

1963
MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

Of The Original Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH

NEW EBENEZER CHURCH

Cochran, Georgia
October 11-12, 1963

OFFICERS

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Russell Horne, Vice-Moderator	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Eugene Ross, Clerk-Treasurer	Cochran, Ga.
Sherman Jones, Asst. Clerk-Treasurer	Cochran, Ga.

NEXT SESSION

The next session will convene with Little Bethel Church in Bleckley County, Georgia, October 12-13, 1964.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

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.
W. H. Nobles, Pine Level Chester, Ga.

MISSION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

E. E. Parker, Little Bethel Dudley, Ga.
Hollis Smith, Bay Springs Eastman, Ga.
Sherman Jones, New Ebenezer Cochran, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level Chester, Ga.
Donald Self, Pine Level Eastman, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

E. J. Barker, Christian Hill Rochelle, Ga.
T. B. Etheridge, Double Branches Unadilla, Ga.
Ross Bennett, Pine Level Chester, Ga.

EDUCATION BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

Rev. Hoyt Findley, New Ebenezer Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level Chester, Ga.
Rev. Russell Horne, White Oak Macon, 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 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-eighth (68) annual session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with New Ebenezer Church, Route three, Cochran Georgia, Friday October 11, 1963.

FRIDAY MORNING

The session was opened by singing "Victory in Jesus." Prayer was offered by Rev. Emmett McDuffie. Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, used as a scripture lesson I Chor. 12:12-20.

Call to order by Moderator.

Called for corresponding letters from various churches.

Motioned, seconded, carried for chair to appoint letter readers. Moderator appointed Bro. E. J. Barker and Rev. E. E. Kelley.

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

Motion, seconded, carried to receive letters and seat delegates.

Called for petitionary letters. Received letters from: Quarterly Conference, Youth for Christ, and League Convention.

Motion, seconded, carried to receive these letters for information.

Visitors invited to seats with us. Those responding were: Bro. Garrett, from the Missionary Baptist, Sister Smith, from the Church of God, Rev. Thomas Wiley, Sr., of the National Foreign Mission Department, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rev. Leonard Graham, Rev. Harvey Giddens, Bro. James Fowler from the South Georgia Association and Rev. Mance Cason from the State Promotional Department.

Motion, second, carried for Moderator to appoint Finance Committee. Those appointed were: Bro. Donald Moore, chairman, Bro. Fletcher Swearingen and Bro. B. I. Peacock.

Motion, second, carried for Moderator to appoint devotional Committee. Those appointed were: Bro. Ross Bennett, chairman; Bro. Thomas Bryant and Bro. Homer Shi.

Motion, second, carried to discontinue regular order of business and enter into worship hour.

After singing "At Calvary", prayer was offered by Bro. I. J. Blackwelder.

Rev. W. L. Amerson was in charge of the Worship Hour. He used as a scripture lesson Psalms 27:1-14 and places special emphasis on verse 14. Rev. Amerson says "The biggest mistake of the world today is being in such a hurry and living so fast we can not wait upon the Lord to direct us.

Committees appointed.

Benediction by Moderator, Bro. Clark.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful and very graciously prepared lunch, we met back in the church. After a song, prayer was offered by Bro. Donald Moore.

Call for corresponding letters and messengers from Sister Associations. None responded.

Call for a place to hold next session.

Little Betnei Church, Bleckley County, Georgia to host next session.

Call for committee reports. Devotional Committee reports. (See reports.)

Motion, second, carried to accept report and release committee.

Motion, second, carried to enter into Miscellaneous Business.

Rev. Eugene Ross read proposed changes in the constitution concerning abolishing the present Quarterly Conference and Combining same with the Georgia Union Association with one set of officers and to abolish the present Mission Board and elect a five (5) man Mission Board with the Mission Treasurer as one of those members.

Motion, second, carried to lay these recommendations on the table and take action at the proper time the next day.

Motion, second, carried to have 400 minutes printed.

Motion, second, carried for the Auxiliaries of the church have space in the Associational minutes with each auxiliary paying for its space.

Rev. Mance Cason introduced for the State Work. Bro. Cason commends the Association for a good job during the past year. Several churches received certificates for their achievement.

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

Bro. Emmett Long ask for an offering to help Bro. and Sister Peacock complete the new church building at Mt. Ararat. \$32.50 was taken.

Rev. Hoyt Findley gave report on the State Mission Board. Report accepted as information.

Motion, second, carried to accept the report of the Resolutions Committee and release the committee. (See reports)

Motion, second, carried to adopt each item separately.

Motion, second, carried for Names, addresses and phone number of Pastors, Deacons, and church clerks to appear in the associational minutes.

Motion, second, carried that a Digest Committee be appointed to study the church letters and make a report to the Association.

Motion, second to adopt recommendation to appoint a Program Committee to prepare a program and get advanced notices to the churches to outline the transactions of the association.

NOTE: This item was voted down.

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

Motion, second, carried to adopt report as read.

Motion, second, carried to accept report of the Woman's Auxiliary Committee and release the committee. (See reports)

Business session stood adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT

A very inspirational message was delivered by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder from the scripture lesson, Luke 15:17-24. Rev. Blackwelder brought out five (5) points in the conversion of the Prodigal Son: 1. His Awakening, 2. His Meditation, 3. His Decision, 4. His Confession, and 5. His Acceptation.

SATURDAY MORNING

Session re-opened by singing "At Calvary". Prayer offered by Rev. Eugene Ross. After another song, "There Is Power In The Blood" the Moderator read as a scripture lesson I Thes. 5:1-10.

Motion, second, carried for chair to appoint the Nominating Committee. Those appointed were Sister Donald Moore, Bro. Joel Butler and Sister Hollis Smith.

Motion, second, carried for chair to appoint a Digest Committee. Those appointed were: Bro. Sherman Jones, Chairman; Bro. E. J. Barker and Bro. Ernest Collins.

Motion, second, carried to retain Bro. W. H. Nobles to the Executive Board.

Bro. Ross Bennett nominated to replace Bro. Sherman Jones on the Superannuation Board.

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

Rev. Russell Horne nominated to replace Bro. H. E. Leonard on the Education Board.

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

Motion, second, carried to retain Rev. J. F. Smith on the Ordaining Council.

Rev. W. L. Amerson nominated to be recommended to the State Association to replace Rev. Charles Clark on the Christian Education Board.

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

Rev. E. E. Kelley nominated to replace Rev. Hoyt Findley on the State Mission Board.

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

Motion, second, carried to retain Bro. John Ross on the Superannuation Board of the State.

Motion, second, carried to retain Bro. T. B. Etheridge to the Camp Board.

Motion, second, carried to accept the report of the Christian Education committee and to release the committee. (See reports)

Motion, second, carried to adopt the report item by item.

NOTE: All itmes were adopted.

Motion, second, carried to accept the report of the Sunday School Committee and release the committee. (See reports)

Motion, second, carried to adopt this report as read.

Motion, second, carried to recind the Finance report of yesterday and ask the committee to meet and revise the report.

Bro. Gerald Smith appointed to act in the place of Bro. B. I. Peacock who is absent.

Motion, second, carried not to accept any special offerings or to accept the report of the Finance Committee until the last item of business before the session closes.

After singing "Blessed Assurance" and prayer was offered by Bro. Hollis Smith, a ten (10) minute recess was declared by the Moderator.

The Moderator then introduced Rev. Thomas Wiley, Sr. in charge of the Morning Worship Hour. Rev. Wiley is past Missionary to Cuba and presently Missionary to Miami to the C. E. R. F. Rev. Wiley used as a scripture lesson the 10th chapter of Luke to bring a very inspiring message on the subject: "They came, they looked, they saw and they left."

The people of the body made a prresent of \$25.50 to Bro. Wiley.

We were dismissed for the lunch hour by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful lunch we again assembled in the church.

The session was re-opened by singing "Near To The Heart of God" and prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Kelley.

The Moderator used as a scripture lesson Lamentation 12:1 and declared the body back in session.

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

Motion, second, carried to remove the material from the table and act upon them item by item.

Motion, second, carried to adopt item 1 as read. (See recommendations)

Item 2 was then withdrawn.

Motion, second, carried to appoint a committee to act with a committee of the Quarterly Meeting if they see fit, to consider the recommendations that were withdrawn.

Motion, second, carried for chair to appoint this committee. The following were appointed: The Executive Committee in addition to the Moderator and Clerk of this body.

Motion, second, carried to receive the report of the Ordaining Council.

Motion, second, carried to accept the report of the State of Churches

and Character of Ministers and to relieve this committee. (See reports)

Motion, second, carried to accept the action taken by the Executive Board at the Special called meeting. (See reports)

Motion, Second, carried to abolish the present Radio Committee that had been appointed some time ago and turn this task over to the Mission Board.

The following were nominated to serve on the Mission Board: Bro. E. J. Barker, Bro. Hollis Smith, Bro. Sherman Jones, Bro. W. L. Amerson, Bro. Donald Self, Bro. Emmett Dunnaway and Bro. E. E. Parker.

Motion, second, carried that the first five (5) nominated be elected.

Motion, second, carried that the Chairman of the Senior Member of the Ordaining Council be authorized to select to serve in an absent member's place for that session.

Motion, second, carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to New Ebenezer Church for a job well done as host for this session.

Motion, second, carried that we receive the report of the Nominating Committee and release the committee. (See reports)

Motion, second, carried to give the Clerk of this body the authority to insert into the minutes those items that were omitted from last minutes.

Rev. E. E. Kelley was nominated to bring the introductory message at the next session of the Association.

Motion, second, carried to close nominations and proceed to elect by acclamation.

Rev. Mance Cason was given time to report on some literature he had available for those who desired it.

Motion, second, carried that all officers be elected as the committee reported.

Motion, second, carried to adjourn.

After singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark.

REV. CHARLES CLARK, Moderator

REV. EUGENE F. ROSS, Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder E. B. Duckworth	Cochran Field, Macon, Ga.
Elder L. S. Anthony	Phone MI 7-3885, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley 216 Peachtree Cir., Ph. WA 2-5601	Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder Howard Faircloth	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Joe Frank Smith,	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark	Phone EL 1-5483, Chester, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Elder Nick G. Rozier	Chester, Ga.
Elder J. R. Davidson	Phone 268-8746, Route, Vienna, Ga.
Elder Eugene F. Ross,	Phone WE 4-2795, Route, Cochran, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones,	Eastman, Ga.

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Elder W. A. Olds,705 Shi Place,.. Phone SH 2-0535,..... Macon, Ga.
 Elder Russell Horne, 1078 Jasmine St., Phone SH 5-9853, Macon, Ga.
 Elder Larry Williams, Rochelle, Ga.
 Elder E. E. Kelley, Phone MI 8-2227,Route 2, Pitts, Ga.
 Elder J. D. Payne Danville, Ga.
 Elder Elbert Powell Chester, Ga.
 Elder N. R. Sullivan Unadilla, Ga.
 Elder G. C. Sullivan Byromville, Ga.
 Elder E. L. Hewett Box 533, Thomaston, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Charlie Knott Route 1, Cordele, Ga.
 Rev. M. J. Haynes Route 3, Cochran, Ga.
 Rev. Donald Moore 4040 Lafayette Dr., Macon, Ga.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder Elbert Powell	Elder J. F. Smith
Elder Hoyt Findley	Elder Charles Clark
Elder E. E. Kelley	Elder Howard Faircloth
Elder J. R. Davidson	Elder Russell Horne
Elder Eugene F. Ross	Rev. Donald Moore

VISITING MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder Emmett McDuffie	Elder Leonard Graham
Elder Harvey Giddens	Elder I. J. Blackwelder
Elder Thomas Wiley, Sr.	Elder E. D. Franks
	Elder Mance Cason

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

NOTE: The above to be carried each year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Balance found in Treasury	\$ 20.71
Paid in by Churches	204.50
Quarterly Conference	10.00
League Convention	20.00
Youth for Christ	20.00
Cash on Hand	275.21

We recommend the following disbursements:

Pay Moderator	\$20.00
Pay Clerk	30.00
Send to State Association	20.00
Send to National Association	10.00
Balance on Hand	195.21

We further recommend that after all expenses have been paid that the balance be put into the Georgia Union Mission Board Fund.

DONALD MOORE, Chairman

GERALD SMITH

W. F. SWEARINGEN

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolutions Committee, recommend that each Pastor, Clerk, and Deacon's names be placed in the minutes with address and phone number. We recommend that a Digest Committee be appointed to study the letters of each church and make a report to the body. We recommend that a Program Committee be appointed to prepare a program for the Associational Meeting and advance notice be given each person and church involved.

REV. E. E. KELLEY, Chairman

PRO. JAMES JOHNSON

BRO. DONALD SELF

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Nominating Committee, recommend that all present officers be retained for the ensuing year.

SISTER RUBY MOORE

BRO. JOEL BUTLER

SISTER HOLLIS SMITH

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Sunday School Committee, report as follows:

As we compare our Sunday School average attendance, according to our church membership, we only find percentage about one-third (1/3) attending Sunday School. We feel that there is a failure somewhere. And it must be in our Church members who say they love the Lord but fail to attend Sunday School.

We feel as being your committee, that the answer will be found in our church members who are not concerned about the lost people.

We ask that our pastors and Sunday School Superintendents stress the need in our churches, that our Sunday School will grow in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We ask that all teachers take a personal interest in each child as much

as possible and have as much Christian entertainment as we can that all may fellowship together.

BRO. E. L. COLLINS, Chairman
SISTER GENE BROWN
SISTER N. C. PERRY

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

We, your committee on Woman's Auxiliary Work, wish to make the following report:

Since our last Associational Meeting, we have organized our Auxiliaries into a convention. We have six (6) churches with auxiliaries and five (5) of them taking part in the convention with a total membership of about fifty (50) members. Three of our auxiliaries also have youth auxiliaries.

Our convention voted to request the printing of our minutes in the Associational Minutes.

SISTER MARY DAVIDSON
SISTER MARY DUNNAWAY
SISTER RUBY MOORE

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Devotional Committee, recommend Rev. I. J. Blackwelder to bring the Friday Night message and Rev. Thomas Wiley, Sr., to bring the Saturday Morning message.

ROSS BENNETT, Chairman
THOMAS BRYANT
HOMER SHI

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Observing, as we must, the fact that wherever our people have been alerted in the field of Christian Education, whether it be in the local church, district, state or national associations, they have been able to step up the tempo in the development of our Lord's cause, We therefore recommend:

First, that our local churches be strongly encouraged to inaugurate Training Programs with a view to greater efficiency in spreading the Gospel of Christ, and, in building up the Faith of the Saints at the Local Church Level.

Second, that we encourage, with strong emphasis, those who are made responsible for the direction of our local associational plans to set up, in the bounds of the Georgia Union Association, Christian Institute work with a view to benefit our ministers in the discharge of the greatest task on earth, for the benefit of our corps of Deacons in our churches that they may know better how to take care of the house of God, and, for general church workers in view of the fact that we need a stronger witness within, and going out of our churches to the lost.

Third, in light of the fact that all phases of the work, in our local churches; as well as Association-wise, are, to a great degree, dependent upon the services being rendered by Free Will Baptist Bible College for improvement of talent which the Lord calls into ministerial and missionary services, be it herein urged that every person affiliated with our churches feel the responsibility for prayer and financial support, on a systematic basis, to our Bible College; that each of our churches be urged to put Free Will Baptist College in their financial budgets for regular systematic support during this year; and, that our associational directors be urged to feel deeply the responsibility in publicising an interest of the Bible College, by constantly calling the attention of our constituency to the importance of keeping the cause of our College alive.

And, Finally, that all of our churches be urged to inaugurate educational programs, made possible through our familiar denominational organizations such as, the Sunday School, Free Will Baptist Leagues, Masters Men's chapters and Woman's Auxiliaries.

J. R. DAVIDSON

EDD HOBBS

HOLLIS SMITH

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg to make the following report:

As far as reports to us is concerned, we find all of the churches are in fellowship with eleven (11) out of fifteen (15) churches reporting full time worship. We recommend that each one do all that he can to keep the work progressing. We find also that all the preachers are in fellowship.

SHERMAN JONES, Chairman

ERNEST J. BARKER

W. H. NOBLES

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, your Ordaining Council, find Brother Donald W. Moore sound in faith and doctrine and recommend that he be licensed to preach.

REV. J. F. SMITH, Chairman

REV. HOYT FINDLEY

REV. W. L. AMERSON

REPORT FROM THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

We, the members of the Quarterly Conference of the Georgia Union Association, send as delegates, Sister Donald Moore and Bro. E. E. Kelley. We send ten (\$10.00) dollars entrance fee.

During the past year many things have been accomplished in the Georgia Union Association for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Pastors, delegates, and other members have been more concerned about

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	PASTOR AND ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Members received	Deceased	Lettered Out	Total Membership	Unified Program	Literature	Incidentals	Building & Repair	Other Causes	Evangelistic Work	Associational Work	Paid Pastor
Antioch	P. C. Johnson, Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.	E. E. Kelley, R. 2, Pitts Ga. MI8-2227	1-3	1	1	1	1	24	\$ 40.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 54.67			\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 445.72
Bay Springs	Gerald Smith, 304 Foster St. Eastman, Ga.	Nick Rozar, Rt. 1., Chester, Ga.	2-4	1	3		3	65	45.00	313.80	37.94			160.00	29.00	540.00
Bethlehem	Mrs. Elvin Brown, R. 1 Cordele...	Harvey W. Giddens, Rt. 2, 776-2266 Sylvester, Ga.	1-3		3	23	42			118.59	14.00		89.50	54.89	12.00	391.19
Beulah Springs	Mrs. G. R. Maddox, R. 1 Montrose	Eugene F. Ross Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 934-2795	1-2-3-4	1	3		1	26	14.00	25.00				60.00	7.50	137.25
Christian Hill	Ernest J. Barker, Box 245 EM5-3135 Rochelle, Ga.	Larry Williams, Rochelle, Ga.	1-2-3-4	3	6	1	4	136	176.55	63.52	44.30	383.21	142.96	266.47	25.00	1345.00
Double Branch	Mrs. H. G. Williams, Unadilla, Ga.	E D. Franks, 213 Palm St. Cochran, Ga.	1-2-3-4		1		5	93	319.10	150.00	331.50	48.33	60.00	224.76	15.00	1382.23
First (Eastman)	Hezzie Smith, Rt. 1 Eastman	W. A. Olds, 705 Shi Place SH2-0535 Macon, Ga.	1-2-3-4		14		8	36	14.00	97.66	376.16	50.00		122.50	5.00	1177.50
Liberty Chapel	Caroline Sangster, 104 Neisler Trailer, Warner Robins, Ga.	L. S. Anthony, MI7-3885 Thomaston, Ga.	1-2-3-4	1	6	2	2	50	41.00	138.31		259.87	1.30		10.00	750.00
Little Bethel	E. E. Parker, Dudley, Ga.	Elbert Powell, Chester, Ga.	1-2-3-4	7	10	1	4	110	64.00	160.00	300.00	1270.00		85.00	20.00	840.00
Mt. Ararat	Mrs. Acie Sheffield, Rt. 3 Eastman, Ga.	J. F. Smith, 374-2241 Eastman, Ga.	1				2	23		24.00		2221.88			5.00	172.60
New Ebenezer	Mrs. J. F. Ross—934-2493, Rt. 3,.. Cochran, Ga.	Hoyt Findley, . 216 Peachtree Cir., Warner Robins, Ga., WA2-5601	1-2-3-4		5	2	5	60	60.00	186.60	46.78	57.18	187.18	150.00	15.00	1400.00
Pine Level	Donald Self, Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga...	Charles Clarke Rt. 1, Chester, Ga... ELI-5483	1-2-3-4			2	3	104	240.00	363.00	676.00	3739.54	145.00	225.00	20.00	1625.00
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Viola Hunt 713 13 Ave. E.... Cordele, Ga., 268-8746	J. R. Davidson, Rt., Vienna, Ga...	1-2-3-4	5	6	4		154	190.48	257.43	1009.41	1998.24	175.23	200.00	25.00	2200.00
White Oaks	Mrs. Ernestine Collins, 2577 Pine St. Macon, Ga. ...	Russell Horne, .1078 Jasmine St., SH5-9853, Macon, Ga.	1-2-3-4	6	11		5	123	70.00	159.50	200.00	1292.89		225.00	20.00	2125.00
Wilson Chapel	Mrs. Clara Wilson, R 1 Thomaston.	E. L. Hewett Box 533 .647-4001 ... Thomaston, Ga.	1-2-3-4	2	2			19	37.45	138.09	206.63	3055.16		48.56	5.00	31.50

the quarterly meetings and have responded well. Business meetings have been carried on in a manner of thoughtfulness and purpose. We feel that it has been a most prosperous year.

The new officers are as follows: Moderator, Rev. W. L. Amerson, Vice-moderator, Rev. Russell Horne, Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Gloria Dunnaway, Assistant Secretary-treasurer. Bro, Donald Self, Program Committee, Bro. Emmett Dunnaway, Sister Janice Clark and Sister Wylene Fordham.

REV. LARRY WILLIAMS, Moderator

REV. EUGENE F. ROSS, Clerk-Treasurer

ACTION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

Georgia Union Association

July 13, 1963

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Bro. E. C. Morris was a Minister in good standing with the Georgia Union Association until his request for his Church Letter from Christian Hill Free Will Baptist Church; therefore he has been dismissed from Christian Hill Free Will Baptist Church and Georgia Union Association as a Minister in good standing and we bid him God's speed as he labors in Christ's vineyard.

Done by order of Georgia Union Association, July 13, 1963.

REV. CHARLES L. CLARK, Moderator

REV. EUGENE F. ROSS, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

NEW EBENEZER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Constitution Article 3

ITEM I. Move that the present mission board be abolished and that a five (5) man board be elected in place of present board that the mission board may operate more efficiently and the association mission treasury one of the five (5) members.

The first 3 members elected for 3 year term and the other 2 members elected for 2 year terms in order to stagger the board not having all new members at once. Board to meet quarterly just before conference or association, and if needful call a special meeting in between regular meetings.

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

NEW EBENEZER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Constitution Article 3

ITEM 2. Move that the Quarterly Conference be changed to be known as the Association meeting 4 times a year October being the annual association, that we may attend to the business as it comes needful to do when we meet.

Having one set of Officers to preside over all the meetings. Having a Moderator and Vice moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. Moderator and vice moderator be elected for 2 year terms and clerk and assistant be elected for 1 year terms for the first year in order to stagger officers not having all new officers at once, at end of first year elect clerk and treasurer for a 2 year term. And that secretary and treasurer of conference turn over all records and money to present association clerk and treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA UNION LEAGUE CONVENTION OF 1963

The Georgia Union League Convention convened at New Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church, Cochran, Georgia on Sunday, June 30, 1963. Congregational singing was led by Ronnie Moore. Rev. Hoyt Findley gave the Welcome. Bro. Donald Self appointed the committees with authority given by a move and a second. The committees were as follows: NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Donald Moore, Chairman; Jerry Dunaway, W. L. Amerson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ronnie Moore, Chairman; Linda Swearington, Violet Haynes.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Emmett Dunaway, Chairman; L. S. Anthony, Henry Nobles.

Letters were received from the following churches:

Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Eastman.

New Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church.

Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church.

White Oak Free Will Baptist Church.

Programs were presented by Double Branch and Liberty Chapel. Resolutions Committee recommended that an amendment be made to the constitution that the annual meeting be held on Saturday instead of Sunday. The recommendation was tabled until the business session. The morning devotion was then brought by Rev. Dale Burden. After the inspiring message, we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Charles Clark for the lunch hour.

After lunch, we re-convened with congregational singing led by Ronnie Moore and prayer led by Bro. Donald Moore. Programs were then presented by Pine Level, New Ebenezer, Pleasant Hill, and White Oak. Emory Amerson then led the quiz program. The sword drill was led by Carlton Sanster. The business session began at 3:15 P. M. Reports of the committees were given.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Report submitted by Donald Moore, W. L. Amerson and Jerry Dunaway.

President

Vice President

Charles Strickland

Ronnie Moore

Secretary-Treasurer Donnie Moore
 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ann Etheridge
 Sword Driller Emory Amerson
 Assistant Sword Driller Jerry Dunaway

Move and a second made to accept the report. Motion carried. Move and second to elect a quiz leader. Bro. W. L. Amerson read Article III of the constitution about the sword driller and quiz leader. Rev. Charles Clark recommended that the sword driller and quiz leader be combined as one office. A second was made by Bro. Donald Moore. The motion was carried. There weren't any nominations from the floor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Report submitted by Ronnie Moore, Linda Swearington, Violet Haynes.

Bay Springs	\$10.00
Double Branch	10.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of Eastman	10.00
New Ebenezer	10.00
Liberty Chapel (no letter)	10.00
Pine Level	10.00
Pleasant Hill (no letter)	10.00
White Oak	10.00

Move and second that the finance report be accepted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Report submitted by Emmett Dunaway, L. S. Anthony and Henry Nobles.

1. Recommended that the annual meeting of the Georgia Union League Convention be changed from Sunday to Saturday.
2. Resolved that each church encourage the league to attend the annual league conventions.
3. Resolved that each church put their best forward for the up building of God's Kingdom and training of people.

Move and second made to accept the report. Motion carried. Move and second made that the annual league convention be held the third Saturday of October of each year. Discussion was held on the matter. Motion carried. Move and second made that the letter forms used this year be adopted and to relieve the letter forms committee. Motion carried. Move and second made to send \$20 to Bro. Eugene Ross for the district association minutes and to send \$50 to the State Unified Program. Motion carried. Move and second made to give New Ebenezer a rise of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried. White Oak extended an invitation that the annual league convention be held at their church. Double Branch also extended the invitation. The matter was voted upon. Double Branch received 16 votes and White Oak received 23 votes. Therefore, the next annual league convention of the Georgia Union will be held at White Oak the third Saturday of October.

The sword drill winners were announced as follows:

JUNIORS

1st Place Patricia Dunaway
 2nd Place Gary Register

INTERMEDIATES

1st Place Diane Anthony
 2nd Place Jean Fleming

Move and second made that the President, Donald Self, let these four winners be four of the delegates to the State Convention. Motion carried. The following six were appointed by the President to be the other delegates: (1) Violet Haynes; (2) Peggy Perkins; (3) Ed Hobbs, Jr.; (4) Elaine Calhoun; (5) Headsy Smith; (6) Wayne Fleming.

Move and second made that copies be made of the constitution and be sent to each church. Motion carried. Move and second made to give a rise of thanks to the out-going officers. Motion carried. Article IV of the constitution was read by Bro. W. L. Amerson. Move and second made to adjourn. Bro. Donald Self made a few remarks before adjourning. Bro. Eugene Ross asked about the fee of the Georgia Union League Convention. The Question was tabled until the next meeting. Motion of adjournment carried. Rev. L. S. Anthony dismissed us in prayer.

DONNIE MOORE, Secretary-Treasurer of
 Georgia Union League Convention

YOUTH FOR CHRIST REPORT

We, the Youth for Christ Fellowship, would like to recommend that you print in the minutes the purpose etc concerning our Youth Rally.

It was moved and seconded in our last meeting at Pine Level Church, on August 17, that we send \$20.00 to the Association for the expense of having this done.

The Youth Rally meetings are held once a quarter at various churches. The program is put on by the church at which the meeting is held. After the program we have the business meeting, following this we have refreshments.

Enclosed is \$20.00 for the expenses, also, is a Constitution and By-Laws of the Youth for Christ Fellowship meeting in case you would like to use them.

AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

Four local auxiliaries met with the First F. W. B. Church of Eastman on February 3, 1963 for the purpose of organizing a District Auxiliary Convention. Constitution and By-Laws were read and adopted. Rev. J. R. Davidson brought the morning message. During the afternoon, newly elected officers were installed.

The Georgia Union District Auxiliary Convention convened with the

White Oaks F. W. B. Church on March 16, 1963. Mrs. Eunice Edwards taught a study course on the Auxiliary Manual. There were six (6) Auxiliaries represented.

On September 14, 1963 the Georgia Union District Auxiliary Convention met with the Pleasant Hill F. W. B. Church. Theme for the program was: "Dying To Live." Topics were given by Mrs. Ernestine Collins, Mrs. Ernestine Hollingshead and Mrs. J. B. Langford. Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. J. R. Davidson; Vice President, Mrs. Ernest Smith; Recording Secretary Mrs. Avis Butler; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ernestine Hollingshead; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Ethridge; Treasurer, Mrs. Doris Hobbs; Field Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Moore; Assistant Field Secretary, Mrs. Ernestine Collins; Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. Emmett Dunaway; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Charles Clark; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Minnie Smith; Personal Services Chairman, Mrs. Wyolene Fordham. Five auxiliaries were represented.

MRS. AVIS BUTLER, Recording Secretary

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 Scripture 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 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 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. 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 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 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 Mod-

erator 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, assistant clerk and assistant treasurer, moderator and Vice Moderator, 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 Friday and Saturday 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 the first day, then lie on the 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 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 names of the Pastor and Clerk of the church issuing the license.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testament, measure up to standards of the treatise 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.