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Lewis Clark, Pleasant Hill	Cordele, Ga.
John F. Ross, New Ebenezer	Cochran, Ga.
E. J. Barker, Christian Hill	Rochelle, Ga.
W. H. Nobles, Jine Level	Chester, Ga.

MISSION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

John F. Ross	Cochran, Ga.
E. J. Barker	Rochelle, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark	Warner Robins, Ga.
E. E. Parker, Jr.	Dudley, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

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

EDUCATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark	Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. Spurgeon Jones	Eastman, 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
5. 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-third annual session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with Pine Level Church near Chester, Georgia, Thursday, October 9, 1958.

THURSDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Kneel at The Cross" .Prayer offered by Bro. Joe Frank Smith. Moderator welcomes the body and reads for a lesson text Amos 3-1-3; 1 Peter 2-1-5. Moderator cites us to the by-laws concerning the people of our denomination who are obligated to God and to their church, to go to our yearly meeting. He read the Church Covenant also.

Motion carried for all ministers in the body to sit together at the front of the church.

Bro. Charles Clark is given the stand for the morning service. He uses as a lesson text Amos 6-1 "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." He sees a typical figure of Zion amongst our own denomination. How, we, in our indifferent attitude, fail to do, and even seek to do, the things we should do in order to please God. How we practice our salvation is a sure sign of our relationship to God. Let us be ever mindful of our real obligation to God and our fellowman in our daily walk.

Benediction by Bro. K. V. Shutes.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful lunch, including barbecue, the body reconvened and sang "I Shall Not Be Moved." Prayer offered by Bro. Nick Rozar. Moderator read a portion of the Proverbs, 16th chapter.

Called to order by Moderator.

Call for corresponding letters from the various churches.

Motion carried for chair to appoint letter readers. Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers and Bro. Donald Self.

Read letters and completed roll.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS:

PINE LEVEL— W. H. Nobles, G. G. Long, Donald Self and Sis. Virgie Phillips.

NEW EBENEZER— Sisters Wade Rogers, Lella Ross, Nora Bell and John F. Ross.

BETHLEHEM— Sisters Jewel Bokenhagen, Neona Mann, Christine Perry, Bros. Hunter Wade and Thomas Autry.

DOUBLE BRANCHES— Sisters Emmett Dunnaway, T. M. Sangster, Herman Sullivan and Mel Perry.

BAY SPRINGS— Joe Frank Smith, J. M. Wright, Kenneth Giddens, Sisters Kenneth Giddens, Odele Faircloth and Addie Lee Butler.

BUELAH SPRINGS— James Johnson and Sis. James Johnson.

MT. ARARAT— Lupo Sheffield and Sis. Lupo Sheffield.

CHRISTIAN HILL— Wyche Bruce, W. J. Paramore, Sisters Wyche Bruce and Ethel McDuffie.

LITTLE BETHEL— Johnnie Davis and Sis. Estelle Davis.

PLEASANT HILL— W. W. Hobbs, Lewis Clark, Sisters W. W. Hobbs and Lewis Clark.

LIBERTY CHAPEL— Sisters Bettie Mae Leonard, Eva Dye, H. P. Shi and Sister Bridges.

ANTIOCH— Sisters Bertha Owens and Geraldine Kelly.

QUARTERLY MEETING— John F. Ross and T. B. Etheridge.

Motion carried to accept letters and seat the delegates.

Call for petitionary letters. None received.

Introduce visiting brethren and invite them to honorary seats with us.

Call for corresponding messengers from other bodies.

Brother K. V. Shutes from Chattahoochee Assoc. He reports that this association is 121 years old and they are still making some progress.

Bro. Manse Cason from Little River. They, too are making some progress.

Bro. E. C. Morris from the State Association.

Motion carried to excuse moderator and clerk to arrange committees.

Motion carried to give time to Bro. Morris to report on the State work.

Bro. Morris told us that this was the 15th Session he had attended since being connected with the State work. Bro. Morris urged everyone, and especially we of the Georgia Union, to be consecrated Christians. He wanted us to be especially concerned over the following. 1. The saving of souls. 2. The increase in membership of the churches. 3. People won to our denomination that would render a real service to our work as a denomination. He spoke of the real blessings derived from our Unified Program. He spoke of the progress being made and this year the budget being exceeded by \$5,000.00. Bro. Morris also told us that we had lost membership, as a whole, during the last five years.

Bro. Morris gave the following churches a Certificate of Merit concerning donations to the Unified Program: Bethlehem, Antioch, Double Branches, Christian Hill, Junior Honor roll; New Ebenezer and Pleasant Hill, Grand Honor roll; Pine Level, Top Grand Honor roll.

There are two churches that have not contributed and Bro. Morris said he would accept an invitation to visit them.

Bro. Morris said, "If the Unified Program is of God, it will be a blessing to all." We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving. Bro. Morris expressed the hope that each church can take part in the Unified Program next year.

Motion carried for Devotional Committee and Finance Committee be excused. (see reports.)

Next session will convene at New Ebenezer Church near Cochran, Ga.

Motion carried to adjourn until 10 o'clock Friday.

Motion carried to give Bro K. V. Shutes some time for short talk on superannuation and to pass out some tracts.

Motion carried to accept report of D. C. (see reports.)

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "Send The Light." Prayer offered by Bro. Manse Cason. Bro. K. V. Shutes used as a lesson text St. John 5, 1-17. Bro. Shutes brought one of the most appropriate sermons this reporter has ever heard. May each listener strive to accomplish some lasting good in Jesus name. Bro. Anthony invites each one to a revival at New Ebenezer Oct. 12-19. Benediction by Bro. Morris.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing, "The Blood that Stained The Old Rugged Cross." Prayer offered by Bro. Willie Hobbs. The Moderator welcomes the opportunity to welcome each one to the session. He reads from 1st Thessalonians 5, 1-8.

Call for committee reports.

Motion carried to accept report of Finance Committee and relieve them. (see reports.)

Motion carried to seat delegates of Antioch Church. (Bro. Amerson and Bro. Jones accept full responsibility for losing the letter from Antioch.)

Motion carried to accept the following reports: Temperance, Auxiliary, Education, Sunday School, and Suggestion. (see reports.)

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

Motion carried to print 400 minutes and check to make any necessary changes.

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

Motion carried for Chair to appoint delegates to State Association along with fee of \$20.00. Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers, Sis. Della Ross and Bro. John Ross.

Bro. T. B. Etheridge and Bro. E. L. Long are recommended to act on behalf of the camp.

Motion carried for our letter to carry an invitation to our State Association in 1959.

Motion carried for volunteers to correspond with sister associations. Bro. L. S. Anthony to Chattahoochee Little River, South Georgia, Martin, Midway and Union by minutes.

Motion carried to suspend business and enter into worship service.

Bro. Manse Cason brought the message, reading 23rd Psalm. Bro. Cason cites us to the fact that people will not consecrate themselves to God. The greatest need of people is to "Draw nigh unto God." He shows us how man is prone to turn his efforts to secular things rather than to spiritual things. Spoke on how men refuse to understand these things that will cost him in his pursuit of life in this present world as compared to the pursuit of life hereafter. Bro. Cason challenges us to think on the things that will stand; consecrate ourselves to God. Benediction by Bro. Nick Rozar.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying a bountiful lunch, the ordination of Bro. Nick Rozar proceeded. Moderator read from 1st Timothy 4. Prayer offered by Bro. Spurgeon Jones. Bro. Charles Clark gave the charge to Bro. Rozar. Bro. K. V. Shutes gave the benediction. The hand of christian fellowship was given to Bro. Rozar.

Motion carried to accept Bro. and Sis. Rozar into our body.

Sherman D. Jones to be delegate to National Association. Bros. W. L. Amerson and L. S. Anthony to represent the ministry at the National Association.

Motion carried to take a free will offering toward expense, offering to be \$50.00 in all, \$21.23 taken at this time.

Motion carried to carry minutes of the Sunday School rally in our minutes. They sent fee of \$10.00.

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

Motion carried to retain Bro. W. W. Hobbs to Education Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. E. E. Parker Jr. to Superanniation Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. W. L. Amerson to Mission Board.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Spurgeon Jones to three (3) year term on Ordaining Council.

Motion carried to recommend Bro. Amerson to State Mission Board.

Motion carried for Bro. Anthony to preach introductory sermon of next session with Bro. Findley realtate.

Motion carried to retain Sis. T. M. Sangster as Women's Auxiliary field worker.

Motion carried for a rising vote of thanks to Pine Level Church for hospitality shown to us during this session.

Motion carried to enter into miscellaneous business. No calls for business.

Motion carried to enter back into regular business.

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

Motion carried to accept report of Ordaining Council.

Motion carried to accept report of Mission Board Treasurer.

Bro. L. S. Anthony elected to serve as Moderator for next session.

Bro. Charles Clark elected to serve as Vice-Moderator.

Bro. Sherman D. Jones elected to serve as Clerk - Treasurer.

Bro. Charles Clark elected as Mission Board Treasurer.

Bro. Amerson makes an urgent plea for better cooperation in all work, especially in respect of Mission Work.

Motion carried to include a curricular calendar in our regular minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn.

REV. W. L. AMERSON — Moderator

SHERMAN D. JONES — Clerk-Trea.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS

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

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS

Rev. Leonard Graham	R.F.D. 1, Chauncey, Ga.
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MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder J. F. Smith	Eastman, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan	Unadilla, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark	Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder Elbert Powell	Chester, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley	Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder Nick Rozar	Chester, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones	R.F.D. 1, Eastman, Ga.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LL	Funds Committee	LL
Membership —	1 — 25.....	Free Will Offering.
	26 — 50.....	\$7.50
	51 — 100.....	10.00
	101 — 125.....	15.00
	126 — UP.....	20.00

NOTE: The above figures to be carried each year.

Temperance

We, your committee, beg to make this report: To practice temperance means whatsoever we do, let it be for the glory of God, in so doing we will

be a light unto those who are in darkness. We urge all Christians to teach and practice temperance.

MRS. BERTHA OWENS, Chairman.

Women's Auxiliary

We, your committee, beg to report: The watch word for the Auxiliary is, "Laboring Together with God." Here we are assigned to be missionaries for God. We urge every church that doesn't have an auxiliary, to wake up to the responsibility to God, of furthering His work.

MRS. T. M. SANGSTER, Chairman.

Education

We, your committee, submit the following report: Realizing that education is very important from the cradle to the grave, we are to follow the greatest teacher, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe that christian education should begin in the homes, thoroughly giving our children the knowledge of God's word as we are commanded to do. Please pray that our people will be led by the Holy Spirit to carry on in the Unified Plan, whereby more people can be taught the way of the Cross and come to know and accept Jesus as their Savior.

MRS. A. M. McDUFFIE, Chairman

Sunday School

We, your committee, beg to report: We find the Sunday Schools, as a whole, in a thriving condition, and very educational to both young and old. As we all know, no church is complete without a good Sunday School. We should encourage our Pastors and work with them to promote classes for old and young. We want to encourage the parent to go with their children and not to just send them to Sunday School, by doing so the children are encouraged and the attendance is better, in this way to, we know what our children are being taught. We urge our people to support our Sunday Schools, by attending and praying, the strongest arm of our churches.

MRS. VIRGIE PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Suggestions

We, your committee, suggest that the Pastors and Deacons encourage the christians to put forth more effort to win souls to Christ, by more prayer services and teaching of the Gospel.

T. B. ETHERIDGE, Chairman

State of Churches and Character of Ministers

We, your committee, beg to report: Annual Ministerial Certificates were prepared and submitted by eight (8) ministers, whereas the church letters listed fourteen (14) ordained and licensed ministers. We find the churches in our association spiritually declined, but we feel that our people are capable and will overcome spiritual weakness, through diligent efforts of prayer and especially concerned about the entire denominational program. We recommend that our churches be informed of its obligation through diligent leadership of the ministry. With the above exceptions, churches and ministers are in good standing.

W. H. NOBLES, Chairman.

Ordaining Council

We, your ordaining council, beg to make the following report: We recommend Bro. Nick Rozar, for ordaining. We also recommend that the license of Bro. James Goodroe be tabled until he is able to meet with the council.

REV. CHARLES CLARK, Chairman
REV. W. L. AMERSON
REV. SPURGEON JONES

Finance

We, your committee, beg to report: Twelve churches Quarterly Conference reporting

Churches	\$136.50
Quarterly Conference	5.00
Balance	2.64
TOTAL	\$144.14

NOTE: Sunday School Convention sent ten (10) dollars after the association convened. Balance on hand now \$154.14.

W. W. HOBBS, Chairman

Mission Treasurer Report

Received —	November 1957.....	\$ 71.13
	December 1957	9.84
	January 1958.....	58.97
	February 1958.....	41.94
	March 1958.....	53.00
	April 1958.....	20.84
No Mission Meeting	May 1958.....	
	June 1958.....	52.74

July 1958.....	15.77
August 1958.....	25.00
September 1958.....	19.01
1-9 October 1958.....	48.48

Total Received \$415.96

Balance Nov. 1st. 1957.. 40.16

TOTAL \$456.17

Disbursements 76.16

Balance on hand.....\$397.96

REV. CHARLES CLARK, Treasurer.

Devotional Committees

We, your committee, wish to report: Rev. K. V. Shutes to preach tonight (Thursday) and Rev. Manse Cason Friday at 11 o'clock.

REV. J. F. SMITH, Chairman

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of those who have passed on from Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church since 1955

Sis. Henry Herndon died August 7, 1955

Rev. J. B. Langford died August 15, 1956

Bro. Bill White died May 25, 1955

Sister Jessie Brown Taylor died June 24, 1957

Sister Gertrude Jones died Feb, 1958

Sister Lou Morton died August 3, 1958

Sister Rosa Grey died August 19, 1958

FREDRICK L. HOSNER

I cannot think of them as dead
 Who walk with us no more
 Along the path of life I tread.
 They have but gone before
 The Father's house is mansioned fair
 Beyond my vision dim.
 All souls are His, here o rthere
 Are living unto him.
 Still their silent ministry
 Within my heart hath place,
 As when on earth they walked with me,
 And met me face to face.
 Their lives are made forever mine
 What they, to me have been.
 Hath left henceforth its seal and sign
 Engraved deep within.
 Mine are they by an ownership
 Nor time nor death can free.
 For God hath given to love to keep
 Its own eternally.

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 tendency 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 and the unswerving committal 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. **PERSISTENCE**—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" (1 Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from 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 on 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

Sunday School Convention held September 7, 1958 at Bay Springs Church. Opened session with a song. Prayer by Bro. Charles Clark. Bro. L. S. Anthony led devotion.

President appointed Sis. Y. M. Phillips, Sis. L. C. Perry and Sis. Joel Butler to judge the programs. The following Sunday Schools presented programs: Double Branches, New Ebenezer, Little Bethel and Bethlehem.

After lunch we met in the house and opened with a song and prayer.

Old minutes were read and adopted. The president appointed the officers of our convention, along with Emmett Dunaway, Howard Faircloth and Earnest Barker to attend, as delegates, the State Convention.

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

The new officers elected were as follows: E. 9. Parker Jr., President; Henry Nobles, Vice-President; Johnny Knowles, Secretary and E. J. Barker, assistant secretary. A rising vote of thanks was given to outgoing officers.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Bay Springs for entertaining the convention.

Next session to be held with New Ebenezer.

Motion carried to change to 5th Sunday in August 1959 for next session.

Perfect attendance pins were awarded to the following: Linda Gail Faircloth, Phillip Faircloth, Howard Faircloth and Randy Faircloth of Bay Springs; Janet Jones and Sandy Jones of New Ebenezer; Marguerite Martin, Norma Jean Barker, Verlyn Barker, Clark Helms and Junior McKinney of Christian Hill. Business session adjourns.

The following Sunday Schools presented programs: Christian Hill, Pine Level, Bay Springs.

Mount Ararat won attendance banner with a 96 per cent attendance.

Pine Level won banner with best program.

Offering in amount of \$35.00

Balance	2.02	.....
Total	37.02	.....
Associational Fee	10.00	.....
	27.02	.....
Banners	8.00	.....
Balance	\$19.02	.....
W. H. Nobles, President		
Johnny Knowles, Secretary		

MEETINGS TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

Quarterly Conference: March 28, 1959	.....	Pine Level
May 30, 1959	.....	Pleasant Hill
August 29, 1959	.....	Antioch
November 28, 1959	.....	Bay Springs
Sunday School Convention: August 29, 1959	.....	New Ebenezer

Annual Association: October 8 and 9, 1959	.....	New Ebenezer
State Sunday School Convention: June 13, 1959	.....	Camp Mt. Bethel
State League Convention: November 27, 1958	.....	Camp Mt. Bethel
State Association: November 10, 1959	.....	Patmos Church in Baker County
National Association: July 7, 1959	.....	Ashville, North Carolina

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 judgement 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 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 judgement 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 Association. 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 adapted 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.

CHURCHES	CLERKS and ADDRESSES	PASTORS and ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	Unified Program
Antioch	Mrs. Bertha Owens Rte. 2, Pitts, Ga.	Rev. W. H. Horne Donaldsonville, Ga.	2	0	0	0	0	6	8.00
Bay Springs	H. D. Faircloth Rte. 4, Eastman, Ga.	Rev. Hoyt Findely Warner Robins, Ga.	2-4	1	5	2	0	62	0
Bethlehem	Mrs. Christine Perry Rte. 1, Cordele, Ga.	Rev. Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	1-3	11	17	3	1	68	23.71
Beulah Springs	Mrs. G. R. Maddox Montrose, Ga.	Rev. Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	2-4	0	0	0	0	31	0
Christian Hill	E. J. Barker Rochele, Ga.	Rev. Hoyt Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	3	5	4	1	140	339.50
Double Branches	Herman Sullivan Rte. 1, Pinehurst, Ga.	Rev. W. L. Amerson Chester, Ga.	2-4	0	0	1	2	99	211.20
Liberty Chapel	Mrs. H. P. Shi 3085 Columbus Rd. Macon, Ga.		1-2 3-4	0	4	0	0	40	6.00
Little Bethel	E. E. Parner, Jr. Dudley, Ga.	Rev. Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	1-3	0	0	2	2	112	0
Mt. Ararat	Mrs. J. C. Barrentine Rte. 3, Eastman, Ga.	Rev. Charles Clark Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	4	6	1	9	116	50.00
New Ebenezer	Sherman D. Jones Cochran, Ga.	Rev. L. S. Anthony Thomaston, Ga.	2-4	2	9	0	2	54	117.45
Pine Level	Donald Self Eastman, Ga.	Rev. L. S. Anthony Thomaston, Ga.	1-3	1	3	0	0	86	112.38
Pleasant Hill	James Yawn Rte. 2, Cordele, Ga.	Rev. Jesse Bone Butler, Ga.	2-4	2	2	1	5	135	194.00

Article 7. This yearly meeting or association shall have any regulations or by-laws, not consistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the operation of its session.

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

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REVISED VERSION

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2. Be called to one (1) or more churches, except that where the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.
3. Applicant shall be examined by the ordaining council, duly elected by the association to which they hold membership, shall be held at a Quarterly meeting or the while in session.
4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the old and new testaments. Measure up to the standard of Baptists and our church covenant, of which have been adopted.
5. These rules may be changed and re-written only by a majority of those voting for a change by the Georgia Union Association. Will Baptists.

Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	Unified Program	Literature	Incidentals	Building & Repairs	Other Costs	Evangelistic Work	Associational Work	Paid Pastors
0	0	0	0	6	8.00	0	15.24	0	4.00	55.00	3.00	165.51
1	5	2	0	62	0	50.00	13.49	0	8.60	50.00	10.00	410.10
11	17	3	1	68	23.71	32.29	19.08	2.42	227.75	121.62	10.00	264.31
0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	11.28	40.60	7.50	93.30
3	5	4	11	140	339.50	102.59	0	0	233.54	225.00	20.00	703.00
0	0	1	2	99	211.20	92.01	87.87	481.61	0	100.00	15.00	799.00
0	4	0	0	40	6.00	0	10.00	0	40.00	0	7.50	680.26

RULES FOR LICENSING MINISTERS

REVISED VERSION

1. Applicant must be recommended by the church he is in.
2. Applicant shall be examined at the quarterly meeting while in session by the ordaining council, who shall be elected by the annual association.
3. Approved license shall carry the names of all three churches and the seal of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the old and new testaments, measure up to the standards of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant, of which have been adapted by this body.
5. These rules may be changed and re-written only by a majority of those voting at a regular session of Georgia Union Association.

0	0	2	2	112	0	42.00	107.59	200.00	34.00	52.00	15.00	208.86
4	6	1	9	116	50.00	30.00	50.00	0	117.00	80.00	10.00	960.00
2	9	0	2	54	117.45	46.59	81.70	213.25	88.02	256.40	10.00	682.09
1	3	0	0	86	12.38	94.85	171.00	132.75	10.00	350.00	10.00	610.00
2	2	1	5	135	294.00	81.74	20.00	0	8.00	240.00	20.00	550.00