

## EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

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.
John F. Ross, New Ebenezer .....	Cochran, Ga.

## MISSION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

H. E. Leonard, Liberty Chapel, 4308 Trammell Ave, .....	Macon, Ga.
Charles Lamb, Antioch, Rte. 2 .....	Pitts, Ga.
N. C. Perry, Bethlehem .....	Cordele, Ga.
E. E. Parker, Little Bethel .....	Dudley, Ga.
H. E. Dunnaway, Double Branches, Rte. 1 .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Horace Hobbs, Pleasant Hill, Rte. 3 .....	Vienna, Ga.
W. H. Nobles, Pine Level .....	Chetser, Ga.

Note: The above board members will hold office through the associational years 1963.

Joel Butler, Bay Springs, Rte. 5 .....	Eastman, Ga.
W. C. Powell, Buelah Springs .....	Dudley, Ga.
E. J. Barker, Christian Hill .....	Rochelle, Ga.
J. F. Ross, New Ebenezer .....	Cochran, Ga.
William Blackman, Wilson's Chapel .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Edison Smith, First F.W.B. Church of Eastman, Rte. 6 ....	Eastman, Ga.

Note: The above board members will hold office through associational year 1962.

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

T. B. Etheridge, Double Branches .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Sherman Jones, New Ebenezer .....	Cochran, Ga.
E. E. Parker, Little Bethel .....	Dudley, Ga.

## EDUCATION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level .....	Chester, Ga.
H. E. Leonard, Liberty Chapel .....	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley, Christian Hill .....	Warner Robins, Ga.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. L. Amerson .....	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark .....	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley .....	Warner Robins, 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 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-sixth (66) annual session of the Georgia Union Association

of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with Pine Level Church near Chester, Georgia, Thursday, October 5, 1961.

## THURSDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Prayer offered by Bro. E. J. Barker. Moderator used 1 Cor. 2:9-10 as a scripture lesson. He pointed out the need for us to enter into the Spirit of God that we might approach each problem that it might be done in an orderly fashion. Moderator read the church covenant.

Call to order by Moderator. Prayer offered by Bro. Joe Frank Smith.

Call for corresponding letters from the various bodies.

Motion carried for chain to appoint letter readers.

Bro. J. R. Davidson and Bro. E. J. Barker appointed.

Read the letters and completed the roll.

The following bodies responded: Churches, Pleasant Hill, Christian Hill, Wilson's Chapel, Antioch, Pine Level, Buelah Springs, Bay Springs, Double Branches, New Ebenezer, Bethlehem, Little Bethel, Liberty Chapel, Mt. Ararat, Quarterly Conference.

Motion carried to accept letters and seat delegates.

Call for petitionary letters.

One received from First Free Will Baptist of Eastman, Eastman, Georgia duly received.

Motion carried to receive the church letter and seat the delegates.

Invites visitors to stand and welcome them to honorary seats with us.

Call for corresponding messengers from other bodies.

Bro. Collins from White Oak's, Macon, Ga., and the Chattahooche Association responded.

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

Rev. E. C. Morris, the promotional secretary was in charge of the service. He used as a lesson text, 2 Timothy 3:1-9. He pointed out the fact that we have to live in the age where we are and be real servants in our own day, serving our own generation. We cannot depend upon what our fathers did to please God. We are in a great need for the word. We need orthodox believers, which simply, is being on the side of truth, which is Christ. Bro. Morris states that it is time for us, as a church, to be up and about our Father's business, that is to show to the lost of the world the reality of the

Gospel. Let us give ourselves to God and the church that we might live and be used for His Glory.

Committees appointed.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "The Old Country Church" Prayer offered by Bro. Buddy Horne.

Motion carried for choir to appoint D. C. Bro. Fletcher Swearingen, Bro. C. W. Hobbs and Sis. Minnie Smith.

Motion carried for chair to appoint interim members to the ordaining council to act on Rev. E. L. Hewett's case.

Next session to convene with Liberty Chapel Church in Macon.

Report of D. C. Rev. E. C. Morris Thursday night and Rev. Elbert Powell Friday morning.

Bro. Sherman makes a report as delegate to the State Association.

Motion carried for the Georgia Union Association to ask the State Association to convene with us in 1962.

Call for report of various committees. The following responded: Education, Ordaining Council, Suggestions.

Motion carried to adopt the reports. (see reports)

Bro. E. L. Hewett was ordained with Rev. Joe Frank Smith reading the charge: Isaiah 52:6-7 and 1st Timothy 2.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

Rev. Marse Cason was in charge of the worship service. He used as a scripture text Matthew 14:14, 1 Peter 2:21. He based his remarks on "Walking in the Foot Steps of Jesus Christ." Jesus had two (2) reasons for coming into the world. One to die for us and two to set an example for us.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

Call for committee reports. State of churches and character of minister's committee reported.

Motion carried to adopt report.

Motion carried to receive letter from Mt. Ararat.

Motion carried to adopt the report of Mission Board and carry it in associational minute.

Motion carried to adopt Mission Treasurer's report.

Motion carried for chair to appoint a committee of three (3) to take care of the details for the State Convention. Also a contact representative from each church. Those appointed: Mrs. Audrey Hobbs, chairman, Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Lizzie Ross, Crossroads, Mrs. H. D. Faircloth, Bay Springs. Church contacts: Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Double Branches, Mrs. Everette Kelley, Antioch, Mrs. Kenneth Giddens, Bay Springs, Mrs. Christine Perry, Bethlehem, Mrs. E. E. Parker, Rebie, Mrs. Margie Sheffield, Mt. Ararat, Mrs. Wade Rogers, Crossroads, Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Betty Mac Leonard, Liberty Chapel, Mrs. Edison Smith, First F.W.B. Church of Eastman, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Christian Hill, Mrs. Roscoe Pitts, Wilson's Chapel, Mrs. Mattie Lee Banon, Buelah Springs and Mrs. Wylene Fordham, Pine Level.

Motion voted down to take offering for associational purposes.

Motion carried to figure all expenses and pay them and designate any monies left to the need at hand.

Motion carried for clerk to figure the pro-rata share of the expense and relate it back to the churches.

Motion carried to revise the report of the funds committee as carried in the minutes.

Motion carried for each item be revised upward five (5) dollars.

Motion carried to elect or re-elect the mission board of the first seven (7) churches, at the next session elect or re-elect the next seven (7) and seven (7) each year thereafter.

Motion carried for the chair to appoint a nominating committee of three (3). Those appointed: Ernest J. Barker, chairman, Russell Horne and C. W. Hobbs.

Motion carried for moderator and clerk to report the progress of the association to the various presses.

Time given to Bro. E. C. Morris to make a report from the promotional office. He lauded the body for its cooperation and progress. The following churches received certificates for giving to the Unified Program. Antioch, Pleasant Hill, Christian Hill, New Ebenezer, Pine Level, Double Branches, Wilson's Chapel, Buelah Springs, Little Bethel, First Church of Eastman. The awards were based on per capita giving.

Business suspended and entered into the worship hour. Rev. Elbert Powell was in charge of the services. He used as a scripture lesson 1 Cor. 12:12. Bro. Powell states that each of the members of the body (church) is

placed there by God to do that specified thing (part) that is his to do. Bro. Powell points out the need of each of us to fulfill our duty to God and man. He urges each of us to live up to "The light of the world, a city set on a hill cannot be hid."

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Motion carried for the quarterly conference letter be adopted and carried in the associational minute.

Nominations in order for executive board Bro. John Ross Nominated and retained to board.

Bro. E. E. Parker nominated and retained to superannuation board.

Rev. Hoyt Findley nominated and elected to ordaining council. He replaces Rev. Nick Rozar.

Call for volunteers as delegates to State Association to be held with Mt. Olive Church at or near Potterville, Ga.

Motion carried for this body to go on record as opposing any expenditures toward a swimming pool at Camp Mount Bethel.

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

Call for committee report. The following committee reported: Sunday School and Ordaining Council.

Report adopted on the Alabama Children's Home (orphanage.)

Motion carried for clerk to obtain identification cards for each minister in good standing.

Motion carried to extend get well wishes to Rev. W. L. Amerson.

Motion carried for chair to appoint speaker and an alternate for opening sermon at next session. Rev. J. R. Davidson, speaker, Rev. Everette Killey, alternate.

Statement made by Bro. Fletcher Sweringen concerning a radio program to propagate the Free Will Baptist doctrine.

Motion carried to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities.

Motion carried for chair to appoint a committee and for the chair to act on the committee. Rev. J. R. Davidson and Rev. Joe Frank Smith to act with Rev. Charles Clark.

Motion carried to adopt report of nominating committee.

All officers to be retained. (see cover)

Motion carried to print 400 minutes.

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

Motion carried to send \$15.00 to State and \$5.00 to National Associations.

Motion carried to retain Bro. T. B. Etheridge and Bro. E. L. Long to work with camp.

Motion carried to represent by minutes to our sister associations.

Motion carried to adopt new letter form.

Rev. Bill Gardner makes a short talk concerning the work of the State Mission Board. Rev. Gardner rendered a special song "Ship Ahoy."

Note: Motion carried to adjourn.

Note: Call for committee reports: Responding were the following Temperance, Woman's Auxiliary and Finance.

Motion carried to adopt these reports.

The body was dismissed with abound hand shaking.

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator

Sheman Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder E. B. Duckworth, Cochran Field .....	Macon, Ga.
Elder Nick Rozar .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder W. A. Olds, 705 Shi Place .....	Macon, Ga.
Elder H. D. Faircloth, Rte. 4 .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne .....	Danville, Ga.
Elder L. L. Anthony .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Elbert Powell .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder E. L. Hewett, Box 533, .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Roscoe Pitts, Box 12—A .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley, 830 B. South Zeigler .....	Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder E. C. Morris .....	Tifton, Ga.
Elder E. E. Kelley .....	Pitts, Ga.
Elder Neal H. Parrish, Box 863 .....	Waycross, Ga.
Elder J. R. Davidson .....	Cordele, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan .....	Findleyson, Ga.
Elder G. C. Sullivan .....	Byromville, Ga.



Elder Larry Williams ..... Pinehurst, Ga.

### LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS

Rev. Charlie Knott, R.F.D. 1 ..... Cordele, Ga.  
 Rev. M. J. Haynes, R.F.D. 3 ..... Cochran, Ga.

### MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder Elbert Powell ..... Chester, Ga.  
 Elder J. F. Smith ..... Eastman, Ga.  
 Elder Hoyt Findley ..... Warner Robins, Ga.  
 Elder Charles Clark ..... Chester, Ga.  
 Elder Everette Kelly ..... Pitts, Ga.  
 Elder Everette Kelly ..... Waycross, Ga.  
 Elder N. R. Sullivan ..... Findleyson, Ga.  
 Rev. M. J. Haynes ..... Cochran, Ga.  
 Elder E. L. Hewett ..... Thomaston, Ga.  
 Elder J. R. Davidson ..... Cordele, Ga.  
 Elder E. C. Morris ..... Tifton, Ga.  
 Elder J. D. Payne ..... Danville, Ga.  
 Elder Bill Gardner ..... Durham, N. C.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership	—	1 - 25	—	\$ 5.00
		26 - 50	—	\$12.50
		51 - 100	—	\$15.00
		101 - 125	—	\$20.00
		126 - UP	—	\$25.00

Note: The above to be carried each year.

### MISSION TREASURER

In Treasury Oct. 1960	\$758.04
Received Oct. 1961	\$549.06
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	\$1307.10
Disbursements	\$448.82
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	\$858.28

Loan ..... \$500.00

Balance ..... \$358.28

Rev. Charles Clark, Mission Treasurer

### FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, submit the following:

Churches paid in	\$147.00
Quarterly Conference	\$ 10.00

Indebtedness	\$ 3.75
Balance	\$153.25

Rev. Elbert Powell Chairman

N. C. Perry

Johnnie Davis

### SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee, make the following report: That our pastors keep themselves informed on the progress and needs of our local, state and national work. Thereby better enabling themselves to lead our people to a greater service for his cause, and that our people consider every constructive effort offered, helping to promote the cause of Christ. Further that our pastors, deacons and delegates make greater efforts to attend district associations, Sunday School convention, league convention and quarterly meetings. Be it further suggested that the time and place of the above mentioned meeting be carried in our minutes.

Ernest J. Barker, Chairman

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your committee, nominate the following as officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, Vice-Moderator, Rev. Hoyt Findley, Clerk-Treasurer, Sherman Jones, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, J. F. Cannon and Mission Treasurer, Rev. Charles Clark.

Ernest J. Barker, Chairman

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, wish to report that we find there is still room for improvement in our Sunday Schools. We recommend each pastor and superintendent stress the importance of a well organized and active Sunday School in the church. It is mainly through this program we teach and interest our young people and children to love and be of service to the Lord, therefore the responsibility rests upon each Christian to diligently support their Sunday School.

Hezzie Smith, Chairman

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee, urge each church to have an auxiliary and that each member help in any way to carry it on. We find that we have more auxiliaries this year. We hope to report more next year. We wish that each lady would wake up to the duty of the church. We urge your prayers.

Wylene Fordham, Chairman

## 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 the work. One church and pastor do not cooperate with the state work. This was mentioned in the report last year and we again urge the people of this church to prayerfully consider this needful purpose and do something about it. We urge, again, our people and churches to live by and uphold our church covenant.

John F. Ross, Chairman

## EDUCATION

We, your committee, beg to make the following report: Inasmuch as Christian Education is so very broad in its application from the denominational point of view, needs being felt all the way from the local church level, with all of its auxiliary organizations, throughout the district, state and national bodies. We recommend: (1) that in our local churches, our pastors, together with the people be urged to take advantage of every means for developing the greatest possible efficiency for our labors together with God in our efforts to promote the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; (2) by holding Bible classes for diligent study of the word of God. (b) by arranging

classes in which well well prepared treatments of the Scripture be studied in a systematic way; these prepared lessons being understood as true to the faith in orthodox. (c) by sponsoring special periods of study by which such auxiliaries as the Sunday School, F.W.B. League, Women's Auxiliary and Masters Men may be better understood in their proper functions. (d) By setting up such organizations in churches where any of these are not functioning at present.

(2) That all of our churches be urged to avail themselves of proper information concerning the district, state and national plans of work and that we all heartily support all phases of the cause which are properly recognized as operating as operating in the realm of the areas of the true faith.

(3) Inasmuch as we are approaching the proper time for the celebration of a period of twenty (20) years of service through our F.W.B. Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. We wish to recommend that our people of this association give full cooperation in plans which are pending for such a celebration soon to be announced by the administration of the college.

(4) And, inasmuch as said Bible College is now being tremendously overtaxed, with most 300 students enrolled in the day and night schools, that we take a special Free Will offering at the most suitable time possible during this sitting of the Georgia Union Association, to be dedicated for use by the administration to assist in the present emergencies.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Bro. E. L. Hewett be ordained and the license of Bro. M. J. Haynes be renewed.

Rev. Charles L. Clark, Chairman

## MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Georgia Union Mission Board sends the following report: We had our monthly meetings at the different churches and at the courthouse in Eastman, Ga. on Friday nights before the first (1st) Sundays.

In Dec. 1960 we began to make plans for a mission revival in Eastman, Ga. A committee was appointed to secure a place and an evangelist to carry on the meetings. After much effort the courthouse of Eastman, Ga. and Rev. J. R. Davidson of Atlanta, Ga. were secured for the meetings. The revival ran for two (2) weeks from May 7th through May 19, 1961. Participation in the revival was good. Attendance ran from 65 up to 180. Offering in amount of \$265.08 was taken. The expenses were \$448.82.

CHURCHES	CLERKS and ADDRESSES	PASTORS and ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Members Received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	Unified Program	Literature	Incidentals	Building & Repairs	Other Causes	Evangelistic Work	Associational Work	Paid Pastors
Antioch	P. C. Johnson, Pitts, Ga.	E. E. Kelley Pitts, Ga.	2-4	3	0	0	0	21	50.00	23.84	139.44	7.78	18.69	58.32	5.00	402.49
Bay Springs	Gerald Smith Rte. 5 Eastman, Ga.	H. D. Faircloth Rte. 4 Eastman, Ga.	2-4	16	17	0	7	68	0	80.00	64.55	179.15	510.00	146.50	10.00	480.00
Bethlehem	Mrs. Jene Brown Rte. 1 Cordele, Ga.	Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.	1-3	5	9	1	4	73	0	69.45	160.54	618.98	35.95	27.51	10.00	441.23
Buelah Springs	Mrs. G. R. Maddox Montrose, Ga.	Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	2-4	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	40.00	7.50	54.35
Christian Hill	Ernest Barker Rochelle, Ga.	E. C. Morris Tifton, Ga.	1-2 3-4	4	9	4	4	128	328.00	97.56	41.64	137.88	201.54	255.83	20.00	1167.55
Double Branches	Mrs. H. G. Williams Unadilla, Ga.	Larry Williams Pinehurst, Ga.	1-2 3-4	0	3	3	5	93	327.62	85.00	195.75	0	259.00	153.48	10.00	847.78
Eastman, First	Mrs. Ernest Smith 2125 Pine St., Eastman	W. A. Olds 705 Shi Place, Macon	1-2 3-4	5	17	0	0	17	10.00	0	0	0	32.37	80.00	0	270.00
Liberty Chapel	Mrs. Evelyn Collins Cochran Field, Macon	E. B. Duckworth Cochran Field, Macon	1-2 3-4	0	2	0	1	46	71.00	73.19	116.01	0	20.73	0	7.50	840.00
Little Bethel	E. E. Parker Dudley, Ga.	Nick Rozar Chester, Ga.	1-3	17	20	1	16	110	71.00	106.00	105.00	700.00	85.00	140.00	20.00	360.00
Mt. Ararat	Mrs. John Linder	E. V. Skipper Thomaston, Ga.	1-3		1			57		32.00			50.00		5.00	725.00
New Ebenezer	Sherman Jones Cochran, Ga.	Hoyt Findley Warner Robins	1-2 3-4	1	2	0	1	57	144.23	105.98	59.08	74.51	309.54	75.37	10.00	720.00
Pine Level	Donald Self Rte. 6 Eastman, Ga.	Charles Clark Chester, Ga.	1-2 3-4	13	19	0	3	108	214.71	274.65	1320.27	1451.63	410.00	175.00	20.00	1350.00
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Viola Hunt 713 13th Ave. E. Cordele, Ga.	J. R. Davidson Cordele, Ga.	1-2 3-4	6	10	0	6	142	410.29	99.14	310.57	0	129.25	100.00	20.00	650.00
Wilson's Chapel	Mrs. Clara Wilson Rte. 1, Thomaston, Ga.	E. L. Hewett Rte. 1, Thomaston, Ga.	1-2 3-4	0	1	0	0	17	3285	80.71	226.70	0	64.28	0	2.00	29.30



Each church of the Georgia Union were asked to make pledges for the establishment of a church in Eastman. Twenty-three hundred (\$2300) dollars was pledged.

An option was taken on a piece of land with a building on it. Services were started immediately. On June 4, 1961 a church was organized.

The board voted to loan the newly organized body five thousand (\$5000) dollars to help buy the land. The loan is to be paid back when all pledges are paid or when the church is financially able to pay. There is no interest charge.

Bro. Edison Smith accepted as an honorary member of this body. Note: Later installed as a full member from First F.W.B. Church of Eastman.

The board has appointed a committee to check surrounding towns for potentials for another church to be established.

There is a lot to be done by the Mission Board, but it can only accomplish through the full cooperation of the churches in the association. Please help your mission board, so God's Gospel may spread to the saving of the lost.

W. H. Nobles, Chairman  
H. E. Dunnaway, Secretary

#### IN MEMORY OF BRO. CLINT GORDON

He has gone to a better home, one not made with hands. His body was racked with pain, but now, I pray, he is in a better land, his place is vacant in Bethlehem Church, but his memory lingers on.

Mrs. Christine Perry

#### LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING

We, the members of the quarterly meeting of the Georgia Union Association, send as delegate, Bro. Melvin Dominey, wife as alternate. We send ten (\$10.00) dollars entrance fee.

The quarterly meetings have been good. We have had three (3) this year. Participation has been good. On one occasion the roll was 1008.

Some progress has been noted, and much more to be done. Pray that in the next year more will be done. Pray that each church will strive to do more.

Motion carried, at last meeting to convene the quarterly meeting on Saturday before the second (2nd) Sunday of January, April and July each year hereafter.

New officers are the following: Rev. E. E. Kelly, Moderator, Rev. Leonard

Graham, Assistant Moderator, Bro. R. L. Horne, Clerk-Treasurer and Rev. Charles Clark, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

There are now fourteen (14) churches in the quarterly meeting. The First F.W.B. Church of Eastman, Ga., is the last member to affiliate. We are proud of this new church, so let us all pray that it will grow and prosper for God.

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator  
H. E. Dunnaway, Clerk-Treasurer

#### MINUTES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School District Convention was held at Union Hill School, near Cochran, Georgia, on July 30, 1961. Convention opened with song. Prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth. Words of Welcome by Bro. E. E. Parker, President.

The President appointed judges for the convention as follows: Bro. Roscoe Pitts, Bro. Sherman Jones, and Bro. Taylor. Programs were presented by the following churches: Double Branch, Christian Hill, Bay Springs, Pleasant Hill, Pine Level, New Ebenezer and First F.W.B. Church of Eastman.

After a bountiful lunch the body reconvened for business session followed by song and prayer service.

Motion carried that President appoint delegates to State S. S. Convention. Those appointed were as follows: Bro. Sherman Jones, Bro. Emmett Dunnaway and Bro. Billy Ray Amerson.

Motion carried that 1962 session again be held at Union Hill School on July 29, 1962.

Motion carried that the President appoint a committee to make arrangements for next session which includes purchase of plates, cups, forks and ice, also secure fans, speakers, and use of building. The committee appointed was as follows: Bro. John Cannon, Bro. Robert Hester and Bro. Gene Ross.

The following were elected officers: President, Buddy Horne; Vice President, Donald Self; Sec. & Treas., Billy Ray Amerson; Asst. Sec. & Treas., Gene Ross.

Motion that expense for this session be paid from treasury.

Motion carried that the out-going officers be given a rising vote of thanks.

The President presented 8 year bars for perfect attendance to Marguerite Martin, Norma Jean Barker and Clark Helms of Christian Hill.



Bay Springs won banner for best program. Christian Hill won attendance banner with 98%.

Benediction by Rev. Charles Clark.

E. E. Parker, President

Ernest J. Barker, Sec. & Treas.

### 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 Him 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. **PERSISTENCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grace preserve 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 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.

### 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, 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 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 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 yo ubelieve in the sale 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 qualifciations 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.