

1953 MINUTES
OF THE
59th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Georgia Union Association
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
Liberty Chapel Church
MACON, GEORGIA, OCTOBER 8-9, 1953



OFFICERS

REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE, Moderator..Rochelle, Ga.
REV. MANSE CASON, Vice-Mod.....Seville, Ga.
SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk and Treas.....Chester, Ga.
WESLEY HOBBS, Mission Treasurer.....Cordele, Ga.



NEXT SESSION

The next session convenes with Pine Level Church,
Dodge County, Georgia, on October 7-8, 1954. Introduc-
tory sermon by Rev. J. D. Payne.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

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

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

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

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Emmett McDuffie	Rochelle, Ga.
Rev. Charlie Bartlett	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. Manse Cason	Seville, 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 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-ninth Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists, convened with Liberty Chapel Church in Macon, Ga., Tuesday, October 8, 1953.

THURSDAY MORNING

Open session by singing "I Want to Be a Worker." Bro. T. B. Etheridge selected to lead singing. Prayer offered by Bro. Bill Amerson. Moderator quotes portions of 122nd Psalm. Bro. Manse Cason read Romans 8:3-39, and brought a very thought provoking message.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying a bountiful spread, including barbecue, the body reconvened and opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Prayer offered by Bro. Etheridge. Moderator read Acts 20:16-21. Talks on the necessity in having determination in going forward in Gods Work.

Moderator calls session to order.

Calls for letters from various churches

Motion carried for chair to appoint someone to read letters.

Bro. Manse Cason and Bro. Bill Amerson appointed.

Read the letters and completed the roll.

Letters read and delegates listed as follows:

Quarterly Conference, Bro. Ernest J. Barker.

New Ebenezer, Bro. and Sis Elbert Powell and Bro. and Sis. John F. Cannon.

Christian Hill, Sisters Leno McDuffie, Lola Barker and Pearl McDuffie.

Liberty Chapel, Sisters Jacqueline Dick and W. H. Gray.

Double Branch, Bro. and Sis. G. A. Nobles.

Beulah Springs, Bro. B. J. Johnson and Bro. Roberson.

Antioch, not listed.

Little Bethel, Bro. Thomas Bryant.

Pleasant Hill—Bro. and Sis. W. W. Hobbs and Bro. J. W. Hobbs.

Bethlehem, Bro. Loran Wade, Bro. Charlie Knott and Bro. J. C. Smith.

Pine Level, Bros. Donald Self, Bill Amerson, Henry Nobles and Chapple Rowland.

Bay Springs, none.

Ararat, none.

Motion carried to adopt letters and seat delegates.

Call for petitionary letter—none received.

Call for visitors and invite them to seats with us.

Responding were Bro. Sellers from Union; Bro. Purvis from Chattahoochee; and Bro. Morris from State Associations.

Call for corresponding messengers.

Bro. Morris from State Association.

Appoint D. C.

Motion carried for chairman to appoint D. C. Appointed Bro. Willy Hobbs, Bro. Lum Smith and Bro. John Cannon.

Motion carried to adjourn in order for Moderator and Clerk to appoint various committees. (Note) all church clerks should read By-Laws and act on the 12th Article. This is to save the Moderator time in the Association.

Committees appointed as follows: Sunday School, Donald Self, J. W. Hobbs and Sis. Pearl McDuffie; Education, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. A. L. Sellers and Sis. Lola Barker; Finance, George A. Nobles, Bill Amerson and Ernest J. Barker; Women's Auxiliary, Sis. Leno McDuffie, Sis. Rose Cannon and Sis. Jacqueline Dick; Temperance, B. J. Johnson, Loran Wade and Thomas Bryant; Suggestion, Elbert Powell, Rev. Manse Cason and Sis. Elbert Powell; State of Churches and Character of Ministers, Henry Nobles, J. C. Smith and T. B. Etheridge; Ordaining Council, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rev. Charlie Bartlett and Rev. Manse Cason.

Motion carried to select place for next session. Pine Level and Little Bethel had requested the next session. Pine Level was selected by the body.

D. C. report made and adopted. Bro. Sellers to preach tonight and Bro. Payne Friday morning.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business and take up miscellaneous business.

Motion carried to accept Bro. Morris' statement about letter forms (as furnished by the State Association) and to use them hereafter.

Motion Carried to take up donation for Associational work. Amount of \$19.50 taken.

Motion carried to fill vacancy in Ordaining Council for a full term. Bro. Manse Cason elected.

Motion carried to print Ordaining Council on same page in minutes as other standing boards.

Motion carried to appoint delegates to State Association. Bro. E. R. Roland, Bro. Donald Self and Bro. W. R. Langford appointed.

Motion carried to send someone to National Association. Bro. Elbert Powell volunteered.

Motion carried for Association to pay his expense.

Motion carried to retain \$30.00 in treasury, (left from last year's expense account) for paying on Bro. Powell's expense.

The State Convention is to convene at Thomaston, Ga. The National at Spartanburg, South Crolina.

Motion carried to pay same fee to State and National Associations—\$10.00 to State and \$5.00 to National.

Motion carried to favor a state paper and in the event of its publication to subscribe to same.

See cover of minutes for preachers at next session.

Motion carried to print 400 minutes. Clerk to make any necessary changes.

Motion carried to pay Moderator \$15.00 and Clerk \$20.00.

Motion carried for Bro. Roberson, Bro. Knott and Bro. Amerson to meet with the Ordaining Council.

Motion carried to adjourn until 10:00 o'clock Friday so the Ordaining Council could act.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opening of service by singing "Joy Unspeakable." Bro. W. H. Gray selected to lead song and devotional service. Prayers offered by Bro. T. B. Etheridge and Bro. Manse Cason. Bro. Sellers read I Peter, 5th chapter. Benediction by Bro. Bobby Potter.

FRIDAY MORNING

Moderator read from Proverbs 6. Spoke on the ant and how he, without a leader or guide, works that he might survive. Tells us how much more industrious man should be with God as a leader and guide, espceially stressing the importance of our working for the furthering of God's kingdom here on earth.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Nobles to Executive Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. George W. Nobles to Mission Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Henry Nobles to Superannuation Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Leonard to Education Board.

See fly leaf for Ordaining Council.

Motion carried for chairman to call for volunteers to correspond with sister associations.

Bro. McDuffie to South Georgia; Bro. Payne to Martin; Bro. Barker to Chattahoochee; Bro. Parrish to Union.

MIDWAY AND LITTLE RIVER BY MINUTES

Motion carried to recommend Bro. Barker to State Association to be retained to Board of Trustees of Youth Camp.

Motion carried to recommend Bro. Cason to State Association to replace Bro. McKinney on State Mission Board.

Motion carried to renew Bro. Charles Clarke's licenses.

Motion carried to suspend business for Bro. Morris to speak on Promotional Work. He tells us the progress, in finances, that we have made in recent years. We have responded in such a splendid manner that we are now contributing over \$20,000 to all phases of the work.

Moderator recognizes Bro. Collins from Lower Corinth in South Georgia Association.

An offering of \$10.00 was taken for the unified work.

After a brief intermission reopened by singing "The Haven of Rest."

Bro. Payne brought the message, reading Matthew 16:13-28 stressing use of the use of the keys to the kingdom of God.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened after a bountiful lunch by singing "Sitting At the Feet of Jesus."

A special song rendered by Cecil Gray, "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me."

Prayer offered by Bro. Earnest Barker.

Moderator read Colossians 3:1-3, speaking on the usefulness of man When He Lets God Work in His Heart.

Bro. Morris suggested that this body appoint someone from this body to assist him in his promotional work.

Motion carried that Bro. Ernest Barker work in conjunction with Bro. Morris.

Motion carried for the Moderator of the Quarterly Conference to appoint a delegate to State Association.

Motion carried for Moderator of Quarterly Conference to instruct Clerk of Quarterly Conference to prepare letter and fee for State Association.

Motion carried for rising vote of thanks to Liberty Chapel for their kindness and hospitality during this session.

Motion carried to take up regular order of business.

Call for reports of various committees.

Motion carried to adopt the reports. (See Committee Reports).

Bro. Sellers requested a few minutes to speak on delegates and associations. Tells us the duties and responsibilities of delegates and also the responsibilities of the church people who send a delegate to an association.

Call for election of officers.

All officers retained. ((See cover).

Bro. Gray and Bro. Langford speak on behalf of Bro. Hightower his need of finances and blood in a forthcoming operation. Bro. Hightower died soon after the association. (See Obituaries).

Motion carried to sing "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again," before adjournment.

Motion carried to adjourn to convene with Pine Level Church in Dodge County on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1954.

REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE, Moderator

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer.

Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

Elder Emmett McDuffie	Rochelle, Ga.
Elder A. C. Sullivan	Pinehurst, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan	Pinehurst, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith	Empire, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne	Danville, Ga.
Elder Manse Cason	Seville, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones	Chauncey, Ga.
Elder George W. Nobles, care of F. C. Martin Rt. 3.....	Macon, Ga.
Elder H. F. Floyd,	838 Second Street, Macon, Ga.
Elder Charlie Bartlett	Cordele, Ga.

Elder J. B. Langford	Sylvester, Ga.
Elder V. L. Pritchett	Eastman, Ga.
Elder N. H. Parrish	Waycross, Ga.

Licensed Ministers and Their Address

Rev. W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Charlie Knott	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clarke	Vienna, Ga.
Rev. J. E. Roberson	
Rev. James B. Goodroe, Route 1	Finleyson, Ga.

Names of Ministers Present at this Session

Elder N. R. Sullivan	Route 1, Finleyson, Ga.
Elder G. W. Nobles, care of F. C. Martin.....	Route 3, Macon, Ga.
Elder Charlie Bartlett	Cordele, Ga.
Elder Emmett McDuffie	Rochelle, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne	Danville, Ga.
Elder Manse Cason	Seville, Ga.
Elder N. H. Parrish	Waycross, Ga.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday School, are glad to report that each church has a Sunday School and are progressive in their work. We want to encourage all of the churches to put the best they have in their Sunday school. We find that some are not always as good as should be. We realize that Sunday Schools are teaching the fundamentals of Christian living and are a great aid in teaching our children the right way of life.

DONALD SELF, Chairman

EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following: Realizing that education is information, which may be transformed into Power, therefore we can readily see that we should examine the kind of information being imparted whether it is for good or evil.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we be careful as to the kind of literature which the minds of our youth feed upon, because the type of literature they feed upon will determine the kind of Power they will possess. We further recommend that our own literature, or that which may be recommended by our publishers, be used.

As a further means of proper information, we recommend, and urge that all our churches send as many of their young people to our summer encampment at Camp Mt. Bethel, as possible and that should any of our young people desire further Christian training that they should go to our Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

Finally, we would urge all our churches to stand behind our camp with their prayers and means and encourage our young people in every way possible to obtain the very best training for a Christian life of usefulness.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, Chairman.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We, your Committee on Women's Auxiliary, find only a few Auxiliaries. We suggest our ministers encourage this work. We have much scripture in regard to women working for the Master. We find Mary and Martha always ready to serve the Master. In Luke's Gospel we find three women who accompanied Jesus on a preaching trip. We recommend that our churches organize Auxiliaries so as to make the work stronger. Auxiliary work is a great blessing to our shut-in people.

SIS. LENO McDUFFIE, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to make the following report: We ask that our ministers preach more on Temperance, because we realize that, we, as Christians, should be temperate in all things. We further ask that our preachers, pastors, deacons and lay members practice Temperance in our every day life, and thereby let the light of Jesus Christ shine in our life.

B. J. JOHNSON, Chairman

SUGGESTION

We, your Committee on Suggestions, beg to make the following report: That each of our churches and pastors 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, Sunday School, Prayer Meeting and Women's Auxiliary.

ELBERT POWELL, Chairman.

NOTE: See report on Sunday School and Women's Auxiliary concerning the organizing of these two.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, find all churches and ministers in good standing.

HENRY NOBLES, Chairman.

DEVOTIONAL

We, your Devotional Committee, appoint Bro. A. L. Sellers to preach Thursday night and Bro. J. D. Payne Friday morning.

JOHN F. CANNON, Chairman.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, beg to make the following report: We have carefully examined Bro. W. L. Amerson, Bro. J. E. Roberson and Bro. Charlie Knott and they confessed their Divine call into the ministry. They were found firm in the faith and practices of the Free Will Baptist Church. We, the Council, do recommend them for license.

REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE, Chairman.

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report:

Received this session	\$ 76.02
Received by offering	19.50
Balance on hand	13.29

\$108.81

GEORGE A. NOBLES, Chairman.

NOTE: Mt. Arrarat sent in their letter dated November 2, 1953 a fee of \$5.00 was enclosed. There is expense account of \$30.00, held by Bro. Ernest Barker for the delegate to National Association. (See old minute).

In Memory of Bro. T. R. Coley

Bro. Coley, a member of Beulah Springs Free Will Baptist Church, departed this life in November, 1952. He was very loyal to his family and community, and has been missed by all. We feel that our loss is his gain, so let us all strive to be ready to meet him in that great promised land.

A FRIEND.

In Memory of Bro. J. W. Hightower

(From a colored Free Will Baptist Deacon and his family and church)

Deacon Shellie Daniels and family and the members of the New St. John Free Will Baptist Church wish to express our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family of Rev. J. W. Hightower. Rev. Hightower was a Christian man and was loved by the colored as well as the white. He was a God-like man. He was no respecter of persons. He was a part of the organizing of the new colored Free Will Baptist Church here in Macon. In the beginning of his church, he and some of the deacons united with us in our prayer services and now we have a nice little church started on Glenn Street from the results of the prayer meetings we had together. Rev. Hightower has prayed many heartfelt prayers in my home with me, my wife and our twelve children, with the cooperation of others, too, and he will always live on in our hearts and in our church. Every time we met him his conversation was about the Lord. I wish to say to the bereaved family and friends, you have lost a Christian husband, father, and friend

and he will be sadly missed by us all. But he now is gone to a sweet rest beyond, where there is no more sickness and sorrows, where we all hope to meet him some sweet day after while.

Sleep on Rev. Hightower
And take your rest,
We loved you, but
Jesus loved you best.

Deacon Shellie Daniels and family and St. John Free Will Baptist Church,
Glenn Street, Macon, Ga.

In Memory of Rev. J. W. Hightower

Bro. Hightower died a in Macon hospital Sunday, Oct. 18, 1953. His stay on earth was 70 years, 5 months and 8 days. He was a Free Will Baptist minister, and lived in Macon most of his life. He was a member of Liberty Chapel Church there. He lived simply, humbly and constructively before his fellowman and the world.

He never thought to stand in the way of anyone, but to be a blessing and a servant to mankind wherever he went, and whatever he sought to do for the elevation of those with whom he came in contact. His going means a great personality has been called from us, and heaven has been made much better by his passing.

We thank God for all the good things he did. We do not mourn his going as we would if hope were dead, for he told us ere he departed "that for death he had no dread."

He was kind to his family, neighbors and friends, he had for them a deep compassion, as all true hearted Christians do. He lived to bless them them with his presence, his prayers and helpful deeds.

He leaves to mourn him his dear companion, the former Carrie L. Jones, five children, two sons, Cline and Sullivan Hightower of Macon; 3 girls, Mrs. Carl Groover, Macon, Mrs. R. H. Bush, Covington, Ga., and Mrs. Earl Harwig, Jacksonville, Fla.; several grandchildren. Bro. Hightower is gone from this world but not forgotten.

REV. AND MRS J. D. PAYNE.

In Memory of Sister Annie Sterman

Our beloved sister of Liberty Chapel 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. Aunt Annie was much loved by all, but now her seat is vacant and we miss her and always will. May her soul rest with Jesus in heaven until judgment day, is our humble prayer.

SISTER RUBY HEARN.

In Memory of Our Beloved Sister, Leila Hobbs

It is with grieved hearts that Pleasant Hill Church reports the passing from this life, Sister Leila Hobbs. She was born August 12th, 1888. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Marian McGlamery. She was the widow of the late Bro. C. C. Hobbs, who was a deacon of Pleasant Hill Church. She joined the church in her girlhood and was a most loyal member of same. Her life was most exemplary and worthy.

Her later years were spent in a state of very ill health, rendering her unable to attend church as she had formerly. During this long period of ill health, she retained her faith in Christ and enjoyed the love and sympathy of her church and a host of other friends. We have every confidence that she has gone home to be with Christ while waiting for the coming of all those who love her. She leaves to mourn her passing, four sons and two daughters, who themselves are devoted members of her church. They have every reason to be proud of her beautiful life.

ELDER NEAL H. PARRISH.

In Memory of Bro. Otis O. Cason

It is with pained hearts that Pleasant Hill Church reports the passing of our beloved Bro. Otis O. Cason from this life. He was born November 6th, 1916. He joined the church when he was twenty-three years of age and was a faithful and worthy member and was the son of Bro. and Sis. W. L. Cason of the same church. He served in World War II and saw active duty overseas during the war. He contracted an illness while in the service from which he never recovered. The last two years of his life were spent in hospitals except for short periods of a few days at a time. It is the general feeling that his death was occasioned from service in this war and that he is as much a casualty as were those who died on the battlefield. All the members of his church grieve with his beloved father and mother, together with his wife, two children, three brothers and three sisters. We have reason to feel that in his passing he had given his life for his country. His passing was on May 4th, 1953.

ELDER NEAL H. PARRISH.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE**—The scriptures of the old and New Testaments were 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 Gost, 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 with 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 (I 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, JUDGMENT 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 of 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 principles 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 five hundred members. Every church being entitled to two delegates and churches with fifty or more 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 dis-

cipline 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 meetings 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 attended 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 whereas 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 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, 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	Baptised	Total Membership	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Superannuation	Orphanage	Evangelistic Work	Asso. Purposes	Paid Pastors
ioch	Mrs. Bertha Owens, Pitts, Ga....	Rev. W. H. Horne, Donaldsonville	3			1								\$ 34.54	\$ 2.00	\$151.15
Spring	W. H. Smith, Eastman, Ga., Rt. 1		2	1	62	2	1		3.00	3.00	3.00			40.00	5.00	128.00
hlehem	Mrs. Louise Bartlett, Cordele, Ga.	Rev. Charlie Bartlett, Cordele, Ga.	1-3	2	67	4	0	3	17.74					50.95	5.00	138.65
ulah Springs.	Mrs. G. R. Maddox, Montrose, Ga.	Rev. R. B. McFadden Macon, Ga.	2-4	0	55	2	0	2						20.79	2.50	131.49
istian Hill....	Ernest J. Barker, Rochelle, Ga.....	Rev. J. B. Lovering, Colquitt, Ga.	1-3	4	156	5	1	2	13.07	13.06				149.40	10.00	610.92
ble Branch....	Mrs. T. M. Sangster, Unadilla, Ga.	Rev. Paul Irvin, Newton, Ga.....	2-4	3	150	7	1	4	50.80					105.18	10.00	653.68
			1-2													
erty Chapel...	Miss Ruby Hearn, Macon, Ga.....		3-4	0	75	3	2	11				3.00			2.00	157.70
le Bethel.....	Mrs. Florence Davis, Chester, Ga.	Rev. W. L. Purvis, Macon, Ga. .	3		107		2	5						15.00	6.00	221.29
Ararat.....	Tom Dick Jump, Eastman, Ga.....	Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Howard, Ga	1	1	150	1	3	3	45.00						5.00	265.00
w Ebenezer...	Mrs. J. F. Ross, Cochran, Ga.....	Rev. Charlie Bartlett, Cordele, Ga.	2-4	1	66	2		1						219.00	15.00	380.00
e Level.....	Donald Self, Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.	Rev. J. D. Payne, Danville, Ga.....	1-3	1	114	3								165.00	10.00	400.00
asant Hill.....	R. F. Clark, Cordele, Ga.	Rev. J. D. Payne, Danville, Ga.....	2-4	12	134	15	3	2	40.00	10.00	63.45			107.25	10.00	600.00