

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



AUGUST 6, 1966

When Convened With
THE GERMAN 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. Extentding a vote of thanks

MORNING SESSION

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists met for the Annual Association at the German Free Will Baptist Church on August 6, 1966. The meeting was opened by a welcome from the moderator and the congregation sang "Trust and Obey." Brother Muril Wilson brought the morning devotional using 1 Peter 5:1-7 as the text. The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me" after which the minutes were read and accepted. Eight churches reported and their letters were read and the delegates seated.

Brother Arthur Klein, Brother Chester Hicks and Sister Fern Crispin were appointed to the Pulpit Committee. Brother Jake Hicks and Dr. J. D. O'Donnell were chosen to bring the morning messages.

Brother N. R. Smith came and thanked all the churches for their giving to the Cooperative Plan. The state received over \$105, 000 this past year. After a short recess Brother Jake Hicks and Dr. O'Donnell brought the messages and we were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with singing after which Dr. O'Donnell gave a report on Oklahoma Bible College. He said they are asking the Union Association to give \$2,000 this coming year to O.B.C. Brother Carroll Crispin gave the yearly treasurer's report. It was noted that our giving was up \$1,500 over last year's. Motion sustained to accept the treasurer's report.

Brother Clyde Hamar gave the report of the Credential Board. They examined Brother Ackley Carter and found him sound, recommended him to be licensed to preach. Motion sustained to accept this report.

The German Church was given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion sustained that Dr. O'Donnell of O.B.C. present us with a list of books needed for the college library so the Union Association will have a project for the coming year. Motion sustained to give O.B.C. \$100 to be

used in chapel furniture.

For the coming year the following churches were selected for meeting places: November—Weatherford; February — Clinton; May—Pleasant Valley; August—Sayre.

Results of the election of officers are as follows:

Moderator	Rev. Clarence Shepherd
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Clyde Hamar
Clerk	Rev. Odell Nunley
Assistant Clerk	Sister Beulah Klein
Treasurer	Brother Carroll Crispin
Reporter	Sister Mattie Hutchison

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until November when we meet with the Weatherford church. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Eddie Klein.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Clarence Shepherd
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Clyde Hamar
Clerk	Rev. Odell Nunley
Assistant Clerk	Sister Beulah Klein
Treasurer	Brother Carroll Crispin
Reporter	Sister Mattie Hutchison

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Audie Rice, 5 years	Guymon
Paul Epperley, 4 years	Webb
Ralph Hutchison, 2 years	Clinton
Clarence Shepherd, 1 year	Clinton

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Earl Guinn, 5 years	Clinton
Clyde Hamar, 4 years	Weatherford
Eddie Klein, 3 years	Butler
Muril Wilson, 2 years	Webb
Clarence Shepherd, 1 year	Clinton

HOME MISSION BOARD

Chester Hicks, 3 years	Webb
Troy Smith, 2 years	Weatherford
Ralph Hutchison, 1 year	Clinton

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Adrian Condit	Guymon
Rev. Earl Guinn	Clinton
Rev. Clyde Hamar	Weatherford
Rev. Ross Hamar	Custer City
Rev. John Jones	Putnam
Rev. Cledius Langley	Clinton
Rev. Odell Nunley	Clinton
Rev. Carl Sharp	Yukon
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	Clinton
Rev. J. L. Van Winkle	Sayre
Rev. Carl Walter	Shawnee
Rev. Bill Williams	Clinton
Rev. N. H. Williams	Taloga
Rev. Muril Wilson	Lenora

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Earl Guinn

Number Sermons Preached	26
Number Conversions	1
Number Miles Traveled	Unknown

Rev. Clyde Hamar

Sermons preached	90
Miles traveled	5,000
Funerals	2 (\$55.00)
Weddings	3 (\$28.00)
Pastor's salary	\$1,440.00

Rev. Odell Nunley

Sermons delivered	100
Miles traveled	5,500
Weddings	1
Funerals	0
Conversions	2
Rededications	3
Money received	\$2,080.00

Rev. J. L. Van Winkle

Miles traveled	8,000
Sermons delivered	123
Money received	\$1,800.00
Conversions	3
Funerals	2
Weddings	2

Rev. Muril Wilson

Sermons delivered	100
Miles traveled	12,000
Weddings	0
Funerals	2
Conversions	2
Rededications	6
Money received	\$2,550.15

Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Sermons delivered	100
Miles traveled	6,000
Weddings	2
Funerals	3
Money received	\$3,140.00

ANTIOCH

To the Annual Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Marguerite Edgar, Lorena Higgins, Myrtle Higgins.

Alternates: Florence Morton, Pete Higgins, Delbert Higgins.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 7, 1965 to August 6, 1966.

Church name and address: Antioch Free Will Baptist Church.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Bill Williams, 411 North Ninth, Clinton, Oklahoma.

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

Church membership	34
Resident	32
Non - resident	2
Sunday School average attendance	23
General Offerings	\$1,054.08
Sunday School	182.27
Pastor's Salary	935.00
Evangelistic work	10.00
Literature	47.80
Electricity and butane	54.62
Flowers	27.20
Gifts	24.04
Cooperative plan	40.00
Home Missions	20.00
Stove	93.94
Amount enclosed for minutes, fees, etc.	25.00

CLINTON

To the Annual Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Darlene Smith, Pauline Shepherd.

Alternates: Eddie Newton, Lydia Newton, Jean Ann Brehm.

Period of time covered in this report: August 7, 1965 to August 6, 1966.

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

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

Clerk's name and address: Mattie Hutchison, 522 South 12th, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S., Prayer Meeting.

Church Membership	62
Resident	47
Non - resident	15
Members received by statement of faith	8
Deceased	1
Sunday School enrolment	95
C. T. S. enrolment	50
Total offerings received	\$7,180.87
General offerings	4,999.72
Building fund	2,181.15
Pastor's salary	3,140.00
Evangelistic work	190.00
Janitor	180.00
Literature	240.82
O. B. C.	190.00
Cooperative Plan	495.09
Foreign Missions	209.00
Value of church property	13,000.00
Amount enclosed for minutes, etc.	25.00

GERMAN

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Ruth Addington, Clara Ford, Toni Shelton.

Alternates: Eddie Kauk, James Shelton, Donna Kauk.

Period of time covered: August 7, 1965 to August 6, 1966.

Church name and address: German Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, Oklahoma.

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

Name and address of ordained ministers: Rev. Bill Williams, 411 North Ninth, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons: 5.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S.

Church membership	49
Resident	45
Non - resident	4
Members received by letter	1
Average Sunday attendance	34
Sunday School enrolment	45
C. T. S. enrolment	26
Total offerings received	\$1,688.49
Pastor's salary	475.00
Visiting preacher and evangelistic work	125.00
Literature	101.80
Insurance	68.06
Utilities	53.32
Gifts and flowers	25.15
Total Local Expenditures	848.33

Cooperative plan	155.93
O. B. C.	36.00
Associational projects	25.00

Total outside expenditures 216.93

Amount enclosed for minutes, fees, etc. 25.00

GUYMON

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Mary Gotcher, Ema Hickman, Naomi Rice.

Period of time covered: August 1, 1965 to August 1, 1966.

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

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Adrian Condit, 1411 N. Beaver Street, Guymon, Oklahoma.

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

Number of ordained deacons: 4.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S., Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meeting.

Church membership -----	92
Resident -----	66
Non - resident -----	26
Members received -----	6
By profession of faith -----	4
By letter -----	1
By statement of faith -----	1
Members dismissed -----	4
By letter -----	3
Deceased -----	1
Sunday School enrolment -----	88
C. T. S. enrolment -----	40
Woman's Auxiliary membership -----	12
Total offerings received -----	\$9,453.35
Parsonage payment -----	744.00
Building Fund -----	235.01
Pastor's salary -----	4,193.00
Evangelistic work -----	100.00
Building and repair -----	174.63
Literature -----	268.51
Advertising -----	38.35
Miscellaneous -----	1,656.41
Visiting ministers -----	535.00
Gift to Rev. Edd Sunday -----	578.00
 Total local expenditures -----	 \$8,287.90

Cooperative Plan	792.50
Foreign Missions	593.78
Home Missions	74.39
Education	80.00
State and National projects	33.00
Total outside expenditures	1,573.67
Value of church property	20,000.00
Value of parsonage property	12,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, etc.....	25.00

PLEASANT VALLEY

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Doris Shepherd, Fern Shepherd, Carl Shepherd.

Alternates: Brenda Nunley, Mattie Shepherd.

Period of time covered: August 7, 1965 to August 6, 1966.

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

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

Clerk's name and address: Fern Shepherd, Rt. 1, Arapaho, Oklahoma.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S.

Church membership	29
Members received	3
Sunday School enrolment	40
C. T. S. enrolment	25
Pastor's salary	\$2,080.00
Evangelistic work	100.00
Butane	48.15
Literature	106.22
Insurance	27.50
Minutes	30.00
Gifts	70.02
Electricity	36.54

State convention expense -----	50.00
Basketball for Youth Camp -----	7.95
Total local expenditures -----	2,556.38
Cooperative plan -----	297.26
Home Missions -----	55.00
O. B. C. -----	114.94
Nashville Bible College -----	10.00
Total outside expenditures -----	477.20
Amount enclosed for minutes, fees, etc. -----	25.00

PRAIRIE BELL

To the Annual Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Sue Sharp, Josie Haggard, Fern Crispin.

Alternates: Bennie Cantrell, Clifford Haggard, Cecil Crispin.

Period of time covered: August 1, 1965 to August 1, 1966.

Church and address: Prairie Bell Free Will Baptist Church, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Carl Sharp, 609 Yukon Avenue, Yukon, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Clifford Haggard, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Ordained ministers: Rev. Carl Sharp, Yukon, Oklahoma; Rev. John Jones, Clinton, Oklahoma; Rev. N. H. Williams, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Number of licensed ministers: 3.

Number of ordained deacons: 2.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School.

Church membership -----	41
Resident -----	18
Non - resident -----	23
Sunday School average attendance -----	25
Total offerings received -----	\$4,394.29
Pastor's salary -----	1,670.00
Evangelistic work -----	238.00

Church	Coop	Missions	OBC-Nashville College	Del. Fee	Church Letter	TOTAL
ALTUS	1st	82.20	15.56	5.00	5.00	122.76
	2nd	94.62	10.64	---	---	105.26
	3rd	105.87	24.06	---	---	145.93
	4th	61.11	20.42	---	---	81.54
	Total	343.80	31.00	5.00	5.00	455.39*
	1965	236.10	13.00	5.00	---	352.67
ANTIOCH	1st	24.00	---	---	25.00	64.00
	2nd	20.00	---	---	---	20.00
	3rd	---	---	---	---	---
	4th	20.00	---	---	---	40.00
	Total	64.00	---	---	25.00	124.00*
	1965	20.00	---	---	25.00	65.00
CLINTON	1st	128.16	20.00	5.00	25.00	386.36
	2nd	107.06	20.00	---	---	175.06
	3rd	115.04	55.00	---	---	202.04
	4th	143.77	30.00	---	---	239.77
	Total	494.03	125.00	5.00	25.00	1003.23*
	1965	462.35	79.15	5.00	25.00	872.25
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GERMAN	1st	36.80	9.00	---	25.00	70.80
	2nd	46.77	9.00	---	---	55.77
	3rd	33.39	9.00	---	---	42.39
	4th	15.51	9.00	---	---	44.51
	Total	152.21	36.00	---	25.00	213.51*
	1965	141.62	36.00	---	25.00	217.62
GUYMON	1st	191.00	5.00	5.00	25.00	697.19
	2nd	208.50	---	---	---	267.38
	3rd	177.00	38.00	---	---	287.00
	4th	216.00	45.00	---	---	327.00
	Total	792.50	88.00	5.00	25.00	1578.57*
	1965	879.00	25.00	5.00	25.00	1698.42

P. Valley	1st	51.48	15.00	34.54	5.00	25.00	131.02
	2nd	72.15	20.00	15.00			107.15
	3rd	66.33		15.00			81.33
	4th	88.74	20.00	50.40			169.14
	Total	278.70	55.00	124.94	5.00	25.00	488.64*
	1965	240.02	133.00	15.00	5.00	25.00	417.92

Prairie Bell	1st	64.55	56.00	107.95		25.00	253.50
	2nd	103.45	86.00	30.00			219.45
	3rd	133.43	265.28	154.10			552.81
	4th	84.91	127.00	35.00			246.91
	Total	386.34	534.28	327.05		25.00	1272.67*
	1965	295.94	280.00	103.00		25.00	799.44
					(95.50 - Land Pledge)		

JAYBE	1st			20.00		25.00	45.00
	2nd			40.00			40.00
	3rd			20.00			20.00
	4th						
	Total			80.00		25.00	105.00*
	1965			10.00		25.00	125.00
					(85.00 - Land Pledge)		

WEATHERFORD	1st	94.38		6.00		25.00	130.38
	2nd	36.91	53.00				89.91
	3rd	43.98		20.00			63.98
	4th	81.55					81.55
	Total	256.82	53.00	26.00		25.00	365.82*
	1965	204.63	74.43	200.00		25.00	546.06
					(37.00 - Land Pledge)		

WEBB	1st	81.80	155.90	102.50		25.00	370.20
	2nd	86.00	66.00	96.00			248.00
	3rd	82.00		93.60			175.60
	4th	97.50		144.25			241.75
	Total	347.30	221.90	436.35		25.00	1095.55*
	1965	272.41	151.30	387.16		25.00	964.03
					(46.00 - Land Pledge)		

*Grand Total for current year.

\$23.00 of the College Offering went to the Nashville College, leaving a \$1,228.34 going to the Oklahoma Bible College.

FOURTH QUARTER

RECEIPTS

Balance May 6, 1966.....690.67
 Coop for Quarter.....829.13
 College.....323.65
 Missions.....319.43
 Total.....2,162.88

EXPENDITURES

Coop 3/4 of \$929.13.....621.86
 College (OBC & Nashville).....323.65
 Missions.....319.43
 Total.....1,264.94

Total Receipts.....2162.88
 Total Expenditures.....1264.94
 BALANCE, AUG. 6, 1966.....897.94

YEARLY RECEIPTS

Balance Aug. 7, 1965.....571.91
 Coop for Year.....3,116.00
 Bible Colleges(OBC-Nashville).....1,274.34
 Missions.....1,892.14
 Church Letters.....230.00
 Special Offering (Billows).....91.03
 Youth Camp.....443.34
 Delegates Fees.....30.00
 Total \$ 7,648.76

YEARLY EXPENDITURES

3/4 of coop \$3116.00.....2337.90
 College (OBC & Nashville).....1274.34
 Missions.....1892.14
 Special Offering.....91.03
 Girls (Mrs. Sunday - Wade Jernigan).....200.00
 Youth Camp.....836.51
 Printing of Minutes.....89.90
 Del. Fee.....30.00
 TOTAL 6,750.82

YEARLY RECEIPTS.....7,648.76
 YEARLY EXPENDITURES.....6,750.82
 Balance, Aug. 6, 1966.....897.94

Building and repair -----	215.00
Literature -----	46.77
Miscellaneous -----	186.07
Insurance -----	20.83
Gitt to O. B. C. student -----	25.00

Total local expenditures -----	2,401.67
Cooperative Plan -----	392.57
Foreign Missions -----	544.28
O. B. C. -----	353.15

Total outside expenditures -----	2,401.67
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, etc. --	25.00

WEATHERFORD

To the Annual conference of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Free Will Baptist Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Elsie Albin, Goldia Forbes, Margarit Bowser.

Alternates: Cleo Dean Light, Juanita Burrahm, Walter Burrahm.

Period of time covered: August 7, 1965 to August 6, 1966.

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

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clyde Hamar, 723 West Washita, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096.

Clerk's name and address: Bertha Bourquin, 719 West Washita, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096.

Ordained ministers: Clyde Hamar, Weatherford, Oklahoma; Cleidus Langley, Clinton, Oklahoma; Carl Walter, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons: 3.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Prayer Meeting.

Church membership -----	66
Resident -----	33
Non - resident -----	33
Members received -----	3
By letter -----	2
By statement of faith -----	1

Rededications -----	4
Conversions -----	1
Members dismissed by letter -----	1
Sunday School enrolment -----	62
Total offerings received -----	\$3,025.99
General offerings -----	2,574.80
Building fund -----	178.59
Special offering -----	268.60
Pastor's salary -----	1,440.00
Special offering -----	1.83
Miscellaneous -----	37.57
Utilities -----	137.31
Flowers and gifts -----	38.52
Total local expenditures -----	\$1,999.55
Cooperative plan -----	256.82
Home Missions -----	53.00
O. B. C. -----	26.00
State delegate fee and expense -----	17.50
Cerebral Palsy -----	10.00
Total outside expenditures -----	\$ 388.32
Value of church property -----	9,244.93
Amount enclosed for minutes, fees, etc. -----	25.00

WEBB

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at German Church on August 6, 1966:

Delegates: Nelda Stephenson, Jewel Wilson, Anna Frazee.

Alternates: Elin Bryant, Phyllis Farris, Genn Gore.

Period of time covered: August 7, 1965 to August 6, 1966.

Church and address: Webb Free Will Baptist Church, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Muril Wilson, Lenora, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Eva Hicks, Rt. 1, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Ordained ministers: Rev. Muril Wilson, Lenora, Oklahoma; Rev. Ross Hamar, Custer City, Oklahoma.

Number ordained deacons: 2.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S., Woman's Auxiliary.

Church membership	27
Resident	27
Non - resident	2
Members dismissed by letter	2
Sunday School enrolment	33
C. T. S. enrolment	22
Woman's Auxiliary membership	6
Total offerings received	\$4,259.79
Pastor's salary	2,565.00
Evangelistic work	275.00
Literature	66.77
Miscellaneous	397.02
Total local expenditures	\$4,275.79
Cooperative Plan	341.90
Home Missions	221.90
Associational projects	83.00
O. B. C.	398.75
Value of church property	10,000.00
Value of parsonage property	1,000.00
Amount enclosed for minutes, 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 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; 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.

