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Lewis Clark, Pleasant Hill .....	Cordele, Ga.
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E. J. Barker, Christian Hill .....	Rochelle, Ga.
W. H. Nobles, Pine Level .....	Chester, Ga.
Joel Butler, Bay Springs .....	Eastman, Ga.

## MISSION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

E. J. Barker .....	Rochelle, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark, 2863-D, S. Zeigler, .....	Warner Robins, Ga.
E. E. Parker, Jr. ....	Dudley, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson .....	Chester, Ga.
John F. Ross .....	Cochran, Ga.

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

Sherman D. Jones .....	Cochran, Ga.
E. E. Parker, Jr. ....	Dudley, Ga.
T. B. Etheridge .....	Unadilla, Ga.

## EDUCATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

L. E. Leonard, 4308 Trammell Ave., .....	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findlay, 648-E, S. Zeigler, .....	Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson .....	Chester, Ga.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Charles Clark, 2863-D, S. Zeigler, .....	Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. Nick Rozar, Rte. 1, .....	Chester, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson .....	Chester, 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. Report 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 letter, 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

## PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-fourth (64th) annual session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with New Ebenezer (Crossroads) Church near Cochran, Georgia, Thursday, October 8, 1959.

## THURSDAY, MORNING

Opened by singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord." Prayer offered by Rev. K. V. Shutes from Thomaston. Moderator welcomes each one to the session. He uses Romans 12-19 as a scripture lesson. In remembering the mercy of God we should diligently attend and attain to the things that would please God. The moderator read the by-laws. Bro. Charles Clark read the Church Covenant.

Call to order by Moderator.

Call for corresponding letters from the Churches.

Chair appoints Bro. Charles Clark and Bro. V. L. Pritchett to read the letters.

Read the letters and completed the roll.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS:

BETHLEHEM—Loran Wade, Elvin and Gene Brown, N. C. and Christine Perry.

MT. ARARAT—Pearl Graham and Jeannie Linder

LIBERTY CHAPEL—Rosa Lee Cherry and Mrs. J. W. Hightower.

PLEASANT HILL—Lewis and Mrs. Clark, Mary Hobbs, Mrs. C. W. Hobbs, Horace and Mrs. Hobbs.

CHRISTIAN HILL—Lola Barker and Essie Lee Jones.

NEW EBENEZER—Athel Cranford, C. M. and Mrs. Warren.

PINE LEVEL—W. H. Nobles, Lucille Amerson, Donald and Mrs. Self.

BAY SPRINGS—Hezzie and Mrs. Smith, Frances Cook, Odelle Faircloth and Etta Giddens.

LITTLE BETHEL—Thomas Bryant, Alton and Mrs. Mullis.

BUELAH SPRINGS—James and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Willie Barron.

DOUBLE BRANCES—R. H. and Mrs. Holmes, Paul Horne, Arthur Etheridge, N. R. Sullivan.

ANTIOCH—P. C. Johnson and Ommie Owens.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE—Ben Butler.

Motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business and enter into the worship hour.

Rev. L. S. Anthony brought the morning message. He read Hebrews 13—10-20 as a scripture lesson. He spoke to us concerning the duty of Pastors and Churches to each other. He stressed to us the need of unbroken fellowship and love between Pastor and Church. Preach the word, instant in season and out of season. Having the joy, in knowledge of doing for the Lord. The Pastor should be a pattern in all things. He calls on God to help the Pastors, that they might live above reproach. Bro. Anthony says the Church should tell its Pastor how they esteem and love and appreciate him and his efforts. All in all a very thought provoking message. We trust that each of us will ponder in his heart the things which he has heard, lest at anytime he should let them slip.

Benediction by Bro. W. L. Amerson.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying a lunch, including barbecue, we reconvened and sang, "Come Unto Me." Prayer offered by Bro. E. E. Kelly. The Moderator continued the scripture from the Romans 12.9.

Call for petitionary letters. None received.

Introduce visiting brethren and invite them to seats with us. Responding were Sister Knott from Cordele, Bro. Davidson from Atlanta, Bro. and Sister Morris from Tifton, Bro. Shutes from Thomaston, Bro. Harvey from Camp Mt. Bethel and Bro. Nobbs from Macon.

Call for corresponding messengers from other bodies.

Bro. E. C. Morris from State Association and Bro. George Nobles from the Chattahoochee Association.

Time is given to Rev. C. J. Harvey to speak for the camp board. Bro. Harvey first emphasized the importance of our responsibility to our youth. He secondly related some of the great benefits which the camp has provided for our youth and in return some of the blessings that has been ours through youth who have attended the camp. In conclusion Bro. Harvey reported the need of retiring the debt against the camp. Offering taken in amount of \$35.18. Thanks for the offering given by Bro. George Nobles.

Time given to Rev. J. R. Davidson to tell us about the progress in the church in Atlanta. Bro. Davidson solicits our aid in whatever way we might help. The address of the church is 112½ Forsyth Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

The following committees were assigned: State of Churches and Character of Ministers, Education, Womens Auxiliary, Devotional, Temperance, Sunday School, Suggestion and Finance. (see reports).

Motion carried to adopt report of D. C. and relieve the Committee. (see reports).

Blessing invoked on the offering for Bro. V. L. Pritchett by Bro. Charles Clark. Amount of offering \$39.48

Bro. E. C. Morris is granted time to report on the Promotional Office. He urges each of us to support the Unified Program. Antioch Church awarded first (1st) place among the churches in unified giving in the Georgia Union Association. Christian Hill and New Ebenezer were also awarded on the grand honor roll. The following were given awards for the junior honor roll giving. Double Branches, Mt. Ararat, Pine Level and Pleasant Hill. The following were given honorable mention: Liberty Chapel, Little Bethel and Bay Springs. Bro. Morris tells us that we have raised nearly \$2,000.00 more this year than ever before.

Motion carried to adjourn until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. K. V. Shutes offered prayer. Moderator extends a welcome to each one. Bro. Leonard Graham used as a lesson text: St. John, 20,18-23. He questions us do we pardon and forgive those that sin against us and the Church. Reminds us that the church belongs to Christ the Lord and we should act accordingly. He reminds us also that the work of the church is an everlasting work to glorify and honor God. Benediction by Bro. Morris.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer offered by Bro. J. D. Payne.

Call for visitors. Bro. Payne from the Chattahoochee Association. Bro. Horton from Middle Ground Missionary Baptist Church and Sister Charlie Knott from the Church of God.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Bro. Spurgeon Jones from The Ordaining Council.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Nick Rozar to fill unexpired term of two (2)-years.

Moderator uses 1 Corinthians 12-12 as a text. Bro. Anthony stresses the real fact, that each member of a church should strive to do what God would have him do. When part of a body ceases to function the whole body suffers, how much more so the body of the church. Calls for continued unity.

Motion carried to adopt various reports (see reports).

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

Motion carried to print 400 Minutes.

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

Call for Volunteers to State Association.

Motion carried for chair to appoint delegates to State Association. Chair appoints Bro. Donald Self, Pine Level, Bro. John Cannon and Bro. John Ross from New Ebenezer and Bro. Paul Horne, Double Branches as alternate.

Bro. T. B. Etheridge, Double Branches and Bro. E. L. Long, Pine Level to act in behalf of the Youth Camp.

Call for corresponding messenger to other associations.

Sherman D. Jones to correspond with Chattahoochee and others by minutes.

Motion carried to replace Bro. T. B. Etheridge on the Executive Board.

Replaced by Bro. Joel Butler from Bay Springs.

Motion carried to return Bro. John Ross to Mission Board.

Motion carried to replace Bro. W. H. Nobles on Superannuation Board.

Replaced by Bro. T. B. Etheridge from Double Branches.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Hoyt Findley to unexpired term of Bro. W. W. Hobbs on Education Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. W. L. Amerson to Ordaining Council.

Motion carried to suspend business and enter into the worship hour.

Bro. K. V. Shutes states his appreciation for the sweet fellowship shown in this session. Bro. Shutes uses as a scripture lesson 2 Peter 2, 1-8. He reminds us of how God has always condemned sin. We should be burdened deep about our shortcomings as Free Will Baptists. Let us remember the text "How can we escape when He spared not the Angels."

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago". Prayer offered by Bro. E. B. Duckworth. Many requests for prayer were spoken. Moderator uses as lesson text Ephesians 6, 10-20.

Call for committee reports. Finance reported and accepted. (see reports)

Two (2) churches extended invitations for the body to meet with them in 1960. On vote of the body Double Branches entertain the next session.

Rev. E. B. Duckworth to preach introductory sermon with Rev. W. L. Amerson to alternate.

Rev. W. L. Amerson reports for the Mission Board. He urges each one to cooperate a little better in the coming year. He tells us that we must cooperate with the board and the board with us, if we expect to please God and accomplish his purpose in missions.

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

Motion carried to accept report of State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee. (see reports)

Bro. Charles Clark, as Chairman of the Ordaining Council, holds an open forum on the proposed ordination of Bro. Leonard Graham.

Statements were made by the following ministers on the subject: Rev. W. L. Amerson, Rev. V. L. Pritchett, Rev. Leonard Graham, Rev. Charles Clark, and Rev. H. D. Faircloth

Rev. Pritchett read the scripture found in 1 Corinthians 6.

Rev. Clark read the rules for ordination and scripture found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

Rev. E. C. Morris made statement concerning the clarity of the interpretation placed on the scriptures read.

Rev. Clark turns the session back to the Moderator.



Motion carried to ordain Bro. Leonard Graham by a standing vote of 20 to 12.

Motion carried to suspend regular business and enter into miscellaneous business.

Motion carried for a more thorough examination of candidates to be licensed to preach the gospel. This motion amended and tabled until next session.

The election of officers proceeded.

Motion carried to recommend that Bro. Charles Clark be retained on the State Education Board.

Motion carried to retain Sherman D. Jones, Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion carried for Bro. John Cannon to act as Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

Rev. W. L. Amerson elected as Moderator for next session.

Rev. H. D. Faircloth elected as Vice-Moderator.

Rev. Charles Clark retained as Mission Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1960.

Rev. L. S. Anthony, Moderator

Sherman D. Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

NOTE: Ordination of Rev. Leonard Graham proceeded after adjournment. Prayer offered by Rev. W. L. Amerson. Charge given by Rev. Charles Clark. Benediction by Rev. Nick Rozar.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Elbert Powell .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Charlie Bartlett .....	Cordele, Ga.
Elder L. S. Anthony .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan, R.F.D. 1, .....	Unidilla, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones, R.F.D. 1, .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder V. L. Pritchett .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley .....	
Elder N. H. Parrish .....	Waycross, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark .....	
Elder Nick Rozar .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Leonard Graham, R.F.D. 1, .....	Chauncey, Ga.
Elder E. B. Duckworth, Cochran Field .....	Macon, Ga.
Elder Everette E. Kelley .....	Seville, Ga.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Charlie Knott, R.F.D. 1, .....	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. Howard D. Faircloth, R.F.D. 4, .....	Eastman, Ga.
Rev. M. J. Haynes .....	Empire, Ga.
Rev. E. V. Skipper .....	Thomaston, Ga.

#### MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder N. R. Sullivan .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark .....	
Elder Elbert Powell .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley .....	
Elder Nick Rozar .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder L. S. Anthony .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder V. L. Pritchett .....	Eastman, Ga.
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Rev. Howard D. Faircloth, Rte. 4, .....	Eastman, Ga.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### FUNDS COMMITTEE

Membership — 1- 25 —	Freewill 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, submit the following report: We ask our ministers to preach more temperance and live thereby. And our deacons and laity watch themselves and be more temperate in everything they do. We should be led by the Spirit of the Lord, that we may know that we are pleasing Him.

Mrs. Christine Perry, Chr.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, are proud to report that our Sunday Schools have made progress in the past few years. We have 11 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 515 pupils. We know our youth of to-day will be our Church of tomorrow. Please pray for these young folks.

Mrs. Odelle Faircloth, Chr.

#### WOMENS AUXILIARY

We, your committee are ashamed to report that not any of our churches have a Womens Auxiliary at present. We feel that an auxiliary in each church would help to strengthen the women of our association and help to train our young people in this great cause.

Mrs. Lola Barker, Chr.

## EDUCATION

We, your committee, submit the following report: We are proud of our Free Will Baptists Schools where our called of God may go and be prepared for preaching the gospel. May the Holy Spirit forever guide us in the teaching of our children in Sunday Schools, educating them in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his plan of salvation. Pray that our children may be educated in all the ways of Christ and go forth as christian boys and girls, hating evil and loving good.

Mrs. Pearl Graham, Chr.

## SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee submit the following report: We suggest that all church members support all of the auxiliaries of the Church, such as Sunday School, League, Prayer Meeting, Conferences and the unified program.

Rev. Charles Clark, Chr.

## STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARTER OF MINISTERS

We, your committee are glad to make this report: We find all churches and ministers in good standing. We feel that we should work in harmony and be more in oneness. We believe the supporting of the entire program of the Free Will Baptist is the way to have a successful association.

W. H. Nobles, Chr.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your committee, wish to report: Bro. Leonard Graham to preach tonight (Thursday) and Bro. K. V. Shutes tomorrow (Friday)

R. H. Holmes, Chr.

## FINANCE

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Churches .....	\$154.00	
S. S. Convention .....	10.00	— \$164.00
Balance from fee to National Association .....	11.00	— 175.00
Indebtedness .....	16.30	— 158.70
BALANCE .....		\$158.70

NOTE: \$10.00 received from quarterly conference in letters to association and a free will offering in conference of \$25.49.

Alton Mullis, Chr.

Donald Self

Hezzie Smith

## MISSION TREASURER REPORT

Balance October 8, 1959 .....	\$397.96
Received .....	\$144.72
Balance October 5, 1959 .....	\$542.68

Rev. Charles Clark, Treasurer

## IN MEMORIAM

Bro. John Lewis was one of the oldest deacons of Bethlehem Church. He passed away July 20, 1959. He is gone and his place is vacant. His pain racked body is at rest altho we miss him at church service. We pray someday we will meet him in that home not made with hands. May God rest his soul.

Mrs. Christine Perry

## 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 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 reunciation of it. 2. Faith of 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 sould 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. **PERSERVERANCE**—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 Lords 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.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule 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

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| 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 thereof.
- 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.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

Sunday School Convention held on 5th Sunday in August 1959 at Union Hill School auditorium. New Ebenezer (Crossroads) was the host church. Opened session with song and prayer. Bro. Henry Nobles opened the session as Vice-President. In the absence of the secretary Bro. Johnnie Knowles, Bro. Sherman Jones appointed to keep minutes.

There were eight (8) churches in attendance with most of them presenting programs. Motion carried for Bro. Nobles to appoint judges. Bro. L. S. Anthony, Bro. Hoyt Findley and Bro. Everette Kelly appointed.

The following Sunday Schools presented the secretary with data on attendance and entrance fees: Antioch, Pine Level, Crossroads, Double Branches, Bethlehem and Bay Springs.

After a bountiful lunch we reconvened and opened the business session. Old minutes read and adopted.

Motion carried for chair to appoint delegates to State Convention. The following were appointed:

Sister Willie Ruth Rogers, Rev. Everette Kelly and Bro. T. R. Etheridge.

Bro. Jones states the need of a teacher work shop for our Sunday School Program in our association.

Next session to be held at Bethlehem near Cordele on July 31, 1960.

Motion carried to retain Bro. E. E. Parker to the Presidency. Bro. W. H. Nobles to Vice-Presidency and Bro. E. J. Barker to Assistant Secretary.

Motion carried to elect acting secretary Bro. Sherman Jones, to Secretary.

The following pupils were presented with 1 year attendance pins: Emmett, Jerry and Harold Dunnay of Double Branches, Franklin and W. H. Rogers, Richard Phillips, Linda Fay Clark and Sherman Jones of Crossroads, Janet Floyd of Crossroads was presented with a four year pin. Verlyn Barekr, Margurite Martin, Clark Helms, Junior McKinney, E. J. Barker, Virginia and Margie Hodge of Christian Hill and Sandy Jones of Crossroads were presented with 6 year pins. E. E. Parker, Barney Parker and Tommy Pearker were given 1 year pins.

Motion carried to send these names to the contact paper in order to encourage other people.

Christian Hill won the banner for attendance. Double Branches won the banner for best program.

Balance in Treasury \$50.52.

E. E. Parker, President  
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CHURCHES	CLERKS and ADDRESSES	PASTORS and ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	Unified Program	
Antioch	P. C. Johnson	E. E. Kelly, Seville, Ga.	2 7	12	0	0	18	20.00	32.0	
Bay Springs	H. O. Faircloth Rte. 4, Eastman, Ga.	Hoyt Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	2-4	0	4	0	0	65	9.00	81.4
Bethlehem	Christine Perry Rte. 1, Cordele, Ga.	Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	1-3	0	1	1	0	67	0	42.9
Beulah Springs	Mrs. G. R. Maddox Montrose, Ga.	Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	2-4	0	2	1	1	26	0	
Christian Hill	E. J. Barker Box 1057, Rochelle, Ga.	Hoyt Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	3	5	3	8	131	324.00	70.50
Double Branches	Herman Sullivan Rte. 1, Pinehurst, Ga.	Howard Faircloth Eastman, Ga.	2-4	0	0	1	2	97	188.59	87.78
Liberty Chapel	Evelyn Collins Cochran Field, Macon	E. B. Duckworth Cochran Field, Macon, Ga	1-2 3-4	4	20	1	0	40	7.00	42.8
Little Bethel	E. E. Parker Dudley, Ga.	Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	1-3	0	0	0	2	110	28.00	42.00
Mt. Ararat	Anne Graham Chauncey, Ga.	Charles Clark Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	1	4	2	2	41	92.14	29.00
New Ebenezer	Sherman Jones Cochran, Ga.	W. L. Amerson Chester, Ga.	2-4	8	9	1	1	60	131.48	106.03
Pine Level	Donald Self Rte. 6, Eastman, Ga.	Charles Clark Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	0	0	0	1	85	189.50	339.80
Pleasant Hill	Viola Hunt 212 - 19th Ave., E. Cordele, Ga.	A. C. Truluck Tifton, Ga.	2-4	6	9	1	0	143	249.30	80.08

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12	0	0	18	20.00	32.00	0	0	5.00	19.00	4.00	261.02
4	0	0	65	9.00	81.42	90.00	1300.00	50.57	50.00	10.00	410.00
1	1	0	67	0	42.95	57.75	54.58	49.34	70.63	10.00	365.47
2	1	1	26	0	0	0	28.00	0	40.00	7.50	145.62
5	3	8	131	324.00	70.56	90.99	0	119.29	292.00	20.00	758.00
0	1	2	97	188.59	87.78	78.13	0	32.87	150.00	15.00	816.00
20	1	0	40	7.00	42.81	160.00	0	51.43	75.00	7.50	630.00
0	0	2	110	28.00	42.00	45.00	0	55.00	40.00	20.00	205.00
4	2	2	41	92.14	29.00	89.01	0	0	50.00	10.00	450.00
9	1	1	60	131.48	106.03	108.81	39.30	186.96	250.00	10.00	720.00
0	0	1	85	189.50	339.80	45.00	1430.82	11.00	215.00	10.00	745.00
9	1	0	143	249.30	80.08	61.36	171.88	0	100.00	20.00	650.00