

Minutes

of the

Thirty-fifth
Annual Meeting

of the

Union Association

of

Free Will Baptists

of the

State of Oklahoma

AUGUST 6, 1988

when convened with the

GUYMON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
GUYMON, 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
5. Election of officers
6. Extending a vote of thanks

Annual Meeting - August 6, 1988

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists met August 6, 1988 at the Guymon Free Will Baptist Church for its annual meeting.

Moderator Allen Mabra called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd led the group in prayer.

With Mrs. Gerald Brooks serving as pianist and Lavonna Chastine, organist, Red Chastine led the group in three congregational songs.

Rev. Chris Clay gave the morning devotion using a portion of Matthew 15.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ten church letters were read and 18 delegates seated with the right hand of fellowship.

A pulpit committee appointed by the moderator included Rev. Chris Clay, Bro. Russell Rayner and Bro. Jim Parker. They met and selected Rev. Larry Haggard and Rev. Clarence Shepherd to bring the morning messages.

Rev. Thomas Marberry represented Hillsdale College. He related college would begin Aug. 15. Sixty-two new applications had been received. He reported a committee searching for a college president had been narrowed to five men, who would be interviewed soon and possibly one chosen by Jan. 1, 1989.

Rev. Marberry stated Alton Loveless, State Executive Sec. of Ohio had offered to sell his complete library of books, brochures and pamphlets to Hillsdale Library.

Rev. Chris Clay gave a brief review of the National Free Will Baptist Association held in Kansas City.

The group was dismissed in prayer, for a short recess by Rev. Charles Murphy.

Services reopened with congregational singing and prayer led by Rev. Chris Clay. Three special numbers in song were given by the Guyman Choir, a solo by Russell Rayner, Clinton, and a solo by Melba Lynch, Pampa.

For his sermon Rev. Larry Haggard used Matthew 27:42-53 and entitled his sermon, "Six Miracles of Calvary." He was followed by Rev. Clarence Shepherd using I Cor. 9:24-27 and spoke on "Automobile Religion."

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

Following a delicious meal served by the ladies of the host church, afternoon services opened with congregational singing.

Rev. Charles Murphy gave the afternoon devotion using James 1:25 followed by a special in song by Jan Clay.

Rev. Odie Nunley led the group in prayer. Melba Lynch gave the treasurer's report which was accepted as given.

The Ladies Auxiliary report was given by Myrtle Grothey.

A brief summary of an excellent Youth Camp with 120 present was given by Rev. Jim Smith.

Rev. Allen Mabra reported on the progress of Woodward Mission Church and Rev. Larry Haggard on the Elk City Mission Church.

Rev. Jim Smith submitted a resolution that a Mission Conference be held with our next Quarterly meeting. Since there seemed to be a conflict with the regular date, Rev. Murphy moved the Committee be given power to set the date. Rev. Shepherd moved we accept the resolution as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. Marberry brought greetings from the State Office as the Ex. Sec. Rev. Connie Cariker was unable to attend. Rev. Marberry read a letter from Rev. Wade Jernigan asking the association and individuals to help as much as possible through the program entitled "All State Mission Project."

Rev. Mabra asked that the assistant Moderator preside while he discussed a project. He moved that the association use \$2000.00 of the money in savings to apply on the buildings. Following discussion motion seconded and carried.

Audie Rice, a member of Guymon Church who is nearly always in attendance but was unable to attend for health reasons, had his home address read so the group could send cards.

During the continuation of the business meeting a resolution was presented by Rev. Larry Haggard to combine the Home Mission Board and the Youth . Camp Committee into one board and entitle it Mission and Education Board having 5 members. Following discussion Resolution seconded and carried.

The Business Meeting was concluded by the elections of officers and Board Members.

Rev. Shepherd announced the dates and churches where the group will meet for its quarterly conferences in 1988 and 1989.

Rev. Shepherd moved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Clay, Clerk

Delegates Present

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

Board Members

Credential Board -----	Rev. L.C. Lynch
Executive Board -----	Rev. Jim Smith
Mission and Education Board-	Rev. Larry Haggard
General Board Member -----	Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Officers 1988-1989

Moderator -----	Rev. Allen Mabra
Asst. Moderator -----	Rev. Clarence Shepherd
Clerk -----	Mrs. Jan Clay
Asst. Clerk -----	Rev. Thomas Marberry
Treasurer -----	Mrs. Melba Lynch
Asst. Treasurer -----	Rev. Odie Nunley
Reporter -----	Mrs. Georgia Thompsen

Quarterly Meeting Places for 1988-1989

November 5, 1988 -----	Woodward
February 4, 1989 -----	Pampa, Texas
May 5, 1989 -----	Elk City
August 5, 1989 -----	Clinton

OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. Allen Mabra
Indian Creek So. #23
Woodward, OK (405) 254-9197

Asst. Moderator ----- Rev. Clarence Shepherd
1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601 (405) 332-0563

Clerk ----- Mrs. Jan Clay
899 N. Roosevelt, Guymon, OK 73942 (405) 338-6494

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

Reporter ----- Mrs. Georgia Thompson
Rt. 1 Box 80, Camargo, OK 73667 (405) 328-5380

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

CREDENTIALS BOARD

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

MISSION AND EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. James Smith, 5 years ----- Weatherford
 Rev. Larry Haggard, 4 years ----- Elk City
 Bro. Sonny Perriman, 3 years ----- Webb
 Rev. Chris Clay, 2 years ----- Guymon
 Rev. James Thompson, 1 year ----- Webb

MINISTERS

Chris Clay ----- (405) 338-6494
 809 N. Roosevelt, Guymon, OK 73942
 Larry Haggard ----- (405) 225-0347
 204 Magnolia Elk City, OK 73644
 Clyde Hamar ----- (405) 323-4837
 1705 Neptune Drive, Clinton, OK 73601
 Leland Horton ----- (405) 670-6994
 4008 S. E. 45th Terr., Oklahoma City OK 73135
 L.C. Lynch ----- (806) 665-2916
 821 N. Dwight, Pampa, TX 79065
 Allen Mabra ----- (405) 254-9197
 Indian Creek So. #23, Woodward, OK 73801
 Thomas Marberry ----- (405) 794-4264
 1512 S. E. 6th Street, Moore, OK 73160
 Charles Murphy ----- (405) 323-6111
 207 Rawlings, 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
 James Thomson ----- (405) 328-5380
 Rt. 1 Box 80 Taloga, OK 73667

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 Ryder 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

Woodward Free Will Baptist Church

1010 40th

Woodward, Oklahoma 73801 (405) 256-6631

ANTIOCH CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: Aug. 1, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1988

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 - 23

Church membership - 43

Value of church property: \$25,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$8,956.12

Delegates:

Pauline Shepherd
Earl Fawver
Margrette Fawver

Alternates:

Nancy Basler
Joy Fawver
Geraldene Shepherd

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: June 1, 1987-June 1, 1988

Pastor: Rev. Charles Murphy

Clerk: Doris Shepherd
Rt. # 1 Box 63
Arapaho, OK 73620

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 6

Sunday School - enrollment - 130

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 12

Church membership - 185; members added - 10; lost - 1

Value of church property: \$300,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$56,835.15

Delegates:

Darlene Smith
Russell Rayner
Leta Rayner

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: August 1, 1987 - June 30, 1988

Pastor: Rev. Larry Haggard
204 Magnolia
Elk City, OK 73644

Clerk: none

Ordained ministers - 1
Sunday School - Enrollment - 70
Sunday School - Average Attendance - 40
Number of baptisms - 12

Value of church property: \$100,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$7,158.00

Delegates: none

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: Aug. 1, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1988

Pastor: Rev. Leland Horton

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Sunday School - enrollment - 30

Sunday School - average attendance - 20

Church membership - 38

Delegates:

Dollie Horton
Faye Kauk
Clara Fawver

Alternates:

Ovada Kauk
Judy Moore
Sue Ford

GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988

Pastor: Rev. Chris Clay

Clerk: none

Ordained ministers - 1

Sunday School - enrollment - 70

Sunday School - average attendance - 40

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 6

Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 6

Value of church property: \$100,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$7,158.00

PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: Aug. 1, 1987 - July, 31, 1987

Pastor: Rev. L.C. Lynch

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 4

Sunday School - enrollment - 40

Sunday School - average attendance - 31

Church Training - enrollment - 26

Church Training - average attendance - 22

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 10

Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 8

Members lost - 1

Church membership - 39

Value of church property: \$48,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$14,800.00

Representation fee: \$65.00

Delegates:

Agnas Atchley

Ruth Orr

Dean Lynch

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: Aug. 1, 1987 - Aug. 1, 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: \$35,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$26,562.15

Delegates:

Wilma Marberry
Dwade Skelton
Clifford Haggard

WEATHERFORD CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988

Pastor: Rev. Jim Smith

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 1

Sunday School - enrollment - 83

Sunday School - average attendance - 51

Church Training - enrollment - 45

Church Training - average attendance - 32

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 9

Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 7

Members added - 26; Baptisms - 10

Value of church property: \$135,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$33,636.09

Delegates:

Doris Land

Nancy Blaine

Elsie Albin

Alternates:

Dawn Reyes

WEBB CHURCH LETTER

Period of time covered: Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988

Pastor: Rev. James Thomsen

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

Ordained ministers - 1

Ordained deacons - 2

Sunday School - enrollment - 41

Sunday School - average attendance - 31

Woman's Auxiliary - enrollment - 11

Woman's Auxiliary - average attendance - 9

Members lost - 19

Church membership - 58

Church has - kindergarten, Christian school

Value of church property: \$93,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$47,489.58

Representation fee: \$65.00

Delegates:

Jonny Perriman

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
YEARLY REPORT

August 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Elk City</u>
Balance, Aug. 1, 1987	4,292.74	3,678.28	614.46
INCOME:	59,401.13	55,464.40	3,936.73
(trans. assn. on loan)		-500.00	500.00
		<u>-1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Income	63,693.87	57,642.68	6,051.19
EXPENSES:	<u>61,746.85</u>	<u>55,886.85</u>	<u>5,860.00</u>
Total Expenses	61,746.85	55,886.85	5,860.00
Bal. July 31, 1988	<u>1,947.02</u>	<u>1,755.83</u>	<u>191.19</u>
Savings Account Balance	2,164.72		
Elk City Loan	3,289.58		
Breakdown of Expenses:			
Savings	1,862.42		
Youth Camp	4,064.44		
Elk City Payments	5,860.00		
Thru State	49,030.09		
Association Exp.			
Harvester Ad	150.00		
Treasurer Exp.	150.00		
Audit 2 yrs.	100.00		
State Meeting	280.00		
Printing	249.90		
Total of Expenses	<u>61,746.85</u>		

GIVING THRU THE STATE
August 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988

Co-op	\$11,760.35
Hillsdale	13,117.71
Let's Go!	3,025.00
Computer	500.00
Science Lab	25.00
Vacuum Cleaner	150.00
Flags	50.00
Home Missions	381.66
Highway Helpers	515.00
Foreign Missions	531.66
20 x 20	60.00
Masters Men	50.00
Benevolent Fund	527.00
Wode	1,361.82
Cousineau	1,050.00
Crosby	1,280.00
Banks	240.00
Combs	1,523.00
Leatherbury & Martins	2,233.00
Reeves	309.00
Nichols	80.00
Midgett	65.00
Bunch	41.00
Deeds	591.75
Sparks	568.75
Payne	125.75
McLain	45.00
J. Smith	55.00
Hendrix	10.00
Murray	10.00
Hunt	125.00
Bishop	10.00
Phoenix, Arz.	7.50
Woodward	5,919.03
Haggard	1,221.00
State Elk City	330.00
State Missions	793.85

GIVING THRU THE STATE
August 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988

R. Johnson	15.00
Vera Land	80.00
T. Holland	78.26
E. Holland	<u>168.00</u>
Total	49,030.09

YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES
August 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988

ANTIOCH

Fees	\$ 65.00
Co-op	391.10
Hillsdale	541.10
Elk City	360.00
Woodward	400.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,757.20</u>

CLINTON

Fees	\$ 75.00
Co-op	4,001.46
Hillsdale	3,023.28
Elk City	812.42
Woodward	1,132.03
Foreign Mission	50.00
Wode	566.07
Sparks	308.00
T. Holland	78.26
E. Holland	168.00
State C.E.P.	193.85
Benevolent Fund	327.00
TOTAL	<u>\$10,735.38</u>

ELK CITY

Co-op	\$ 372.00
Woodward	55.00
Highway Helpers	90.00
Sparks	60.00
Leatherbury & Martins	269.00
Cousineau	45.00
J. Smith	55.00
Mclain	45.00
Hendrix	20.00
Murray	10.00
Vera Land	80.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,128.00</u>

GERMAN

Fees	\$ 65.00
Co-op	1,060.99
Hillsdale	195.00
Haggard	340.00
Woodward	780.00
Wode	130.00
Sparks	65.00
Leatherbury & Martins	230.00
Cousineau	65.00
Banks	90.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,020.99</u>

GUYMON

Fees	\$ 40.00
Co-op	4,001.00
Hillsdale	480.00
Elk City	280.00
Haggard	30.00
Woodward	565.00
Wode	125.75
Payne	125.75
Sparks	130.75
Leatherbury & Martins	100.00
Bishop	10.00
Deeds	180.75
Combs	558.00
Masters Men	50.00
R. Johnson	15.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,692.00</u>

PAMPA

Fees	\$ 60.00
Co-op	1,286.65
Hillsdale	643.33
Woodward	27.00
Foreign Missions	321.66
Home Missions	321.66
Hunt	125.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,785.30</u>

PRAIRIE BELL

Fees	\$ 75.00
Co-op	1,106.00
Hillsdale	7,870.00
LET'S GO	2,925.00
Computer	500.00
Flag	50.00
Vacuum	150.00
Haggard	775.00
Elk City	750.00
State	70.00
Woodward	780.00
20 x 20	60.00
Highway Helpers	350.00
Home Mission	100.00
Wode	120.00
Leatherbury & Martins	1,095.00
Deeds	325.00
Combs	785.00
Crosby	1,240.00
State Mission	600.00
Beneudent	200.00
TOTAL	<u>\$19,926.00</u>

WEATHERFORD

Fees	\$ 125.00
Co-op	1,479.86
Haggard	36.00
Woodward	340.00
Reeves	37.00
Leatherbury & Martins	142.00
Midgett	65.00
Deeds	51.00
Nichols	80.00
Bunch	41.00
Phoenix	7.50
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,404.36</u>

WEBB

Fees	\$ 65.00
Co-op	1,419.09
Hillsdale	340.00
Elk City	1,584.30
State	70.00
Haggard	40.00
Woodward	1,840.00
Foreign Missions	160.00
Reeves	272.00
Leatherbury & Martins	370.00
Cousineau	935.00
Banks	150.00
Combs	180.00
Crosby	40.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,405.39</u>

WOODWARD

Co-op	<u>\$ 486.31</u>
TOTAL	486.31

GRAND TOTALS - REPORT OF CHURCHES

Fees	\$ 570.00
Co-op	15,604.46
Hillsdale	13,092.71
LET'S GO	2,925.00
Computer	500.00
Flag	50.00
Vacuum	150.00
Elk City	3,786.73
State	80.00
Haggard	1,221.00
Woodward	5,919.03
Foreign Missions	531.66
20 x 20	60.00
Home Missions	421.66
Highway Helpers	440.00
Wode	941.82
Payne	125.75
Sparks	563.75
Reeves	309.00
Leatherbury & Martins	2,233.00
Cousineau	1,045.00
Midgett	65.00
J. Smith	55.00
Banks	240.00
Bishop	10.00
Mclain	45.00
Deeds	556.75
Hendrix	20.00
Murray	10.00
Combs	1,523.00
Nichols	80.00
T. Holland	78.26
E. Holland	168.00
Vera Land	80.00
Crosby	1,280.00

State Missions	\$ 793.85
Masters Men	50.00
Bunch	41.00
Benevolent	527.00
R. Johnson	15.00
T. Hunt	125.00
Phoenix	<u>7.50</u>
TOTAL	56,340.93

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. IIPeter 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.

