

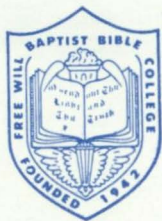
MINUTES
OF THE
TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Union Association
OF THE
Free Will Baptists
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



AUGUST 17, 1963

When Convened With

THE WEBB CHURCH



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday Morning — 10:00 O'clock

1. Devotional
2. Reading of the minutes of last association
3. Call for Church letters
4. Seating of delegates
5. Appointment of Pulpit Committee
6. Miscellaneous business
7. Adjournment
8. Short recess
9. Introductory sermon

Saturday Afternoon

1. Devotional
2. Reading of minutes of morning session
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Unfinished business
5. Selection of place where the next association will meet
6. Election of Officers
7. Extending a vote of thanks

MORNING SESSION

The Union Association met in regular session at the Webb Church on August 17, 1963. The session opened with singing led by Rev. Jones, Rev. Clyde Hamar brought the morning devotional from Ephesians: 4.

Minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and accepted.

Visitors recognized were Rev. N. R. Smith, Rev. Don Payne, and Rev. Lonnie Sparks.

The following Church letters were read and accepted: Antioch, Clinton, Enid, German, Guymon, Pleasant Valley Prairie Belle, Weatherford and Webb.

The delegates were accepted and seated.

The morning worship service was directed by Missionary Lonnie Sparks.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

In the absence of both the moderator and assistant moderator, Rev. Shepherd was elected to preside over the afternoon session.

Rev. Don Payne brought the afternoon devotion.

N. R. Smith gave a report on the state work.

Don Payne gave a report on Oklahoma Bible College.

The treasurers report was read and accepted.

Ralph Hutchinson was elected as a five year member of the Executive Board.

Major Follwill was elected as five year member of Resolution Board.

Clyde Hamar was elected as two-year member of Credential Board.

Chester Hicks was elected as three year member of Home Mission Board.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:

Moderator	Don Jones
Assistant Moderator	Clarence Shepherd
Clerk	Clifford Schimmels
Assistant Clerk	Beulah Klein
Treasurer	Caroll Crispen
Reporter	Fern Crispen

After the home church was extended a vote of thanks for its hospitality, the afternoon session was dismissed in prayer.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Don Jones, Guymon, Okla.
Assistant Moderator	Clarence Shepherd, Clinton, Okla.
Clerk	Clifford Schimmels, Watonga, Okla.
Assistant Clerk	Beulah Klein, Butler, Okla.
Treasurer	Carroll Crispin, Putnam, Okla.
Reporter	Fern Crispin, Putnam, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Clifford Schimmels	Watonga, Okla.
Rev. Earl Guinn	Clinton, Okla.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd.....	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Ross Hamar.....	Arapaho, Okla.
Rev. Johnny Jones.....	Putnam, Okla.
Rev. Joe Payne.....	Enid, Okla.
Rev. Don Jones.....	Guymon, Okla.
Rev. Bill Williams.....	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Clyde Hamar.....	Weatherford, Okla.
Rev. Cledius Langley.....	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Carl Walters.....	Shawnee, Okla.
Rev. J. L. Van Winkle.....	Weatherford, Okla.
Rev. Kenneth Siekman.....	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rev. Don Dake.....	Powell, Tenn.
Rev. Carl Sharp.....	Oklahoma City, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ralph Hutchison, 5 Year	Clinton, Okla.
Clarence Shepherd, 4 Year	Clinton, Okla.
Audie Rice, 3 Year	Guymon, Okla.
Paul Epperly, 2 Year	Webb
Roy Shepherd, 1 Year	Arapaho, Okla.

RESOLUTION BOARD

Major Follawill, 5 Year	Altus, Okla.
Roy Shepherd, 4 Year	Arapaho, Okla.
Clyde Hamar, 3 Year	Weatherford, Okla.
Joe Payne, 2 Year	Enid, Okla.
Clifford Schimmels, 1 Year	Watonga, Okla.

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Schimmels, 5 Year	Watonga, Okla.
Clarence Shephard, 4 Year	Clinton, Okla.
Earl Guinn, 3 Year	Clinton, Okla.
Clyde Hamar, 2 Year	Weatherford, Okla.
Eddie Klein, 1 Year	Butler, Okla.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Chester Hicks, 3 Year	Webb
Joe Payne, 2 Year	Enid, Okla.
Oran Loudermilk, 1 Year	Enid, Okla.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 18 to November 3, 1962

Church	Coop. Fund	College	Mission	Del. Fee
Antioch	6.50	-----	-----	-----
Clinton	118.59	-----	20.55	-----
Enid	42.77	-----	-----	5.00
German	27.82	-----	-----	-----
Guymon	-----	-----	-----	5.00
Pleasant Valley	58.10	-----	-----	-----
Prairie Bell	63.21	3.00	-----	5.00
Sayre	30.00	-----	-----	-----
Weatherford	35.87	-----	3.00	5.00
Webb	40.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	\$422.86	3.00	23.55	20.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance August 18, 1962	\$ 911.63
Received with Church Letters	250.00
Co-op for Quarter	422.86
State Delegates Fee	20.00
Missions	23.55
College	3.00

TOTAL \$1,631.04

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Cooperative, 3/4 of 422.86	\$317.15
State Delegates Fee	20.00
Missions	23.55
College	3.00
Treatises for Association	9.76
Books for Association	21.54
Rental for Altus	135.00

TOTAL \$530.00

Total Receipts \$1,631.04
Less Expenditures 530.00

Balance, November 3, 1962 \$1,101.04

Income for Year August 18, 1962 to August 17, 1963

Church	Coop.	College	Missions	Del. Fee	Land Fund
Altus	33.17	----	----	----	15.00
Antioch	84.69	----	80.00	----	100.00
Clinton	456.56	----	91.05	----	----
Enid	210.61	----	70.35	5.00	----
German	171.04	36.00	----	----	100.00
Guymon	50.00	----	----	5.00	----
Pleasant Valley	339.50	----	32.78	----	----
Prairie Bell	293.65	30.00	17.68	5.00	69.10
Sayre	30.00	----	----	----	----
Weatherford	196.59	----	35.40	5.00	----
Webb	220.00	151.50	55.50	----	100.00
TOTALS	\$2,085.81	\$217.50	\$382.76	\$20.00	\$384.10
Webb Youth Camp				\$	50.00
Church Letters					250.00
Offering at Youth Rally					17.95
Enrollment at Youth Camp					37.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR					\$3,445.12

ANTIOCH CHURCH

To the yearly association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Webb Church on August 17, 1963.

Delegates: Ethel Renison, Lorene Higgins, Marguerite Edgar.

Alternates: Sister Bill Watt, Sister Myrtle Higgins, Delbert Higgins.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 18, 1962 to August 1, 1963.

Church: Antioch.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Earl Guinn, 318 South 18th, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. D. L. Shepherd, Route One, Custer, Oklahoma.

Rev. Cleidus Langley is our pastor for the coming year.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School.

Church membership	34
Resident	32
Non-resident	2
Sunday School Average Attendance	28
Total Offering Received	\$1,101.73
Pastor's salary	560.00
Evangelistic work	200.00
Cooperative plan	66.98
Foreign missions	22.00
College Fund	100.00

CLINTON

To the Union Annual Association of Free Will Baptists Meeting at Webb Church on August 17, 1963.

List of Delegates: Kenneth and La Dana Hawkins, Zedma Davis; Alternates: J. C. and Darlene Smith, Katheryn Sperle.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 18, 1962 to August 17, 1963.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Church and address: First Free Will Baptist, 14th and Nowahy.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1124 Blachston.

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

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

Number of ordained deacons: 4

Check with auxiliaries you have:

Sunday School

League

Prayer Meeting

STATISTICS

Church Membership	52
Resident	0
Members Received	8
3 were baptized	
By letter	2
By statement of faith	6

Members Dismissed	None
Sunday School Enrolment	95
League Enrolment	50

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total offerings received	\$ 6,448.87
General Offerings	4,780.41
Building Fund	1,668.46
Pastor's salary	3,080.00
Evangelistic work	159.83
Janitor	180.00
Literature	212.56
Insurance	85.56
Cooperative Plan or Unified Program	467.12
Foreign Missions and Home Missions	165.05
Value of church property	13,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	25.00

ENID

* To the Union Association of the Free Will Baptists meeting at Webb, August 17, 1963.

List of delegates: Oren Loudermilk; Virginia Loudermilk; Florence Gaylen.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 1, 1962 to August 1, 1963.

Church and address: First F. W. Baptist, 128 W. Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Joe E. Payne, 101 W. Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Betty Kating, 809 S. Independence, Enid, Oklahoma. Rev. Don Dake, Powell, Tenn.

Number of licensed ministers: 1:

Number of ordained deacons: 2.

List of auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, YPA, Prayer Meeting.

STATISTICS

Church Membership 91

Resident	65
Non-resident	26
Members Received	17
By profession of faith	10
By letter	5
By statement of faith	2
Members Dismissed	14
By letter	7
Excluded	6
Deceased	1
Sunday School Enrollment	150
League Enrollment	60
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	15

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total offerings received	\$8,205.68
General offerings	5,505.44
Building Fund	2,700.24
Pastor's salary	2,252.50
Evangelistic work	60.00
Building and repair	3,848.83
Literature	425.71
Advertising (radio programs, etc.)	
Miscellaneous	996.62
Total Local Expenditures	\$7,753.78
Cooperative Plan or Unified Program	290.61
Foreign Missions	24.85
Home Missions	45.50
O. B. C.	45.95
Associational projects	45.00
Total Outside Expenditures	451.91
Value of Church Property	\$19,450.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	25.00

GERMAN CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists Meeting
at Webb Free Will Baptist Church on August 17, 1963.

Delegates: Sis. Melba Klein, Sis. Faye Kauk, Sis. Sarah
Shelton.

Alternates: Sis. Ruth Addington, Sis. Clara Ford, Bro. Eddie Kauk.

Period of time covered in this report: August 18, 1962 to August 17, 1963.

Church and Address: German Free-Will Baptist Church, Butler, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Bill Williams, Clinton, Oklahoma.

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

Name of Ordained Minister: Rev. Bill Williams, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School and League.

Church Membership	51
Resident	45
Non-resident	6
Members Received	6
By letter	3
By Statement of Faith	3
Members Dismissed	4
Average Sunday School Attendance	38
Sunday School Enrollment	59
League Enrollment	20
Total Offerings Received	\$1,850.58
General Offerings	1,850.58
Pastor's salary	1,100.00
Evangelistic Work	100.00
Literature	77.06
Miscellaneous	2.07
Gifts and Flowers	26.27
Total Local Expenditures	1,305.40
Cooperative Plan or Unified Program	171.14
Asociational Projects	25.00
Oklahoma Bible College	127.00
Total Outside Expenditures	323.14
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

GUYMON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Webb Free Will Baptist Church on August 17, 1963.

Delegates: Sis. Donna Rice, Sis. Sharon Rice, Sis. Beverly Jones.

Period of time covered in this report: From August, 1962 to August, 1963.

Church and address: Free Will Baptist, 1502 N. Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Don Jones, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: A. E. Rice, 1301 N. Academy, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Name of Ordained Ministers: Rev. Don Jones, 1411 N. Beaver.

State Delegate: Beverly Jones.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, YPA, Boy's Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting.

STATISTICS

Church Membership	91
Resident	84
Non-resident	7
Members Received	20
By Profession of Faith	10
By Letter	6
By Statement of Faith	4
Members Dismissed	7
By Letter	6
Excluded	0
Deceased	1
Sunday School Enrollment	135
League Enrollment	45
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	16

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Offerings Received	\$ 9,000.07
Pastor's Salary	3,890.00
Evangelistic Work	175.00
Building and Repair	212.99
Literature	170.36
Advertising (radio programs, etc.)	25.28
Miscellaneous	4,050.28
Total Local Expenditures	8,523.91

Cooperative Plan or Unified Program	50.00
Foreign Missions	213.08
Home Misions	213.08
Total Outside Expenditures	476.16
Value of Church Property	20,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	12,000.00
Amount Enclosed with Letter for Minutes, fees, etc.	25.00

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Webb on August 17, 1963.

List of Delegates: Sis. Doris Shepherd, Sis. Mattie Shepherd and Roy Shepherd.

Period of time covered in this Report: From August 18, 1962 to August 17, 1963.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Church and Address: Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist, Arapaho, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Clifford Schimmels Watonga, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Fern Shepherd, Arapaho, Oklahoma, Route 1.

Names and addresses of ordained Ministers: Rev. Clifford Schimmels, 611 Circle Drive, Watonga, Oklahoma.

Number of Ordained Deacons 4

Check which auxiliaries you have: Sunday School.

STATISTICS

Church Membership	25
Members Dismissed	1
Sunday School Enrollment	40

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary	\$2,040.00
Evangelistic Work	145.00
Miscellaneous, Ins., etc.	7.50
Total Local Expenditures	392.50
Cooperative Plan or Unified Program	336.48
Foreign Missions	184.78

Total Outside Expenditures	521.26
Amount Enclosed with letter for Minutes, Fees, etc.	25.00

PRAIRIE BELLE

To the Annual Meeting of Free Will Baptists meeting at Webb, Oklahoma, on August 17, 1963.

List of Delegates: Carl Jorvegin, Mrs. John Jones, Carroll Crispin.

Period of time covered in this Report: From August 18, 1962 to August 17, 1963.

Church and Address: Prairie Bell, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name and Address: Reverend Carl Sharp, 711 S. W. 51, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Irene Cantrill, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers: Reverend Carl Sharp, 711 S. W. 51, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Reverend John Jones, Putman, Oklahoma.

Number of Licensed Ministers: 2.

Number of Ordained Deacons: 3.

Check which auxiliaries you have: Sunday School.

Church Membership: 40.

Resident: 25.

Non-resident: 15.

Members Received: 4.

By Profession of Faith: 4.

WEATHERFORD

To the Annual Conference of Free Will Baptist meeting at Webb.

F. W. Baptist Church on August 17, 1963.

List of Delegates: Brother Troy Smith, Sis. Elva Smith, Sister Mae Arndt.

Alternates: Sis. Rudell Lancaster, Sis. Rachel Killman, and Sis. Opal Hamar.

Period of Time covered in this report: From August 18, 1962 to August 17, 1963.

General Information: Church and Address: Weatherford First F. W. B. Church, 402 N. Custer, Weatherford, Okla.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Clyde Hamar, 723 West Washita, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Bertha Bourquin, 719 West Washita, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers: Rev. Clyde Hamar, 723 W. Washita, Weatherford, Oklahoma. Rev. Cleidus Langley, 518 S. 17th, Clinton. Rev. Carl Walter, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Rev. J. L. Van Winkle, 301 E. Arapaho, Weatherford.

Number of Ordained Deacons 2

Auxiliary: Sunday School, Prayer Meeting.

STATISTICS

Church Membership	60
Resident	38
Non-resident	22
Members Received	22
By Profession of Faith	5
By Letter	4
By Statement of Faith	13
Members Dismissed	4
By Letter	3
Deceased	1
Sunday School Enrollment	74

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Offerings Received	\$2,991.41
General Offerings	1,960.42
Building Fund	700.18
Special Offering	330.81
Pastor's Salary	1,270.21
Evangelistic Work	110.00
Building and Repair	634.25
Literature	161.44
Miscellaneous (radio programs, etc.)	175.74
Other	280.32
Total Local Expenditures	\$2,631.96
Cooperative Plan or Unified Program	196.59
Foreign Missions	27.90
Home Missions	18.00
State Delegate	5.00

Total Outside Expenditures	291.22
Value of Church Property	8,562.47
Amount Enclosed with Letter for	
Minutes, Fees, etc.	25.00

WEBB CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Webb Free Will Baptist Church on August 17, 1963.

List of Delegates:

Brother Howard Stephenson, Brother Albert Badley, Sis. Rochelle Gore.

Alternates: Sis. Nelda Stephenson, Sis. Judy Badley, Sis. May Gore.

Period of time covered in this Report: From August 18, 1962 to August 17, 1963.

STATISTICS

Church Membership	31
Resident	31
Non-resident	2
Members Received	2
By Profession of Faith	2
Members Dismissed	5
By Letter	5
Sunday School Enrollment	45
League Enrollment	30

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Offerings Received	\$2,544.32
Pastor's Salary	885.00
Evangelistic Work	120.00
Building and Repair	200.00
Literature	85.53
Insurance	106.50
Visiting Preacher	30.00
Total Local Expenditures	1,427.03
Cooperative Plan or Unified Program	200.00
Foreign Missions	41.80
Electricity	94.44
Butane	39.61
Flowers and Gifts	28.63

Phone Bill	25.01
State and National Projects	30.00
Bible College	164.50
Land for Bible College	100.00
Total Outside Expenditures	723.99
Value of Church Property	10,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	1,000.00
Amount Enclosed with Letter for minutes, fees, etc.	30.00

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINISTERS PRECEDING ORDINATION

Oral examination and possession of:

1. Holy Bible
2. Treatise
3. Minister's Manual, by Griffith
4. Ministerial Ethics
5. So You Want to Preach, by DeWalt
6. Present to Committee outline of 30 sermons preached
in the last year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEACONS PRECEDING ORDINATION

Oral examination and possession of:

1. Holy Bible
2. Treatise
3. Baptist Deacon by Maylor
4. Deacon must give outline of service which he has led
in the local church

CONSTITUTION of the UNION ASSOCIATION of the FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From our 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 ordained this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate a 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 such well regulated Free Will Baptist churches who maintain Gospel order and agree with our denominational doctrine and practices: and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by this association.

Article III

DELEGATES: Voting members of this Association shall be ordained ministers, ordained deacons, Church clerks, and three delegates from each local church, elected by each church and named in the church letter.

Article IV

OFFICERS: The officers of this association shall be, a Moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer to be elected annually at the close of the meeting, and executive board consisting of five members, elected so as to require one to be elected each year. To this board is delegated power to act in behalf of and for this association between conferences. The board shall have power to elect officers for its own government and between conferences fill any and all vacancies which may occur in its own body. The executive board shall sign all deeds, bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers or documents which by this association is become legally bound or held.

It shall be the duty of the board to meet as often as may be necessary.

No meeting of the board shall be legal with less than three members present.

Article V

MEETINGS: Five members from five or more churches shall constitute a quorum, a lesser number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

The moderator shall have the authority to call the association into conference by notifying each church at least ten days in advance of such meeting, and the moderator shall have authority to change the place of a quarterly meeting or yearly meeting if the place previously determined can not provide for said meeting. This shall be done by notifying each church, and if possible at least ten days in advance. A written record shall be kept of all meetings and transactions.

Article VI

QUESTION: No question or resolution from any church shall come under consideration of the association unless it has first been considered in its own church.

Article VII

CREDENTIALS: A credentials board of five members shall be elected so as to require one to be elected each year, this board shall elect officers for its own government. They shall examine all ministers and deacons before they are licensed or ordained by this association and all ministers coming into this association, and make recommendations to the association concerning the examinations.

The association shall not be bound by their decision.

All ministers coming before this board must present to this board for examination his or her credentials, license, ordination, certificate, etc.

The following form must be signed by each and every minister presently a member of this association and every minister coming into this association. All such forms shall be kept by the clerk.

I do hereby solemnly promise upon the official request of this association or its credentials board to surrender all papers, certificates, cards and letters that recognize and/or authorize me to be a minister of this association.

I hereby sign this form on this _____ day of _____
in the year of our Lord _____ before these witnesses.
Witness _____ Chairman _____
Witness _____ Clerk _____
Witness _____ Signature of Minister _____

Before any complaint will be heard against any minister, it must be written and signed by person lodging complaint and presented to the moderator and assistant moderator (if both are present) for consideration.

If the minister to whom the complaint is brought against is not present no final action shall be taken except for discussion, dismissal or recommendation. If such complaint is not dismissed by the association it shall be turned over to the credentials board, they shall as soon as possible examine and interrogate both complaint and minister, and after such course has been followed shall have authority to dismiss the complaint, admonish the minister, refer the decision to the next called or regular meeting of the association, or request the surrender of his paper, etc.

If the minister is present whom the complaint is brought against, after he has answered the complaint, after discussion and prayer, one of three courses shall be taken. Dismiss the complaint, admonish the minister or request his paper, credentials, etc.

Article X

NEW CHURCHES: Any organized Free Will Baptist Church which is scriptural and denominationally sound may be received by petitionary letter and elected delegates.

Article VIII

VOTING: Under no condition at any time shall any member of this association have authority to delegate his or her vote to anyone, and no vote shall be counted from an absent member.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible 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; 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. Rom. 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. I Cor. 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 five 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. The moderator shall have authority to appoint pulpit committees.

7. Motions 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 a 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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God in 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 beneficial 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.

