

1955 MINUTES
OF THE
61st Annual Session
OF THE
Georgia Union Association
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
Little Bethel Church
Bleckley County, Georgia, October 6-7, 1955

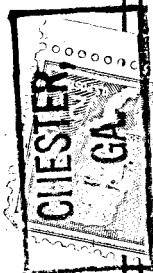
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REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE, Moderator, Rochelle, Ga.
REV. MANSE CASON, Vice-Moderator, Cordele, Ga.
WESLEY HOBBS Mission Treasurer, Cordele, Ga.
SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer, Chester, Ga.



NEXT SESSION

The next session convenes with Pleasant Hill Church
in Dooly County, near Vienna, Ga., on October 11, 12,
1956. Introductory sermon by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.



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EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH, AND ADDRESS

John F. Ross, New Ebenezer	Cochran, Ga.
E. J. Barker, Proxy, Christian Hill	Rochelle, Ga.
W. H. Nobles, Pine Level	Chester, Ga.
T. B. Etheridge, Double Branch	Unadilla, Ga.
W. W. Hobbs, Pleasant Hill	Vienna, Ga.

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John F. Ross	Cochran, Ga.
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SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

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. Report 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

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-first annual session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Little Bethel Church in Bleckley County, Ga., Thursday, Oct. 6, 1955.

THURSDAY MORNING

Opened session by singing "I Want to Be a Worker." Song service led by Bro. Etheridge. Prayer offered by Bro. Baldwin. Bro. Amerson introduced Bro. and Sister Suggs from Warner Robins. They sang a specitl song, "Wonderful Story of Love." Bro. W. L. Amerson's sermon subject, "The Armor of God," was taken from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. Stressed the obligation of man to God. Brought out the need of man to put on the whole armor of God that we might be a true soldier of the cross, doing that which pleases God and furthering the plan of God here on earth.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying the temporal blessings, the body met back in the church and opened by singing "Some Day." Moderator read from 37th Psalm. Bro. Mac stressed the need of us waiting upon the Lord and letting Him lead and guide us in the way we should go. Bro. and Sister Suggs again sang some specials.

Moderator called session to order and read by-laws. He stressed the fourth and twelfth that we might profit in the future.

Call for letters from various churches.

Motion carried for chair to appoint someone to read letters.

Bro. Manse Cason and Bro. Donald Self appointed.

Read letters and completed the roll.

Churches and delegates listed below:

Christian Hill: Bro. and Sister Clark Helms, Bro. Ernest J. Barker and Clyde Martin.

Antioch: Sisters Pearl Johnson and Bertha Owens.

Double Branch: Bro. and Sister R. H. Holmes, Bros. L. W. Allen, Lester Griffin and Herman Sullivan.

Bay Springs: Bro. and Sister Joel Butler and Bro. and Sister H. D. Faircloth.

New Ebenezer: Sisters Pauline Bradley and Pauline Warren.

Liberty Chapel: Bro. and Sister Elmer Leonard and Sisters Howard Shi and J. W. Hightower.

Bethlehem: Bro. and Sister N. C. Perry and Sisters Jewel Bokenhagers and Annie White, Bro. J. C. Smith.

Pine Level: Bros. Henry Nobles, Huey Nobles, W. R. Bennett, Sisters Lucille Amerson and Lucy Payne.

Mt. Ararat: Bro. and Sister Sheffield, Bro. and Sister Roy Pridgen and Sister Fannie Peacock.

Beulah Springs: Bro. and Sister James Johnson, Bro. and Sister B. J. Johnson.

Pleasant Hill: Bro. and Sister W. W. Hobbs, Bro. and Sister James Yawn, Bro. and Sister C. W. Hobbs, Bro. and Sister Edd Hobbs, Bro. and Sister Jack Hobbs.

Friendship: Bro. C. C. Martin, Sister Martin and Bro. J. W. Martin.

Little Bethel: Bros. Osar Collins, E. E. Parker Jr., and Alton Mullis.

Quarterly Conference: Bros. H. D. Faircloth, Herman Sullivan and James Yawn.

Motion carried to accept letters and seat delegates.

Motion carried for clerk to make necessary charges in letters.

Call for petitionary letters. None received.

Call for visitors and invite them to be seated with us.

Responding were Bro. Eldwin, Little River Association; Sister Knott, Church of God, Cordele, Ga.; Sister Fannie Phillips, Missionary Baptist, Chester, Ga.; Bro. and Sister Burch, Bro. and Sister Harvey, Midway Association; Bro. and Sister Morris, State and South Georgia Associations.

Motion carried to accept the appointment of the above on condition this body send messengers to their respective bodies.

Appoint D. C.

Motion carried for chair to appoint someone. Bros. J. C. Smith, Oscar Collins and Clark Helms.

Appoint various committees (see reports.)

Short recess to appoint committees.

Sister Charlie Bartlett sang two songs in the intermission.

Motion carried to accept report of D. C. and relieve the committee.

Offering for the father of Bro. Manse Cason taken in amount of \$28.92.

Motion carried for next session to go to Pleasant Hill.

Bro. Harvey announces the taking of subscriptions to the F. W. B. Paper.

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

Motion carried to retain Bro. Hobbs to executive board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Barker to mission board.

Motion carried to elect Bro. E. E. Parker Jr. to superannuation board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Amerson to education board and to replace Rev. A. W. Noble on mission board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Cason to ordaining council.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Clyde Martin on state superannuation board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Etheridge to camp committee.

Motion carried to elect Bro. McDuffie to state education board.

Motion carried for chair to appoint delegates to state association. Bros R. H. Holmes, H. D. Faircloth and E. L. Long.

Motion carried for body to send letter and fees of \$10.00 to state and \$5.00 to national.

Motion carried to print 400 minutes and pay clerk \$25.00 and moderator \$15.00.

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

Motion carried to correspond with sister associations.

Motion carried for Bro. Payne to go to Martin; Bro. Cason to Union and Little River; Bro. McDuffieto South Georgia, and others by minutes.

Motion carried to have 1,000 ministerial cards printed.

Bro. Harvey gave interesting talk on the activity at Camp Mt. Bethel.

Bro. Etheridge thanked God for what Mt. Bethel has mean to him.

Bro. E. L. Long told what a blessing Mt. Bethel has been to Pine Level Church.

An offering was taken while singing, "Lord, Send Me."

Motion carried for night service to begin at 7:30 and Friday mornnig at 10.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday morning.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing, "Where the Soul Never Dies." Prayer offered by Bro. Bryant. Prayer for the sick offered by Sister Payne. Special songs rendered by the Davis Trio and Bro. Sam Arnold.

Bro. McDuffie read Hebrews 12-1, using as a subject, "Hindrance." He stressed the excuses people use to justify themselves in being absent from services of the church. He also brought out the fact that some people and churches held back and do not cooperate and have part of thier work to others.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "The Lily of the Valley." Prayer offeerd by Bro. Bennett. Moderator read Isaiah 1:16-20; stressed the need of Christian Free Will Baptists and all men to reason together in order that we might enlighten one another. We should be more willing to spend and be spent for the furthering of God's way here on this earth.

Moderator takes up miscellaneous business. Called for a volunteer to the National Association to be held in Huntington, West Virginia.

Motion carried for chair to appoint someone. Bros. Ernest J. Barker and Bro. Henry Nobles. Sister Lola Barter, alternate.

Moderator recognized Bro. J. C. King from the Chattahoochee Association. Bro. King made an interesting talk on the importance of sending delegates to the other associations. He told us of the progress in his own association in the work of our Lord.

Motion carried to accept Bro. King as corresponding messenger.

Motion carried for Bro. Payne to go to Chattahoochee as delegate.

Motion carried to re-elect Bro. Etheridge to camp board and to elect Bro. E. L. Long to replace Bro. John Ross.

Call for committee reports.

Women's Auxiliary. education, state of churches and character of ministers, suggestions, Sunday, School, temperance, finance and ordaining council received.

Motion carried to adopt the above reports. (See reports of committees.)

Motion carried to suspend business and give the speaker the stand.

Bro. Cason led the devotional.

Bro. Baldwin read in the book of Romans, using as a subject, "I'm Ready."

Bro. Baldwin stressed the opportunities that now confronts the F. W. B. Let us be up and about God's business.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "Leaning on Jesus." Bro. Barker selected to lead songs. Prayer offered by Bro. Elbert Powell. Moderator read the 25th Psalm.

Moderator extended a welcome to Bro. Morris and gave him some time to speak in behalf of the state promotional work. Bro. Morris made a very enlightening report and talk concerning our unified program. Offerings for unified program in amount of \$17.39.

Bro. Morris presented an award of merit to the following churches: Pine Level, Christian Hill, New Ebenezer, Pleasant Hill and Double Branch. The award was for a regular donation to the unified program.

Bro. King is excused in order to meet previous commitments.

Motion carried for chair to appoint committee to carry out the report of suggestions committee. (See reports.)

Appoints Bro. J. F. Smith, Bro. Ernest J. Barker and Bro. J. D. Payne.

Sister Lucy Payne nominated and elected to be a field worker to help the various churches in organizing and maintaining a Women's Auxiliary.

Motion carried to reprint temperance report of last year.

Motion carried for a rising vote of thanks to Little Bethel community for hospitality shown during this session of the annual association.

Bro. Elbert Powell refuses to accept the license offered by ordaining council

Motion carried to retain all officers. (See cover of minutes.)

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, near Vienna, Ga., on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1956.

REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE, Moderator

SHERMAN D. JONES. Clerk and Treasurer

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Emmett McDuffie	Rochelle, Ga.
Elder G. C. Sullivan	Pinehurst, Ga.
Elder M. R. Sullivan	Finleyson, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith	Eastman, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne	Danville, Ga.
Elder Manse Cason	Cordele, Ga.
Elder H. F. Lloyd	838 Second St., Macon, Ga.
Elder Charlie Bartlett	Cordele, Ga.
Elder Paul Irvin	Newnan, Ga.
Elder J. B. Langford	Sylvester, Ga.
Elder N. H. Parrish	Waycross, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Elder J. E. Robinson	Kinnett Ave, Macon, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones	Eastman, Ga.
Elder V. L. Pritchett	Eastman, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Charlie Knott	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clarke	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. James Goodroe	R. F. D. 2, Unadilla, Ga.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder Emmett McDuffie	Rochelle, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith	Eastman, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne	Danville, Ga.
Elder Manse Cason	Cordele, Ga.
Elder H. F. Lloyd	838 Second St., Macon, Ga.
Elder Charlie Bartlett	Cordele, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson	Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Charlie Knott	Cordele, Ga.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee on Women's Auxiliary, beg to make the following report: We are sorry to see by the reports from the churches that there are no Women's Auxiliaries in our association. By experience, we find the Auxiliary brings the women of our churches closer together and how much their work can help the churches. We urge the women to organize an

Auxiliary and enjoy the blessings they receive from their work. We should all want to make His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom known. Martha and Mary were always ready to serve the Lord. In Luke's Gospel we find three women who went on a preaching tour with the Lord, and ministered unto Him their substance. Let us remember, it was a woman who gave, not only her tithes, but all her living.

SISTER LUCY PAYNE, Chairman

EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, submit the following report: Realizing that education is one of the great phases of the many causes facing the Church today, be it resolved that our ministers keep themselves as well informed as possible in order to be good leaders in all phases of church life, and that we encourage and support every phase of our denominational educational program, with our prayers and means; namely, Sunday School, Leagues, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Women's Auxiliary, Youth Camp, Study Courses on the different departments of our church life, the Free Will Bible College. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." II Timothy, 2: 15.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, Chairman

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your committee, submit the following report: As far as we have determined, all churches and ministers are in good standing. This committee requests all ministers to bring or mail to the annual session a ministerial report. All churches must refrain from using the Standard Revised Version of the Bible and require the pastors to do the same.

HERMAN SULLIVAN, Chairman

SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee, beg to make the following report: We suggest that this body appoint a committee to revise church discipline and by-laws of our association and offer their report for adoption at the next session. We also suggest that the rules and regulations of ordaining of ministers of the Gospel be considered by the same committee.

MRS. PAULINE WARREN, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, are indeed proud to report that all the churches in our association are now having Sunday School. We believe that the Sun-

day School is one of the strongest arms of the church and that we should do everything within our power, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to teach our people their responsibility to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that our pastors and superintendents will take greater and higher aims for Sunday Schools, than ever before.

E. E. PARKER, JR., Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, beg to make the following report: We ask our ministers to preach temperance more and more, for we realize that we, as Christians, should be more 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.

SISTER OLA SHI, Chairman

FINANCE

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

Received this session \$142.50

Balance on hand 7.53

TOTAL \$150.03

Bro. H. E. Leonard, Chairman

Bro. N. C. Perry

Bro. W. R. Bennett

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, wish to make the following report: We find it necessary to let Bro. Elbert Powell labor under license twelve months and we also recommend that the licenses of the following be extended for another year: Charles Clark, Charlie Knott and James Goodroe. We find a misprint in last year's minutes, the listing of Bro. Thomas Collins on the roll of licensed ministers. He has not been licensed by the Georgia Union Association. We recommend that his name be dropped from the roll.

Rev. Emmett McDuffie, chairman

Rev. Manse Cason

Rev. J. D. Payne

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your committee, submit the following report: Bro. McDuffie to preach Thursday night and Bro. Baldwin from Little River Association.

BRO. J. C. SMITH, Chairman

IN MEMORY OF BRO. EDD McDUFFIE

He was one of the charter members of Christian Hill Church, being a member for 65 years. He was faithful to his church as long as he was able. He leaves one son, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, with whom he made his home, one daughter, Mrs. Essie Jones; twelve grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He was eighty (80) years old. He is gone but not forgotten. Far beyond the starry skies he beckons to us to meet him where there will be no more good-byes.

His Friends,

REV. and MRS. J. D. PAYNE

IN MEMORY OF BRO. K. D. DAVIS, SR.

Bro. King Davis was born in Pulaski County in Nov. 1883. He died in Nov. 1955. He was married to Donia Mullis in 1901. Eleven children were born to this union and 10 are still living. He lived all of his life in and around Rebie Community. He died on the place where he set up housekeeping in 1901. He joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Rebie and led most of his children into the church. Bro. Davis was a landmark in the community. In his last days he had a very close walk with the Lord. He often made the statement that he was "going that way." He will be sorely missed by the church, his family and his community.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER ANNIE HINSON POWELL

Sister Powell was born in Pulaski County in 1886. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hinson of the Rebie Community. She died in Dodge County in 1954. Sister Powell joined the church at Rebie in 1917. Rev. Holmes was pastor of the church at that time. She was later married to Dan Powell. No children were born to this marriage. She carried a very humble attitude and spirit about her at all times. She will be missed by those who loved her.

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 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 nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, one crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our 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 of the unswerved commital of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey His 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.

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 appearances 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 of 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 adomation 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 to 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 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 500 members to two delegates and one additional delegate every 500 members. Every church being entitled to two delegates and churches with 50 or more members or fraction thereof up to 100 and then one additional delegate for every 50 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 Treaties 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 meetings and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution not 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 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). Applicants 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 Baptists.

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	Unified Program	Literature	Incidentals	Building & Repairs	Other Causes	Evangelistic Work	Asso. Purposes	Paid Pastors
Antioch	Mrs. Bertha Owens Pitts, Ga.	Rev. W. H. Horn Donaldsonville, Ga.	2	0	6	0	0	0	9.42	5.76	12.46	0	0	17.00	5.00	164.41
Bay Springs	H. D. Faircloth Eastman, Ga.	Rev. J. F. Smith Eastman, Ga.	2-4	0	60	2	1	3	10.60	40.00	26.00	32.00	0	0	7.50	190.00
Bethlehem	Mrs. Christine Perry Cordele, Ga.	Rev. J. B. Langford Sylvester, Ga.	1-3	0	70	2	1	1	8.00	20.23	0	9.60	31.45	45.00	7.50	221.50
Beulah Springs	Mrs. G. R. Maddox Montrose, Ga.	Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	2-4	0	46	0	0	3	6.00	13.00	0	11.96	0	30.00	7.50	150.62
Christian Hill	Ernest J. Barker Rochelle, Ga.	Rev. Emmette McDuffie Rochelle, Ga.	1-3	3	169	3	2	1		56.20	0	0	0	200.00	15.00	776.10
Double Branch	Herman Sullivan Pinehurst, Ga.	Rev. Paul Irvin Newton, Ga.	2-4	10	100	10	1	4	108.97	120.55	35.72	0	190.00	125.39	15.00	785.00
Friendship	Miss Moselle Clifton Twin City, Ga.	Rev. J. E. Robinson Kinnett Ave., Macon,	1-3	0	67	2	1	0	10.00	0	0	0	0	122.81	5.00	117.50
Liberty Chapel	Mrs. H. P. Shi 3085 Columbus Rd., Macon	Rev. E. B. Duckworth	1-2 3-4	2	30	2	0	0	10.00	0	175.65	300.00	0	124.00	5.00	121.38
Little Bethel	Jack Johnson Chester, Ga.	Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	1-3	0	119	1	0	4	57.00	48.98	77.79	239.62	0	143.95	15.00	399.26
Mt. Ararat	T. D. Jump Eastman, Ga.	Rev. Charlie Bartlett Cordele, Ga.	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	72.00	15.00	291.59
New Ebenezer	Mrs. W. H. Rogers Cochran, Ga.	Rev. Emmette McDuffie Rochelle, Ga.	2-4	0	68	2	0	4	90.00	0	60.27	34.76	81.81	75.00	10.00	405.00
Pine Level	Donald Self Eastman, Ga.	Rev. Hoyt Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	3	122	6	0	3	94.69	54.65	90.00	45.00	26.35	125.00	15.00	410.00
Pleasant Hill	James Yawn Cordele, Ga.	Rev. Hoyt Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	2-4	12	145	15	0	1	19.38	59.40	27.71	0	51.50	100.00	15.00	700.37