

MINUTES  
OF THE  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

*Union Association*

OF THE

*Free Will Baptists*

OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



AUGUST 15, 1964

When Convened With  
THE CLINTON CHURCH

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 Clinton Free Will Baptist Church on August 15, 1964. The session opened with singing led by Rev. Clyde Hamar. Rev. Muril Wilson brought the morning devotion. Rev Danny Farmer led in prayer.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read and accepted. Church letters were called for and the following responded; Altus, Antioch, Clinton, German, Guymon, Pleasant Valley, Prairie Bell, Sayre, Weatherford, and Webb. The Church letters were read and accepted and the right hand of fellowship was extended to each delegate.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd, Bro. Paul Epperley, and Sis. Fern Crispin were selected to serve on the pulpit committee. Rev. Roger Harwell and Rev. Danny Farmer were selected to bring the eleven o'clock messages.

Sue Earles gave a brief report on the League Fellowship.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn for a short recess. Motion carried. Rev. Major Followill dismissed in prayer.

The morning worship hour opened with singing led by Rev. Clyde Hamar. Rev. J. L. Van Winkle led in prayer. Bro. and Sis. Don Jones brought a special message in song.

Rev. Roger Harwell brought the morning message from the ninth chapter of Romans. He was followed by Rev. Danny Farmer, who chose the tenth chapter of Romans for his Scripture reading. Rev. Clyde Hamar dismissed in prayer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the Women's Auxiliary presenting the program. Sis. Jane Earles led the singing, with prayer by Sis. Jessie Earles. Bro. and Sis. Don Jones rendered a special vocal number. A special mission offering was taken for Bro. and Sis. Harwell, who will soon start a new work in Pueblo, Colo. Rev. Harwell gave a brief report on the new work.

Rev. Danny Farmer reported on the Oklahoma Bible College.

Bro. Carroll Crispin gave the treasurer's report which was accepted. The motion was made and seconded to give Bro. Crispin a standing vote of thanks for the fine report. Motion carried.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd reported on the Youth Camp. The motion was made and seconded that the Youth Camp for the next year be held at Red Rock Canyon on the second week in August (first week in August-second choice). Motion carried.

The Credential Committee recommended that Bro. Odell Nunley be ordained before being examined and accepted into this association.

Motion made and seconded that each Church give \$25. to the O.B.C. Land Fund. Motion carried.

The motion was made and seconded that the yearly association date be changed to the first Saturday in August. Motion carried. Moved and seconded that the next quarterly meeting be held at Pleasant Valley in November, the following quarterly meeting at Sayre in February, and the next Quarterly meeting at Altus in May. The Yearly Association will be at Guymon in May. Motion Carried.

Don Jones was elected the five year member of the Executive Board. Motion made and seconded that the resolution board be dropped. Motion carried.

Eddie Klein was elected for the five year member of the Credential Board. Ralph Hutchinson was elected three year member of the Home Mission Board.

Election of officers was as follows:

Moderator---Don Jones

Assistant Moderator---Clarence Shepherd

Clerk---Beulah Klein

Assistant Clerk---Brenda Nunley

Treasurer---Carroll Crispin

Reporter---Fern Crispin

Motion made and seconded: the Ministers Reports not be read orally each time.

The motion carried that we give the Clinton Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Carroll Crispin.

## OFFICERS

Moderator	Don Jones- Guymon, Okla.
Assistant Moderator	Clarence Shepherd- Clinton, Okla.
Clerk	Bulah Klein- Butler, Okla.
Assistant Clerk	Brenda Nunley- Clinton, Okla.
Treasurer	Carroll Crispin- Putnam, Okla.
Reporter	Fern Crispin- Putnam, Okla.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Don Jones, 5 year	Guymon, Okla.
Ralph Hutchinson, 4 year	Clinton, Okla.
Clarence Shepherd 3year	Clinton, Okla.
Audie Rice, 2 year	Guymon, Okla.
Paul Epperley, 1 year	Webb, Okla.

### CREDENTIAL BOARD

Eddie Klein, 5 year	Butler, Okla.
Clarence Shepherd, 3 year	Clinton, Okla.
Earl Guinn, 2 year	Clinton, Okla.
Clyde Hamar, 1 year	Weatherford, Okla.

### HOME MISSION BOARD

Ralph Hutchinson, 3 year	Clinton, Okla.
Chester Hicks, 2 year	Webb, Okla.
Troy Smith, 1 year	Weatherford, Okla.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Major Followwill	Altus, Okla.
Rev. Earl Guinn	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Gledius Langley	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. J.L. Van Winkle	Sayre, Okla.
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Odell Nunley	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Bill Williams	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Don Jones	Guymon, Okla.
Rev. John Jones	Putnam, Okla.
Rev. N.H. Williams	Taloga, Okla.
Rev. Raymond Allen	Sayre, Okla.
Rev. Clyde Hamar	Weatherford, Okla.
Rev. Carl Walter	Shawnee, Okla.
Rev. Murl Wilson	Samargo, Okla.
Rev. Ross Hamar	Suster City, Okla.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Don Jones

Miles Traveled	15,335
Sermons Delivered	129
Money Received plus Parsonage & Bills Paid	\$4,160.
Revival	\$60.
Traveling Expense received	\$54.
Conversions	4

Rededications

Baptized	6
Funerals	4
Weddings	1
Minister Conference Attended	1
Quarterly Conferences Attended	4

Rev. Earl Guinn

Sermons Delivered	35
Conversions witnessed	6
Funerals preached	2
Funerals assisted with	3
Miles traveled	1500
Money Received	\$65.00

Rev. Clyde Hamar

Sermons Delivered	118
Miles Traveled	7000
Revivals	1
Youth Camps	2
Funerals	7
Weddings	3

Money Received from Weatherford Church	\$1320.00
Revival Offering	\$70.00
Funerals	\$40.00
Weddings	\$18.00
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	
Sermons Delivered	100
Miles Traveled	5,000
Revivals	1
Funerals	2
Weddings	2
Money Received	\$3200.00
Rev. Odell Nunley	
Sermons Delivered	43
Miles Traveled	4,560
Weddings	1
Rededications	4
Money Received	\$690.
Rev. Muril Wilson	
Sermons Delivered	154
Conversions	6
Rededications	16
Revivals	3
Funerals	15
Weddings	2
Miles Traveled	15,000
Money Received	\$3170.

### Altus Church

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Clinton Church at Clinton, Okla., 1964.

We Send as delegates, our beloved brethern; Sis. Marian Woods, Sis. Nina Wilson, and Bro. Jimmy Woods, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion--good      Members received this year--6      No. Baptized--4  
Total Membership--31      Condition of Sunday School--good      Average no. of pupils--30  
No. of Officers--7      No. of Teachers--5      Condition of prayer meeting-- good  
Paid Pastor--\$1820.      Paid evangelist-- \$65.      For building and repair \$400.  
Missions-home-- \$22.      Missions-Foreign-- \$150.      For education-- \$150.  
Pastor's name and address--Rev. Major Followwill, 625 Lila, Altus, Okla.  
Names of ordained Ministers,--Rev. Major Followwill

Done by order of First Free will Baptist Church of Altus, Okla. assembled in conference this 12th day of August, 1964.

Major Followwill, Moderator

Mrs Gene A. McMinn, Clerk

### Antioch Church

To the yearly Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton, Okla. on August 15, 1964.

Delegates: Marguerite Edgar, Geraldene Shepherd, Ethel Renison.

Alternates: Lorene Higgins, Mary Lou Wilson, Sue Langely.

Period of time covered in this report: From Aug. 1, 1963 to Aug. 1, 1964.

Church and address: Antioch

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clodius Langely, Clinton, Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs Paul Watt, Route 2, Putnam, Okla.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Antioch Church

Church Membership:-----	34	Miscellaneous-----	\$18.92
Resident-----	32	Flowers and Gifts-----	\$35.41
Non-resident-----	2	Total Local Expenditures--	\$1276.71
Average Sunday School attendance--	30	Cooperative Plan-----	\$9317
Total Offerings Received---	\$1,257.99	Foreign Missions-----	\$45.
General Offerings-----	\$1138.99	Home Missions-----	\$20.
Pastor's Salary-----	\$1047.50	Total outside expenditures--	\$158.17
Evangelistic Work-----	\$119.00	Amount enclosed with letter	
Literature-----	\$55.88	for minutes-----	\$25.

The classrooms have been completed and are in use.

Clinton Church

To the Union Annual Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton, Okla. August 15, 1964.

Delegates: Robert and Bess Shepherd, Peggy Catlett  
 Alternates: Russell Rayner, Jessie Earles, Zelma Davis.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 17, 1963 to August 15, 1964.

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

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1124 Blackstone, Clinton, Okla.

Clerks ~~name~~ and address: Mattie Hutchison, Neptune Park, Clinton

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1124 Blackstone, Clinton, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons; 4 and 2 on trial.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Prayer Meeting

Church Membership:	54	Evangelistic work	\$191.00
Members Received	1	Taxes and Insurance	\$89.30
Sunday School Enrollment	95	Cooperative plan	\$482.44
League enrollment	50	Foreign Missions	\$343.14
Total Offerings Received	\$7034.17	Bible Colle_o	\$100.00
General Offerings	\$4373.87	Value of church property	\$13000.00
Building Fund	\$2660.30	Amount enclosed with	
Pastor's Salary	\$3035.00	letter for minutes	\$25.00

We have called Bro. Shepherd as Pastor for the coming year.

German Church

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton Free Will Baptist Church on August 15, 1964.

Delegates: Sarah Shelton, Faye Kauk, Ovada Kauk.

Alternates: Donna Kauk, Ruth Addington, Jimmy Ford.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 17, 1963 to August 15, 1964.

Church and Address: German Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, Okla.

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

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

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Bill Williams, Clinton, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons 5

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, and League.

Church Membership 49

    Resident 46

    Non-resident 3

Sunday School enrollment 48

League Enrollment 16

Average Sunday School Attendance 35

Total offerings received \$1269.31

    General offerings \$1269.31

Okla. Bible College \$25.00

Pastor's salary \$1150.00

Total outside expenditures \$199.00

Visiting minister \$25.00

Amount enclosed with letter \$25.00

Literature \$109.52

Gifts and Flowers \$25.48

Insurance \$68.06

Miscellaneous \$4.94

Utilities \$47.09

Total local expenditures \$1430.09

Cooperative plan \$138.21

Associational projects \$25.00

Guymon Church

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton on Aug. 15, 1964.

Delegates: Beverly Jones, Mary Gotcher, Naomi Rice.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 1, 1963 to August 1, 1964.

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

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

Clerk's name and address: Audie Rice, 1301 N. Academy, Guymon, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Don Jones, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon.

Number of licensed ministers 1

Number of ordained deacons 2

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, Prayer Meeting.

Church membership	89		
Resident	78		
Non-resident	11		
Members received	1		
By profession of faith			
Members Dismissed	1		
Deceased			
Sunday School Enrollment	131	Cooperative Plan	\$473.00
League Enrollment	51	Foreign Missions	\$220.70
Woman's Auxiliary membership	14	Home Missions	\$189.95
Total offerings received	\$8,880.16	O.B.C. Land Fund	\$236.50
Pastor's salary	\$4,169.00	Total outside exp.	\$1115.15
Evangelistic work	\$300.00	Value of church prop.	\$20,000.
Building and repair	\$2085.73	Value of parsonage prop.	\$12,000.
Literature	\$208.75	Amount enclosed for minutes	\$25.00
Advertising	\$46.85	State Delegate fee	\$5.00
Miscellaneous	\$954.68		
Total Local Expenditures	\$7,765.01		

PLEASANT VALLEY

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton on Aug. 15, 1964.

Delegates: Bob Shepherd, Brenda Nunley, Essie Roush.

Alternates: Roy Shepherd, Doris Shepherd, Livonia Shepherd

State Delegate: Brenda Nunley

Period of time covered in this report: From Aug. 17, 1963 to Aug. 15, 1964

Church and address: Pleasant Valley, Arapaho, Okla. Route 1

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Odell Nunley, 1812 Prairie Chief, Clinton Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Fern Shepherd, Arapaho, Okla. ,Route 1

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev Odell Nunley, Clinton, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons 4

Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church Membership 26

Members received by statement of faith 3

Members Dismissed Excluded 2

Sunday School Enrollment 40 Cooperative plan \$384.16

Pastor's salary \$2040.00 Foreign Missions \$70.12

Visiting Minister \$40.00 Total outside expenditures \$454.28

Evangelistic work \$120.00 Amount enclosed with letter \$30.00

Insurande \$18.75 We recommend Rev. Odell Nunley to be

Literature \$74.74 examined as a minister in this association.

Bible School \$55.42

Advertising \$5.00

Gifts and Flowers \$66.12

Utilities \$78.54

Song Books \$24.75

Rent \$135.00

minutes \$30.00

miscellaneous \$66.00

Total Local Expenditures \$2754.32

Prairie Bell Church

To the Annual District Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton Church on Aug. 15, 1964.

Delegates: Fern Crispin, Minnie Adair, Mildred Jarnagin

Alternates: Fay Crispin, Carl Jarnagin, Cecil Crispin.

Period of time covered in this report: From Aug 18, 1963 to Aug. 1, 1964.

Church and address: Prairie Bell, Putnam, Okla.

Pastor's name and address: Interim pastor, Rev. Carl Sharp, 711 S.W. 51st St. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Bertha Haggard, Putnam Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. John E. Jones, Putnam, Okla.

Rev. N. H. Williams, Putnam, Okla.

Number of licensed ministers	2		
Number of ordained deacons	1		
Auxiliaries: Sunday School			
Church Membership	40		
Resident	21		
Non-resident	19	Total outside expenditures	\$782.04
Members received by letter	1	Amount enclosed with letter	
Members dismissed by request	2	for minutes.	\$25.00
Sunday School Enrollment	25		
Total offerings received	\$2292.57		
General offerings	\$1782.60		
Pastor's salary	\$1156.00		
Literature	\$40.64		
Miscellaneous	\$187.33		
Delegate fees and dues	\$40.00		
Total local expenditures	\$1423.97		
Cooperative plan	\$296.29		
Foreign Missions	\$256.75		
O.B.C.	\$229.00		

Sayre Church

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton on August 15, 1964.

Delegates: Alma Ware, Mildred Ford, Tommy Ford.

Alternates: Billie Van Winkle, Banetha Van Winkle, Enoch Barker.

Period of time covered in this report: From May 1, 1964 to August 5, 1964.

Church and address: Sayre Free Will Baptist Church; 1531 N. 2nd St., Sayre, Okla

Pastor's name and address: Rev. J. L. Van Winkle, 1210 N. 3rd St., Sayre Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Billie Van Winkle, Sayre, Okla.

Names of ordained ministers: Rev. Raymond Allen

Number of licensed ministers 2

Number of ordained deacons 2

Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Members received 2

By letter 1

by statement of faith 1

Sunday School enrollment 35

Total offerings received \$681.55

Pastor's Salary \$390.00

Evangelistic work \$15.00

Building and repair \$22.00

Literature \$14.25

Miscellaneous \$97.42

Utilities \$52.68

Payment on loan \$136.00

Total Expenditures \$726.36

Value of church property \$5200.00

Amount enclosed with letter \$30.00

WEATHERFORD CHURCH

To the Annual Meeting of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton Free Will Baptist Church on August 15, 1964.

Delegates: Troy Smith, Elva Smith, Willie Arndt.

Alternates: Elsie Albin, Mae Arndt, Opal Hamar.

Period of time covered in this report: From May 2, 1964 to August 1, 1964.

Church and address: Weatherford Free Will Baptist Church, 101 East Arapaho, Weatherford.

Pastor's name and address: Rev Clyde Hamar, 723 W. Washita, Weatherford, Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Bertha Bourquin, 719 West Washita, Weatherford, Okla

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev Clyde Hamar, 723 W. Washita, Weatherford.

Rev. Cleidus Langely, 518 S. 17th, Clinton, Okla., Rev. Carl Sharp, Shawnee, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons 2

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meeting.

Church Membership	60		
Resident	29		
Non-resident	31		
Members dismissed by letter	2		
Deceased	1	Advertising	\$3.00
Sunday School Enrollment	74	Miscellaneous	\$125.10
League Enrollment	23	Other	\$148.94
Woman's Auxiliary membership	9	Organizing Auxiliary	\$10.00
Total offerings received	\$2667.89	Flowers	\$31.34
General offerings	\$2060.34	Cooperative plan	\$212.47
Building fund	\$577.23	Foreign Missions	\$85.76
Special offering	\$30.00	Home Missions	\$10.40
Pastor's salary	\$1320.00	Okla. Bible College land	\$100.00
Guest speaker	\$ 10.00	Total outside expenditures	\$ 408.63
Evangelistic work	35.00	Value of church property	9030.17
Building and repair	471.84	Amt. enclosed with letter	25.00
Literature	171.36	State Delegate Fee	5.00
Insurance	55.00		



CHURCH	COOP	COLLEGE	MISSIONS	CHURCH LETTER	DEL. FEE	LAND PLEDGE	TOTAL
Altus	1st	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	2nd	-----	69.75	-----	-----	-----	69.75
	3rd	-----	48.33	-----	-----	-----	48.33
	4th	-----	92.19	-----	-----	-----	123.74
	Total Year	31.55	210.27	-----	-----	-----	241.82
Antioch	1st	18.37	5.00	25.00	-----	-----	53.37
	2nd	14.12	30.00	-----	-----	-----	44.12
	3rd	5.80	30.00	-----	-----	-----	35.80
	4th	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	Total Year	38.29	5.00	65.00	25.00	-----	-----
Clinton	1st	115.12	66.00	25.00	-----	-----	206.12
	2nd	72.59	18.00	-----	-----	100.00	190.59
	3rd	176.75	38.00	-----	-----	-----	214.75
	4th	119.78	141.01	-----	-----	-----	260.79
	Total Year	484.24	263.01	25.00	-----	-----	-----
Erid	1st	-----	-----	25.00	-----	17.44	42.44
	2nd	-----	36.86	-----	-----	19.86	56.72
	3rd	-----	56.20	-----	-----	-----	56.20
	4th	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	Total Year	-----	93.06	25.00	37.30	-----	-----
Transferred to First Mission Association							-----
German	1st	41.72	-----	25.00	-----	-----	66.72
	2nd	24.88	18.00	-----	-----	-----	42.88
	3rd	39.36	9.00	-----	-----	-----	48.36
	4th	-----	9.00	-----	-----	-----	9.00
	Total Year	105.96	36.00	-----	25.00	-----	-----

CHURCH	COOP	COLLEGE	MISSIONS	CHURCH LETTER	DEL. FEE	LAND PLEDGE	TOTAL
Guymon	1st	-----	5.00	25.00	5.00	-----	35.00
	2nd	-----	104.00	-----	-----	70.00	244.00
	3rd	-----	90.00	-----	-----	-----	306.00
	4th	-----	139.99	-----	-----	-----	331.99
	Total Year	478.00	-----	338.99	25.00	5.00	70.00
Pleasant Valley	1st	-----	-----	25.00	5.00	-----	99.68
	2nd	-----	70.12	-----	-----	-----	174.78
	3rd	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	100.83
	4th	-----	70.12	-----	-----	-----	84.08
	Total Year	358.25	-----	70.12	25.00	5.00	-----
Prairie Bell	1st	9.00	31.00	25.00	5.00	-----	121.43
	2nd	142.00	31.00	-----	-----	-----	258.56
	3rd	44.00	56.00	-----	-----	-----	181.33
	4th	9.00	118.75	-----	-----	-----	231.42
	Total Year	321.69	204.00	236.75	25.00	5.00	-----
Sayre	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Weatherford	1st	-----	18.00	25.00	5.00	100.00	219.66
	2nd	-----	37.25	-----	-----	-----	58.91
	3rd	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	81.91
	4th	-----	35.26	-----	-----	-----	-----
	Total Year	175.22	-----	55.26	25.00	5.00	100.00
Webb	1st	82.00	10.00	25.00	5.00	146.00	335.70
	2nd	82.40	77.55	-----	-----	-----	215.05
	3rd	72.00	32.00	-----	-----	-----	169.00
	4th	66.00	94.50	-----	-----	-----	233.50
	Total Year	302.40	214.05	25.00	5.00	146.00	-----

## 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 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; I 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. I Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; I 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; I 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.

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