

Minutes

of the

Thirty-third
Annual Meeting

of the

Union Association

of

Free Will Baptists

of the

State of Oklahoma

AUGUST 2, 1986

when convened with the

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PAMPA, TEXAS**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday Morning -- 10:00 a.m.

1. Devotional
2. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Call for the 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. Treasurer's Report
3. Women's Auxiliary Report
4. Unfinished Business
5. Selection of association meeting places
6. Election of Officers
7. Extending a vote of thanks

Annual Meeting - August 2, 1986

The Union Association met with the Pampa Free Will Baptist Church on August 2, 1986, for their annual meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the moderator, Rev. Paul Smith. With Melba Lynch serving as pianist, Rev. L. C. Lynch led the congregation in singing two hymns, Kneel At The Cross, and Love Lifted Me. Rev. Steve Pilant led in prayer.

Rev. Paul Smith gave the morning devotional, using Matthew 15:32-38.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Nine church letters were read and 16 delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship.

The moderator appointed Rev. L. C. Lynch, Bro. Paul Epperly, and Bro. Carroll Crispin to the Pulpit Committee. They selected Rev. Edwin Wade and Rev. Clarence Shepherd to bring the morning messages.

Rev. Allen Mabra gave a report on the Youth Camp held in June. It was a very successful camp with 70 children enrolled. Rev. Dennis Cariker served as evangelist. The group was pleased with the choice of the campsite near Vici.

Rev. Odie Nunley reported on the recent National Convention in Tulsa. He noted there were approximately 7,000 registered with especially good music and a real feeling of harmony.

The assistant clerk read a letter from Rev. Steve and Linda Reeves thanking the Association for the offering presented them.

We were dismissed in prayer for a short recess by Rev. Leland Horton.

Services were reopened by singing the old hymn, There Is Power In The Blood. For special numbers, Bob Hale sang, I Could Never Outlove the Lord. Dean Lynch sang, Blessed Jesus Loves You Too.

Rev. Edwin Wade used for his scripture, Matt. 7:21-29 followed by Rev. Clarence Shepherd using 1 Thess. 4:1-7.

We were dismissed in prayer and the blessing on the noon meal was given by Bro. Earl Fawver.

Following a delicious luncheon served by the host church, the afternoon session opened at 1:15 p.m. Rev. Lynch led the group in singing, When I See The Blood. Bro. Carroll Crispin led in prayer. Special numbers were sung by the Fawver Family, What A Day, and the Lynch Family sang, Let Me Be Worthy.

Rev. James Thomsen gave the afternoon devotional using 2 Cor. 5:17.

Rev. Edwin Wade represented Hillsdale College. He thanked the Association for their support. He reported they were encouraged about enrollment. Also, that on Nov. 3 - 5, representatives from North Central Association would be meeting with college personnel to consider candidacy status. He noted that by reinstating the athletic program, they had gained several transfer students.

Melba Lynch gave the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as given. She had inadvertently sent money intended for another account to Eddie Payne. She suggested if a motion were made to give the Payne's that amount, it would clear the books. Rev. Odie Nunley moved we accept the suggestion. Motion seconded and carried.

Georgia Thomsen, secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, gave their financial report

Bro. Clyde Hamar who was approaching his 80th birthday, was presented a plaque for his many years of dedicated service to Union Association, by Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

Designation for churches to host the quarterly meetings for 1986-87 were given by Rev. Shepherd as follows:

November 1, 1986	Clinton
February 7, 1987	German
May 2, 1987	Prairie Bell
August 1, 1987	Webb

Rev. Steve Pilant gave a report on the status of the Elk City Church, which has been accepted by the State Mission Board. Future goals are to add classrooms, make a sign for the church, and brick the building. He reported the old building had been torn down. The church had an outstanding bill on some carpet they had purchased. Rev. Allen Mabra moved the Association complete payment on this bill. Motion seconded and carried.

Rev. Paul Smith related the Home Missions Dept. would like to sponsor an Evangelistic Conference in Union Association. Following discussion, Rev. Mabra, Rev. Shepherd, and Rev. Marberry were to contact the Home Mission Board as to place and date and report to the Association.

Board members and officers were elected. They were:

Credentials Board -----	Rev. Thomas Marberry
Executive Board -----	Rev. Paul Smith
Home Mission Board -----	Rev. James Thomsen
Youth Camp Committee -----	Rev. Jim Smith
General Board Member -----	Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Officers for 1986-1987

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

Rev. Clyde Hamar moved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Rev. Clarence Shepherd moved we adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Paul Epperly.

Delegates Present:

Antioch	3	Pampa	3
Clinton	3	Prairie Bell	2
Elk City	2	Weatherford	0
German	0	Webb	3
Guymon	0		

OFFICERS

Moderator	-----	Rev. Paul Smith
	Box 766, Arapaho, OK 73620	(405) 323-5344
Asst. Moderator	-----	Rev. Clarence Shepherd
	1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601	(405) 323-0563
Clerk	-----	Mrs. Fern Crispin
	Rt. # 1, Box 13, Putnam, OK 73659	(405) 582-6326
Asst. Clerk	-----	Rev. Thomas Marberry
	1512 S. E. 6th, Moore, OK 73160	(405) 794-4264
Treasurer	-----	Mrs. Melba Lynch
	1028 Prairie Dr., Pampa, TX 79065	(806) 665-2287
Asst. Treasurer	-----	Rev. Odie Nunley
	1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942	(405) 338-5279
Reporter	-----	Mrs. Wilma Marberry
	1512 S. E. 6th, Moore, OK 73160	(405) 794-4264

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. James Thomsen, 3 years	-----	Webb
Mr. Lance Stephenson, 2 years	-----	Webb
Rev. Jim Smith, 1 year	-----	Weatherford

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

CREDENTIALS BOARD

Rev. Thomas 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

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. Jim Smith, 5 years -----	Weatherford
Mr. Sonny Perryman, 4 years -----	Webb
Rev. Clyde Hamar, 3 years -----	Elk City
Rev. Odie Nunley, 2 years -----	Guymon
Mr. Lester Lynch, 1 year -----	Pampa

MINISTERS

Clyde Hamar -----	(405) 323-4837
Neptune Park, Clinton, OK 73601	
L. C. Lynch -----	(806) 665-2916
821 N. Dwight, Pampa, TX 79065	
Allen Mabra -----	(405) 328-5401
Rt. # 1, Box 50, Camargo, OK 73825	
Thomas Marberry -----	(405) 794-4264
1512 S. E. 6th, Moore, OK 73160	
Odie Nunley -----	(405) 338-5279
1411 Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942	
Steve Pilant -----	(405) 793-7420
1305 Ridgeway, Moore, OK 73160	
Clarence Shepherd -----	(405) 323-0563
1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601	
Jim Smith -----	(405) 772-8621
522 W. Arlington, Weatherford, OK 73096	
Paul Smith -----	(405) 323-5344
Box 766, Arapaho, OK 73620	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Evan Parker ----- (405)
Woodward, OK
James Thomsen ----- (405) 328-5380
Rt. # 1, Camargo, OK 73835

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. # 1
Butler, Oklahoma 73625

Clinton Free Will Baptist Church
700 North 13th Street
Clinton, Oklahoma 73601 (405) 323-4831

Elk City Free Will Baptist Church
522 North Main P. O. Box 1362
Elk City, Oklahoma 73648

German Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. # 1
Butler, Oklahoma 73625

Guymon Free Will Baptist Church
2112 North Oklahoma
Guymon, Oklahoma 73942 (405) 338-3161

First Free Will Baptist Church
326 North Rider Street
Pampa, Texas 79065 (806) 665-2545

Prairie Bell Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. # 1
Putnam, Oklahoma 73659

First Free Will Baptist Church
402 North Custer
Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096 (405) 772-3699

Webb Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. # 1
Camargo, Oklahoma 73835 (405) 328-5201

ANTIOCH CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1985 - July 26, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Clerk: Mrs. Betty Shepherd
Rt. # 1, Box 37-B
Butler, OK 73625

Ordained ministers - 1

Sunday School - Enrollment - 43

Sunday School - Average attendance - 24

Church membership - 43

Value of church property: \$25,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$9,786.58

Delegates:

Pauline Shepherd
Margrette Fawver
Joy Fawver

Alternates:

Nancy Basler
Earl Fawver
Damon Basler

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Paul Smith

Clerk: Mr. Lonny Reed
P. O. Box 98
Arapaho, OK 73620

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 5

Sunday School - Enrollment - 130

Sunday School - Average attendance - 82

Woman's Auxiliary - Enrollment - 12

Number of Baptisms - 3; Members added - 14; lost - 2;

Church membership - 177

Value of church property: \$170,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$51,955.28

Delegates:

Fern Shepherd

Darlene Smith

Doris Shepherd

Alternates:

Carl Shepherd

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: May, 1986 to July, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Steve Pilant

Clerk: Myra L. Kenney
710 West 7th
Elk City, OK 73644

Ordained ministers - 2

Sunday School - Enrollment - 25

Sunday School - Average Attendance - 12

Church membership - 35

Value of church property: \$100,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$1,775.00

Delegates:

Nancy Pilant

Eva King

Opal Hamar

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August, 1985 - July, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Leland Horton

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 3

Sunday School - Average Attendance - 20

Church membership - 38

Building Fund: \$9,040.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$8,937.92

Minutes: \$65.00

Delegates:

Dollie Horton

Faye Kauk

Ovada Kauk

GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Odie Nunley

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Licensed ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 3

Sunday School - Enrollment - 78

Sunday School - Average Attendance - 35

Woman's Auxiliary - Enrollment - 11

Woman's Auxiliary - Average Attendance - 6

Master's Men - Enrollment - 6

Master's Men - Average Attendance - 4

Members added - 4; lost - 1;

Church membership - 82

Representation Fee: \$35.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$40,189.68

Delegates:

Vonie Dawes

Red Chastine

Sharon Watson

Alternates:

Joe Watson

Joan Brooks

Deanna Nunley

PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Pastor: Rev. L. C. Lynch

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

Ordained ministers - 2

Ordained deacons - 3

Sunday School - Enrollment - 45

Sunday School - Average Attendance - 36

Woman's Auxiliary - Enrollment - 10

Woman's Auxiliary - Average Attendance - 7

Church Training Service

Number of Baptisms - 3; members added - 2; lost - 1

Church membership - 58

Value of church property: \$50,000.00

Representation Fee: \$55.00

Delegates:

C. R. Atchley

Jerry Gillis

Dean Lynch

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Thomas L. Marberry

Clerk: Mrs. Bertha Haggard
Rt. # 1, Box 5
Putnam, OK 73659

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 1

Sunday School - Enrollment - 9

Sunday School - Average Attendance - 8

Church membership - 18

Value of church property: \$30,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$15,834.82

Delegates:

Dwade Skelton

Wilma Marberry

Clifford Haggard

WEATHERFORD CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Jim Smith

Clerk: Ann Walker
P. O. Box 722
Hinton, OK 73047

Ordained ministers - 1
Sunday School - Enrollment - 74
Sunday School - Average Attendance - 50
Church Training Service - Enrollment - 45
Church Training Service - Average Attendance - 32
Woman's Auxiliary - Enrollment - 15
Woman's Auxiliary - Average Attendance - 11
Master's Men - Enrollment - 14
Master's Men - Average Attendance - 11
Number of Baptisms - 11; members added - 15; lost - 1;
Church membership - 44

Value of church property: \$134,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$35,083.82

Delegates:	Alternate:
Bobby Ward	Connie Blakley
Allen Blaine	
Nancy Blaine	

Representation Fee: \$40.00

WEBB CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Allen Mabra

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Licensed ministers - 2

Ordained deacons - 2

Church has - kindergarten, Christian Day School

Sunday School - Enrollment - 71

Sunday School - Average Attendance - 58

Woman's Auxiliary - Enrollment - 18

Woman's Auxiliary - Average Attendance - 14

Number of Baptisms - 5; members added - 6; lost - 2;

Church membership - 80

Value of church property: \$93,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$51,281.85

Representation Fee: \$65.00

Delegates:

Belva Mabra

Georgia Thomsen

Bob Hale

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
YEARLY REPORT

August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Elk City</u>
Balance, Aug. 1, 1985	4,415.97	2,556.06	1,859.91
INCOME:			
August - October	12,751.57	9,526.08	3,225.49
November - January	10,668.84	9,580.16	1,088.68
February - April	12,783.51	11,829.33	954.18
May - July	<u>14,302.21</u>	<u>12,578.89</u>	<u>1,723.32</u>
Total Income	50,506.13	43,514.46	6,991.67
EXPENSES:			
August - October	13,157.88	8,884.69	4,273.19
November - January	9,916.76	8,701.76	1,215.00
February - April	16,627.43	15,750.56	876.87
May - July	<u>13,343.51</u>	<u>11,907.99</u>	<u>1,435.52</u>
Total Expenses	53,045.58	45,245.00	7,800.58
Balance, July 31, 1986	<u>1,876.52</u>	<u>825.52</u>	<u>1,051.00</u>
Savings Account Balance	239.31		
Breakdown of EXPENSES:		INCOME:	
Thru State	41,451.77	Churches	47,189.17
World Vision	490.00	Camp Fees	1,580.00
Elk City	7,800.58	Collections	
State Meeting	585.00	8-3-Treasury	701.47
Bank charges	7.20	8-29-Refund Lum	480.39
Youth Camp 85	60.96	2-1-J. Ward	226.35
Youth Camp 86	2,294.57	5-3-S. Reeves	157.75
HARVESTER Ad	125.00	5-3-B. Drake	<u>171.00</u>
Print Minutes	180.50		
Audit 85	<u>50.00</u>	TOTAL	<u>50,506.13</u>
TOTAL	<u>53,045.58</u>		

GIVING THRU THE STATE
August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Co-op	\$13,437.98
Walk-a-thon	511.25
Hillsdale	11,095.91
Library	300.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Science Lab	1,300.00
Master's Men	42.76
Weatherford	340.00
Archer-Glenpool	135.00
National Home Missions	923.79
Highway Helpers	250.00
Puerto Rico	41.18
National Foreign Missions	593.00
20 x 20	45.00
Deeds	768.70
Sparks	213.70
Wode	1,851.27
Payne	860.20
Sherwood Lee	79.14
Combs	1,693.51
Banks	715.00
Cousineau	1,330.00
Filkins	335.00
Thomas	5.00
Judy Smith	85.95
Nichols	442.00
Midgett	156.00
Bunch	217.00
Drake	588.00
Reeves	878.00
Ward	781.85
Leatherberry & Martins	337.00
Gwartney	98.58
TOTAL	\$41,451.77

YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES
August 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

ANTIOCH

Co-op	\$ 426.58
Fee	80.00
Hillsdale	426.58
Elk City	500.00
Cousineau	150.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,583.16</u>

CLINTON

Co-op	\$ 3,422.32
Fee	65.00
Hillsdale	4,765.15
Elk City	684.37
Wode	804.23
Nichols	100.00
Drake	30.00
Ward	355.00
Gwartney	98.58
TOTAL	<u>\$10,325.15</u>

ELK CITY

Co-op	\$ 149.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 149.00</u>

GERMAN

Co-op	\$ 913.28
Fee	75.00
Hillsdale	180.00
Elk City	100.00
Sparks	60.00
Wode	120.00
Cousineau	60.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,508.28</u>

GUYMON

Co-op	\$ 3,735.00
Fee	40.00
Hillsdale	510.00
Elk City	310.00
Home Missions	153.10
Foreign Missions	100.00
Master's Men	42.76
Deeds	196.20
Sparks	141.20
Wode	141.25
Payne	146.20
Combs	854.50
Smith	5.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,375.21</u>

PAMPA

Co-op	\$ 1,460.87
Fee	65.00
Hillsdale	728.43
Elk City	95.53
Home Missions	361.21
Puerto Rico	41.18
Foreign Missions	438.52
Smith	80.95
Drake	165.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,436.69</u>

PRAIRIE BELL

Co-op	\$ 957.50
Fee	65.00
Hillsdale	3,105.00
Library	300.00
Science	1,300.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Elk City	1,135.00
Home Missions	25.00
Highway Helpers	225.00
Foreign Missions	25.00
20 x 20	45.00
Deeds	300.00
Wode	110.00
Combs	160.00
Ward	200.00
Leatherberry & Martin	337.00
Weatherford	150.00
World Vision	420.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,859.50</u>

WEATHERFORD

Co-op	\$ 2,880.75
Fee	65.00
Hillsdale	86.42
Elk City	30.00
Archer	95.00
Deeds	140.00
Nichols	215.00
Drake	211.00
Midgett	120.00
Bunch	170.00
Reeves	109.25
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,122.42</u>

WEBB

Co-op	\$ 2,036.38
Fee	65.00
Youth Camp	310.00
Hillsdale	385.00
Elk City	3,656.38
Home Missions	130.00
Deeds	105.00
Payne	615.00
Cousineau	960.00
Combs	280.00
Drake	11.00
Banks	665.00
Reeves	611.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,829.76</u>

GRAND TOTALS - REPORT OF CHURCHES

Co-op	\$15,981.68
Fees	520.00
Youth Camp	310.00
Hillsdale	10,186.58
Library	300.00
Science Dept.	1,300.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Elk City	6,511.28
Archer - Glenpool	95.00
Home Missions	669.31
Highway Helpers	225.00
Puerto Rico	41.18
Foreign Missions	563.52
20 x 20	45.00
Master's Men	42.76
Deeds	741.20
Sparks	201.20
Wode	1,175.48
Payne	761.20
Cousineau	1,170.00
Combs	1,294.50
Nichols	315.00
Smith	85.95
Drake	417.00
Ward	555.50
Banks	665.00
Leatherberry & Martin	337.00
Midgett	120.00
Bunch	170.00
Gwartney	98.58
Weatherford	150.00
World Vision	420.00
Reeves	<u>720.25</u>
TOTAL	\$47,189.17

Bertha Bourquin

March 27, 1913 - June 13, 1986

Funeral services for Bertha Hilda Bourquin, 73, was held in the Free Will Baptist Church of Weatherford with Rev. James Smith officiating.

Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery at Weatherford under direction of Lockstone Funeral Home, Inc.

Mrs. Bourquin was born near Shiloh northwest of Butler, the ninth of 15 children. She died unexpectedly at her home in Weatherford.

At age 4, she moved with her parents, Karl and Elizabeth Horst, to a farm east of Butler. She grew up in Custer County, attending a rural school and marrying Orville Bourquin at Butler on April 4, 1933.

Karen Ann Parry

June 11, 1945 - April 30, 1986

Karen attended Free Will Baptist Bible College and was an active member of the Pampa Free Will Baptist Church. She also served as vice president of the local auxiliary.

Karen will be missed by her family and her church family.

Beulah Wilson

November 10, 1895 - February 7, 1986

Funeral services for Mrs. Gar Wilson, 90, of Clinton, were held in the Free Will Baptist Church in Clinton, with Rev. Paul Smith and Rev. Clarence Shepherd officiating.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Nashua, MO, the daughter of J.W. and Sara Litton Hufford, and died in the Thomas Memorial Hospital.

At an early age, she moved with her parents to live near Aledo. On Dec. 25, 1915, she married Gar Wilson, who preceded her in death in 1970. They farmed near Aledo until their retirement, and moved to Clinton in 1965.

Mrs. Wilson was an active member of the Antioch Baptist Church before moving to Clinton. In Clinton, she was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by Melvin Wilson of Colby, Kan., Russell Wilson of Oklahoma City and R.G. Wilson of Clinton; three daughters, Mrs. Thelma Hughes of Reedley, Calif., Mrs. Ocie Christensen of Thomas and Mrs. Audrey Scarberry of Enid; and 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Mound Valley Cemetery in Thomas under the direction of Kern-Schneider-Kiesau Funeral Home.

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 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.

