

1962
MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

Of The Original Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH

LIBERTY CHAPEL CHURCH

Macon, Georgia

October 11-12, 1962

OFFICERS

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Russell Horn, Vice-Moderator	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Eugene Ross, Clerk-Treasurer	Cochran, Ga.
Sherman Jones, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer	Cochran, Ga.
Donald Self, Mission Treasurer	Chester, Ga.

NEXT SESSION

The next session will convene with New Ebenezer Church, near Cochran, Ga., Bleckley County, October 11, 12, 1963.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

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.
Donald W. Moore, White Oak Macon, Ga.

MISSION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

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

Note: The above Board Members will hold office through the Associational Year, 1963.

Hollis Smith, Bay Springs Route 5, Eastman, Ga.
James Johnson, Beulah Springs Route 4, Cochran, Ga.
E. J. Barker, Christian Hill Rochelle, Ga.
John F. Ross, New Ebenezer Cochran, Ga.
William Blackmon, Wilson Chapel Thomaston, Ga.
Edison Smith, First (Eastman) Route 6, Eastman, Ga.
Ernest Collins, White Oak 2577 Pine Ave., Macon, Ga.

Note: The above Board Members will hold office through the Associational Year, 1964.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

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

EDUCATION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

H. E. Leonard, Liberty Chapel Macon, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley, New Ebenezer 126 Peachtree Circle,
Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level Chester, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

Rev. J. F. Smith, Bay Springs Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley, New Ebenezer Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level 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 in 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 letters, complete the roll.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Introduce visiting brethren and admit them to honorary seats.
6. Call for corresponding messengers from other bodies.
7. Appoint various committees.
8. Select place for holding next session.
9. Call for ministerial and all other conference reports.
10. Call for reports of committees.
11. Call for ordinances and consecrations.
12. Call for miscellaneous business.
13. Elect all officers.

PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-seventh (67) annual session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with Liberty Chapel Church, Bailey Ave., Macon, Ga., Thursday, October 11, 1962.

THURSDAY MORNING

Opened the session by singing, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" Prayer offered by Bro. Ernest Collins. Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, used as a scripture lesson, Romans 8:1-14. Moderator called on Rev. Hoyt Findley, as Vice-Moderator, to read church covenant. Moderator read by-laws of the Association.

Call to order by Moderator.

Call for corresponding letters from the various churches.

Motion, second, carried for chair to appoint letter readers. Moderator appointed Rev. Russell Horn and Rev. Howard Faircloth.

The following churches responded: Pleasant Hill, Beulah Springs, Bay Springs, Pine Level, New Ebenezer, Anticoh, Mt. Ararat, Wilsons Chapel, Little Bethel, Double Branches, First (Eastman), and Liberty Chapel.

Motion, second, carried to receive letters and seat the delegates.

Call for petitionary letters.

One received from White Oak Church in Macon, Ga.

Motion, second, carried to receive the letters as information.

Visitors invited to seats with us. The following responded: Mrs. W. T. Pelt, Mable White Baptist, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Jarrel from Thomaston, Ga.; Bro. and Gill from Trinity Church, Chattahoochee Association; Rev. H. L. Knighton, First (Thomaston) and Rev. Mance Cason from the State Promotional Office.

Motion, second, carried to discontinue regular order of business and enter into Worship hour. Prayer offered by Rev. Eugene Ross.

Rev. J. R. Davidson in charge of the service. He used as a scripture text, St. John 20:24, "Indifference is the Winner." The same can be cited to the losing of souls. Can this indifference be the reason for many of our cities and towns not having a Free Will Baptist Church? Rev. Davidson set before us the scarcity of real thinking, usually the reason for our indifference. If we really believe, we will put aside our individual indifference and do that which He would have us do, even unto death. When indifference is allowed to come between us and the souls of men, men and the cause of Christ will suffer. Free Will Baptists are being deceived by the very devil, in the form of indifference. It robs God and His children of the fellowship embodied in Christ the Lord. Indifference urges the believer and unbeliever to put off the realities of life and in the Gospel. The prime requisite is: for us to know for a surety that our heart is right.

with God. Let us remember that indifference is robbing us of our very existence with God. Let us prove ourselves before God.

Committees appointed.

Benediction by Rev. Mance Cason.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful lunch, we met back in the house. Opened by singing, "It Won't Be Very Long."

Motion, second, carried for chair to appoint D. C.

Rev. Howard Faircloth, chairman, Sister Audrey Hobbs, and Sister Jewel Register.

The committees were excused in order to prepare their reports.

The ordaining council recommended White Oak Church to our fellowship.

Motion, second, carried to adopt the recommendation and for the Moderator to extend the right hand of fellowship to the church.

Letters from White Oak in Macon, Ga. and Bethlehem read and adopted.

Rev. H. L. Knighton is a corresponding messenger from the Chattahoochee Association.

Call for a place to hold the next session. New Ebenezer, Blackley county, Ga., will host the next session.

Call for committee reports, D. C. reports. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried to adopt the report and relieve the committee.

Motion, second, carried to adopt the report of the Education committee report. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried for the chair to appoint a committee on finance. The chair appointed the following: Bro. Ernest Collins, Rev. E. B. Duckworth and Bro. C. M. Warren.

Call for miscellaneous business.

Rev. Hoyt Findley offered a chart system for judging in our Sunday School rally.

Motion, second, carried to read and table the recommendations until the next day.

Motion, second, carried to table the recommendations made by the Quarterly Conference until the next day.

Motion, second, carried to have 400 minutes printed.

Motion, second, carried to place minutes of Sunday School Rally in the minutes.

Motion, second, carried the minutes of the League Rally be carried in minutes.

Motion, second, carried to adopt the report of the Suggestion committee. (See reports.)

Amended motion to take the report item by item at the proper time.

Motion, second, carried to receive the report of the Women's

Auxiliary. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried to receive the report of the Sunday school committee. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried for the chair to appoint a nominating committee. Rev. J. R. Davidson, Sister Edison Smith and Bro. Alton Fleming.

Motion, second, carried to adopt the report of the Mission Treasurer and carry it in the minutes.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing, "Come Unto Me." Prayer offered by Rev. Hoyt Findley. Moderator welcomed the body and read James 4:5-12.

Motion, second, carried to adopt a proposal for a memorial page for Rev. N. H. Parrish.

Motion, second, carried for Rev. Mance Cason and Rev. J. R. Davidson associate in the preparation of this material.

Motion, second, carried to receive, as information, a letter from the Quarterly Conference.

Call for nominations to executive board. Bro. Donald Moore nominated.

Motion, second, carried to cease nominations and elect by acclamation.

Call for nominations to Mission Board. Bro. Hollis Smith nominated. Bro. James Johnson and Bro. Ernest Collins also nominated.

Motion, second, carried to cease nominations and elect by acclamation these three from their respective churches.

Rev. Charles Calrk tendered his resignation from the Ordaining Council. The resignation was accepted by the body.

Rev. J. F. Smith was nominated to succeed Bro. Clark.

Motion, second, carried to cease nominations and elect by acclamation.

Rev. Mance Cason was introduced for the State work. Bro. Cason commended the association for the work done in the past year. He states the need of a real promotion of Christ in our lives and so, in our churches. He states the importance of the Unified Program in the mission work. Bro. Cason told us that we had 12 to 14 churches contributing. Combined giving was some \$200.00 more than last year. The following churches were named to the grand honor roll: Bethlehem. Beulah Springs, Christain Hill. Double Branches, and First (Eastman.)

Motion, second, carried to receive the report as information and commend Secretary.

The report of the suggestion committee read for the second time and the first item was passed by a properly seconded motion.

Motion, second, carried to adopt the second item. Next session to meet on Friday and Saturday, October 11th and 12th of 1963.

Item 1 of the Quarterly Conference recommendations was taken

into consideration.

Motion, second, carried to change as recommended. (See report of Quarterly Conference.)

Item 2 of the same report taken into consideration.

This item was voted down by a margin of 22 against and 10 for the proposal.

Moderator made a special welcome to all visitors.

Moderator introduced the speaker for the worship hour, Rev. Eugent Ross of First church (Eastman) in charge of the service. He used as a scripture text I John 3:1-2. Bro, Gene reminded us to give ourselves to God, fully, that His will for us in our life be accomplished. We should go and do the will of Him that sent us. It is an individual responsibility to pray through for ourselves and the sinners about us. We must remember to exalt God, ever look up and hold on to the spiritual entity that is God.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful lunch, we met back in the house and the session was opened by singing, "What A Savior." Prayer, offered by Rev. J. R. Davidson. The Moderator reminded us about our State Association convening at Pine Level Church in November.

Call for committee reports.

Motion, second, carried to accept the report of the Finance committee. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried to accept the report of the State of Churches and Character of Ministers committee.

The tabled items of Thursday were read for the second time.

Item 5 on the licenscing of ministers was voted down by a margin of 27 against and 10 for the change.

Item 1 on the ordaining of ministers was voted down by a margin of 25 against and 1 for the change.

Item 3 of the report for the change was passed by a margin of 30 for and 9 against the change. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried to rise in a vote of thakns to Lbierty Chapel Church for hcspitality shown the body at this session. White Oak was included also.

Call for corresponding messengers to our Sister Associations.

Motion, second, carried for the following to correspond: Rev. Charles Clark to Chattahoochee; Rev. J. R. Davidson to correspond to Midway and to Little River and to Martin; Rev. E. C. Morris to Union and Martin; Rev. Everette Kelly to South Georgia.

Motion, second, carried to adcpst the report of the committee to investigate the possibilities of a radio program.

Motion, second, carried to extend the life of the radio committee and grant them the power to associate with the Quarterly Conference on this matter.

Motion, sacond, carried to send \$15.00 to State Association and

\$5.00 to National.

Rev. W. L. Amerson is to preach to us at the next session and Rev. Nick Rozar to alternate.

Call for committee reports.

Motion, second, carried to adopt the report of the nominating committee. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried for a rising vote of thanks to the outgoing officers.

Offering for Unified Program taken in amount of \$19.28.

REV. CHARLES CLARK, Moderator

SHERMAN 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	Route 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	Danvilla, Ga.
Elder L. S. 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	126 Peachtree Circle, Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder E. C. Morris	Tifton, Ga.
Elder E. E. Kelly	Pitts, Ga.
Elder J. R. Davidson	Route 3, Box 128-A, Vienna, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan	Finleyson, Ga.
Elder G. C. Sullivan	Byromville, Ga.
Elder Larry Williams	Reynolds, Ga.
Elder George W. Nobles	1877 Third St., Macon, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Charlie Knott	Route 1, Cordele, Ga.
Rev. M. J. Haynes	Route 3, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Eugene Ross	Route 3, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Russell Horn	Jasemine St., Macon, 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 E. L. Hewett	Thomaston, Ga.

Elder J. R. Davidson	Vienna, Ga.
Elder E. C. Morris	Tifton, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne	Danville, Ga.
Elder Mance Cason	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder George Nobles	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Russell Horn	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Eugene Ross	Cochran, Ga.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership	1-25—\$5.00
	26-50—12.00
	51-100—15.00
	101-125—20.00
	126-up—25.00

Note: The above to be carried each year.

MISSION TREASURER

In Treasury, October 1961	\$368.58
Received October, 1961 to October, 1962	346.32
Total	714.90

DISBURSEMENTS

First (Eastman)	\$230.00
Total in Treasury October 1962	484.90
Pledges given to First Church (Eastman)	\$189.86

REV. CHARLES CLARK, Mission Treasurer

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Churches paid in	\$167.00
Quarterly Conference	10.00
Sunday School Convention	10.00
Total	187.00
Indebtedness	6.75
Balance on Hand	180.25

We recommend that the following disbursements be made:

Pay Clerk	\$25.00
Pay Moderator	15.00
Printing of minutes (400)	120.00
Balance on hand	20.25

We further recommend that the balance be disbursed in accordance with the will of the body.

Signed,

E. L. COLLINS
C. M. WARREN
REV. E. B. DUCKWORTH

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, make the following report: We still urge our pastors keep themselves informed on the progress and the needs of our local, state and national work. We also urge that everyone read their by-laws more often, as we are prone to forget.

We recommend that all churches use the same forms for associational letters. We suggest that enough be printed for each church to have one if there is not enough available.

We recommend that vote be taken on last item—To determine if the association could be held on Friday and Saturday, instead of Thursday and Friday in October.

REV. L. S. ANTHONY.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your committee recommend: For Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Russell Horn; Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Eugene Ross; Mission Treasurer, Bro. Donald Self.

ALTON FLEMING

REV. J. R. DAVIDSON

SISTER EDISON SMITH

Note: Moved, second, carried for Bro. Sherman Jones to act as Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your committee, wish to report that we find there is a great work going on in our Sunday Schools, even though there is still room for improvement. We recommend each pastor and superintendent stress the importance of a well organized and active Sunday School in their church. It is through our people, in the Sunday Schools, we teach the way of salvation and render a great service to the Lord. We recommend each christian to diligently support the Sunday School.

BRO. DONALD SELF

SISTER ROSE CANNON

BRO. HEZZIE SMITH

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee, make the following report: We find we had four auxiliaries reported last year. We have two more added this year, making a total of six, with sixty-four members. We are looking forward to having at least three others organized in the near future. We also are planning to get a district organized.

MRS. J. R. DAVIDSON

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, recommend Rev. Mance Cason to bring the

CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & 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. _____	1-3					24	\$40.00	\$29.79	\$ 36.48	\$	\$ 13.00	\$76.60	\$5.00	\$ 320.65
Bay Springs _____	Gerald Smith, R. 5, Eastman Ga. _____	H. D. Faircloth, Eastman, Ga. _____	2-4	4	4		7	67		26.29	35.85	250.12		100.00	15.00	520.00
Bethlehem _____	Mrs. Jean Brown, R. 4, Cordele _____	Harvey W. Giddens, Sylvester _____	1-3				1	72	17.12	48.66	93.42		78.84	125.50	15.00	327.13
Beulah Springs _____	Mrs. G. R. Maddox, Montrose _____	Nick Rczar, Chester, Ga. _____	2-4		1			21	12.00	23.00			30.00	40.00	5.00	145.65
Christian Hill _____	E. J. Barker, Rochelle, Ga. _____	Larry Williams, Reynolds, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4		3	2	3	135	372.00					245.00	25.00	745.00
Double Branches _____	Mrs. H. G. Williams, Unadilla _____	W. L. Amerson, Chester, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4	2	8	2	4	97	308.96	92.50	207.91	472.00		175.00	15.00	1,240.00
Eastman, First _____	Hezzie Smith, Eastman, Ga. _____	Eugene Ross, Cochran, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4	9	21		4	35	60.00	45.82	208.80		346.72	75.00	12.50	965.00
Liberty Chapel _____	Carolyn Sangster, Macon, Ga. _____	L. S. Anthony, Thomaston, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4	1	4		2	50	69.25	64.60	125.54	866.64		30.00	12.50	780.00
Little Bethel _____	E. E. Parker, Dudley, Ga. _____	Elbert Powell, Chester, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4	9	10	1	5	117	93.00	90.00	45.00	104.00	541.79	185.00	20.00	465.07
Mt. Ararat _____	Sis. C. McKinney, Eastman _____	J. F. Smith, Eastman, Ga. _____	1			3	10	25		39.20	20.00			100.00	5.00	210.00
New Ebenezer _____	Sherman Jones, Cochran, Ga. _____	Hoyt Findley, Warner Robins _____	1-2-3-4	7	11		3	63	146.00	197.89	178.54	124.24		150.00	15.00	1,300.00
Pine Level _____	Donald Self, Eastman, Ga. _____	Charles Clark, Chester, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4	4	5	3	2	109	227.23	308.83	1,735.86	245.76	145.00	240.00	20.00	1,615.00
Pleasant Hill _____	Mrs. Viola Hunt, Cordele, Ga. _____	J. R. Davidson, Vienna, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4	12	13	1	2	152	256.55	130.70	1,103.18	1,555.44		100.00	25.00	2,650.00
White Oak _____	J. H. Wright, Macon, Ga. _____	Russell Horne, Macon, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4	2	10		14	116	41.47	282.16	86.56		133.97	130.00	15.00	2,350.00
Wilson's Chapel _____	Mrs. Wilson Clark, Thomaston _____	E. L. Hewett, Thomaston, Ga. _____	1-2-3-4					17	30.33				180.00		5.00	38.16

message for the evening service; Rev. Eugene Ross for the Friday morning service.

REV. H. D. FAIRCLOTH
MRS. C. W. HOBBS
MRS. JEWELL REGISTER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, make the following report: We realize there is a great need for Christian Education in our denomination and we urge every church and pastor take advantage of every means of developing and teaching with all efficiency, the Gospel of Christ in a special way. 1. Special Bible classes; 2. By urging all members in the church to put forth every effort toward teaching and training the young people of the church in the work of the Lord and to teach them the doctrine of the Free Will Baptists.

REV. W. L. AMERSON
REV. E. E. KELLY
SISTER BETTIE M. LEONARD

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, make the following report: We find all the churches and ministers in good standing, except Bro. Charlie Barlett. We find him out of order with the body. We recommend that Bethlehem church ask him to surrender his credentials to the executive committee.

W. H. NOBLES
JAMES JOHNSON
ARTHUR ETHERIDGE

LETTER FROM THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

We, the Georgia Union Quarterly Conference, in session, do hereby recommend to the annual association that our pastoral changes go into effect on the first week-end in September each year rather than the second week-end in October.

We further recommend that the Quarterly Conference and the annual association be combined into one body.

Note: This item was voted down.

REPORT FROM THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

We, the members of the Quarterly Conference of the Georgia Union Association, send at delegates, Bro. Charles Strickland. We send ten (\$10.00) dollars entrance fee.

The quarterly meetings this year have been a wondrous success in the business of the churches in the Georgia Union Association for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

A good number of friends attended each meeting. Delegates

from the churches were prompt in coming, they responded well to each item that came upon the floor.

The ministers of the churches seem to be more interested than they have been in the past. We believe that each pastor was at the last meeting. We can really look for an advancement when the pastors attend these meetings.

Motion, second, carried that the quarterly conference make the following recommendations to the annual association: See report above.

The new officers are as follows: Moderator, Rev. Larry Williams; Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. L. Amerson; Rev Eugene Ross, Clerk-Treasurer. and Bro. Donald Self, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

Let us continue to pray that God may be glorified.

REV. E. E. KELLY, Moderator

REV. RUSSELL HORN, Clerk-Treas.

MINUTES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention was held at Union Hill School, near Cochran, Ga., on Sunday, July 29, 1962.

The following churches presented delegates and programs: Bethlehem, Antioch, Little Bethel, Double Branches, Liberty Chapel, Eastman First, Bay Springs, Christian Hill, New Ebenezer, Pleasant Hill, Pine Level. These Sunday Schools also represented with \$5.00 membership fee. Seven of these also turned in an attendance report.

After a bountiful lunch the body reconvened for a short business session. Opened by singing, "Lord, Lead Me On." Prayer offered by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Motion, second, carried, to nominate the officers from the floor.

Bro. Donald Self nominated and elected by acclamation for the presidency, Bro. Emmett Dunaway nominated and elected as vice-president, Bro. Sherman Jones nominated and elected as secretary and Sister Patsy Lankford, nominated and elected as assistant secretary.

Motion, second, carried for Bro. Buddy Parker to chair the arrangements committee for the next session. He is to be assisted by Bro. Henry Nobles and Bro. John F. Ross.

Motion, second, carried to return to Union Hill School again this year.

Motion, second, carried to continue our convention on Sunday. The session will be held in 1963 on the 29th of September.

Motion, second, carried to express the appreciation to the outgoing officers by a rising vote of thanks.

Treasurer reported \$55.00 for this session.

Motion, second, carried for the chair to appoint delegates to state convention which convenes on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 1963. He appointed the following: Sister Gloria Dunaway, Sister Edison Smith and Sister Jackie Strickland.

DONALD SELF, Vice-President

SHERMAN JONES, Acting Secretary

DATES OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS THIS YEAR

Quarterly Meeting	January 12th, 1963
Quarterly Meeting	April 13th, 1963
State Sunday School Convention	June 8th, 1963
Quarterly Meeting	July 13th, 1963
District Sunday School Convention	September 29th, 1963
Annual Association	October 11th. 12th, 1963
State Association	November 12th, 14th, 1963
Quarterly Meeting	December 28th, 1963

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 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 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, suffering, death and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin. that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation

of it. 2. Faith of the unswerved commital of one's self to Christ as 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. 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 teachning humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. TITHING—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2.)

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT 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 of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things and to abstain from appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amuse-

ments 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 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 education 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 conference shall be annually held.

Article 2. Every Elder, Minister, Deacon and Board member in good standing and delegates shall duly attend.

Article 3. If any member in the judgment of the conference shall show anger in his discussion on any subject shall forfeit his seat in the conference.

Article 4. No member of the annual conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the Moderator.

Article 5. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Article 6. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to the conference.

Article 7. The officers and standing committee shall be entitled to seats in annual conference.

Article 8. No Elder, Minister, Deacon, Board Member or delegate shall, during the setting 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 practice 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 judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest 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 the 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 you believe 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 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.

IN MEMORIAM

REVEREND NEAL H. PARRISH

Great momentum was thrown into the cause of Christ among Free Will Baptists of the Georgia Union Association area upon the coming of the Rev. Neal H. Parrish as evangelist. He launched drastic tent campaigns for Christ against the forces of sin. His membership was placed with his brethren here, enlisting at Pleasant Hill Church and enrolling in the Association. He maintained his high esteem for the fellowship throughout his long-lived life of plus four (4) score years.

He was actively dedicated to the Gospel ministry to within a few months of his final promotion, when his Lord called him to lay down the cross for his crown. Among the very last of his manifestations of devotion was that of attending the last session of his association before his home-going, and his sending gifts to his home church for the promotion of its plan of work and for its support to Free Will Baptist Bible College in his final contribution for the preparation of others to perpetuate the ministry he loved so dearly. Gods use of this servant is registered in hundreds of soul-decisions to serve his Christ. the organization of a number of congregations into churches, a ministry for solidifying the faith of saints and as an associate in stewardship of time, means and energy for the furtherance of the cause of Christ.

Bro. Parrish was held in high esteem as a well qualified, deep-thinking, hard working devoted servant to his Lord, his denomination and his brethren. The esteem in which he was held in shown (in part) in the dedication of this page to his memory.