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of the

Thirtieth
Annual Meeting

of the

Union Association of Free Will Baptists

of the

State of Oklahoma

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August 6, 1983

when convened with the

GUYMON 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
- Treasurer's report
- 4. Unfinished business
- Selection of place where the next association will meet
- 6. Election of Officers
- 7. Extending a vote of thanks

Annual Meeting

The Union Association met for their annual meeting Aug. 6, 1983, at the Guymon Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Paul Smith, moderator, called the meeting to order. The congregation sang, "Joy Unspeakable" and a trio, Brenda Nunley, Sharon Watson, and Joan Brooks, sang "Come On" and "Praise Him".

Rev. Paul Smith gave the morning devotional using Acts 17:3-6, and closed with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Nine church letters were read and twelve delegates seated with the right hand of fellowship.

Seven ministers were recognized. Rev. Odie Nunley, Carroll Crispin, and Kenneth Thompsen were appointed to the pulpit committee. They selected Rev. Allen Mabra and Rev. Clarence Shepherd to bring the morning messages.

The Associational Scholarship was discussed. Rev. Thomas Marberry moved we give a scholarship, amounting to \$100.00 per semester, to a student attending any Free Will Baptist college. Motion seconded and carried.

We were dismissed in prayer for a short recess by Bro. Carroll Crispin.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing, "This is My Father's World". Special numbers were the Guymon Trio singing, "My House is Full, but My Field is Empty"; Brenda Nunley sang "Lift Me Up"; and Tammy Thomsen sang, "The Bloodline of the King."

Rev. Allen Mabra chose Romans 3:21-26 for his sermon text and Rev. Clarence Shepherd used Col. 3:12-16.

We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Paul Smith. Rev. Odie Nunley asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Following a delicious luncheon served by the ladies of the host church, services opened with the organist and pianist playing "Peace, Be Still."

Special numbers were "Sing Praises to the Lord" and "It Was Enough" by Tammy Thomsen. Dean Lynch sang "This Is What Heaven Means to Me".

Rev. L. C. Lynch used Ephes. 6:5-10 for his devotional.

Melba Lynch gave the treasurer's report noting a balance of \$1,652.17.

Rev. Odie Nunley moved the cooks for youth camp be paid \$150.00. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Thomas Marberry represented Hillsdale. He read a letter from Rev. N. R. Smith, Pulic Relations Director. Rev. Marberry thanked the group for continued support to the college and for special projects. He related an excellent trip to Israel.

During the business session, the clerk moved we give \$500.00 toward the purchase of choir robes. Motion seconded and carried.

Melba Lynch moved we amend the constitution to be able to elect an assistant treasurer. Motion seconded and carried.

During the elections the following board members were elected.

Associational Officers elected for 1983-1984:

Reporter----- James Allen Thompson
Treasurer------ Melba Lynch
Asst. Treasurer------ Rev. Odie Nunley
Clerk----- Fern Crispin
Asst. Clerk----- Rev. Thomas Marberry
Asst. Moderator----- Rev. Clarence Shepherd
Moderator----- Rev. Paul Smith

The following places were designated for hosting the quarterly meetings:

November 5, 1983 ----- Weatherford February 4, 1984 ----- Elk City May 5, 1984 ----- Pampa August 4, 1984 ----- Clinton

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Marberry were presented a wedding gift from the Association.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd moved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Thomas Marberry.

Delegates	present:	12		
Antioch	0		Pampa	3
Clinton	2		Prairie Bell	1
Elk City	0		Webb	3
German	0		Weatherford	0
Guymon	3			

OFFICERS

Moderator

611 S. Ninth St., Clinton,	OK 73601
Asst. Moderator 1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK	•

----- Rev. Paul Smith

- Clerk ----- Mrs. Fern Crispin R. R. 1, Putnam, OK 73659
- Asst. Clerk ------ Rev. Thomas Marberry 3604 So. Telephone Rd., Moore, OK 73160
- Treasurer ----- Mrs. Melba Lynch 1028 Prairie Dr., Pampa, TX 70965
- Asst. Treasurer ----- Rev. Odie Nunley 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942

OFFICERS cont.

Reporter ----- Mr. James Thompson Rt. 1, Camargo, OK 73835

HOME MISSION BOARD

Mr. J. C. Smith, 3 years----- Clinton Mr. Lance Stephenson, 2 years---- Webb Rev. Clyde Hamar, 1 year---- Elk City

EXECUTIVE BOARD

CREDENTIALS BOARD

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

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

ANTIOCH CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: Earl Fawver, Margrette Fawver, and Pauline Shepherd. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1982 - August 1, 1983.

Pastor: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1112 Camelot Clinton, OK 73601 Phone 405-323-0563

Clerk: Mrs. Betty Shepherd

Rt. 1, Butler, OK 73625

Ordained ministers: Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church membership: 41 (22 resident; 19 non-

Total offerings received ----- \$10,814.95

resident)

Sunday school average attendance: 28 Members received: 0 Members lost: 0

Pastor's salary	6,250.00
Evangelistic work	500.00
Building and repair	393.75
Literature	401.02
Flowers and gifts	120.25
Utilities	527.04
State convention	100.00
Miscellaneous	366.70
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,658.76
Cooperative plan	\$ 775.09
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Hillsdale Youth camp	
Hillsdale Youth camp David Archer	1,149.09
Hillsdale Youth camp David Archer Dock Caton	1,149.09 80.00
Hillsdale Youth camp David Archer	1,149.09 80.00 122.61
Hillsdale Youth camp David Archer Dock Caton	1,149.09 80.00 122.61 100.00
Hillsdale Youth camp David Archer Dock Caton Arilla Wode	1,149.09 80.00 122.61 100.00 200.00 500.00

Amount enclosed with this letter ----\$ 40.00

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB Church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: Carl and Fern Shepherd. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983.

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

Clerk: Mrs. Darlene M. Smith, 500 S. Eighth, Clinton, OK 73601

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 5

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Church Training

Service, Woman's Auxiliary

Church Membership: 160

Members received: 11 Members lost: 1

Total offerings received ----- \$53,277.00

Pastor's salary ------ 15,900.00 Staff salaries ----- 1,940.00 Other local expenditures ----- 19,647.00 TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES ----- \$37,487.00

Value of church property -----\$195,000.00

Amount enclosed with letter ---- \$ 40.00

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: none Period of time covered by this report: August, 1982 - August, 1983.

Pastor: Rev. Clyde Hamar, Rt. 1 Box 40, Clinton, OK 73601 Phone number 405-323-4837

Clerk: DeVon Granger, 195 Helen Hocker, Elk City, OK 73644

Ordained ministers: 1

Auxiliaries: Prayer meeting, Sunday School Church membership: 10 resident; 1 non-resident

Members received: 0 Members lost: 1 Average Sunday school attendance: 18

Total offerings received	\$10,157.63
Pastor's salary Other local expenditures TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	5,345.00 4,476.69 \$ 9,721.69
Cooperative plan Foreign missions TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 693.45 308.22 \$,1,001.67

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: Sue Ford, Faye Kauk, Loreta Kauk. Period of time covered by this report: August 1982 - August 1983.

Pastor: Rev. Joel Greeson, 3726 S. Telephone Rd., Moore, OK 73160. Phone 405-794-0230

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

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 4

Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church membership: 43 (30 resident; 13 non-

resident)

Members received: 0 Members lost: 7 Average Sunday School attendance: 22

Pastor's salary		4,100.00
Evangelistic work		100.00
Building and repair		177.35
Literature		376.29
Insurance		641.00
Utilities		420.84
Visiting speakers		700.00
Miscellaneous		343.72
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$	6,859.20
Cooperative plan	Ş	972.45
Foreign missions		480.00
Home missions		40.00
Hillsdale		265.00
German church scholarship		320.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$	2,077.45

Total offerings received ----- \$ 8,681.69

40.00

Amount enclosed with this letter ----- \$

GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: Doug Pio, Evelyn Pio, and Julie Davidson. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1982 to August, 1983.

Pastor: Rev. Odie Nunley, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942. Phone 405-338-6963

Clerk: Elaine Bagwell, Box 802, Guymon, OK 73942.

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 3

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Master's Men,

Woman's Auxiliary, prayer meeting.

Church membership: 79 (45 resident; 29 non-resident)

Total offerings received ----- \$31,852.31

Members received: 5 Members lost: 0

Sunday school enrollment: 79

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PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: Gail Lynch, Lori Green, and Letty Lynch. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983.

Pastor: Rev. 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, CTS, Woman's

Auxiliary, Prayer meeting.

Church membership: 53 (41 resident; 12 non-

resident)

Members received: 2 Members lost: 0

Sunday school enrollment: 42

Total offerings received	\$18,493.17
Pastor's salary	3,661.56
Evangelistic work	1,252.18
Literature	891.91
Advertising	91.20
Van expense	628.45
Utilities and insurance	2,343.09
Miscellaneous	2,540.90
Other	959.52
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,368.81
Cooperative plan	\$ 1,343.32
Foreign missions	573.90
Home missions	642.32
Hillsdale	689.62
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,249.16

40.00

Amount enclosed with letter -----\$

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: Dwade Skelton, Joy Palmer, Clifford Haggard. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1982 - August 1, 1983

Pastor: Rev. Thomas L. Marberry, 3604 S. Telephone Rd., Moore, OK 73160 Phone 405-794-4264

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

Ordained ministers: 1 deacons: 1

Auxiliaries: Sunday school

Church membership: 17 (14 resident; 3 non-

resident)

Members received: 2 Members lost: 0 Sunday school average attendance: 9

Sunday School average accendance.	
Total offerings received	\$19,018.00
Pastor's salary	3,850.00
Building and repair	518.00
Literature	148.42
Utilities and insurance	865.45
Miscellaneous	1,385.36
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,767.23
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Cooperative plan	\$ 794.00
Foreign missions	3,132.00
Home missions	735.00
Hillsdale	6,830.00
Marberry Tour fund	1,000.00
Delegate fee	60.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$12,551.00
Amount enclosed with this letter	\$ 40.00

Weatherford Mission Letter

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: none Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983.

Pastor: Rev. Jim Smith, 522 W. Arlington,

Weatherford, OK 73096

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

Ordained ministers: 1

Auxiliaries: Sunday school, CTS, and Prayer meeting.

Church membership: 39 associate members Associate members received: 15 Lost: 0

Sunday School enrollment: 75

Total offerings received	\$40,710.20
Pastor's salary	\$ 9,700.00
Evangelistic work	554.03
Building and repair	1,631.51
Literature	2,466.39
Sinking fund	4,274.00
Advertising	99.50
Utilities	2,426.16
Carpet	3,788.00
Pews	7,108.80
Help for needy	864.21
TOTAL LOGAL EXPENDITURES	\$37,615.90
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Cooperative plan	\$ 2,894.87
Foreign missions	704.25
Home missions	
Hillsdale	
State and national projects	
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WEBB CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Guymon FWB church on August 6, 1983. Delegates: Tammy Thomsen, Belva Mabra, and Kenny Thompson. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983.

Pastor: Rev. Allen Mabra, Rt. 1 Box 50, Camargo, OK 73835

Clerk: Louise Stephenson, Rt. 1 Box 61, Camargo, OK 73835

Ordained ministers: 1 deacons: 3
Auxiliaries: Sunday school, CTS, Woman's
Auxiliary, Prayer meeting.
Church membership: 75 (53 resident; 22 nonresident)

Members received: 22 Members lost: 0 Sunday school enrollment: 71

Total offerings received ----- \$48,775.33

Pastor's salary	\$19,200.00
Evangelistic work	680.80
Building and repair	13,993.12
Literature	2,514.59
P. A. system	836.50
Insurance	1,192.00
Cleaning church	690.00
Local missions	550.00
Electricity, phone, propane	1,210.78
Yearly dues	40.00
Miscellaneous	1,006.48
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$41,914.27

Foreign missions	2,569.20
Home missions	1,520.00
Hillsdale	300.00
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----- \$ 3,363,32

World Vision ----- 92.59

Call-A-Thon ------ 100.00 TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES ----- \$ 9.898.37

Cooperative plan -----

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Camp Director: Odie Nunley Camp Evangelist: Rev. David Archer Camp cooks: Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Income: Camp fees -----740.00 Candy/cokes -----90.00 Missions offering -----24.73 Sale of food -----30.00 TOTAL -----884.73 Expenses: Camp Spring Lake -----750.00 Evangelist -----225.00 Insurance -----52.00 Visual Aids Center -----126.87 Food and supplies -----743.14 TOTAL -----\$1,897.01 UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY REPORT August 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983 Balance August 1, 1982 ----- \$ 3,749.47 Income: Aug. - Oct. 1982 ----- 14,880.81 Nov. - Jan. -----16,868.38 19,956.25 Feb. - April -----May - July _____ 12,773.43

Total income for the year ----- 64,478.87

Total to be accounted for ----- \$68,228.34

Expenses: Aug Oct. 1982 Nov Jan Feb April May - July 1983 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR Balance July 31, 1983	19,585.09 19,515.47 13,491.88 \$66,576.17
Expenses: State WVI Harvester ad Printing of minutes Youth camp Officers of association TOTAL	\$63,420.07 692.59 100.00 191.50 1,897.01 275.00 \$66,576.17
YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES	
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Antioch	
Fees Coop Hillsdale Oklahoma missions Glenpool Jernigan Foreign missions Wode Caton	\$ 80.00 992.29 1,366.29 122.61 200.00 200.00 100.00
Executive office building	500.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,561.19

Elk City

Fees Coop Foreign missions (Wode) TOTAL Clinton	\$ 60.00 643.09 311.22 \$ 1,014.31
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Fees Coop Hillsdale	\$ 60.00 3,152.71
General fund Endowment fund Trip Oven fund	4,186.49 3,000.00 150.00 400.00
Oklahoma missions Weatherford Weatherford pews Glenpool Foreign missions	3,464.48 400.00 215.95
Wode Deeds Caton Executive office building TOTAL	2,253.90 428.00 100.00 1,000.00
German	\$18,881.53
Fees	\$ 35.00 1,214.55
General fund Scholarship Oklahoma missions (Lawton)	280.00 395.00 50.00
Foreign missions Wode Sparks Cousineau	200.00
Haas TOTAL	105.00 190.00 \$ 2,574.55

Guymon

Fees	\$	45.00
Coop		2,820.61
Hillsdale		635.00
Oklahoma missions		
Weatherford		75.00
Lawton		29.70
Jernigan		595.00
Foreign missions		
Wode		98.66
Deeds		248.82
Caton		90.00
Sparks		98.66
Literature		3.50
Payne		98.66
Ellison		26.00
General missions		26.00
Executive office building		500.00
TOTAL	\$	5,390.61
Pampa		
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Pampa Fees	\$	50.00
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Hillsdale	
General fund	\$ 4,570.00
Oven fund	1,850.00
New Life singers	235.00
Choir robes	175.00
Marberry trip	1,000.00
Oklahoma missions	
Weatherford	605.00
Lawton	10.00
Foreign missions	
General	200.00
Wode	420.00
Deeds	1,180.00
Nichols	492.00
Gregory	100.00
Summer missionary	100.00
Highway Helpers	120.00
Project 5000	20.00
20 x 20 Program	20.00
World Vision International	600.00
TOTAL	\$12,559.00
Weatherford	
weatheriord	
Fees	\$ 40.00
Coop	2,894.85
Hillsdale	528.33
Oklahoma missions	
Ponca City	101.64
Bartlesville	251.22
Glenpool	1,014.23
Lawton	263.94
Foreign missions	
General	20.00
Wode	262.85
Deeds	319.26
Nichols	400.00

National home missions General fund Criswell Braisher Murray Reagen TOTAL	·	20.00 110.00 50.00 15.00 36.34
TOTAL	\$	6,327.66
Webb		
Fees	\$	40.00
Coop		3,363.32
Hillsdale		200.00
General fund Endowment		300.00
		1,000.00 220.00
New life singers		700.00
Oklahoma missions		700.00
Weatherford		500.00
Elk City		500.00
Glenpool		400.00
Foreign missions		400.00
Deeds		1,152.00
Caton		800.00
Nichols		555.00
Call-a-thon		100.00
National home missions		100.00
General fund		120.00
Alabama children's home		33.26
World Vision International (love loaf)-		92.59
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Fees		

Hillsdale	
General fund	\$12,530.12
Endowment	4,000.00
Marberry trip	1,150.00
Oven fund	2,250.00
German church scholarship	395.00
Webb church scholarship	700.00
New Life singers	455.00
Choir robes	175.00
Oklahoma missions	
Glenpool	1,752.79
Weatherford	4,644.48
Weatherford pews	400.00
Lawton	353.64
Ponca City	101.64
Bartlesville	251.22
Elk City	500.00
Jernigan	1,045.00
Foreign missions	
General fund	655.47
Wode	3,811.31
Deeds	3,328.08
Caton	1,090.00
Sparks	203.66
Cousineau	105.00
Nichols	1,447.00
Payne	98.66
Ellison	26.00
Gregory	100.00
Summer missionary	100.00
General missions	26.00
Highway Helpers	120.00
20 x 20 Program	20.00
Project 5000	20.00
Haas	190.00
National home missions	
General fund	471.97
Crisswell	190.00
Braisher	50.00

Murray	\$	15.00
Reagan		36.34
Executive Office building		2,000.00
World Vision International		692.59
Alabama children's home		33.26
FINAL TOTAL	\$6	63,209.14

STATISTICS

Number of churches	9
Number of parsonages	0
Number of ordained ministers	9
Number of ordained deacons	20
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Number of the following auxiliaries:	
Sunday schools	9
Church Training Services	_
Women's Auxiliaries	4
Master's Men	1
Prayer meetings	5
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Church membership	552
Resident	414
Non-resident	
Non-resident	130
Members received	57
By baptism	
By letter and profession	52
Members lost	9
Sunday school enrollment	324
CTS enrollment	95
Women's Auxiliary membership	55

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, and assistant 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 o	ur Lord	before	these witnes	sses.
Witness		Chairman		
Witness		Clerk		
Witness	Signature (of ministe	r	

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 dimissed 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.

