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## EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

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

## MISSION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

H. E. Leonard, Liberty Chapel, 4308 Trammell Ave., .....	Macon, Ga.
P. C. Johnson, Antioch, R.F.D. 2, .....	Pitts, Ga.
E. E. Brown, Bethlehem, R.F.D. 1, .....	Cordele, Ga.
E. E. Parker, Little Bethel, .....	Dudley, Ga.
H. E. Dunnaway, Double Branches, R.F.D. 1 .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Wayne Hobbs, Pleasant Hill .....	Cordele, Ga.
W. H. Nobles, Pine Level, .....	Chester, Ga.
Kenneth Giddens, Bay Springs, R.F.D. 4, .....	Eastman, Ga.
James Johnson, Buelah Springs, .....	Montrose, Ga.
E. J. Barker, Christian Hill, .....	Rochelle, Ga.
J. F. Ross, New Ebenezer, .....	Cochran, Ga.
William Blackmon, Wilson's Chapel .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Emmett Jump, Mt. Ararat, .....	Eastman, Ga.

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

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

## EDUCATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

Rev. Hoyt Findley, 648-E, S. Zeigler, .....	Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, .....	Chester, Ga.
H. E. Leonard, .....	Macon, Ga.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Nick Rozar, R.F.D. 1, .....	Chester, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, .....	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark, .....	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-fifth (65th) annual session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with Double Branches Church near Unadilla, Georgia, Thursday October 6, 1960.

## THURSDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Prayer offered by Bro. Ernest J. Barker. Welcome to body extended by Pastor, Rev. H. D. Faircloth. Moderator, Rev. W. L. Amerson, welcomes the body and reads Phillipians 2:1-4 as a lesson text. Moderator read and commented on the Church Covenant. Prayer offered by Bro. E. C. Morris.

Call to order by Moderator.

Call for corresponding letters from the various churches.

Motion carried for Moderator to appoint letter readers. He appoints Bro. Ernest J. Barker and Bro. Billie Ray Amerson.

Read the letters and completed the roll.

Churches responding with letters and delegates: Liberty Chapel, Antioch, Buelah Springs, Double Branches, Pleasant Hill, Little Bethel, Bethlehem, Mt. Ararat, Pine Level, Christian Hill, New Ebenezer, Bay Springs, and the Quarterly Conference.

Motion carried to adopt letters as read and seat all delegates present and others as they come.

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

Opened the worship hour by singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer offered by Bro. J. R. Davidson.

Bro. E. B. Duckworth, Pastor of Liberty Chapel in Macon was the speaker for the hour. He read his scripture from the book of Nehemiah. He used as a text Nehemiah 2:18 "Let us strengthen our hands for the good work." Bro. Duckworth reminds us of our slackness in our striving in God's work and our wholehearted striving for worldly gain. He asks us have we kept pace in our church with the gains made by worldness. He cites us to the real fact of our leaving the old landmark (the Bible) and we, as a people and Free Will Baptists have been the eternal loser. He asks have we looked beyond our present trouble, (Khruchev, Nixon, Kennedy, Eisenhower, it al) to the real reason for the aforementioned trouble? Let our churches awaken to the fact that our walls are down and the things of the devil and the world are creeping into our churches and our lives.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "Anywhere is Home." Prayer offered by Rev. Everett Kelly. Moderator uses as a scripture lesson, Galatians 5:1

Call for petitionary letters.

One received from Wilson's Chapel, Cobbtown Road, Thomaston, Ga.

Introduce visiting brethren and invite them to seats with us.

Responding were the following, Rev. A. C. Truluck from the Union Association, Rev. E. C. Morris from State Association, Rev. J. R. Davidson from Chattahoochie Association, Bro. H. W. Grimsley and family from the Chattahoochie Association.

Call for corresponding messengers from other bodies. Responding were Bro. Morris from the State and Bro. Davison from the Chattahoochie.

Motion carried to appoint various committees.

Motion carried for chair to appoint someone to work in the field in the promotion of Women's Auxiliary in the Georgia Union Association. The Moderator appoints Sis. Evelyn Collins of Liberty Chapel Church.

Motion carried to keep the yearly meeting of our association on Thursday



and Friday before the second (2nd) Sunday in October.

Next session to convene with Pine Level Church near Chester, Ga.

Motion carried for chair to appoint D. C. Moderator appoints Bro. Fletcher Swearingen. Bro. Elmer Leonard and Bro. N. C. Perry.

Motion carried to excuse D. C. in order for them to prepare their report.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business and give time to Rev. E. C. Morris to speak in behalf of the State promotional work and Rev. J. R. Davidson to speak in behalf of the Bible College and the church in Atlanta.

Bro. Davidson gives us the location of the church. Entering Atlanta on U. S. Highway 23 from the south, turn right on Memorial Drive, turn left on Clay St. The name of the church is on a sign. Bro. Davidson urges each one to cooperate in pushing the Lord's work in Atlanta.

Bro. Davidson passed out some tracts about the work at the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. A few years ago some 95 percent of the Free Will Baptists were against the opening of an institute of higher learning. An offering was taken for the college.

Bro. E. C. Morris tells us that the National League convention will be held in Georgia in 1961 in June. The expense is to be paid for by the State of Georgia. Acting as host church Bro. Donald Self of Pine Level Church is on the finance committee for the Georgia Union Association.

Bro. Morris gives us a citation on our cooperation with the Unified program. He tells us that twelve out of thirteen churches have participated this year. Bro. Morris tells us that the Georgia Union is the highest per capita giver in the state. It amounts \$1.66 compared to last years \$1.28. He awards certificates of appreciation to the following churches: Bay Springs, Wilson's Chapel, Buelah Springs, Little Bethel, Liberty Chapel. The following churches were on the Honor Roll for quota giving: Pine Level, Pleasant Hill, New Ebenezer, Antioch, Double Branches, Christian Hill.

Bro. Donald Self gave a special card concerning the funds for the League Convention.

Motion carried to declare the motion to accept the petitionary as out of order.

Motion carried for the church which petitioned the association to meet with the Ordaining Council.

Rev. Hoyt Findley read a revision of rules for licensing of ministers.

Motion carried to table the proposed changes until the next day and then to deal with them, item by item.

Bro. E. J. Barker speaks for the mission board in the proposal to add eight (8) new members. This would give each church a representative on this board.

Motion carried to table the proposals until the next day.

Report of D. C. adopted (see reports.)

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Friday.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "Love Lifted Me". Prayer offered by Bro. T. B. Etheridge.

Bro. E. C. Morris used as a lesson text Acts 3-2. He spoke of that beautiful gate and how that many things are beautiful if we are Christians.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Jesus Hold My Hand." Prayer offered by Rev. Roscoe Pitts. Moderator used as a scripture lesson James 1, 22-25.

Call for committee reports.

Motion carried to adopt Education report (see reports.)

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

Motion carried to print 400 minutes.

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

Call for volunteers to the State Association as delegates. Volunteering were Bro. Billie Ray Amerson, Bro. Sherman Jones and Bro. John F. Ross as alternate.

Motion carried to send \$20.00 to state for fee.

Motion carried to retain Bro. T. B. Etheridge and Bro. E. L. Long to act in behalf of the Youth Camp.

Motion carried to represent to our sister association by delegate or minute.

Motion carried to retain all standing board members except the mission board.

Motion carried to adopt proposals of mission board concerning new members.

Motion carried to use laymen only on this board.

Motion carried for each church to recommend one of their members to a nominating committee.

Motion carried for chair to appoint the nominating committee.

The committee is as follows: Bro. Joel Buter, Rev. H. D. Faircloth and Bro. Emmett Dunnaway.

Motion carried to excuse the committee on state of churches and character of ministers.

Motion carried to select a committee to look into the proposals for revision of rules for licensing of ministers.

The committee is as follows: Rev. E. B. Duckworth, Rev. Joe Frank Smith and Bro. Horace Hobbs.

Motion carried to excuse Ordaining Council. Bro. H. D. Faircloth to act as Moderator.

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

Motion carried to suspend business and enter into worship hour.

Rev. J. R. Davidson was in charge of the worship service. He recalled many fond memories connected with Double Branches Church. He used Matthew 5 1-16 as a scripture lesson. He looked to the gospel in the light of symbols. Salt is one of the symbols, used as a penetration. It is a purifier and then it is a preserver. Salt is then a thirst provoker. Bro. Davidson pointed out that salt, after it attributes of good, is also a petuifier, thereby listing its usefulness. Let us ponder in our hearts, these things and see how salty we are. Bro. Davidson stresses the real fact that we are the reflections of the real light, which is the Christ, our Lord.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful noon meal, including barbecue, the body convened again for the final session. Opened by singing, "Showers of Blessings." Prayer offered by Bro. Arnold Scarboro.

Call for committee reports.

Motion carried to adopt reports of Finance and Ordaining Council. (see reports.)

Motion carried to accept Wilson's Chapel into the fellowship of our body and all the privileges therein.

Right hand of Christian fellowship extended to Wilson's Chapel while singing "O! How I Love Jesus."

Motion carried to accept report of mission board committee (see reports.)

Motion carried to accept report of Mission Treasurer.

Motion carried to retain Rev. Charles Clark to Mission Treasurer.

Rev. W. L. Amerson makes a report for the Mission Board. The board is awaiting word from the National Home Mission Board concerning help in the revival and organization of the church in Eastman, Ga. Bro Amerson expresses a great hope in the future plans. He stresses the great need of real cooperation among everybody for this phase of the work.

Rev. E. C. Morris tells us of plans for drafting new letter forms for our association.

Motion carried to accept report of committee on State of churches and character of ministers.

Motion carried for Rev. E. C. Morris to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Lord tarries. Rev. H. D. Faircloth to alternate.

Motion carried to hear report of the special committee or revision of rules for licensing of ministers.

Motion carried to accept report as written and incorporate into our annual minute vote was 42-2.

Motion carried to extend a rising vote of thanks to Double Branches Church for the hospitality shown at this session.

Motion carried to return to regular order of business.

Nominations in order for Moderator. Rev. Hoyt Findley and Rev. Charles Clark are placed in nomination. Rev. Clark elected.

Motion carried for Rev. Findley to act as Vice-Moderator.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Sherman Jones to Clerk-Treasurer and Bro. J. F. Cannon to assistant.

Motion Carried to retain all present board members except mission board (see mission board report.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday before 2nd Sunday in Oc. 1961. Benediction by Rev. Joe Frank Smith.

Rev. W. L. Amerson, Moderator

Sherman Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS

Elder Elbert Powell, .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder L. S. Anthony, .....	Thomason, Ga.
Elder W. R. Amerson, .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith, .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley, 648-E, S. Zeigler .....	Warner Robins Ga.
Elder Charles Clark, .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Nick Rozar, .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Leonard Graham, R.F.D. 1, .....	Chauncey Ga.
Elder E. B. Duckworth, Cochran Field, .....	Macon Ga.
Elder H. D. Faircloth, R.F.D. 4, .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder E. E. Kelley, R.F.D., .....	Pitts, Ga.
Elder E. V. Skipper, .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Roscoe Pitts, .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Sprugeon Jones, R.F.D. 1, .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder N. H. Parrish, .....	Waycross, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan, .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Elder G. C. Sullivan, R.F.D. 1, .....	Pinehurst, Ga.

### LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS

Rev. Charlie Knott, R.F.D. 1, .....	Cordele, Ga.
Rev. M. J. Haynes, R.F.D., .....	Empire, Ga.
Rev. E. L. Hewitt, .....	Thomaston, Ga.

### MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder N. R. Sullivan, .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson, .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark, .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley, .....	Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder Nick Rozar, .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder E. B. Duckworth, Cochran Field, .....	Macon, Ga.
Elder E. E. Kelley, .....	Pitts, Ga.

Elder H. D. Faircloth, .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith, .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder E. L. Hewitt, .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder E. V. Skipper, .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder G. C. Sullivan, .....	Pinehurst, Ga.
Elder Roscoe Pitts, .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder J. R. Davidson, Chattahooche Association .....	Atlanta, Ga.
Elder A. C. Truluck, Union Association, .....	Albany, Ga.
Elder E. C. Morris, State Association, .....	Tifton, Ga.
Elder K. V. Shutes, Chattahooche Association .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne, Chattahooche Association .....	Danville, 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 are to be carried each year.

#### MISSION TREASURER

October 5, 1959 .....	\$564.68
Received by October 6, 1960 .....	103.36

\$668.04

Disbursements .....	27.50
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Balance .....	\$640.54
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Rev. Charles L. Clark, Treasurer

#### TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, submit the following report: Each person bearing the name of Christ should practice devoluity, and be a faithful advocate of temperance. God expects sincere and obedient living on the part of His children. May we have wisdom to yield our lives to Him so that the forces of sin may not take us capture.

Mrs. Minnie Smith, Chairman

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School, beg to report: Our Sunday School is in fair condition, but lots of room for improvement. We desire the prayers of all that our next year will be much better and we will be able to do more for the Lord.

Mrs. Gene Brown, Chairman

#### SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee on suggestions, submit the following: We suggest that our pastors keep themselves fully informed on the progress of the denomination, on the local, state and national level. Whereby they may be able to instruct and lead their congregations to a greater degree of service in every phase of the cause of Christ, our Saviour. We further suggest that every member follow their pastor in every constructive effort in order that the cause of Christ be not hindered.

T. B. Etheridge, Chairman

#### EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, submit the following: We are glad of our Free Will Baptist schools and recommend that everyone who can possibly do so, attend them, and that all others support them by prayer and other means. May we all seek His leadership in our Sunday Schools, leagues and auxiliaries, that church educational programs will be at their best. Christian education is our best means of having more and stronger Christians.

Ernest J. Barker, Chairman

#### REVISION COMMITTEE

We, your committee on revision of licensing and ordaining of ministers rules, submit the following: The proposed changes be adopted and we recommend that Article One (1) under rules for ordaining ministers, be changed to read as follows: Applicant shall bear license for one (1) year, and be recommended to the Quarterly Conference or the Yearly Association by the church of which he is a member.

Rev. E. B. Duckworth, Chairman

Rev. J. F. Smith

Bro. Horace Hobbs

NOTE: See rules for ordaining and licensing of ministers in back of minutes.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your ordaining council, find Wilson's Chapel in order to become a member in good standing with the Georgia Union Association. We ask that Bro. E. L. Hewitt come before the ordaining council at the Quarterly Conference in October. We further ask that Bro. E. V. Skipper be ordained to preach the gospel as the Lord leads.

Rev. Charles L. Clark, Chairman

Rev. W. L. Amerson



## FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, submit the following:

Churches .....	\$134.50	
Quarterly Conference .....	10.00	— 144.50
S. S. Convention .....	10.00	— 154.50
Indebtedness .....	3.25	— 151.25
BALANCE .....		\$151.25

Herman Sullivan, Chairman

John F. Cannon

W. J. Paramore

NOTE: Free Will offering taken in amount of \$25.00. Balance now in treasury \$176.25.

## MISSION BOARD COMMITTEE (Special)

We, your committee for the mission board, after consulting delegates of each church present and their recommendation, present the following names for Mission Board members.

Liberty Chapel— H. E. Leonard, Antioch— P. C. Johnson, Christian Hill— E. J. Barker, Double Branches— H. E. Dunnaway, Pine Level— W. H. Nobles, Pleasant Hill— Wayne Hobbs, Bethlehem— E. E. Brown, Bay Springs— Kenneth Giddens, Beulah Springs— James Johnson, Mt. Ararat— Emmett Jump, Little Bethel— E. E. Parker, New Ebenezer— John F. Ross and Wilson's Chapel— William Blackman.

H. E. Dunnaway, Chairman

Joel F. Butler

H. D. Faircloth

PETITIONARY LETTER  
TO THE GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

We, the members of Wilson's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Thomaston, Georgia, wish to petition the Georgia Union Association for membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. E. L. Hewett, Pastor

Mrs. Clara Wilson, Clerk

## STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your committee, beg to make the following report: We find most of the churches in fair condition, mostly cooperating in all phases of endeavor, except one church and pastor who do not cooperate with the state work and one church does not have a Sunday School. We urge the people of these churches to prayerfully consider these needful purposes and do something about it. As far as we can determine all the others are in fair condition.

Kenneth Giddens, Chairman

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE—The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were by inspiration of God, and are our infallible 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 Saviour 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 arts 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 renunciation of it. 2. Faith of the unswerving committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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, whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSERVERANCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace preserves in holiness to the end of life, have promised 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 erst, worship, Holy works and activities, and for persona l 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 abstain 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 Saviour, Jesu sChrist."

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 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 santify 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 committee 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

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- 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 1960

1. Applicant shall bear license for not less than one (1) year and shall be recommended to the quarterly conference or association by the church of which he is a member.
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 scripture 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 (2/3) 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 OF MINISTERS

Revised 1960

1. Applicant must be a member of church recommending him, and if applicant is coming from another denomination or association, he shall be a member of church recommending him for not less than three (3) months from date receiving letter stating he is in good standing with church, denomination and association he is leaving.
2. Applicant shall be examined and asked the following questions at the quarterly meeting or annual association while in session, by the ordaining council duly elected by the annual association.
  - Q. 1. Do you believe and accept the Old and New Testaments as inspired word of God?
  - Q. 2. Do you believe in baptism by immersion in water?
  - Q. 3. Do you believe the ordinances of the Lord's supper and washing of the saints feet?
  - Q. 4. Do you believe in tithing and offerings as given in the inspired word of God?
  - Q. 5. Do you believe in the sale and use of intoxicating beverages?
3. Approved license shall carry the name of all three (3) council members and the seal of the Georgia Union Association of the Free Will Baptists.
4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testament, measure up to the standards of the treaties of

the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant of which have been adopted by this body.

5. No applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he or she has more than one living husband or wife.

6. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-thirds 2/3) majority of those voting at a regular session of the Georgia Union Association.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

Sunday School Convention held on 5th Sunday in July 1960 at Bethlehem Church in Crisp County. Session opened by singing "I Would Not Be Denied." Prayer offered by Rev. Elbert Powell. Welcome extended to each one by the President, Bro. E. E. Parker.

There were nine (9) churches responding to roll call. Seven of the churches in attendance presented programs. Motion carried for chair to appoint judges for the programs. Bro. Parker relected Bro. Staples from Liberty Chapel, Bro. Ross from New Ebenezer and Bro. Nobles from Pine Level.

The following Sunday Schools gave data to the sect. as attendance and entrance fees: Double Branches, New Ebenezer, Little Bethel, Antioch, Pine Level, Bethlehem, Bay Springs and Christian Hill.

After a bountiful lunch the body was reconvened and the business session was opened by singing "Love Lifted me." Prayer offered by Bro. John Ross.

Call for unfinished business. Last minutes read and adopted.

Call for miscellaneous business. No nerecieved.

Call for new business.

Motion carried for us to go back to Union Hill School in Bleckley County.

Motion carried for chair to appoint committee to make necessary arrangements for the convention. The following selected: Bro. Sherman Jones, Bro. Alton Mullis and Bro. W. H. Nobles.

Motion carried for chair to appoint delegates to state Sunday School Convention. The following selected: Bro. E. J. Barker, Bro. T. B. Etheridge and Bro. Henry Nobles.

Report made by delegate. Sis Willie Ruth Rogers on activities at the last convention.

President comments on the giant blessing that can be had in this convention.

Bro. Kelley apologies for carelessness in forgetting his duty in not attending the State Convention.

Methods of figuring the yearly attendance percentage were discussed.

Nominations in order for officers.

Motion carried to retain all officers. Bro. E. E. Parker, President, Bro

W. H. Nobles, Vice-President, Bro. Sherman Jones secretary-treasurer and Bro. E. J. Barker, assistant secretary.

Rev. Joe Frank Smith suggests that the church elect the officers of the Church Sunday Schools. Note: The secretary of your convention concurs in this suggestion. We trust that you will give serious thought to this matter.

Motion carried for the body to extend to Bethlehem Church a rising vote of thanks for hospitality and courtesy shown during this session.

Motion carried to adjourn business session.

The following pupils were presented with 1 year attendance pins: Gloria Dunnaway, Double Branches, Virginia Johnson, Kimsey Kelly, Geraldine Kelly and Everett Kelly, Antioch. The following were presented with seven (7) year pins: Margurite Martin, Clark Helms, Norma Jean Barker and Ernest J. Barker of Christian Hill and Sandy Jones of Crossroads.

Antioch Sunday School won the attendance banner with a 95 percent average attendance. Bay Springs won the banner for having the best program.

The President requests continued cooperation and unity in the work of furthering the Kingdom of God on this earth.

E. E. Parker, President  
Sherman Jones, Secretary

CHURCHES	CLERKS and ADDRESSES	PASTORS and ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	Unified Program
Antioch	P. C. Johnson Rte. 2, Pitts, Ga.	Rev. E. E. Kelley Rte. 2, Pitts, Ga.	2	0	3	0	0	16	41.00
Bay Springs	Kenneth Giddens Rte. 4, Eastman, Ga.	Rev. J. F. Smith Eastman, Ga.	2-4	2	2	1	0	66	32.17
Bethlehem	Mrs. Christine Perry Rte. 1, Cordele, Ga.	Rev. Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	1-3	1	3	0	2	68	0
Buelah Springs	Mrs. G. R. Maddox Rte. 1, Montrose, Ga.	Rev. Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	2-4	0	1	1	1	25	16.00
Christian Hill	E. J. Barker Rochelle, Ga.	Rev. Hoyt. Findley Warner Robins, Ga.	1-3	1	1	0	5	127	342.00
Double Branches	Mrs. Hubert Williams Rte. 1, Unadilla, Ga.	Rev. H. D. Faircloth Eastman, Ga.	2-4	5	5	1	4	99	223.02
Liberty Chapel	Mrs. Evelyn Collins Box 231, Cochran Field Macon, Ga.	Rev. E. B. Duckworth Box 231, Cochran Field Macon, Ga.	1-2 3-4	1	5	1	1	45	75.71
Little Bethel	E. E. Parker Dudley, Ga.	Rev. Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	1-3	0	0	0	0	110	40.00
Mt. Ararat	Mrs. Anne Graham Eastman, Ga.	Rev. J. B. Lumpkin Junction City, Ga.	1-3	0	3	1	2	56	51.13
New Ebenezer	Sherman Jones Cochran, Ga.	Rev. W. L. Amerson Chester, Ga.	2-4	0	2	1	5	56	138.48
Pine Level	Donald Self Rte. 6, Eastman, Ga.	Rev. Charles Clark Chester, Ga.	1-2 3-4	6	8	1	0	92	175.01
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Viola Hunt 713 13th Ave. E. Cordele, Ga.	Rev. A. C. Truluck Tifton, Ga.	2-4	0	5	3	1	138	324.61
Wilson's Chapel	Mrs. Clara Wilson Rte. 1, Box 12 Thomaston, Ga.	Rev. Eddie Lee Hewitt Rte. 1, Thomaston, Ga.	1-2 3-4	4 11	15	0	0	15	9.40



Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	Unified Program	Literature	Incidentals	Building & Repairs	Other Costs	Evangelistic Work	Associational Work	Paid Pastors
0	3	0	0	16	41.00	27.00	0	0	0	64.66	4.00	393.74
2	2	1	0	66	32.17	70.00	143.63	272.18	7.96	50.00	10.00	400.00
1	3	0	2	68	0	70.71	41.40	0	83.98	84.43	10.00	366.95
0	1	1	1	25	16.00	0	96.93	18.00	0	30.00	7.50	118.00
1	1	0	5	127	342.00	69.40	23.35	85.50	0	260.00	20.00	751.66
5	5	1	4	99	223.02	104.00	68.75	572.75	116.32	204.50	10.00	861.25
1	5	1	1	45	75.71	74.45	98.02	257.50	27.56	150.00	7.50	843.65
0	0	0	0	110	40.00	36.00	55.00	438.00	220.00	40.00	20.00	360.00
0	3	1	2	56	51.13	28.50	14.59	0	40.00	20.00	10.00	575.00
0	2	1	5	56	138.48	143.13	43.27	68.85	234.40	145.00	10.00	815.00
6	8	1	0	92	175.01	130.78	128.83	1133.86	20.00	125.00	10.00	785.00
0	5	3	1	138	324.61	86.20	184.70	698.79	0	100.00	20.00	650.00
4	15	0	0	15	9.40	60.87	182.48	300.00	180.00	30.00	3.00	9.40