

1952 MINUTES  
OF THE  
58TH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION  
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH  
NEW EBENEZER CHURCH  
BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, OCTOBER 9-10, 1952

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NEXT SESSION

The next session convenes with Liberty Chapel Church,  
Macon, Georgia, on October 8th and 9th, 1953. Introduc-  
tory Sermon by Rev. Manse Cason.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

W. H. Nobles, Pines Level, ..... Chester, Ga.  
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W. L. Amerson ————— Chester, Georgia

**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 dealings
6. Reports of Deacons
7. Reports 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. Introduce visiting brethren and admit them to honorary seats
6. Call for corresponding messengers from other bodies
7. Appoint D. C.
8. Appoint various committees
9. Select place for holding next session
10. Call for ministerial and all other conference reports
11. Call for reports of committees
12. Call for ordinances and consecrations
13. Call for miscellaneous business
14. Elect all officers
15. Adjourn

# PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-Eighth annual session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists, convened with New Ebenezer Church in Bleckley County, Georgia, Thursday Oct. 9, 1952.

## THURSDAY MORNING

Bro. J. F. Smith, as moderator, appoints Bro. T. B. Ethridge, Bro. E. L. Long and Bro. Lum Smith to act in place of executive board to appoint someone to preach morning sermon in place of Bro. Purvis. Committee selects Bro. Joiner from South Georgia Association.

Moderator reads from 1 Corinthians Chapter 3, verses 6-14. Bro. Smith talks on the purpose of our meetings, stressing the building for the future, and especially noting the main feature of any building, the foundation, noting also that the main foundation for men, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Moderator calls session to order

Call for letters from the various churches

Read the letters and complete the roll

Motion carried for the chair to appoint someone to read letters.

Bro. E. E. Parker Jr., and Bro. Charles Kernick appointed.

Letters read and delegates listed as follows:

Pleasant Hill Bro. Lewis Clark, Bro. W. R. Lankford, Bro. W. W. Hobbs, Bro. Charles Clark.

New Ebenezer — Bro. Ben Knighton, Bro. B. C. McDaniel, Sis. Winnie Warren, Sis. Pauline Bradley.

Little Bethel — Bro. Eugene Parker Jr. and wife and Bro. W. H. Davis and wife.

Mt. Ararat — Sis. Ila Mae Linder, Sis. Spurgeon Jones and Sis. Fannie Peacock.

Christian Hill — Bro. I. E. Tally, Bro. John A. Barker, and Sister Susie Tally.

Double Branch — Bro. and Sister J. R. Cromer, Bro. and Sister J. B. Goodroe. Alternate, Bro. and Sister T. B. Ethridge.

Liberty Chapel — Sister N. A. Kitchens, Sister W. H. Gray, Sister Ruby Hearn, Sister H. P. Shi, Sister Potter, Sister Byron Arnold, and Bro. and Sister R. B. McFadden.

Bethlehem — Bro. and Sister Charles Kernick, Sister Christine Peary Sister Annie White.

Pine Level — Bro. W. B. Bacon and wife, Bro. E. L. Long and wife and Bro. E. H. Phillips.

Antioch — Sister Omie Owens and Sister Pearl Johnson.

Beulah Springs — Bro and Sister B. J. Johnson and Bro. and Sister James Johnson.

Bay Springs—Bro Britton Jones and wife, Bro. James Cook, Sister Betty Sue Rogers and Sister Emmett Ross

Quarterly conference — Bro. E. J. Barker

Motion carried to allow clerk to make necessary changes in completing roll.

Motion carried to adjourn for preaching service. Bro. Joiner brought an inspiring message, reading from St. John's Gospel.

#### THURSDAY ATERNOON

After enjoying a bountiful spread the body reconvened opened proceedings by singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Prayer by Bro. McFadden, Devotional by Bro. McDuffie, Reading Romans 12, 1-2, talking, mainly on the transforming of men from evil to good.

Bro. Morris given opportunity to speak. Bro. Morris speaks on the budget, as concerning the promotional office. Ga. Union already have contributed above their quota. All but three churches have responded to the budget. Bro. Morris tells us that he is a full time promotional secretary beginning in November. Offers any help that he might be able to give, added some high-lights on the Bible college.

Bro. Joiner adds a few words about the college.

Motion carried to receive better forms Quarterly Conference (see list of delegates).

Call for nominations of new officers.

Motion carried to seat same officers. (See cover of Minute).

Bro Smith expresses his appreciation, to the body, for their confidence and also expresses his desire for cooperation among all.

Call for visitors — none

Call for corresponding messengers

Bro. Joiner, South Georgia Association and Bro. Sellers, Union Association.

Bro. Joiner speaks in behalf of South Georgia Association.

Bro. Sellers speaks on advancement in education made by F. W. B. He states that F. W. B. spent more money, per capita, for education than any other denomination.

Motion carried to seat them as delegates and moderator extended hand of fellowship to them.

Appoint D. C.

Committees appointed as follows: Sunday School, Bro. A. L. Sellers, Bro. E. E. Parker, Bro. Roscoe Langford; Education, Rev. Manse Cason, Sister Louise Bartlett, Sister J. D. Payne.

Ordaining Council: Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rev. C. M. Bartlett.

Suggestions: Bro. J. R. Cromer, Bro. George W. Nobles, Bro. James Potter.

Temperance: Bro. McDuffie, Bro. Spurgeon Jones, Bro. Bartlett.

Finance: Bro. Charles Kernick, Bro. John Barker, Bro. Elbert Powell.

State of Churches and character of ministers, Bro. Parker, Bro. Barker.

Motion carried for chair to appoint D. C.

Bro. Ethridge, Bro. Long and Bro. Lum Smith appointed.

Motion carried to adjourn for moderator and clerk to appoint various committees.

Offering for Bro. E. R. Roland in amount of \$35.00

Report of Womans Auxiliary from Liberty Chapel read by Sister Arnold.

Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business and hear any report needed to be heard.

Clerk read report of Committee appointed at last session, to revise constitution and by-laws.

Motion carried to table report until following day.

Motion carried to accept report of D. C. Bro. Sellers to bring message Thursday night and Bro. Pritchett Friday morning.

Motion carried for next session to convene with Liberty Chapel in Macon.

Liberty Chapel extended an invitation to everyone to attend a homecoming at their church.

Bro. Payne refuses to act on ordaining council and asks to be relieved for the council.

Motion carried to relieve Bro. Payne.

Motion carried for Bro. Bartlett to fill unexpired term of Bro. Payne.

Bro. McDuffie speaks on the merits of the mission board where there is something in the mission treasury to work with.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

Devotional led by Bro. Kernick. A wonderful testimony.

Service was enjoyed by all, after which Bro. Sellers brought a very inspiring message, reading from St. John's Gospel.



## FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing, Nothing But The Blood of Jesus. Bro. George Nobles selected to act in stead of Bro. Smith. He read from 1 John 3, 1-3. Speaks on necessity of unity and cooperation among Christians.

Call for miscellaneous business.

Motion carried for chair to appoint delegates to state association. Appoints Bro. Kernick and Bro. John Ross.

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

Call for volunteers to National Association.

Motion carried to send Bro. Barker.

The following pledged \$5.00 on expense: New Ebenezer, Double Branch, Bro. Payne, Mt. Ararat, Bethlehem, Little Bethel, Pleasant Hill, Liberty Chapel, Pine Level and Christian Hill.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. E. E. Parker to Sunday School committee.

Bro. Roscoe Langford requests permission to be excused in order to prepare report.

Permission granted.

Motion carried to suspend business for 28 minutes.

Reopened by singing, When We All Get To Heaven. Prayer by Bro. Barker.

Motion carried for chair to appoint someone to serve on, State of Churches and characters of ministers, committee. Bro. Barker appointed.

Motion carried to excuse committee in order to prepare report.

Bro. Parrish makes statement and asks for an endorsement, by this body, for evangelistic work.

Motion carried to endorse Bro. Parrish.

Motion carried to elect all officers needed.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Powell on Executive Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. McDuffie on Mission Board.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Elbert Powell to Superannuation Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Amerson on Education Board.

Nominations of Ordaining Council member in order.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Charlie Bartlett.

Motion carried for Bro. Manse Cason to preach introductory sermon at next session.

Motion carried for Bro. Payne to be alternate.

Motion carried to print 600 minutes.

Motion carried for clerk to make any necessary changes and have minutes printed.

Call for volunteers to correspond with other associations.

Bro. Payne volunteers to get to next session of Chattahoochie Association and also to represent in the South Georgia Association.

Bro. and Sister Kernick volunteer to represent in the Union Association.

Motion carried to represent in Midway, Martin and Little River by Minute.

Rising vote of thanks to New Ebenezer Church for its hospitality during this session.

Motion carried to suspend business session in order to hear preaching service.

Sermon preached by Bro. Pritchett, reading from St. Luke's Gospel.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing, Won't it Be Wonderful There. Prayer offered by Bro. Barker.

Moderator read from St. John's Gospel 1-1-5.

Call for further committee report.

Motion carried to hear report of Ordaining council.

Moderator read from the following: Matt. 19, Romans, 7, 1st Corinthians 7, 1st Timothy 3-1-5, Titus 1.

Bro. Pritchett read from Romans 7.

Bro. Sellers makes statement favoring Bro. Pritchett.

Bro. McDuffie makes statement favoring Bro. Pritchett.

Bro. Parrish make statement concerning the good spirit shown in discussing Bro. Pritchett.

Motion carried to accept report of Ordaining Council with 27 favoring adoption and 6 against.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business.

Bro. Smith tenders resignation for Ordaining Council.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Cason to act at this time.

Motion carried to take up reports.

Motion carried to adopt report of Amendment Committee (see report)

Motion carried to relieve Bro. Smith and Bro. McDuffie to act in his stead.

Motion carried to adopt the following reports: Finance, suggestion. Sunday School, education, women's auxiliary, state of churches and character of ministers and temperance.

Bro. McDuffie talks on mission work and its merits. Suggests that one member of each church be appointed to work in conjunction with mission board to raise money.

The following were appointed: Bay Spring, Bro. Smith, Bethlehem, Bro. Lum Smith, Buelah Springs, Bro. James Johnson, Anioch, Sister Bertha Owens, Christian Hill, Bro. Ernest Barker, Double Branch, Bro. T. B. Ethridge, Liberty Chapel, Sister Bryon Arnold, New Ebene-



zer, Bro. John Ross, Mt. Ararat, Bro. Spurgeon Jones, Little Bethel, Bro. E. E. Parker, Pine Level, Bro. E. L. Long, Pleasant Hill, Bro. Lewis Clark.

Nomination in order for new officers for next session.

Bro. Emmett McDuffie—Moderator, Bro. Manse Cason—Vice Moderator; Sherman D. Jones. —Clerk-Treasurer; Bro. W. W. Hobbs—Mission Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn to convene with Liberty Chapel on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1953.

Elder J. F. Smith — Moderator

Sherman D. Jones — Clerk-Treasurer

#### Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

Elder Emmett McDuffie — Rochelle  
 Elder G. C. Sullivan — Pinehurst, Ga.  
 Elder N. R. Sullivan — Pinehurst, Ga.  
 Elder J. F. Smith — Empire, Ga.  
 Elder J. D. Payne — Danville, Ga.  
 Elder J. W. Hightower — 124 Grady St. Macon, Ga.  
 Elder Manse Cason, —Seville, Ga.  
 Elder Spurgeon Jones — Eastman, Ga.  
 Elder G. W. Nobles — c/o F. C. Martin, Route 3, Macon, Ga.  
 Elder H. F. Lloyd — 838 Second St. Macon, Ga.  
 Elder Charlie Bartlett — Cordele, Ga.  
 Elder J. B. Langford — Cordele, Ga.  
 Elder V. L. Pritchett — Eastman, Ga.  
 Elder W. L. Purvis, Route 2, Cordele, Ga.  
 Elder N. H. Parrish — Waycross, Ga.

#### Licensed Ministers and Their Addresses

Rev. R. B. McFadden — 1227 Bailey Ave. Macon, Ga.

#### Names of Ministers Present at This Session

Elder N. R. Sullivan, Finleyson, Ga.  
 Elder G. W. Nobles — o/o F. C. Malton, Route 3, Macon, Ga.  
 Elder Charlie Bartlett — Cordele, Ga.  
 Elder Emmett McDuffie — Rochele, Ga.  
 Elder J. F. Smith — Empire, Ga.  
 Elder J. D. Payne — Danville, Ga.  
 Elder Manse Cason — Seville, Ga.  
 Elder Spurgeon Jones — Eastman, Ga.  
 Rev. R. B. McFadden — 1227 Bailey Ave. Macon, Ga.  
 Rev. V. L. Pritchett — Eastman, Ga.  
 Elder N. H. Parrish — Waycross, Ga.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS — Sunday School

We your Sunday School committee are glad to report each church has a Sunday School. We are sorry to report that some are not always as well as should be. We want to encourage all the churches to put the best that they have in their Sunday Schools, realizing that Sunday Schools are the fundamentals of Christian living and the training of the lives of our children. We insist that the churches take more interest in helping to prepare our teachers for their responsibilities, for that is the secret of the success of the Sunday Schools

Rev. A. L. Sellers — Chairman

## EDUCATION

We your committee on education believe that all ministers, deacons and lay-members should take every opportunity in learning and studying God's word. He teaches us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, also to study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth.

Rev. Manse Cason — Chairman

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council beg to make the following report: Bro. Emmett McDuffie and Bro. Charlie Bartlett for Ordaining, Bro. V. L. Pritchett and Bro. J. F. Smith against Ordaining Bro. Pritchett.

Rev. J. F. Smith — Chairman

Rev. Emmett McDuffie

Rev. Charlie Bartlett

## SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee on suggestions beg to report as follows that each one of our churches and Pastors cooperate and support all phases of the unified program in order to increase our Christian Education, our home and foreign missions and our youth camp.

We further suggest that each church and pastor endeavor to organize a league for the young people of our denomination.

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

Bro. J. R. Cromer — Chairman

## TEMPERANCE

We, your temperance committee beg to make the following report. We believe that the church as a whole should be temperate in all things, especially the pastors and deacons, that Jesus' life might be manifested in our lives.

Rev. Emmett McDuffie — Chairman

## FINANCE

We, your committee on finance beg to make the following report:

Received this session .....	\$90.15
Balance on hand .....	19.96

Total .....	\$110.11
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Bro. Charles Kernick — Chairman

Note: We have \$15.00 donated by Double Branch, New Ebenezer and Pleasant Hill on delegate's expense to the National Association in 1952. Money to be used to pay on delegate's expense to National Association in 1953, by request of each church.

The quarterly conference gave \$23.15 to help finish printing the minutes for the association.

## STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your committee, make the following as our report: We find that four of our ministers have not filed an annual report on the ministerial certificate as is required by our body. We also find that some of our ministers, as visiting preachers, have preached a large number of sermons in several instances and have received small amounts, if any, money. We urge our churches to be more considerate in the future, in these matters.

Bro. E. E. Parker, Jr. — Chairman

Noe: Paid evangelists — \$908.48. See table in back of minutes.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We, as Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Workers, wish to "make known his mighty acts and the glorious majesty of his kingdom" Psalms 145-12th verse. Mary and Martha were always ready to serve the master. It was Mary who sat at his feet to learn of Jesus. But it was Martha's faith which called forth that early announcement, "I am the resurrection."

In Luke, we find three women who accompanied Jesus on a preaching trip and ministered unto him of their substance. It was a woman who gave, not just 10 per cent, but, all of her living.

We feel our responsibilities and desire the Prayers of all the praying people, that we may carry on for the Master.

Sister John F. Ross — Chairman

DEVOTIONAL

We, your devotional committee appoint Bro. A. L. Sellers to Preach Thursday night and Bro. V. L. Pritchett, Friday morning.

Bro. T. B. Ethridge — Chairman

In Memory of Elder J. L. Poston

Our beloved brother of Beulah Springs Free Will Baptist Church, has laid down this earthly life, and has gone to be with Jesus where there is no sin and strife.

Far beyond this world of trouble  
Where the blessed angels stay,  
And where none grow old and feeble  
And no head is ever gray.  
He was kind to his family,  
To his friends and neighbors too,  
Had for them a deep compassion  
As true-hearted Christians do.  
Lived to bless them with his presence,  
With his prayers and helpful deeds,  
With his words of blessed council  
With his principles and his creeds.  
Now that he has gone to Jesus,  
~~How~~ we miss his lovely face, VOICE  
Miss the sunshine of his presence  
And his Christian love and grace.  
~~But we do not mourn his going,~~  
~~As we would, if hope were dead,~~  
~~For~~ he told us ere departing  
That for death he had no dread.  
Some bright day we'll meet dear Bro. Poston,  
Up above this world of fears,  
Where no death can bring bereavement  
And no eyes are dim with tears.  
There to praise our Lord and Master,  
Where the praises never cease,  
And where sin can never enter  
To molest our perfect peace.

Written by: Sister Mattie L. Barron, Sister Sara White  
Beulah Springs, Free Will Baptist Church

In memory of Sister Clint Gordon, a beloved Sister of Bethlehem Church who has gone to her reward.

I pray her soul is resting with Jesus or Lord,

Her place was hardly ever empty while she was well.

God called her to a better home that was not made by hand.

Let us all be ready to meet her in that great promise land.

Written by: Sister Christine Perry, Bethlehem Church

#### In Memory of Sister John A. Amerson

Sister Amerson departed this life October 9, 1952. She was born in Twiggs County in 1878 making her stay on earth 74 years. She was a faithful member of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church. She was loyal to her children and community. She leaves several children grand children, and a host of friends to mourn her passing. We are sure that our loss is her gain, so all we can say is good-bye dear Sister till we meet again.

Your heart was the truest in all the world

Your love the best to recall,

For no one on earth can take your place,

Your're still the dearest to us all.

If we had all the world to give

We would give it, yet and more

To hear your voice and see your smiles

And greet you at the door.

By friends of Pine Level Church

#### 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 endorses 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, Preacher and Deacon in good standing and delegates shall duly attend.
- Article 3. If any member in the judgment of the conference shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, 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 the conference.

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

Article 8. No Elder, Minister, Preacher, Deacon 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.

Article 11. By-laws shall be read by moderator at opening of business session annually.

Article 12. All church clerks shall furnish moderator a list of delegates 15 days prior to convening of each annual session.

### 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 Churches and Quarterly meetings, conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The conference of this yearly meeting or association shall consist of ministers and deacons in good standing and delegates from the several churches and 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. Every church being entitled to two delegates and churches with fifty or more members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every twenty-five members or fraction thereof up to one hundred and then one additional delegate for every fifty members or fraction thereof.

Article 3. The officers of this yearly meeting or association shall be a clerk and treasurer, a moderator, a vice-moderator and a mission treasurer, who shall be chosen at the close of every session of the yearly meeting or association, and whose term of office shall begin immediately following adjournment of each annual session.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Church or quarterly meeting 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 two thirds vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This yearly meeting or association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to exclude them, for disorderly work, 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 churches and 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 churches and quarterly meeting and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgment 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 session.

Article 8. This constitution may be amended or amended by a two thirds vote of the yearly meeting or association at any regular session, notice of such intended alteration have 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.

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 Pastors
Antioch.....	Mrs. Bertha Owens, Pitts, Ga.....	Charlie Bartlett, Cordele, Ga.....	3	1	14	1			\$ 67.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 11.61	\$ 2.00	\$118.03
Bay Spring.....	W. H. Smith, Macon, Ga.....	J. F. Smith, Empire, Ga.....	2	1	61	3	1							49.00	5.00	111.00
Bethlehem.....	Mrs. Christine Perry, Cordele, Ga.....	J. F. Smith, Empire, Ga.....	1		68		1	1	15.36					10.82	5.00	160.83
Beulah Spring...	Mrs. G. R. Maddox, Montrose, Ga...	H. F. Lloyd, 838 2nd St. Macon, Ga.	2-4	7	59	10	1							44.00	2.00	156.50
Christian Hill....	Ernest J. Barker, Rochelle, Ga.....	Paul Irvin, Macon, Ga.....	1-3		155			1	18.12	56.39	21.40			203.28	10.00	417.83
Double Branch...	Mrs. T. M. Sangster, Unadilla, Ga.	Manse Cason, Seville, Ga.....	2-4	1	154	1	2	5	102.55		65.00			108.85	10.00	536.01
Liberty Chapel..	Miss Ruby Hearn, 1238 Appleton Ave., Macon, Ga.....	W. L. Purvis, Rt. 3, Cordele, Ga.....	1-2 3-4													
				3	75	14	2	2						151.55	5.00	707.00
Little Bethel.....	Mrs. Johnnie Davis, Chester, Ga...	J. F. Smith, Empire, Ga.....	3		115	2		1						50.00	6.00	239.82
Mt. Ararat.....	Miss Ila Mae Linder, Eastman, Ga.	Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle, Ga....	4	1	150	3		1	30.00					10.00	5.00	230.50
New Ebenezer....	Mrs. J. F. Ross, Cochran, Ga.....	V. L. Pritchett, Eastman, Ga.....	2-4	6	66	6	1		19.61	34.41	15.69	5.02	3.14	89.35	10.00	437.70
Pine Level.....	Donald Self, Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga...	J. D. Payne, Danville, Ga.....	1-3		114		1	2	39.95					20.00	10.00	460.00
Pleasant Hill....	Miss Viola Hobbs, Vienna, Ga.....	J. D. Payne, Danville, Ga.....	2	6	124	9	1			15.00	54.81		10.00	160.00	10.00	447.25