

1951 MINUTES  
OF THE  
57th Annual Session  
OF THE  
Georgia  
Union Association  
of the Original Free Will Baptist  
HELD WITH  
BETHLEHEM CHURCH  
Crisp County, Ga., Oct. 11-12, 1951

Officers

REV. J. F. SMITH—Moderator.....Eastman, Ga.  
REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE—Vice-Mod.....Rochelle, Ga.  
SHERMAN D. JONES—Clerk and Treas.....Chester, Ga.  
WESLEY HOBBS—Mission Treasurer.....Cordele, Ga.

Next Session

The next session convenes with New Ebenezer Church  
Bleckley County, Georgia on October 9th.-10th., 1952.  
Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. L. Purvis.



## EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

Cicero Powell—Little Bethel.....Chester, Ga.  
W. H. Nobles—Pine Level.....Chester, Ga.  
T. B. Etheridge—Double Branch.....Unadilla, Ga.  
W. W. Hobbs....Pleasant Hill.....Vienna, Ga.  
John F. Ross.....Cochran, Ga.

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Rev. Emmett McDuffie.....Rochelle, Ga.  
Rev. G. W. Nobles.....Route 3, Macon, Ga.  
John F. Ross.....Cochran, Ga.  
Ernest J. Barker.....Rochelle, Ga.  
W. W. Hobbs.....Vienna, Ga.  
Rev. Manse Cason.....Seville, Ga.

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Cicero Powell.....Chester, Ga.  
W. H. Nobles.....Chester, Ga.  
J. C. Smith, Treasurer.....Cordele, Ga.

## EDUCATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

W. L. Amerson.....Chester, Ga.  
L. E. Leonard.....4308 Trammell Ave., Macon, Ga.

**ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS**

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Open meeting with prayer.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Read and adopt minutes of last meeting.
5. Call for acknowledgements, and matters of dealing.
6. Report of Deacons.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Appointment of Committees.
12. Adjournment.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Call for corresponding letters from churches.
3. Read the letters, complete the roll.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Elect Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Report.
6. Introduce visiting brethren and admit them to honorary seats.
7. Call for corresponding messengers from other bodies.
8. Appoint D. C.
9. Appoint the various committees.
10. Elect place of holding next session.
11. Call for Ministerial and all other conference reports.
12. Call for reports of committees.
13. Call for ordinances and consecrations.
14. Call for miscellaneous business; elect all officers not already elected, elect any special boards, or committees needed; or any other matter of miscellany.
15. Adjourn.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists, convened with Bethlehem Church in Crisp County, Georgia, Thursday, October 11, 1951.

### THURSDAY MORNING

Opened proceedings by singing, "Lord Send Me." The Moderator made a short talk on organization of association. Bro. Sellers, of Union Association, appointed to lead devotional. Read St. John, 14th Chapter, Verses 20-31, after which he made a very inspiring talk.

Introductory sermon brought by Bro. H. F. Floyd, Pastor of Beulah Springs, Reading St. John 1st. Chapter, 1st. Verse. Dismissed by Bro. Parrish. Refreshments followed.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After having enjoyed the temporal blessings spread before them, the crowd gathered in the church. Opened by singing "It Won't Be Very Long." Prayer offered by Sister Owens. Moderator read 133rd. Psalm. Talked on Improvements Within Free Will Movement and Unity Is Strength Of The Churches.

Called to order by Moderator.

Corresponding letters called for by Moderator.

Motion carried that Chair appoint someone to read letters, Bro. Barker and Bro. Monroe Smith appointed.

Letters read and delegates listed as follows:

Double Branch: Bro. George A. Nobles, Bro. T. B. Etheridge.

Bethlehem: Bro. and Sister J. B. Lewis, Bro. and Sister Charles Kernick.

Little Bethel: Bro. Robert Rogers.

Christian Hill: Bro. W. J. Paramore, Bro. and Sister Ernest J. Barker, Sister Marguerite Martin and Sister Lena McDuffie.

Beulah Springs: Bro. and Sister B. J. Johnson, Sister G. R. Maddox, Sister Willis White, Sister Willie Barron, Sister C. M. Simpson, Bro. and Sister James Johnson.

Bay Springs: Bro. I. M. Smith, Sister J. F. Smith.

Pleasant Hill: Bro. and Sister W. W. Hobbs, Bro. W. R. Lankford, Bro. Wesley Hobbs, Bro. C. R. Calhoun, Bro. W. L. Cason.

Antioch: Sister Pearl Johnson and Sister Omie Owens.

Liberty Chapel: Sister H. P. Shi, Sister J. E. Potter, Sister Ruby Hearn and Sister Elizabeth Skinner.

New Ebenezer: Bro. and Sister John F. Ross, Bro. E. R. Roland, Sister Winnie Warren and Bro. Lonnie Johnson.

Pine Level: Bro. and Sister E. L. Long, Bro. Henry Nobles and Sister Fountain.

Mt. Ararat: Motion carried to accept letters and seat delegates.

Call for petitionary letters, none received.

Nominations of Officers: Bro. J. F. Smith and Bro. H. F. Loyd for Moderator and Sherman D. Jones, Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried, nominations cease.

Bro. Smith elected Moderator, Bro. McDuffie, Vice-Moderator and Bro. Jones, Clerk-Treasurer.

Call for visiting brethren. Responding were Bro. W. L. Purvis, South Georgia association, Bro. Sellers, Union association, Bro. E. C. Morris, State association and Bro. Neal Parrish, Little River association, Bro. Charlie Thompson, Methodist from Macon, Ga.

Moderator extends welcome to visitors.

Bro. Parrish makes statement that he is representing another association for the first time since 1911, Churches in some instances, in Little River, are doing a great work for the furtherance of God's great work.

Bro. Sellers reports that the Union Association as a whole is doing fairly well.

Bro. Purvis asks Bro. Morris to speak for South Georgia and the State Associations.

Bro. Morris reports South Georgia in good condition, progressing in very fine manner. Bro. Morris missed only one session of Georgia Union Meeting (1951) since 1942. Georgia Union cooperating with State in every way over the years. State Association making very fine progress in all phases of the work.

Motion carried to receive visitors.

Call for Corresponding Messengers from other bodies. None received.

Motion carried for Chair to appoint Devotional Committee as follows: Bro. T. B. Etheridge, Bro. Hobbs and Bro. Henry Nobles.

Motion carried to recess 10 minutes in order for Moderator and Clerk to appoint various committees as follows:

Temperance: Bro. J. B. Lewis, Bro. W. L. Purvis and Sister Winnie Warren.

Education: Bro. E. C. Morris, Bro. Charlie Bartlett and Bro. George W. Nobles.

Suggestion: Bro. Lonnie Johnson, Bro. A. L. Sellers and Bro. W. L. Cason.

Sunday School: Sister Charles Kernick, Sister Omie Owens and Sister G. R. Maddox.

State of Churches and Characters of Ministers: Bro. E. R. Roland, Bro. George A. Nobles, Bro. Robert Rogers, Bro. Ernest J. Barker and Bro. Charles Kernick.

Finance: Bro. Emmett McDuffie, Bro. James Johnson and Bro. E. L. Long.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business to hear report of Devotional Committee.

Report read and adopted. Bro. Sellers to preach Thursday night and Bro. Morris Friday morning.

Three churches ask for next session to convene at their church; Crossroads, Beulah Springs and Liberty Chapel.

On vote next session to meet at Crossroads on Oct. 9-10, 1952.

Motion carried to table Ministerial Reports until Friday.

Call for other reports. None received.

Call for Miscellaneous Business by Moderator.

Motion carried that Bro. W. L. Purvis preach introductory sermon at next session.

Bro. Loyd makes talk on importance of our working harder in our own Christian endeavor. Suggests that Georgia Union support field worker to help in our Sunday Schools and other Church work.

Bro. Parrish talks on the Merits in Bro. Loyd's proposals.

Motion carried that Sherman D. Jones be appointed to serve in conjunction with State Director of Sunday Schools in formulating of plans.

Motion carried to print 600 Minutes.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Ross in Executive Board.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. McDuffie to Mission Board to succeed Bro. Parrish.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Manse Cason on Mission Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Smith on Superannuation Board.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. W. W. Hobbs to Education Board to succeed Bro. Holmes.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. Manse Cason to State Education Board.

Motion carried for Bro. Cylde Martin to work with State on Superannuation Board.

Motion carried to correspond with various bodies as follows: South Georgia, Bro. Emmett McDuffie, Bro. Charlie Bartlett and Bro. Manse Cason; Little River, Martin; Bro. J. D. Payne, Chattahoochee; Bro. Ernest J. Barker, Union and Midway by Minutes.

Motion carried for expenses incurred to be paid by Georgia Union Association.

Letter read by Clerk from Quarterly Conference.

Motion carried to accept letter.

Motion carried for Bro. Henry Nobles and Bro. E. R. Roland, correspond with State Association.

Motion carried to send \$10.00 to State Association and \$5.00 to National Association.

Motion carried to retain Bro. McDuffie to Ordaining Council.

Bro. Payne asked to be removed from Ordaining Council. Not acted upon at this session.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday morning at 10:00 a. m.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." Sister Bartlett appointed to lead devotional. Prayer by Bro. Roland. Sister Bartlett read the 23rd. Psalm. After a wonderful testimony service Bro. A. L. Sellers brought an inspiring message.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

Bro. Manse Cason in charge of devotional. Reading St. Matthew, Chapter 7. Moderator read 2nd. Peter, 1st. Chap., 1-13 Verses.

Call to order by Moderator.

Call for Ministerial Reports.



Moderator appointed the following: Bro. Roscoe Langford, Pleasant Hill, Bro. Emmett McDuffie, Christian Hill, Bro. Ernest J. Barker, Christian Hill, Bro. George A. Nobles, Double Branch and Sherman D. Jones, Clerk, Little Bethel.

Motion carried to Pay Clerk \$15.00 and Moderator \$10.00.

Motion carried to give Clerk authority to make necessary changes and have Minutes printed.

Motion carried to give time to Bro. Morris to present a talk on Promotional Work, especially on the Unified Program.

Offering taken for Unified Program in amount of \$17.50.

Motion carried to adjourn to convene with New Ebenezer Church in Bleckley County, Georgia on Thursday and Friday before the sceond Sunday in October, 1952.

ELDER J. F. SMITH, Moderator

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clrek-Treasurer.

Motion carried to turn reports over to committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers.

Moderator asked that bearer of report read them. Read as follows: Finance, Education, Temperance and Sunday Schools.

Motion corried to adopt reports and relieve committees.

Motion carried to suspend reports of committees until afternoon.

Motion carried to send Bro. E. R. Roland to National Association to be held at Shawnee, Oklahoma the second week in July, 1952.

Motion carried that Pastors encourage each church to raise money for his expenses. Bro. Morris suggests about sixty or seventy dollars.

Motion carried to adjourn for preaching service. Bro. Morris brought a wonderful denominational sermon.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "When the Saints go Marching In."

Prayer offered by Bro. E. L. Long.

Moderator based his remarks on 23rd. Psalm.

Call for committees that had not reported. Committees as follows: Suggestion and State of Churches and Character of Ministers.

Motion carried to accept reports and relieve committees.

Motion carried that Chair appoint committee of five to carry out suggestion of report. ((See Report of State of Churches and Character of Ministers)).



**ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

Elder Emmett McDuffie.....	Rochelle, Georgia
Elder G. C. Sullivan.....	Pinehurst, Georgia
Elder N. R. Sullivan.....	Pinehurst, Georgia
Elder J. F. Smith.....	Eastman, Georgia
Elder J. D. Payne.....	Danville, Georgia
Elder J. W. Hightower.....	124 Grady Street, Macon, Georgia
Elder Manse Cason.....	Seville, Georgia
Elder J. L. Poston.....	Chester, Georgia
Elder Spurgeon Jones.....	Eastman, Georgia
Elder G. W. Nobles.....	% F. C. Molton, Route 3, Macon Georgia
Elder H. F. Loyd.....	838 Second Street, Macon, Georgia
Elder Charlie Bartlett.....	Cordele, Georgia
Elder J. B. Langford.....	Cordele, Georgia

**LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

Rev. Charlie Knott.....	Cordele, Georgia
Rev. Verna Pritchett.....	Eastman, Georgia

**NAMES OF MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION**

Elder N. R. Sullivan.....	Pinehurst, Georgia
Elder G. C. Sullivan.....	Pinehurst, Georgia
Elder G. W. Nobles.....	% F. C. Molton, Route 3, Macon, Georgia
Elder Charlie Bartlett.....	Cordele, Georgia
Elder Emmett McDuffie.....	Rochelle, Georgia
Elder J. F. Smith.....	Eastman, Georgia
Elder J. D. Payne.....	Danville, Georgia
Elder Manse Cason.....	Seville, Georgia
Elder H. F. Floyd.....	838 Second Street, Macon, Georgia
Elder J. B. Langford.....	Cordele, Georgia
Elder W. L. Purvis.....	693 Second Street, Macon, Georgia

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****TEMPERANCE**

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following report: We recommend that both ministry and laity Preach, Teach and Practice Temperance in all things in all of our walks of life.

J. B. LEWIS, Chairman.

### EDUCATION

Your committee on Education offers the following report: Realizing that education is information which may be applied for good or evil, and seeing the need of the good which should come from education, we are recommending that, our endeavors be channeled through a source of information which will develop strong Christian character and usefulness, further we recommend that every available means be supported in this field of endeavor, such as Sunday Schools, Youth Camp, and our Bible College. We would further recommend that our ministry take advantage of every possible means of improvement in their usefulness, through reading and studying all good available literature and attending institutes which will be helpful to their ministerial labors.

E. C. MORRIS, Chairman.

### SUGGESTION

We, your committee on Suggestion beg to report as follows: Seeing the need of our denomination going forward and the importance of full cooperation in putting the Unified Program over, we suggest that a great effort be put forth to raise a minimum of 25c per capita member per month in each Church for the Unified Program in order that we may increase the various phases of our endeavor, such as Christian Education, Missions at Home and Abroad, Youth Services and Superannuation.

We suggest further that when one of our members move from their respective location to another, that their pastor endeavor to locate the nearest church possible and notify them of said church.

W. L. CASON, Chairman.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Sunday School committee, beg to report that our Sunday Schools are doing fine. We thank the Lord for His help and His blessings. Pray for us that we may have better Sunday Schools next year.

SISTER G. R. MADDOX, Chairman.

**STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS**

We, your committee make the following report: We find all Churches and Ministers in order, but it is found that some members of two churches are not in harmony and at peace as is becoming to Christians. It is recommended that all churches take action to remedy these conditions which tend to cause these differences.

It is further recommended that a committee be appointed now to study the By-Laws and the Constitution of the Georgia Union Association and report to the session in 1952 for consideration.

E. R. ROLAND, Chairman.

**FINANCE**

We, your committee on Finance beg to make our report. We have received this session as follows: ..... \$92.60  
Balance on hand..... 16.14

TOTAL..... \$108.74

EMMETT McDUFFIE, Chairman.

**DEVOTIONAL**

We, your Devotional committee appoint Bro. A. L. Sellers to preach Thursday night and Bro. E. C. Morris, Friday morning.

W. H. NOBLES, Chairman

T. B. ETHERIDGE

J. W. HOBBS

**IN MEMORY OF SISTER BERTIE AUTRY**

A beloved sister of Bethlehem church who's place was always filled. But now her seat is vacant and we miss her and always will. May her soul rest with Jesus in Heaven until judgement day is our humble prayer.

Written by SISTER CHRISTINE PERRY.

**IN MEMORY OF SISTER ODELL THOMASON**

Our beloved sister of Bethlehem Foe Will Baptist Church. She is gone but not forgotten. Never will her memory fade, sweetest thoughts will ever linger around her grave where she is laid. God called her from this world of trouble, to a home He has prepared up in heaven, where the streets are paved with gold, her troubles now are over, all is peace, joy and love.

Written by SISTER GERTRUDE JONES.



**IN MEMORY OF SISTER C. R. CALHOUN**

On Jan. 8, 1951 the great reaper visited the home of Bro. C. R. Calhoun and took his wife, who was before her marriage Miss Zora McGlamory. The daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Ann Richards McGlamory.

She was born April 11, 1890, Died Jan. 8, 1951, making her stay here on earth 60 years, 8 months and 27 days.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother. In early life she connected with Plasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, where she was a very active and faithful member for 46 years. In her last years her health greatly handicapped her work.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband Bro. C. R. Calhoun; three sons Oscar W. Calhoun, Arthur W. Calhoun and James M. Calhoun; one daughter-in-law, Amanda Calhoun; two grandchildren, Margie Laverne and Arthur Wayne Calhoun, all of Cordele, Georgia, except Sgt. James M. Calhoun of the U. S. Army.

Sister Calhoun was much loved and respected by all who knew her. She was a great Christian teacher to all whom she came in contact with. Written by her cousin W. L. CASON.

**IN MEMORY OF BRO. C. C. HOBBS**

Resolutions of Respect. Whereas: our loving heavenly father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from earth our beloved Bro. C. C. Hobbs, Jan. 14, 1947, who was one of our deacons, and one of our most loyal and faithful members of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Dooly County, Georgia,

Be it resolved, first, that we express our deepest appreciation of his devotion and long years of faithful service to the Church.

Second, that we commend to those who felt his example as being one eminently worthy of being followed, it being the deepest joy of his life to serve his beloved Master, Church and Community in every possible way. Manifesting at all times a spirit of good cheer and encouragement to those about him.

Third, that we extend to the family our deepest sympathy, in their loss.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in our Church Minutes, and also a copy be inserted in our Association Minutes.

Written by W. L. CASON.

Done by Order of Conference this 4th. day of August, 1951.

**ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. **THE BIBLE**—The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rules of Faith and Practice.

2. **GOD**—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey.

3. **CHRIST**—Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD**—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unswerved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION**—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men became His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL**—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE**—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grace preserve in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. TITHINGS—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2).

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart for secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men of the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things and to avoid all appearance of evil, to sustain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness: and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme: counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises; the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### BY-LAWS

Article 1. Annual conferences shall be annually held.

Article 2. Every Elder, Minister and Preacher in good standing, and delegates shall duly attend.

Article 3. If any member in the judgement of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in the conference.

Article 4. No member of the Annual Conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the Moderator.

Article 5. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Article 6. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.

Article 7. The officers and standing committees shall be entitled to seats in the annual conference.

Article 8. No Elder, Minister, Preacher or delegate shall during the sitting of the annual conference, be at liberty to fill any place, as to preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the conference.

Article 9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.

Article 10. The Minutes of the conference shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

### CONSTITUTION

#### Yearly Meeting or Annual Association Constitution

Article 1. This yearly meeting or association shall be called the Georgia Union Association, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under the Constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of this yearly meeting or association shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, Every Quarterly Meeting being entitled to one delegate, every Quarterly Meeting containing five hundred members to two delegates and one additional delegate for every additional five hundred members.

Article 3. The officers of this yearly meeting or association

shall be a standing Clerk and Treasurer and a Moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the yearly meetings or association, with assistants as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such Churches as conform to the practices, and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith, and in the Minutes of the National Association, and one in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination may at any time, on application, by Vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly Walk, if labor proves unsuccessful but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall be held on Thursday and Friday before the Second Sunday in October, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which this Yearly Meeting or Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standings, prospects, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgement may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the Churches and Quarterly Meetings, within the limits of this Yearly Meeting or Association.

Article 7. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a Vote of the Yearly Meeting or Association at any regular session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at the next previous session.

#### **RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS**

(1.) Applicant shall bear license for not less than one (1) year.

(2.) Be called to one (1) or more churches, except that evidence be shown where as the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.

(3.) Applicant shall be examined by the Ordaining Council, who having been duly elected by the Association to which they hold membership.

(4.) Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, measure up to the standards of the treatise of National Association of Free Will Baptist, of which have been adopted by this body.

(5.) These rules may be changed and re-written only by a two-thirds majority of those voting for a change by the Georgia Union Association while in session.

The above rules having been adopted by the executive board and the Quarterly Conference of the Georgia Union Association, the same shall be carried in the Minutes of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist.

#### **RULES FOR LICENSING MINISTERS**

A person having felt the calling of the ministry must be recommended by the church of which he is a member, to the Quarterly Conference or the Association while in session, there examined by the ordaining council and upon their approval be granted license of which shall carry the name of each council member and the seal of Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Total Membership	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Education	Superannuation	Orphanage	Evangelistic Work	Asso. Purposes	Paid Pastor
Antioch .....	Mrs. Bertha Owens, Pitts, Ga.....	Charlie Bartlett, Cordele, Ga.....	3		32				\$	\$	\$1.00	\$1.00		\$22.55	\$7.00	\$147.17
Bay Spring ....	I. M. Smith, Eastman, Ga.....	J. F. Smith, Eastman, Ga.....	2	1	65	2	1							35.00	5.00	101.00
Bethlehem .....	Miss Christine Perry, Cordele, Ga.	J. B. Langford, Cordele, Ga.....	1		76	1	2		14.00					25.77	5.20	234.27
Beulah Spring	Mrs. G. R. Maddox, Montrose, Ga.	H. F. Lloyd, 838 2nd St., Macon..	2-4	2	50	14	1	1		7.50				33.00	2.00	151.88
Christian Hill..	Ernest J. Barker, Rochelle, Ga.....	J. D. Payne, Danville, Ga. ....	1-3	6	156	9		2	18.62	34.62	21.70			297.30	12.40	455.33
Double Branch	Mrs. T. M. Sangster, Unadilla, Ga.	Manse Cason, Seville, Ga.....	4	8	160	8	2	4	9.15	9.15	17.08	6.10		90.00	10.00	354.11
Liberty Chapel	H. E. Leonard, 4308 Trammel Ave. Macon, Ga. ....	W. L. Purvis, 693 2nd St. Macon..	1-2													
Mt. Arrarat ....	V. T. Clements, Box 222, Eastman		3-4	10	60	11		4	14.90	25.10	1.68	14.10		48.00	11.00	397.93
Little Bethel ..	Edna Fordham, Chester, Ga.....	J. F. Smith, Eastman, Ga.....	1	1	275	1		3	35.00	8.00				19.31	5.00	235.56
New Ebenezer	Mrs. John F. Ross, Cochran, Ga...	Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle, Ga...	4	7	109	9			1.80	1.80	3.36			90.00	10.00	231.85
Pine Level .....	Donald Self, Eastman, Ga.....	E. B. Duckworth, Oak Park, Ga...	2-4	3	55	3	2		100.68	16.74	8.19	2.93		120.45	10.00	353.48
Pleasant Hill ..	Viola Hobbs, Vienna, Ga.....	I. J. Blackwilder, Alma, Ga.....	1	2	114	5	2	4	90.00	19.90	2.88			81.94	10.00	359.75
			2	1	115	1	1	1						75.00	10.00	477.54