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EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

W. H. Nobles, Pine Level	Chester, Ga.
T. B. Ethridge, Double Branches	Unadilla, Ga.
Lewis Clark, Pleasant Hill	Cordele, Ga.
John F. Ross, New Ebenezer,	Cochran, Ga.
E. J. Baker, Christian Hill	Rochelle, Ga.

MISSION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

Rev. W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
John F. Ross	Cochran, Ga.
E. J. Barker	Rochelle, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark, 307—20th One East	Cordele, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

E. E. Parker, Jr.	Dudley, Ga.
W. H. Nobles	Chester, Ga.
Sherman D. Jones	Cochran, Ga.

EDUCATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Spurgeon Jones	Eastman, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark	Cordele, Ga.

ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

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 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS

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

PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-second annual session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Liberty Chapel Church in Macon, Georgia Thursday, October 10, 1957.

THURSDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "When The Morning Comes". Bro. T. B. Ethridge led the singing. Bro. Charles Clark conducted a short devotional reading from Phillipians, 4th Chapter.

Moderator spoke on the government of our business and church sessions, and read the Church Covenant and by-laws.

Bro. Hoyt Findley selected to preach the introductory sermon. Bro. Findley brought out several good points in his sermon. He used Ephsians 2:1-4.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying a very good lunch with barbeque, the body reconvened and opened by singing "Near The Cross". Prayer was offered by Bro. E. C. Morris. Moderator read Isaiah 41:10, commented on the types of fear that confronts men today. The fear of God in the knowledge of Him or the fear that man faces without God. Phillipians 2:1-4.

Called to order by Moderator.

Prayer offered by Bro. Elmer Leonard.

Call for letters from various churches.

Motion carried for chair to appoint letter readers. Bro. Eugene Parker and Bro. Chales Clark.

Read letters and completed the roll.

DELEGATES AND CHURCHES—

ANTIOCH—

BAY SPRINGS— Bro. and Sis. Joel Butler, Bro. and Sis. Howard Faircloth.

BLUE SPRINGS— Bro. and Sis. James Johnson, Sis. Willie Barron.

DOUBLE BRANCH— Bro. T. B. Ethridge and R. H. Holmes, Bro. and Sis. T. M. Sangster.

LIBERTY CHAPEL— Sisters Billie Mae Leonard and H. P. Shi.

NEW EBENEZER— Sisters Winnie Mae Warren and Della Ross.

PINE LEVEL— Bro. and Sis. Prentice Bennett, Bro. G. G. Lang, Nick Rozar.

PLEASANT HILL— Bro. and Sis. W. W. Hobbs, Bros. James Yawn, C. W. Hobbs, Horace Hobbs, Bro. and Sis. J. L. Clark.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE— Bro. Henry Nobles.

MT. ARARAT— Bro. H. C. Wood, Sisters Oletha Barentine, John Linder and Tannie Peacock.

LITTLE BETHEL— Bros. W. C. Powell, Oscar Collins, Eugene Parker, T. L. Bryant and Alton Mullis.

BETHLEHEM— Sisters Christine Perry, Annie White, Jewel Bokenhagen, Shirley Calhoun.

CHRISTIAN HILL— Bro. and Sis. W. J. Parramore, Bro. and Sis. E. J. Barker.

Motion carried to accept letters and seat the delegates.

Call for petitionary letters.

One received from Sunday School Convention.

Call for visiting brothers.

Responding were Sis. Warren from First Baptist of Warner Robins and Sis. Nobles from White Oaks of Macon.

Call for corresponding messenger. Bro. Georgia Nobles from Chattahoochee, Rev. E. C. Morris from State Association, Sis. Morris from Little River.

Appoint D. C.

Motion carried for chair to appoint D. C. Bro. Prentice Bennett, Bro. John Cannon, Bro. Willie Hobbs.

On vote — next session to go to Pine Level (see cover).

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

Motion carried for body to recognize Bro. Morris and to give him time to present the State work.

Motion carried for chair to excuse two committees in order for them to function.

Bro. Morris states that he has been promotional secretary for nine years. The work has been progressing very nicely. The State as a whole has been responding very well. Over \$5,000.00 has been donated. Double Branches is on top in per capita giving followed by Mt. Ararat, New Ebenezer, Christian Hill, Pine Level are on the junior honor roll. Bro. Morris suggests that each church could support the Unified Program in several ways, but said the best way was by setting aside 10% or 20% of the regular offering.

Motion carried to elect a Funds Committee and to carry their report in all subsequent Minutes. Bro. T. B. Ethridge, Charles Clark and E. C. Roland.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Services were opened by singing several hymns. Prayer offered by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

Bro. W. L. Amerson used as a message text John 6:15-21. The message was well delivered and the exhortation was worthy of considering and giving heed thereto. At the close of the message Bro. Henry Nobles gave the benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The session reopened by singing "At The Cross". Prayer offered by Bro. Nick Rozar. Moderator read Romans 12:9 for a scripture lesson.

Call for committee reports.

Motion carried to adopt reports of Suggestion and Temperance Committees.

Motion carried to enter into miscellaneous business.

Motion carried to print 400 Minutes.

Motion carried to give clerk authority to make any necessary changes.

Motion carried to pay clerk \$25.00 and Moderator \$15.00.

Motion carried for choir to appoint delegates to State Association. The following were appointed: Bros. W. H. Nobles, E. L. Long, W. W. Hobbs. Send fee of \$20.00.

Bros. T. B. Ethridge and E. L. Long selected to act on our Camp Committee.

Motion carried for chair to appoint Messengers to sister associations.

TO: Little River— South Georgia, Rev. Charles Clark.

National Association, Bro. E. J. Barker.

All other Associations by Minutes.

Motion carried for Association to pay \$50.00 on expense of delegate.

Motion carried for each church to raise what they can and forward to Association. (Clerk or Moderator)

Nominations in order for members of Ordaining Council. The following were nominated and elected: Rev. Spurgeon Jones for one year and Bro. Charles Clark for three years.

Motion carried to elect Bro. E. E. Parker to Mission Board.

Motion carried to recommend Bro. Charles Clark in place of Bro. Emmett McDuffie on State Board of Education.

Motion carried to recommend Bro. W. L. Amerson be retained to State Mission Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Sherman Jones to Superannuation Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. E. J. Barker to Executive Board.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Bro. W. W. Hobbs from Executive Board.

Nomination in order to replace him. Bro. Lewis Clark nominated and elected.

Motion carried to recommend Bro. E. J. Barker to Board of Trustees of Camp Mt. Bethel.

Bro. Charles Clark selected to preach introductory sermon at next session. Bro. Nick Rozar, alternate.

Motion carried for Sis. T. M. Sangster to replace Sis. Lucy Payne as Field Worker in organizing and working with Women's Auxiliary.

Motion carried to give Bro. Morris the stand for the preaching hour. Offering taken in amount of \$29.25.

Bro. Morris used Matt. 12:24-30 as a scripture lesson. He read the three words "while men slept", as a text. He reminded us of the sleep into which Free Will Baptists have fallen. He tells us of the age of the Free Will Baptists in Georgia and North Carolina. One Association in North Carolina has celebrated its 210th session. Concerning the sleep, we have lost more churches and members than we have on the rolls today. The devil and his cohortes have sowed seed, none good, among Free Will Baptists. All of which tend to retard or hold back our movement, among them are indifference, discord, unsound doctrines, World-

liness. He pleads with us to wake up and learn and do the truth. Wake up, get up and light up.

FRIDAY EVENING

Opened by singing "More About Jesus". Prayer offered by Bro. Elbert Powell.

Motion carried to take up regular order of business.

Call for committees. The following reported: Sunday School, Education, Women's Auxiliary, Funds and Finance. Reports adopted and committees relieved (see reports).

Proposed changes in by-laws, constitution, rules for ordaining and rules for licensing ministers, were read for second time before the body.

Bro. George Nobles asks to be excused from the body.

Objections raised as to the credibility of the phrase, "Open to the Public", in the rules for ordination.

Bro. Elbert Powell suggests that the place in question should be left up to the candidate.

Motion carried to delete the words "open to the public" from the above proposals. (See rules for Ordaining Ministers).

Motion carried to accept the report of Mission Board treasurer. (see reports.)

Motion carried to accept report of State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee.

Bro. W. W. Hobbs mentioned some irregularities during the past Associational year. He makes the statement that in his opinion our Associational body is out of order.

Bro. Amerson and Bro. Barker make pleas for us to consider all angles and strive all the more for unity.

Motion carried for the body to accept the action of the Executive Board during the last year, including the appointment of Bro. Charles Clark to the Mission Treasurer until the Association convened.

Motion carried to extend a rising vote of thanks to Liberty Chapel for entertaining the session.

Motion carried for Bro. N. R. Sullivan to act instead of Bro. Spurgeon Jones in the hearing of Bro. Nick Rozar.

Call for election of officers. (See cover of Minutes)

Motion carried to recess in order for Ordaining Council to act.

Motion carried to adopt report of Council. (see reports.)

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Pine Level Church near Chester, Ga. on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1958.

REV. W. L. AMERSON, Moderator

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk-Trea.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSE

Elder N. R. Sullivan, R.F.D. 1	Unadilla, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Charlie Bartlett	Cordele, Ga.
Elder N. H. Parrish	Waycross, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones	Eastman, Ga.
Elder V. L. Pritchett	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark	Cordele, Ga.
Elder Elbert Powell	Chester, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findlay	Warner Robins, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Charlie Knott	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. James Goodroe	
Rev. Nick Rozar	Chester, Ga.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder N. R. Sullivan	Unadilla, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark	Cordele, Ga.
Elder Elbert Powell	Chester, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findlay	Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. Charlie Knott	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. James Goodroe	
Rev. Nick Rozar	Chester, Ga.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Funds Committee

We, your committee, beg to make the following report: That the churches send their entrance fees according to their membership and this outline—

Membership —	1 — 25	Free Will Offering.
	25 — 50	\$ 7.50
	50 — 100	10.00
	100 — 125	15.00
	125 — UP	20.00

NOTE: The above figures to be carried each year.

E. C. ROLAND, Chairman

Women's Auxiliary

We, your committee, beg to report: The watchword for the Auxiliary is "Laboring Together with God". This means we are God's missionaries and as such we should be working with God to further His kingdom's work on earth. We are sorry to hear that some of our churches do not have an Auxiliary. We urge the churches to organize.

MRS. T. M. SANGSTER, Chairman

Temperance

We, your committee, beg to report: We think temperance should be taught in the homes and schools as well as in churches and our deacons and lay members watch and be more temperate in all things and live it each day.

H. C. WOOD, Chairman

Suggestions

We, your committee, beg to report: The pastors and deacons should encourage our members to put forth more effort to bring Christ to the world by more prayer service and teaching of the Gospel in unity and love.

R. H. HOLMES, Chairman

Sunday School

We, your committee, beg to report: We see the Sunday School as an important service toward the education of our people. We feel no church would be complete without a Sunday School. We feel that every pastor should encourage every church to work together with him to promote classes for every age. If our parents would carry their children to Sunday School, instead of sending them, they would know what they are being taught and we would have more in attendance. Our Sunday School is one of the strongest arms of our church since most of our Christians come through the Sunday School. We urge everyone in our Community to attend a Sunday School.

NICK ROZAR, Chairman

Education

We, your committee, beg to report: Realizing that education is one of the greater phase of the many causes facing the church today. We recommend that our preacher be better prepared in education and ask that all churches support the Unified Program. To do this all our churches, children and adults, will get more benefit from the cause we are working for. Without support of each individual this cannot be accomplished.

T. B. ETHRIDGE, Chairman

State of Churches and Character of Ministers

We, your committee, beg to report: Annual Ministerial Certificates were prepared and submitted by four ministers, whereas, the church letters list ten ordained and licensed ministers.

It is found that Rev. H. F. Lloyd obtained his letter of dismissal from Beulah Springs Church more than twelve (12) months ago and it has not been placed with any other church, neither has he been to Beulah Springs Church requesting reinstatement. On the basis of the above, Bro. Lloyd is not in good standing.

It has been determined that Pine Level and New Ebenezer Churches are being served by a pastor who does not hold membership in this Association.

With the above exceptions, so far as we have determined, all other churches and ministers are in good standing.

ERNEST J. BARKER, Chairman

Ordaining Council

We, the Ordaining Council find Bro. James Goodroe and Bro. Nick Rozar in agreement with the commands of the Gospel according to the Bible and the Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

We recommend to this body that they be granted license to preach the Gospel for one (1) year.

REV. CHARLES CLARK

REV. W. L. AMERSON

REV. N. R. SULLIVAN

Finance

We, your committee, find: 12 churches, Quarterly Conference and the Sunday School Convention reporting.

Churches	\$122.50
Quarterly Conference	10.00
Sunday School Convention	10.00
Balance	18.00
TOTAL	\$160.50

NOTE: Error on the part of the Clerk concerning Pine Level caused a refund to Pine Level of \$5.00.

W. C. POWELL, Chairman

Mission Treasurer

I, your Mission Treasurer, submit: In treasury when transferred to me, \$282.61;

Expenses itemized:	Chairs	\$ 92.77
	Piano Payments	108.80
	Mission Work	30.00
	Total	\$231.57
	BALANCE	\$51.04

REV. CHARLES CLARK, Mission Treas.

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 requirese.

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 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 condition 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, and 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 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, 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 abstain from 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 forsake 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 to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and so 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

REVISED VERSION

- Article 1. Annual conferences shall be annually held.
- Article 2. Every Elder, Minister, Deacon and Board member 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, Deacon, Board member 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. The moderator shall read or have read the by-laws and the church covenant at the 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

REVISED VERSION

- Article 1. This yearly meeting or association shall be called the Georgia Union Association and shall be composed of such regularly organized and disciplined Free Will Baptist churches and Quarterly meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.
- Article 2. The conference of this body or association shall consist of Ministers,, Deacons and Board members in good standing and delegates from the several churches and the quarterly meetings of which it is composed, all of whom shall have voting power. Every quarterly meeting with 500 members or less shall be entitled to one delegate and quarterly meetings with more than 500 members shall be entitled to one delegate plus one delegate for each additional 500 members or fraction thereof. Every church with 50 members or less shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, and churches with more than 50 members shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, plus two (2) for each additional 50 members or fraction hereof.
- Article 3. The officers of this yearly meeting or association shall be a clerk and treasurer, moderator, 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 benevolent enterprise 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 decision nor 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 meeting 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 or to the practices of the denomination as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and quarterly conferences 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 consistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its session.

Article 8. This constitution shall not be changed or altered except by two-thirds majority of all members present at a regular session. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be read in open session during first day, then lie on table until second day, read for second time in open session prior to being considered.

RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

REVISED VERSION

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. Examination shall be held at a Quarterly meeting or the annual association while in session.
4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scriptures of the old and new testaments. Measure up to the standards of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant, 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 As-

sociation. The same shall be carried in the minutes of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

RULES FOR LICENSING MINISTERS

REVISED VERSION

1. Applicant must be recommended by the church he is a member.
2. Applicant shall be examined at the quarterly meeting or annual association while in session by the ordaining council, who having been duly elected by the annual association.
3. Approved license shall carry the names of all three council members and the seal of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scriptures of the old and new testaments, measure up to the standard of the Treaties of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant, 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 at a regular session of Georgia Union Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

Opened session by singing "I'm not ashamed".

Bro. T. B. Etheridge led singing. Prayer by Bro. L. S. Anthony. President selects Bro. L. S. Anthony, Bro. Elbert Powell and Bro. V. L. Pritchett to act as judge of the Programs. The following Sunday schools presented programs, Bethlehem, Rebie and Double Branches.

After enjoying the noon hour we met in the house and opened by singing, "Everybody will be happy." Prayer by Bro. J. F. Ross. Old minutes read and adopted. President makes the report for the delegation to the State Sunday School convention which met with the church near Brookfield, Ga. in Tift County.

Call for delegates to State convention to be held with the youth camp near Ashburn, Ga. President appoints the officers of our convention along with Bro. Joel Butler, Bro. John Ross, Bro. Howard Faircloth and Bro. Elbert Powell.

The President cites the need of our superintendents and teachers to go to a school, to be held at some centrally located church, in our bounds, to learn better teaching and administering methods. This has worked to a great benefit in some of our sister conventions.

Motion carried for each Sunday School to bring \$5.00 to next convention toward carrying on our convention work.

Motion carried to petition our association to carry our minutes in the associational minutes. Secretary to carry or send this letter to association.

Next session to be held with Bay Springs on 1st Sunday in September, 1958.

Nominations in order for new officers. The following Bros. nominated and elected. Henry Nobbs, President, Herman Sullivan, Vice-President, Johnnie Knowles, Secretary and E. J. Barker, Assistant Secretary.

A rising vote of thanks to outgoing officers for a job well done.

A rising vote of thanks to Mt. Ararat church for entertaining the convention.

Attendance pins were awarded to the following: Helen Smith, Mt. Ararat; Ann Etheridge and Gloria Dunaway, Double Branches; Sandy, Janet, and Sherman Jones, Little Bethel; Clark Helms, Marguerite Martin, Norma Jean and Ernest Barker, Christian Hill.

Business session adjourns.

The following Sunday Schools presented programs. Christian Hill, Pine Level, Bay Springs and Mt. Ararat.

Christian Hill wins banner for attendance with 86.03%.

Double Branches wins banner for best program.

Offering taken in amount of \$20.26

Balance 5.76
26.02

Banners 9.00
\$17.02

Associational fee \$10.00

Balance \$7.02

E. E. Parker, President.

Sherman D. Jones, Secretary.

CHURCHES	CLERKS and ADDRESSES	PASTORS and ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	United Program
Antioch	Mrs. Bertha Owens Rte. 2, Pitts, Ga.	Rev. W. H. Horne Donualdsonville, Ga.	2	0	0	0	0	6	0
Bay Springs	H. D. Faircloth Rte. 4, Eastman, Ga.	Rev. Hoyt Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	2-4	3	3	1	1	60	0
Bethlehem	Mrs. Christine Perry Rte. 1, Cordele, Ga.	Rev. Charles Clark Cordele, Ga.	1-3	9	15	1	1	61	12.20
Beulah Springs	Mrs. G. R. Maddox Montrose, Ga.	Rev. Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	2-4	1	1	0	0	35	0
Christian Hill	E. J. Barker Rochelle, Ga.	Rev. Hoyt Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	2	5	1	6	150	0
Double Branches	Herman Sullivan Rte. 1, Pinehurst, Ga.	Rev. W. L. Amerson Chester, Ga.	2-4	10	11	1	7	102	202.67
Liberty Chapel	Mrs. H. P. Shi 3085 Columbus Road Macon, Ga.		1-2, 3-4	0	0	0	0	60	0
Little Bethel	E. E. Parker Dudley, Ga.	Rev. Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	1-3	11	15	1	2	128	0
Mt. Aararat	Miss Oletha Barrentine Rte. 3, Eastman, Ga.	Rev. J. B. Lumpkin Howard, Ga.	1-3	2	4	0	3	76	183.15
New Ebenezer	John F. Cannon Chester, Ga.	Rev. L. S. Anthony Thomastoh, Ga.	2-4	4	4	0	1	50	90.00
Pine Level	Donald Self Chester, Ga.	Rev. L. E. Anthony Thomaston, Ga.	1-3	7	12	0	2	83	140.39
Pleasant Hill	James Yawn Rte 2 Cordele, Ga.		2-4	0	2	1	4	140	54.85

	Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	United Program	Literature	Incidentals	Building & Repairs	Other Costs	Evangelistic Work	Associational Work	Paid Pastors
2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	12.24	0	2.00	22.50	5.00	195.26
4	3	3	1	1	60	0	32.00	20.00	0	10.00	60.00	7.50	160.00
3	9	15	1	1	61	12.20	26.14	3.61	0	52.60	100.00	7.50	257.80
4	1	1	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	13.00	40.36	7.50	115.00
1	2	5	1	6	150	0	68.04	51.06	161.39	0	243.57	15.00	734.01
1	10	11	1	7	102	202.67	81.42	24.75	15.00	100.00	130.53	15.00	851.53
2, 1	0	0	0	0	60	0	60.00	53.00	0	0	0	7.50	500.00
	11	15	1	2	128	0	55.12	129.72	154.76	0	160.24	15.00	214.88
	2	4	0	3	76	183.15	45.75	0	197.37	0	142.87	7.50	730.00
1	4	4	0	1	50	90.00	89.82	72.72	419.00	107.20	185.00	10.00	440.00
3	7	12	0	2	83	140.39	84.00	12.36	40.03	368.35	230.00	10.00	770.00
1	0	2	1	4	140	54.85	65.56	0	372.36	0	180.20	15.00	800.00