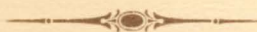


MINUTES

Twenty-Eighth
Annual Meeting

Union Association
of
Free Will Baptists
of the
State of Oklahoma



AUGUST 1, 1981

When Convened With
The

WEATHERFORD FREE WILL BAPTIST 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

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Union Assoc. convened Aug. 1, 1981 at the Weatherford F.W. Baptist Church. Services were opened by the assistant moderator, Bro. Clarence Shepherd.

Rev. Thomas Marberry led the congregation in singing, "I am Bound for the Promised Land," Doris Sawatsky served as pianist.

Bro. Clarence Shepherd used Col 3:12-18 for the morning devotional.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Sayre had no letter but three members were present and Bro. Ford gave an oral report.

Twenty delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship.

The pulpit committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Jim Smith, Lonny Reed and Lester Lynch. Eight ministers were recognized.

The Committee chose Rev. Thomas Marberry and Rev. Odie Nunley to bring the morning messages.

The moderator announced dates for the State Convention, Oct. 12-15, in the New Tulsa Civic Center. He suggested each church select a delegate and send names to Melba Lynch, Assoc. Treasurer.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Paul Smith for a short recess.

Services were reopened with the congregation singing, "Worship the King" followed by prayer led by Rev. Clyde Hamar.

Two special numbers, a medley of songs by a quartet of young ladies from Pampa, and the Lynch family sang "Jesus Passed By."

Rev. Thomas Marberry read Phil. 4:10-23 for his text followed by Rev. Odie Nunley, who used Psalm 118:24.

Rev. Allen Mabra dismissed the group in prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Afternoon services were opened by Rev. Odie Nunley.

Rev. L. C. Lynch used 1 John 2:12 for the afternoon devotional, followed by prayer led by Rev. Thomas Marberry. The Lynch family sang, "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You" and "The Family of God" for our special numbers.

Rev. Thomas Marberry represented Hillsdale College. He reported that the paving of the roads and parking lots on campus had been completed. There was a \$15,000 indebtedness against this project, which they hoped to pay off in the near future. Aug. 12 was the opening date for the fall semester, and they were looking forward to a good enrollment.

Sister Melba Lynch gave the treasurer's report, noting a deficit of \$165.59 against the treasury.

Rev. Jim Smith reported on the progress of the work being done on the church and thanked everyone for their help on the project.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd noted on the National Minute Forms completed by each church, that there was no place to show giving to Hillsdale and some might have inadvertently put it in the column designated for F. W. Baptist Bible College. The Clerk was instructed to correct the forms before sending them in.

Designated churches serving as hosts to the Quarterly Meetings for 1981-82 are:
 Nov. 7, 1981 (Elk City), Feb. 6, 1982 (Clinton),
 May 1, 1982 (Pampa, TX), and Aug. 7, 1982 (German).

Elections of board members were:

5-yr. Youth Camp-----	Rev. Jim Smith
3-yr. Home Mission-----	Rev. Clyde Hamar
5-yr. Credential Board-----	Rev. Thomas Marberry
5-yr. Executive Board-----	Rev. Paul Smith

Associational Officers elected for 1981-1982:

Moderator-----	Rev. Odie Nunley
Asst. Moderator-----	Rev. Clarence Shepherd
Clerk-----	Mrs. Fern Crispin
Asst. Clerk-----	Rev. Thomas Marberry
Treasurer-----	Mrs. Melba Lynch
Reporter-----	Mrs. Gail Smith
State Delegate (1982)-----	Rev. Paul Smith

Rev. Lynch moved that we take an offering for the treasury. Motion seconded and carried. The offering was \$136.16. A motion was made by Rev. Clarence Shepherd that we raise the fee included with the annual letter to \$40.00. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Clyde Hamar moved that we give the host church a vote of thanks for their hospitality. The chair declared adjournment and we were dismissed in prayer by Sister Wanda Newman.

Delegates present: Total 20

Antioch	3
Clinton	3
Elk City	3
German	3
Guymon	1
Pampa	3
Prairie Bell	2
Weatherford	3
Webb	2

OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. Odie Nunley
1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942

Asst. Moderator----- Rev. Clarence Shepherd
1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601

Clerk----- Mrs. Fern Crispin
R. R. 1, Putnam, OK 73659

Asst. Clerk----- Rev. Thomas Marberry
3816 S. Telephone Rd., Moore, OK 73160

Treasurer----- Mrs. Melba Lynch
1028 Prairie Dr., Pampa, TX 79065

Reporter----- Mrs. Gail Smith
611 S. Ninth St., Clinton, OK 73601

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Paul Smith, 5 years----- Clinton
Rev. Allen Mabra, 4 years----- Webb
Rev. L. C. Lynch, 3 years----- Pampa
Mr. Lester Lynch, 2 years----- Pampa
Mr. Carroll Crispin, 1 year----- Prairie Bell

CREDENTIALS BOARD

Rev. Thomas L. Marberry, 5 years-----Prairie Bell
Rev. Clyde Hamar, 4 years-----Elk City
Rev. Odie Nunley, 3 years-----Guymon
Rev. L. C. Lynch, 2 years-----Pampa
Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1 year-----Antioch

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Clyde Hamar, 3 years----- Elk City
Mr. J. C. Smith, 2 years----- Clinton
Mr. Earl Fawver, 1 year----- Antioch

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. Jim Smith, 5 years -----	Weatherford
Mrs. Ginger Kauk, 4 years -----	Clinton
Rev. Clyde Hamar, 3 years -----	Antioch
Rev. Odie Nunley, 2 years -----	Guymon
Mr. Lester Lynch, 1 year -----	Pampa

STATISTICS

Number of churches -----	11
Number of parsonages -----	0
Number of ordained ministers -----	10
Number of ordained deacons -----	21

Number of the following auxiliaries:

Sunday Schools -----	9
Church Training Services -----	9
Womens Auxiliaries -----	3
Masters Men -----	1
Prayer Meeting -----	4

Church membership -----	435
Resident -----	309
Non-resident -----	126
Members received -----	22
By profession of faith -----	5
By letter -----	17
Members dismissed -----	18
By letter -----	13
Excluded -----	0
Deceased -----	5

Sunday School enrollment -----	325
C.T.S. enrollment -----	62
Women's Auxiliary membership -----	18

ANTIOCH CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Betty Shepherd, Levi Wilson, and Pauline Shepherd. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980-July 31, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1112 Camelot Clinton, OK 73601

Clerk: Betty Shepherd, Rt. 1, Butler, OK 73625

Ordained ministers: Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church membership: 41 (resident: 22 Non-resident: 19)

Members received: 0 Members dismissed: 1 (deceased)

Average Sunday School attendance: 22

Total offerings received -----	\$8,800.00
Pastor's salary -----	2,490.00
Visiting pastors -----	575.00
Remodeling -----	2,237.90
Other local expenditures -----	1,400.00
Total local expenditures -----	\$6,700.00
Cooperative plan -----	231.00
Foreign missions -----	393.00
Hillsdale -----	281.00
Home missions and Church ext. -----	192.00
Total outside expenditures -----	\$1,097.00
Amount enclosed with this letter -----	\$ 35.00

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Annette Reed, Lonny Reed, and Doris Shepherd. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980-July 31, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Paul Smith, 611 S. 9th., Clinton, OK
73601

Clerk: Darlene Smith, 500 S. 8th., Clinton, OK
73601

Ordained ministers: 2 Deacons: 5

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Church Training Service

Church membership: 153 (resident: 124, Non-resident:
29)

Members received: 14 Members dismissed: 10

Average Sunday School Attendance: 91

Total offerings received -----	\$36,734.29
Pastor's salary -----	9,800.00
Staff salaries -----	1,300.00
Other local expenditures -----	11,031.24
Total local expenditures -----	22,131.24
Cooperative plan -----	2,224.49
Home missions and church ext. -----	3,872.63
Colleges -----	6,569.59
Total outside expenditures -----	\$12,666.71
Value of church property -----	\$175,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter -----	\$ 35.00

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Opal Hamar, Deloris Leddon, Linda Houser. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980 - July 31, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Clyde Hamar, Rt. 1, Box 25, Clinton, OK 73601

Clerk: Debbie Canada, P.O. Box 364, Sayre, OK 73662

Ordained ministers: 1

Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church membership: 24 (Resident members:20; Non-resident:4)

Members received: 0 Members dismissed: 0

Average Sunday School Attendance: 13

Total offerings received: \$7359.34

Pastor's salary -----\$3,300.00

Remodeling etc. -----\$ 878.21

Debt retirement -----\$ 912.12

Other local expenditures -----\$1,591.11

Total Local Expenditures -----\$6,681.44

Cooperative Plan -----\$ 587.50

Foreign Missions -----\$ 132.18

Total Outside Expenditures -----\$ 719.68

Value of church property -----\$35,000.00

Amount enclosed with letter -----\$ 15.00

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Greg Klein, Sam Shelton, George Moore. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980 - July 31, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Orville Hood, 1017 S.W. 3rd,
Moore, OK 73163

Clerk: Beulah Klein, Rt. 1 Box 100, Butler, OK 73625

Ordained Ministers: 1 Deacons: 4
Auxiliaries: Sunday School
Church membership: 51 (Resident: 42, Non-resident: 9)
Members received: 0 Members lost: 5
Average Sunday School Attendance: 26

Pastor's salary -----	\$ 3,625.00
Church Staff salaries -----	950.00
Other local expenditures -----	923.87
 Total Local expenditures -----	 \$ 5,478.87
 Cooperative Plan -----	 \$ 1,277.68
Foreign Missions -----	\$ 1,070.00
Hillsdale -----	\$ 2,152.45
Other Nat. Ministries -----	\$ 260.00
F.W.Baptist Bible College -----	\$ 280.00
Home Missions & Church Ext. -----	\$ 1,905.25
Designated District or State Ministries ---	\$ 236.00
 Total outside Expenditures -----	 \$ 7,181.38
 Amount enclosed with letter -----	 \$ 35.00

GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Brenda Nunley, Red Chastine, Lavena Chastine. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980-July 31, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Odell Nunley, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon,
OK 73942

Clerk: Bill Dawes

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 3
Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary,
 Master's Men

Church membership: 69

Members received: 0 Members lost: 1 (deceased)

Average Sunday School Attendance: 36

Total income ----- \$24,200.20

Pastor's salary ----- 9,547.84

Church staff salaries ----- 30.00

Remodeling, etc. ----- 1,500.00

Other local expenditures ----- 14,143.00

Total local expenditures ----- 25,220.84

Cooperative plan ----- 120.00

Foreign missions ----- 178.00

Hillsdale ----- 45.00

Home Missions and church ext. ----- 257.00

Total outside expenditures ----- \$ 480.00

PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Gail Lynch, Ruth Orr, Betty Lynch. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980 - July 31, 1981.

Pastor: L. C. Lynch, 821 N. Dwight, Pampa, TX 79065

Clerk: Melba Lynch, 1028 Prairie Dr. Pampa, TX 79065

Ordained Ministers: 1 Deacons: 4
Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Church Training Service,
 Women's Auxiliary

Church membership: 49 (Resident: 37, Non-resident: 12)

Members received: 2 Members lost: 0

Average Sunday School Attendance: 28

Total Income -----\$ 16,629.14

Pastor's salary -----\$ 2,539.84

Remodeling, etc. -----\$ 4,220.43

Other local expenditures -----\$ 4,737.91

Total local expenditures -----\$ 11,498.18

Cooperative Plan -----\$ 1,160.03

Foreign Missions -----\$ 321.58

Hillsdale -----\$ 579.99

Total outside Expenditures -----\$ 2,061.60

Value of church property-----\$ 40,000.00

Amount enclosed -----\$ 35.00

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Dwade Skelton, Pearl Williams, and Clifford Haggard. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980-August 1, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Thomas L. Marberry, 3816 S. Telephone Rd., Moore, OK 73160

Clerk: Mrs. Clifford Haggard, Route 1, Putnam, OK 73659

Ordained ministers: Thomas L. Marberry

Ordained deacons: 1

Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church membership: 16 (resident: 13 Nonresident: 3)

Members received: 0 Members dismissed: 1 (deceased)

Average Sunday School attendance: 9

Total offerings received -----	\$11,951.00
Pastor's salary -----	4,172.00
Other local expenditures -----	1,052.00
Total local expenditures -----	\$5,224.00
Cooperative plan -----	633.00
Foreign missions -----	2,157.00
Home missions and church ext.-----	982.00
Hillsdale -----	3,148.00
Minutes -----	35.00
Total outside expenditures -----	\$6,920.00
Value of church property -----	\$40,000.00
Amount enclosed with this letter -----	35.00

WEATHERFORD MISSION LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Becky Smith, Francis Hupfer, and Wanda Newman. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1980- July 31, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Jim Smith, 522 West Arlington, Weatherford, OK 73096.

Clerk: Doris Sawatzky, 915 West Daniel, Weatherford, OK 73096.

Ordained ministers: Jim Smith

Ordained deacons: 2

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Church Training Service,
Woman's Auxiliary

Church membership: 0

Sunday school average attendance: 18

Total offerings received ----- \$10,107.00

Pastor's salary ----- 1,610.00

Remodeling and repair ----- 1,630.00

Debt retirement ----- 3,250.00.

Other local expenditures----- 2,717.00

Total local expenditures ----- \$9,207.00

Cooperative plan ----- \$ 484.78

Home missions and church ext.----- 148.76

State projects----- 90.61

Total outside expenditures----- \$ 724.15

Amount enclosed with letter ----- 35.00

WEBB CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at Weatherford on August 1, 1981. Delegates: Doris Farris, Rochelle Gore, Dessie Stephenson. Period of time covered by this report: August 3, 1980-August 1, 1981.

Pastor: Rev. Allen Mabra, Rt. 1, Camargo, OK 73835.
Clerk: Paul Epperly, Rt. 1, Camargo, OK 73835.

Ordained ministers: Allen Mabra
Ordained deacons: 2
Auxiliaries: Sunday School
Church membership: 32 (resident: 11 non-resident:
21)
Sunday School average attendance: 18

Total offerings received -----	\$12,532.18
Pastor's salary-----	6,500.00
Remodeling and repair-----	85.00
Other local expenditures-----	1,278.03
Total local expenditures-----	7,863.03
Cooperative plan-----	\$1,036.66
Foreign missions-----	1,256.22
Hillsdale-----	1,367.00
Home missions and church ext.-----	400.00
Other state programs-----	756.00
Total outside expenditures-----	\$4,815.88
Value of church property-----	\$19,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter-----	35.00

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Camp Director: Odie Nunley
Camp Evangelist: Jerry Pilgrim
Camp Cook: Bob Chaffin

Camp enrollment, coke and candy sales, left over food-
\$568.90

Camp expenses:

Camp Spring Lake -----	\$ 525.00
Evangelist-----	175.00
Pepsi Bottling Co.-----	150.00
Clinton Sales-----	157.50
Cook-----	175.00
Food-----	729.29
Insurance-----	45.50
Literature-----	35.34
TOTAL EXPENSES-----	<u>\$1992.83</u>
	-\$1396.46

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY REPORT

Aug. 1, 1980 - July 31, 1981

Balance August 1, 1980 -----\$1,258.99

Income:

Aug. - Oct.-----	9,316.45
Nov. - Jan.-----	8,967.47
Feb. - Apr.-----	10,316.28
May - July-----	9,215.72
TOTAL INCOME -----	<u>37,815.92</u>
	\$39,074.91

Expenses:	
Aug. - Oct.-----	\$ 9,425.24
Nov. - Jan.-----	9,358.46
Feb. - Apr.-----	10,021.51
May - July-----	10,435.50
TOTAL EXPENSES-----	\$39,240.50

Balance July 31, 1981----- \$ - 165.59

Expenses:	
State-----	\$36,217.67
WVI-----	545.00
TEAM-----	40.00
Printing of minutes-----	175.00
Ad in Harvester-----	90.00
State Assn. fees-----	180.00
Camp-----	<u>1,992.83</u>
TOTAL-----	\$39,240.50

YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES

Antioch

Coop-----	\$ 231.46
Hillsdale-----	281.46
Okla. missions (Lawton)-----	192.32
Foreign missionaries	
Wode-----	248.89
Cousineau-----	<u>143.81</u>
TOTAL-----	\$1,097.94

Clinton

Coop-----	\$2,204.69
Fees-----	55.00
Hillsdale (general fund)-----	6,069.59
Hillsdale (paving)-----	500.00

Okla. Missions (Weatherford)-----	\$ 3,872.65
Foreign missions	
Payne-----	249.32
Stringer-----	200.00
Arnold-----	254.00
TOTAL-----	\$13,405.25

Elk City

Coop-----	\$ 511.75
Fees-----	35.00
Foreign missions	
Wode-----	114.66
Sparks-----	17.52
TOTAL-----	\$ 678.93

German

Coop-----	\$ 1,277.68
Fees-----	35.00
Hillsdale	
General fund-----	1,152.25
paving-----	1,000.00
scholarship-----	260.00
Okla. missions	
Lawton-----	130.00
Weatherford-----	1,785.25
Foreign missions-----	
Haas-----	340.00
Cousineau-----	130.00
Sparks-----	220.00
Sparks land fund-----	100.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College---	300.00
SANE-----	60.00
TOTAL-----	\$ 6,790.18

Guymon

Coop-----	\$ 110.00
Fees-----	35.00
Hillsdale-----	55.00
Okla. missions (Weatherford)-----	174.00
Foreign missions	
Deeds-----	55.00
Sparks-----	55.00
Payne-----	55.00
General-----	13.00
Thomas-----	18.00
Church extension-----	65.00
TOTAL-----	\$ 635.00

Pampa

Coop-----	\$ 1,455.31
Fees-----	35.00
Okla. missions (Weatherford)-----	121.05
Foreign missions	
Sparks-----	124.69
Cousineau-----	130.62
J. Smith-----	20.00
Texas home missions-----	46.27
TOTAL-----	\$ 2,660.57

Prairie Bell

Coop-----	\$ 632.75
Fees-----	35.00
Hillsdale	
General fund-----	2,198.00
Paving-----	950.00
Okla. missions	
Lawton-----	127.00
Weatherford-----	800.00

Foreign missions

General-----	\$ 200.00
Deeds-----	400.00
Radio program-----	160.00
Wode-----	220.00
Arnold-----	272.50
Hess-----	245.00
Project 5000-----	30.00
20 X 20-----	20.00
Home missions	
General-----	10.00
High.-----	10.00
Thomas-----	25.00
TEAM-----	40.00
WVI-----	545.00
TOTAL-----	\$6,920.25

Weatherford

Coop-----	\$ 405.13
Okla. missions	
Lawton-----	49.48
Weatherford-----	68.35
Ponca City-----	49.04
Bartlesville-----	50.24
Foreign missions	
Webb-----	30.00
Banks-----	15.00
Hess-----	27.31
Murray-----	15.00
TOTAL-----	\$ 709.55

Webb

Coop -----	\$1,108.66
Fees-----	35.00

Hillsdale-----	\$ 1,502.00
Okla. missions (Weatherford)-----	400.00
Foreign missions	
Deeds-----	600.00
Arnold-----	300.00
Hess-----	356.22
TOTAL-----	\$ 4,301.88

GRAND TOTALS

Coop-----	\$ 7,937.43
Fees-----	265.00
Hillsdale	
General fund-----	11,985.93
Paving-----	2,450.00
Scholarship-----	260.00
Okla. missions	
Lawton-----	498.80
Weatherford-----	7,221.30
Ponca City-----	49.04
Bartlesville-----	50.24
Foreign missions (general)-----	213.00
Deeds-----	1,055.00
Radio program (Deeds)-----	160.00
Wode-----	583.55
Haas-----	340.00
Stringer-----	200.00
Hess-----	628.53
Webb-----	30.00
Payne-----	304.32
Sparks-----	292.52
Sparks land fund-----	224.69
Cousineau-----	404.43
Arnold-----	826.50
Banks-----	15.00
Smith-----	20.00

Project 5000-----	\$	30.00
20 X 20 -----		20.00
Home missions (general)-----		10.00
Thomas-----		43.00
church ext.-----		65.00
High.-----		10.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College-----		300.00
TEAM-----		40.00
SANE-----		60.00
WVI-----		545.00
Texas home missions-----		<u>46.27</u>

FINAL TOTAL \$37,199.55

IN MEMORY OF THOSE DECEASED

Jack Farris
1927-1981

Mr. Farris was a faithful deacon and a long time member of the Webb Free Will Baptist Church.

Docia Powers
1916-1981

Mrs. Powers was a long time member and Sunday School teacher at the Prairie Bell Free Will Baptist 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 ordain 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, all associational officers and three delegates from each local church elected by each church and named in the church letters.

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 an 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 on 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 cannot 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 member 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 papers, 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 papers, credentials, etc.

Article VIII

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

Article IX

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. IITim. 3:16-17. II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the Godhead 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. Rom. 5:1-19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification, and redemption are by life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of our Lord and Savior, 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. 5:2, Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust but everyone 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 Thess. 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 toward 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 as 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 out in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members.

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 Baptist of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or birth of the spirit.

