

Minutes

of the

**Thirty-fourth
Annual Meeting**

of the

Union Association

of

Free Will Baptists

of the

State of Oklahoma

AUGUST 1, 1987

when convened with the

**WEBB FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAMARGO, OKLAHOMA**

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. Sermon

Saturday Afternoon

1. Devotional
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Woman's Auxiliary Report
4. Selection of association meeting places
6. Election of officers
7. Extending a vote of thanks

Annual Meeting - August 1, 1987

The annual meeting of Union Association met August 1, at the Webb Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. With Belva Mabra serving as pianist, Scott Gaston led the congregation in singing "Revive Us Again", and "To God be the Glory". We were led in prayer by Bro. Howard Stephenson.

Rev. Allen Mabra brought the morning devotion using John 1:1-5.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Nine church letters were read and 19 delegates seated with the right hand of fellowship.

The moderator appointed Rev. Allen Mabra, Carl Shepherd, and Paul Epperly to the Pulpit Committee. They selected Rev. Jim Smith and Rev. Odie Nunley to bring the morning messages.

Some confusion about the amount to be included with the annual letter to pay for printing of the minutes and delegate's fees were discussed. The amount was set at \$65.00 to be given the treasurer.

Rev. Mabra requested the Credentials Committee meet with Rev. Larry Haggard during the noon hour.

Rev. Thomas Marberry moved the Elk City Mission Church be given the opportunity to send letters and delegates to all meetings of Union Association. Motion seconded and carried.

We were dismissed for a short recess by Rev. Jim Smith.

The session reopened with two congregational songs. Special numbers were given by Scott Gaston who sang, "The Next Time He Comes", and an instrumental number by Bobby Ward, La Donna Rodell, and Doris Sawatzky of the Weatherford Church.

Rev. Jim Smith took his sermon text from John 13:1-4, followed by Rev. Odie Nunley who used portions of Psalm 73.

We were dismissed in prayer and the blessing on the noon meal given by Rev. L. C. Lynch.

A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the host church.

The afternoon session opened at 1:20 p.m. Rev. Charles Murphy gave the devotional using the thought, Promises God Gives Us.

Scott Gaston sang as a special number, "I Traveled Down A Weary Road". The Lynch Family sang, "Pearly White City".

Melba Lynch gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted as given.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd moved we continue our 10% co-operative giving going into a building fund. Motion seconded and carried.

Melba Lynch moved we continue to send \$100 each quarter to the Arilla Wode account. Motion seconded and carried.

Rev. Thomas Marberry, chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported they had met with Rev. Larry Haggard and found him sound in doctrine and practice and welcomed him to Union Association.

The Clinton Church submitted a request that Troy Rayner receive the college scholarship given by Union Association. Request granted.

Rev. L. C. Lynch gave a short report on the exceptionally good National Association at Birmingham, Alabama which he attended. He reported because of the location attendance was down.

Rev. Jim Smith reported on youth camp, noting they had 118 present.

Rev. Allen Mabra moved the Youth Camp Committee compile rules concerning all phases of camp conduct and they be given to each person attending before they arrive. Motion seconded and carried.

Rev. Thomas Marberry represented Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. He reported fall enrollment looked promising. School was to begin August 17. Rev. Delbert Akin had been added to the faculty on a part-time basis.

Rev. Larry Haggard reported on the status of the Elk City Mission Church. He was encouraged as the attendance was increasing. He thanked the churches that had participated in the walk-a-thon. Monies received had been applied to the debt the church owed.

Melba Lynch moved we give \$100 each quarter to the LET'S GO! campaign. Motion seconded and carried.

The annual election of officers and board members was held.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd announced the meeting places for the quarterly meetings for 1987-88.

Rev. Clyde Hamar moved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Crispin, Clerk

Delegates Present

Antioch	2	Pampa	3
Clinton	3	Prairie Bell	3
Elk City	2	Weatherford	2
German	1	Webb	3
Guymon	0		

Board Members

Credential Board -----	Rev. Clarence Shepherd
Executive Board -----	Mr. Carroll Crispin
Home Mission Board -----	Rev. Leland Horton
Youth Camp Committee -----	Rev. Larry Haggard
General Board Member -----	Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Officers 1987-1988

Moderator -----	Rev. Allen Mabra
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. Rose Haggard

Quarterly Meeting Places for 1987-1988

November 7, 1987 -----	Antioch
February 6, 1988 -----	Weatherford
May 7, 1988 -----	Elk City
August 6, 1988 -----	Guymon

OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. Allen Mabra
 Rt. # 1, Box 50, Camargo, OK 73825 (405) 328-5401

 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. Rose Haggard
 204 Magnolia, Elk City, OK 73644 (405) 225-0347

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

CREDENTIALS BOARD

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

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Leland Horton, 3 years -----	German
Rev. James Thomsen, 2 years -----	Webb
Mr. Lance Stephenson, 1 year -----	Webb

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. Larry Haggard, 5 years -----	Elk City
Rev. Jim Smith, 4 years -----	Weatherford
Mr. Sonny Perriman, 3 years -----	Webb
Rev. Clyde Hamar, 2 years -----	Elk City
Rev. Odie Nunley, 1 year -----	Guymon

MINISTERS

Larry Haggard -----	(405) 225-0347	
204 Magnolia, Elk City, OK 73644		
Clyde Hamar -----	(405) 323-4837	
Neptune Park, Clinton, OK 73601		
Leland Horton -----	(405) 670-6944	
4008 S. E. 45th Terr., Oklahoma City, OK 73135		
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		
Charles Murphy -----	(405) 323-6111	
207 Rawlins, Clinton, OK 73601		
Odie Nunley -----	(405) 338-5279	
1411 Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942		
Clarence Shepherd -----	(405) 323-0563	
1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601		
Jim Smith -----	(405) 772-8621	
522 W. Arlington, Weatherford, OK 73096		

LICENSED MINISTER

James Thomsen ----- (405) 328-5380
Rt. # 1, Camargo, OK 73825

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

First Free Will Baptist Church
522 North Main P. O. Box 1362
Elk City, Oklahoma 73648 (405) 225-7133

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

Guymon Free Will Baptist Church
2112 North Oklahoma P. O. Box 1701
Guymon, Oklahoma 73942 (405) 338-3161

Pampa 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: July 27, 1986 - August 1, 1987

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 - 20

Church membership - 43

Value of church property: \$25,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$8,643.23

Delegates:

Margrette Fawver

Joy Fawver

Nancy Basler

Alternates:

Pauline Shepherd

Earl Fawver

Kathy Ray

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

Pastor: Rev. Charles Murphy

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 6

Sunday School - enrollment - 130

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 12

Church membership - 182; members added - 12; lost - 2

Value of church property: \$132,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$58,990.00

Delegates:

Anna Frazee
Fern Shepherd

Alternates:

Melody Fawver

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August, 1986 - August 1, 1987

Pastor: Rev. Larry Haggard

Clerk: none

Ordained ministers - 1

Sunday School - enrollment - 30

Sunday School - average attendance - 22

Delegates:

Rose Haggard

L. R. Haggard

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August, 1986 - July, 1987

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 - 19

Church membership - 38

Total tithes and offerings: \$10,381.95

Minutes: \$65.00

Delegates:

Judy Moore
Faye Kauk
Dollie Horton

Alternates:

Debbi Klein
Clara Fawver
Sue Ford

GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

Pastor: Rev. Odie Nunley

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Licensed ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 3

Sunday School - enrollment - 64

Sunday School - average attendance - 33

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 13

Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 7

Master's Men - enrollment - 6

Master's Men - average attendance - 4

Members added - 8; lost - 3; Baptisms - 4

Church membership - 88

Representation fee: \$40.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$38,881.39

Delegates:

R. J. Thrall

Naomi Rice

Brenda Nunley

Alternates:

Joe Watson

Sharon Watson

Red Chastine

PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

Pastor: Rev. L. C. Lynch

Clerk: Mrs. Melba Lynch
1028 Prairie Drive
Pampa, TX 79065

Ordained ministers - 2

Ordained deacons - 3

Sunday School - enrollment - 45

Sunday School - average attendance - 32

Church training - enrollment - 25

Church training - average attendance - 20

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 10

Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 8

Members lost - 22

Church membership - 40

Representation Fee: \$60.00

Value of church property: \$50,000.00

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

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 - 9

Church membership - 17

Value of church property: \$30,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$21,686.37

Delegates:

Dwade Skelton

Wilma Marberry

Clifford Haggard

Representation Fee: \$75.00

WEATHERFORD CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

Pastor: Rev. Jim Smith

Clerk: Mrs. LaDonna Roedell
718 North Caddo
Weatherford, OK 73096

Ordained ministers - 1
Sunday School - enrollment - 75
Sunday School - average attendance - 54
Church Training - enrollment - 45
Church Training - average attendance - 34
Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 3
Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 3
Master's Men - enrollment - 9
Master's Men - average attendance - 9
Members added - 2; Baptisms - 4

Value of church property: \$145,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$38,701.76

Delegates:

Doris Sawatzky
Bobby Ward
Dawn Reyes

Alternates:

Kenneth Albin
Elsie Albin

WEBB CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

Pastor: Rev. Allen Mabra

Clerk: Mrs. Rhonda Perriman
Rt. # 1 Box 60 A
Camargo, OK 73835

Ordained ministers - 1
Licensed ministers - 2
Ordained deacons - 2
Sunday School - enrollment - 69
Sunday School - average attendance - 55
Church Training - enrollment - 21
Church Training - average attendance - 19
Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 21
Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 16
Members lost - 4
Church membership - 76

Church has - kindergarten, Chrisitan school

Value of church property: \$93,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$62,846.27

Representation fee: \$65.00

Delegates:

Scott Gaston
Evan Parker
Sonny Perriman

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
YEARLY REPORT
August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Elk City</u>
Balance, Aug. 1, 1986	1,876.52	825.52	1,051.00
INCOME:			
August - October	13,215.52	11,810.64	1,404.88
November - January	11,047.19	9,843.80	1,203.39
February - April	13,692.90	12,380.79	1,312.11
May - July	<u>18,336.70</u>	<u>16,869.08</u>	<u>1,467.62</u>
Total Income	58,168.83	51,729.83	6,439.00
EXPENSES:			
August - October	12,848.06	10,943.86	1,904.20
November - January	10,760.85	9,270.51	1,490.34
February - April	13,242.72	12,027.72	1,215.00
May - July	<u>17,024.46</u>	<u>15,809.46</u>	<u>1,215.00</u>
Total Expenses	53,876.09	48,051.55	5,824.54
Balance, July 31, 1987	<u>4,292.74</u>	<u>3,678.28</u>	<u>614.46</u>
Savings Account Balance	470.93		
Elk City Loan	8,373.32		
Breakdown of Expenses:			
Thru State	43,877.70		
Elk City	5,824.54		
State Meeting	450.00		
HARVESTER Ad	150.00		
Print Minutes	227.15		
Youth Camp 87	2,961.70		
World Vision Int.	<u>385.00</u>		
Total of Expenses	<u>53,876.09</u>		

GIVING THRU THE STATE
August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

Co-op	\$12,199.89
Hillsdale	10,721.93
Library	150.00
Scholarship	425.00
Athletics	100.00
LET'S GO!	4,490.00
Home Missions	503.28
Highway Helpers	300.00
Master's Men	29.88
F.W.B.B.C.	250.00
20 x 20	45.00
Mexico Mission	86.00
Larry Haggard	930.77
Walk-a-thon	196.92
Buddy Drake	120.00
Tom Hunt	176.00
Foreign Missions	393.27
Payne	136.00
Combs	2,121.00
Cousineau	1,070.00
Plane Fare	1,078.00
Sparks	506.00
Wode	1,955.18
Deeds	2,754.22
Archer	45.00
Reeves	505.00
Midgett	125.00
Nichols	120.36
Bunch	102.00
Banks	353.00
West	200.00
Leatherbury & Martins	1,146.00
Crawford	224.00
Filkins	50.00
Crosby	296.00
Total	<u><u>43,877.70</u></u>

YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES
August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987

ANTIOCH

Fees	\$ 80.00
Co-op	390.76
Hillsdale	390.76
Elk City	750.00
Wode	118.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,729.52</u>

CLINTON

Fees	\$ 75.00
Co-op	3,073.05
Hillsdale	4,334.62
Elk City	656.59
Woode	752.68
Deeds	240.00
Leatherbury & Martins	413.00
Mexico Mission	86.00
Crosby	221.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,851.94</u>

ELK CITY

Fees	\$ 75.00
Co-op	439.79
Bookstore	24.38
Larry Haggard	5.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 544.17</u>

GERMAN

Fees	\$ 65.00
Co-op	997.35
Hillsdale	180.00
Elk City	100.00
Larry Haggard	360.00
Home Missions	100.00
Deeds	120.00
Sparks	60.00
Cousineau	60.00
Filkins	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,092.35</u>

GUYMON

Fees	\$ 75.00
Co-op	3,583.00
Hillsdale	480.00
Elk City	300.00
Wode	294.00
Deeds	330.00
Sparks	446.00
F.W.B.B.C.	275.00
Master's Men	29.88
Payne	136.00
Combs	646.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,594.88</u>

PAMPA

Fees	\$ 75.00
Co-op	1,437.10
Hillsdale	716.55
Larry Haggard Walk-a-thon	108.00
Home Missions	358.28
Foreign Missions	358.27
Deeds	155.00
Hunt	176.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,384.20</u>

PRAIRIE BELL

Fees	\$ 75.00
Co-op	1,115.30
Hillsdale	3,995.00
Library	150.00
Athletics	100.00
Scholarships	400.00
LET'S GO!	4,490.00
Elk City	1,470.00
Larry Haggard	410.00
Highway Helpers	300.00
20 x 20	45.00
Wode	120.00
Deeds	635.00
Leatherbury & Martins	215.00
Crosby	75.00
Combs	175.00
Crawford	224.00
World Vision	385.00
TOTAL	<u>\$14,379.30</u>

WEATHERFORD

Fees	\$ 40.00
Co-op	3,324.88
Larry Haggard	93.77
Deeds	190.00
Drake	120.00
Reeves	88.00
Nichols	105.00
Archer	45.00
Bunch	102.00
Midgett	125.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,233.65</u>

WEBB

Fees	\$ 65.00
Co-op	1,905.27
Hillsdale	375.00
Scholarship	25.00
Elk City	2,087.03
Larry Haggard	35.00
Walk-a-thon	88.92
Home Missions	20.00
Foreign Missions	35.00
Deeds	954.22
Leatherbury & Martins	518.00
Cousineau	1,010.00
Plane fare	1,078.00
Reeves	417.00
Nichols	15.36
Banks	353.00
Combs	1,300.00
West	200.00
TOTAL	<u>\$10,481.80</u>

GRAND TOTALS - REPORT OF CHURCHES

Fees	\$ 625.00
Co-op	16,266.50
Hillsdale	10,471.93
Library	150.00
Athletics	100.00
Scholarships	425.00
LET'S GO!	4,490.00
Elk City	5,388.00
Larry Haggard	903.77
Walk-a-thon	196.92
Home Missions	478.28
Highway Helpers	300.00
Foreign Missions	393.27
20 x 20	45.00
Wode	1,284.68
Deeds	2,624.22
Sparks	506.00
Drake	120.00
Leatherbury & Martins	1,146.00
Mexico Mission	86.00
F.W.B.B.C.	275.00
Master's Men	29.88
Hunt	176.00
Cousineau	1,070.00
Plane fare	1,078.00
Crosby	296.00
Reeves	505.00
Nichols	120.36
Filkins	50.00
Payne	136.00
Archer	45.00
Banks	353.00
Combs	2,121.00
West	200.00
Crawford	224.00
Bunch	102.00
Midgett	125.00
World Vision	<u>385.00</u>
TOTAL	\$53,291.81

Orville Bourquin

October 14, 1899 - June 17, 1987

Mr. Orville Edward Bourquin was born on October 14, 1899, north east of Butler, Oklahoma to Emil and Viola Bourquin. Mr. Bourquin passed away very unexpectedly on June 17, 1987, while doing yard work at his home, having reached the age of 87 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

Orville attended the Gyp Rural School near Butler, grew to manhood in that area and was farming when he married Miss Bertha Horst on April 4, 1933 at Butler. They continued to farm until 1956, when they moved to Clinton, Oklahoma. They owned the Coffee Cup Cafe in Clinton until August, 1959, when they moved to Weatherford. Orville worked for various farmers until 1965 when he retired. Mrs. Bourquin preceeded him in death on June 13, 1986. He was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Mr. Bourquin is survived by one daughter, Doris Sawatzky, of Weatherford; two grandchildren, Philip Sawatzky and Darla Sawatzky, both of Weatherford. Two sisters, Florence Gragg, Butler, Oklahoma, and Dollie McCann May, Clinton, Oklahoma. Three neices and two nephews. He was preceeded in death by his wife and three brothers, Charlie, Tom, and Howard.

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.

