00	

We, the German Church, have called Brother Jasper Burnell to pastor our church two Sundays a month.

We pray that this will be a successful meeting.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Antioch Church on August 15, 1958:

We send as delegates: Sister Lorene Paris, Sister Esther Wood, Brother R. B. Shepherd. Alternates: Sister Melba Shepherd, Sister Essie Roush and Sister Doris Shepherd. Delegate to State meeting: Sister Virginia Roush.

Period of time covered by this report: From May 3 to August.

Clerk's name and address: Sister Fern Shepherd, Arapaho, Oklahoma.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Billy Ray Wood, Clinton, Oklahoma; Rev. Clarence Shepherd, Butler, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons	3
Church membership	32
Members received	2
Sunday School enrollment	40
Pastor's salary:	
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	\$540.00
Rev. Billy Wood	\$130.00
Evangelistic work	\$130.00
Flowers and gifts	\$35.00
Cooperative Plan	\$399.86
Home missions	\$45.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$20.00

GUYMON CHURCH

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Guymon, send greetings to the Union Association of Free Will Baptists when convened at Antioch Church, August 15, 1958.

We send as delegates: Inez Russ, Hazel Watson, and Winnie Yandell. As alternates: Naomi Rice, Joan Rice and Myra Sessions, whom we pray you will allow to aid you in your Godly deliberation.

We send C. B. Russ to be examined for license to the ministry.

We send Jasper Burnell to be examined for ordination to the ministry.

Ministers belonging to our church are De Arthur Yandell and Jasper Burnell. Deacons belonging to our church are Fred Keifer, Audie Rice, C. B. Russ, Ray Wood and Clifford Smith.

Income since 1 year ago	\$5,025.10
State of religion	good
Average number in Sunday School	47
Average number in League	30
Number of church members	41
Members received	12
Members dismissed	6
Enrollment in Sunday School	63
Literature	\$70.56
Revivals	\$225.00
Cooperative Plan	\$360.00
Pastor's salary	\$2,565.00
Supply preachers	\$35.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Broadcast and advertisement	\$18.56
Utilities and rent	\$493.41
Monthly parsonage payment	\$736.00
Miscellaneous	\$394.65
Special Mission offering to National F.W.B. Assn. ..	\$16.39
Associational expense	\$50.00
Total expense	\$4,988.16
Value of church property	\$25,000.00

Enclosed is \$10.00 for minutes. Done in conference this the 6th day of August, 1958.

Pastor's name and address: De Arthur Yandell, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: _____ 1301 N. Academy, Guymon, Oklahoma.

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Antioch Church on August 15, 1958.

We send as delegates: Sister Fern Crispin, Brother Bennie Cantrell, Sister Irene Cantrell. Alternates: Sister Pearl Williams, Sister Bertha Haggard, Sister Creola Cline.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 1957 to August, 1958.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, Butler, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Marie Jones, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. John E. Jones, Putnam and Rev. Paul Bowser, Sickles, Oklahoma.

We have Sunday School and League.

Number of ordained deacons	3
Church membership	35
Members dismissed by letter	2
Total offerings received	\$619.97
Pastor's salary	\$490.20
Miscellaneous	\$7.26
Total expenditures	\$497.46
Cooperative Plan	\$210.10
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes	\$5.00

We are sending \$5.00 to help pay for the printing of the minutes and \$10.00 to the Home Mission Board.

We are sending Bertha Haggard as our delegate to the State Association.

ENID CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Antioch Church on August 15, 1958:

We send as delegates: Sister Clemmie Kirby and Sister Freda Goll.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 13, 1957 to August 15, 1958.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Fred Kirby, 1405 S. Jefferson, Enid, Oklahoma.

Treasurer's name and address: Freda Goll, 1109 N. Central, Enid, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Don Cox, 415 S. Quincy, Enid, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained ministers	1
Church membership	21
Resident	21
Members received by baptism	4
By letter	2
Members dismissed by letter	2
Sunday School enrollment	50
League enrollment	26
Woman's Auxiliary membership	10

We have Sunday School, League, TAs and Prayer Meeting.

Total giving in the church	\$6,896.53
General offerings	\$1,606.53
Building fund	\$5,290.00
Building and repair	\$5,025.11
Literature	\$128.26
Advertising	\$16.15
Miscellaneous	\$161.06
To the Union Association	\$20.00
Total local expenditures	\$5,350.58
Cooperative Plan	\$158.93
Foreign missions	\$87.44
Home missions	\$5.00
Total outside expenditures	\$251.17
Value of church property	\$15,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$10.00

ANTIOCH CHURCH

Greetings to the Union Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Antioch Church, August 15, 1958:

We send as delegates our beloved sisters, Dicy Laws, Myrtle Higgins and Beulah Wilson, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, very good. We have had one conversion, Sister Crowl, and one member added to the Church.

We have an estimate of 12 active members. Conditions of Sunday School are good. Yearly average attendance of pupils 19. Average number of officers, 3. Teachers, 3. Brother Cletus Langley was called as our Pastor in October of 1957. He continued preaching until May of 1958. We paid him by free will offerings.

We had seven visiting preachers. Altogether we paid out a total of \$374.80.

Rev. Sandy Shepherd was called for our pastor in July to preach for us every other Sunday. We voted to pay him \$17.50 each Sunday and more if the attendance increases.

We voted to take up our Sunday School offering the first Sunday of each month and send it to the Cooperative Plan.

We voted to pay our visiting preachers \$10.00 for each Sunday, and \$10.00 to the Home Mission Board and \$5.00 to the Union Association.

We put Bro. Gar Wilson in as acting deacon, and Bros. Devert Choplin, Billy Renison and Delbert Higgins as deacons on trial.

Our attendance has been growing lately and there is a good spiritual feeling in the church. We have much faith that the coming year will be a fruitful one in the Lord's work.

Done by order of Antioch Church, assembled in Conference this 12th day of August, 1958.

Marguerite Edgar, Clerk and Treasurer

WEBB CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Antioch Church on August 15, 1958:

We send as delegates: Sister Carrie Burton, Sister Rochelle Gore, Sister John Holly. Alternates are Sister Florence Epperly, Sister Mattie Holly, Sister Anna Frazer. State delegate is Sister Eva Hicks.

Period of time covered in this report is from August 11, 1957 to August 1, 1958.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols, Rt. 2, Box 37, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Sister Eva Hicks, Rt. 2, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Name and address of ordained minister: Rev. Ross Hamar, Arapaho, Oklahoma.

We have Sunday School, League and Prayer Meeting.

Number of ordained deacons ----- 2

Church membership ----- 40

Resident ----- 23

Non-resident ----- 17

Members received by letter ----- 1

Members dismissed by letter ----- 7

Sunday School enrollment ----- 47

League enrollment ----- 47

Total offerings received ----- \$2,499.15

General offerings ----- \$1,674.15

Building fund ----- \$825.00

Pastor's salary ----- \$825.00

Evangelistic work and visiting ministers ----- \$128.20

Literature ----- \$60.50

Miscellaneous ----- \$441.50

Total local expenditures ----- \$1,455.20

Cooperative Plan ----- \$160.00

Associational projects ----- \$35.00

State and national projects ----- \$12.00

Total outside expenditures ----- \$207.00

Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$20.00

Our Church met in Annual Conference August 3 and Rev. Jimmy Nichols was called back as pastor for the coming year without a dissenting vote being cast. Bro. Nichols has been with us since January of this year.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptists, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group of churches, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better associational government.

Article I

NAME: This Association shall be known as the Union Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP: This Association shall be composed of Free Will Baptist Churches who maintain Gospel order and agree with denominational doctrine and practices; and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by this Association.

Article III

Delegates: Voting members of the Association shall be ministers, deacons, members of all standing boards, officers and sponsors of the League Rally of Association, Officers of Women's Auxiliary Convention of Association, officers of Sunday School Convention of Association, Church Clerks, and also three delegates from each local church of the Association, which shall be seated with proper credentials. There must be a quorum of at least three churches present and a written record shall be made of all transactions. No member of the executive board shall delegate authority to any other member of said board to cast his vote for him in anything. The board shall have the power to call all the Association in conference by notifying each church ten days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or associations if the place where said quarterly meetings or associations is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decisions shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church.

Article IV

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer and executive board consisting of five members. The board members to be elected so as to require one to be elected each year. This board is delegated power to act in behalf of and for the Union Association from one meeting to another of said Association, and shall have power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of Union Association. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this executive board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best and the means on hand may warrant. They shall have power to convey or mortgage any real setate or associational property. This executive board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control and convey any property entrusted to said Association for any purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case divert it from its original object.

The chairman and treasurer of said executive board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which Union is become legally held. It shall be the duty of this executive board to meet each regular or adjourned session and as often as may be necessary, and any member absenting himself from meetings three times may be dropped from the board and his successor elected. No meeting of the executive board shall be legal unless at least three members are present.

Article V

NEW CHURCHES: Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church (Treatise Page 42, 1957), who desires to unite with Union Association may be received by letter and elected delegates.

Article VI

QUESTIONS: No questions from any church shall come under consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Article VII

CREDENTIALS: When a church desires that one of its members should be examined for license or ordination, it shall be the duty of the council in the examination to find out as nearly as possible if the candidate is qualified.

The candidate is to be examined by a set of questions, if not scripturally and satisfactorily to the approval of the board, they will not be licensed or ordained.

A:

1. Are you in regular church attendance?
2. How many times have you been in church this year?
3. Do you attend prayer meeting?
4. Do you support the church with tithes and offerings?
5. How many have you saved under your ministry?
6. How many times have you preached in the last six months?
7. Do you have regular appointments?
8. How much time do you give to study of the Gospel?
9. What are your convictions and purposes as a minister?

B: REPUTATION:

1. This information shall be learned from delegates from his respective church.
2. As to the report from within and without the church, (this should consist of kindness, meekness and love.
3. Is GOD first and above all in your life?

C: DOCTRINE: Consisting of Doctrine:

1. Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.
2. Divine Government and Providence.
3. Primitive state of man and fall.
4. Atonement.
5. Call to the ministry.

Question: How do you know that GOD called you to the ministry?

6. Bible Repentance.
7. Justification and Sanctification.
8. Faith and Regeneration.
9. Perseverance of the saint.
10. Lord's Day.
11. The Church.
12. Tithing.
13. Ordinances of the Gospel.
 - a. Lord's Supper.
 - b. Baptism.
 - c. Feet washing.
14. Death.
15. Second Coming of Christ.
16. The Judgment.
17. Duties of the Minister.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallable Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God Head of Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 17:1; John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Pho. 5:1-19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification and redemption are by life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. Matt. 25:46.

6. That he that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

7. That baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion. Mark 1:4-9-10; Luke 22:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public worship of God, and that on it, we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy. Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; 1 Thes. 3:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to singly engage to promote the honor of God. John 13:15; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots accepted. Acts 20:21; Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; 1 Peter 3:21.

12. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him and therefore should be one at His table. 1 Cor. 1:1-11; 27-28; John 17:11.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken separately.
7. Motion made and lost will not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator.
9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference and we will not seat any minister in this Association who teaches the Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.
12. Each church will be entitled to three delegates and three alternates whose names must be in the church letter.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch 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, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principal 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.

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, or its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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.

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