

1967
MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
Of The Original Free Will Baptists
HELD WITH
WILSON'S CHAPEL
October 7, 1967

OFFICERS

Rev. Hoyt Findley, Moderator 100 Elinor Cir. Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. L. S. Anthony, Assistant Moderator Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.
Donald Self, Clerk Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark, Assistant Clerk Centerville, Ga.
John F. Cannon, Treasurer Chester, Ga.
Rose Cannon, Assistant Treasurer Chester, Ga.

NEXT SESSION

The next session will convene with Antioch Church near Pitts, Ga.,
January 13, 1968.

The next Annual Session will convene with Beulah Springs Church,
Bleckley County, Georgia, October 12, 1968.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—CHURCH AND ADDRESSES

Joel Butler, Bay Springs Rt. 5, Eastman, Ga.
Ernest Smith, Eastman 308 Pine, St., Eastman, Ga.
Juian Davis, New Ebenezer Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.
Emmett Dunaway, Double Branches Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga.
W. H. Nobles, Pine Level Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.

MISSION BOARD—CHURCH AND ADDRESSES

Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level (1969) Rt. 1, Chester, Ga..
Donald Self, Pine Level (1969) Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.
Ernest J. Barker, Christian Hill (1968) P. O. Box 245, Rochelle, Ga.
Hollis Smith, Bay Springs, (1968) Rt. 5, Eastman, Ga.
Sherman D. Jones, New Ebenezer, (1968) Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD—CHURCH AND ADDRESSES

T. B. Etheridge, Double Branches Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga.
James Johnson, Beulah Springs Rt. 4, Cochran, Ga.
Ernest J. Barker, Christian Hill Rochelle, Ga.

EDUCATION BOARD—CHURCH AND ADDRESSES

Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level Rt. 1, Eastman, Ga.
Sherman D. Jones, New Ebenezer Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley, New Ebenezer Warner Robins, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL—CHURCH AND ADDRESSES

Rev. Howard Faircloth, Bay Springs Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark, Warner Robins Mission . . . Rt. 1, Box 433, Byron, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level Rt. 1, Eastman, Ga.

DIGEST COMMITTEE—CHURCH AND ADDRESSES

Alton Fleming, Mt. Ararat Rt. 2, Milan, Ga.
Edison Smith, Eastman Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.
Ross Bennett, Pine Level Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Each host church will be the program committee at each session.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 13, 1968 Quarterly Association
Antioch Church

APRIL 13, 1968 Quarterly Association
Bay Springs Church

MAY 1968 C. T. S. Convention

JULY 13, 1968 Quarterly Association
Bethlehem Church

JULY 28, 1968 Sunday School Convention
Bleckley County Elementary School

OCTOBER 12, 1968 Annual Association
Beulah Springs Church

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.

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Second Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with Wilson's Chapel church, October 7, 1967.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Fourth Session of the Georgia Union Association met in regular session at Wilson's Chapel on the above date.

Called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. L. Amerson. Prayer offered by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

Moderator welcomes the body. Rev. Anthony held a short devotional and welcomed the body also.

Motion, seconded, and carried for chair to appoint proxies to the Digest Committee. Appointed were: Jimmie McDuffie and Larry Langford.

Moderator recognizes the visitors and welcomes them to the body. Several were present.

Roll called and fourteen churches responded. The others reported later in the session.

Chair appointed a proxy for Rev. Joe Frank Smith on the Ordaining Council.

Chair appoints the remaining committees: C T S, Rev. Richard McFadden, Andrew Knowles and James Johnson; Women's Auxiliary: Janice Clark, Mary Dunaway and Florine Nobles; Nominating: Rev. Roscoe Pitts, William McElhenny and Robert Rogers; Finance: John Cannon, Horace Hobbs, Rev. Joe Owens and Henry Bridges.

Call for Committee reports: Education given by Rev. Joe Owens. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept the report.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers will make their report at the session in January, as the clerk failed to furnish the report cards to the Ministers.

Motion, seconded, and carried to grant Rev. Emmett McDuffie a letter of recommendation to the South Georgia Association.

Rev. Bill Travis, pastor of First Church of Thomaston, brought greetings from the Upson County Ministerial Association.

Motion, seconded, and carried to print four hundred minutes.

Motion, seconded, and carried for chair to appoint delegates to State Association. Appointed were: Stuart Floyd, Rev. and Mrs. Billie Livesay, Sherman D. Jones, alternate.

Motion, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Mission Board as given by Sherman Jones.

The Moderator challenges each pastor and church and mission to face up before GOD in their giving.

Rev. Charles Clark reports for the Warner Robins Mission.

Rev. Morgan J. Haynes reports for the New Hope Mission at Empire.

Offering taken in amount of \$40. 98.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney, pastor of White Oaks church brought the morn-

ing worship message. He used as a lesson text, Ephesians 5:18. He sees a definite lack of being lead of the Spirit, sees more sin of omission rather than sin of commission, sees also a neglect of the Word itself. He sees further church worldliness in a wide spread manner.

Benediction by Rev. Mance Cason.

SATURDAY MORNING

Re-convened with Ernest J. Barker in charge of the singing. Prayer by Rev. Earl Duckworth.

Motion, seconded, and carried to send \$25.00 to the State Association and \$35.00 to National Association.

Rev. Mance Cason made the report for the State Promotional work.

Call for reports:

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the committee on Superannuation as given by Harold Dunlap.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the committee on Church Training Service as given by Rev. Richard McFadden.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the committee on Woman's Auxiliary as given by Janice Clark.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the Mission Board Treasurer as given by Donald Self. The report is to be carried in the minutes.

Bro. Curtis Gay makes a talk in behalf of the Alabama Children's Home. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept the challenge, to have a yearly 'Harvest Day' for the Home. Plans have been made for this year and will be carried out.

Motion, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Finance committee as given by John F. Cannon. The report to be carried in the minutes.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the Digest committee as given by Rev. Larry Langford.

The following were selected from the floor to serve on the following State Boards: Rev. Larry Langford to serve on the Camp Board; Rev. Donald Moore to serve on the Superannuation Board; Rev. Billy Livesay to serve on the Education Board and Rev. L. S. Anthony to serve on the Mission Board.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the Ordaining Council as given by Rev. Howard Faircloth. The New Hope Mission at Empire was added to the report and they were accepted into fellowship.

Motion to use the I. D. card now available. Seconded, and carried. Motion, seconded, and carried to give authority to the Ordaining Council to examine Rev. M. J. Haynes and report at the meeting in January.

Motion, seconded, and carried to give a rising vote of thanks to Wilson's Chapel for hospitality and courtesy shown at this session.

Motion, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the committee on Nominations as given by Robert Rogers with a few minor changes.

Motion, seconded, and carried to elect Rev. Billie Livesay to the two year unexpired term of Rev. Joe Frank Smith, now deceased.

Motion, seconded, and carried that each host church act as the Program Committee at each session.

Motion, seconded, and carried to elect the Digest Committee by acclamation. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

REV. W. L. AMERSON, Moderator

REV. HOYT FINDLEY, Vice-Moderator

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE QUARTERLY ASSOCIATIONS

Thirteen churches answered to the roll call, along with nineteen ministers and fourteen deacons.

A properly sustained motion was carried to give authority to the Moderator and clerk to insert any items from the quarterly that are of any importance to the carrying on of further business.

This was the first session of the 1967 associational year, the meeting was at Pleasant Hill church in Dooly County.

The second session was held at the Warner Robins Mission in Houston County. Thirteen churches answered to the roll call.

A committee was appointed to write an amendment to the Rules for Licensing and Ordination of Ministers. The report of this committee was tabled until July session. The committee was composed of the following: Rev. Donald Moore, Ernest Collins and Buddy Parker.

The third session of the association was held with White Oak Church in Bibb County. Again thirteen churches reported.

Rev. Norman Richards of the Foreign Mission Board of Nashville, Tennessee was the speaker for the morning worship.

The amendment that was tabled at the April session was not adopted. A vote of a two thirds majority was required for passage.

Committees were to be selected by the Moderator and Clerk, from the various churches, and the churches to be notified at an early date.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Ordaining Council of April 8, 1967

We, your Ordaining Council, met with Rev. Morgan J. Haynes and we recommend that his license be renewed for one year. We also met with Rev. Gerald Brown. We feel that he needs to be permitted to conduct the offices of the church, administering the LORD'S SUPPER and other ordinances of the church. We hereby grant to him Elders Orders for one year. We do not grant him permission to perform marriages. We met also with Rev. Joe Owens and we recommend that his license from his former association be accepted and new license be issued for one year.

REV. H. D. FAIRCLOTH

REV. J. F. SMITH

REV. BILLY LIVESAY

Ordaining Council of October 7, 1967

We, your Council, met with Bro. James N. McDuffie and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine and we recommend him to be licensed for one year, to preach the Gospel wherever the Spirit leads. We met with Rev. Joe Owens, pastor of Double Branches Church, and finding him

sound in the faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist, and a faithful minister of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we recommend him to be ordained at the earliest convenience. Rev. John Owens has gone to another association and we recommend him to their fellowship. Rev. C. B. Dowdney, pastor of White Oak Church, met with the council and finding him in good order, we recommend him to this body. Rev. Joe England, pastor of Antioch Church, met with the Council. We found him sound in doctrine and we request him to get a recommendation from the South Georgia Association. Rev. Larry Williams, pastor of Christian Hill Church, is requested to come before the Council at the next session. A letter of recommendation was received from Christian Hill at this session, for Bro. Williams. We, your Council, further recommend that any church having a pastor coming from another association, that they recommend him to the Council for examination.

REV. W. L. AMERSON
REV. H. D. FAIRCLOTH
REV. BILLIE LIVESAY

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:
Total membership—six auxiliaries with fifty-eight members.
Total offerings for the year—approximately \$500.00.
Warner Robins auxiliary organized with six charter members.
During the year we supported the following ministeries:
State, Home and Foreign Missions, Westfield pastor, Co-Laborer Fund, Dot Harvey Loan Fund, Garcia's account, Powell's bus, College Dormitory furnishings and Bibles for the Powells.

We would like to encourage churches in our association, who do not presently have auxiliaries, to organize one. We feel that the auxiliary is a great work among the women and is profitable to any church. Mrs. J. C. Langford, our field secretary, or any other officer of our district will be more than glad to assist in the organization of new auxiliaries.

JANICE CLARK
MARY DUNAWAY
FLORINE NOBLES

C T S COMMITTEE

We, your committee, understand that some of our churches do not have C T S (church training service) and we recommend that all our churches who do not have a church training service try to start one. The church training service has an important part in training our youth for service now and in the future. The Warner Robins Mission has about 28 members in its membership, has been in operation about 15 to 18 months and it has been very effective and the mission recommends that each church start a church training service.

REV. R. B. McFADDEN
A. J. KNOWLES
JAMES JOHNSON

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Balance in treasury	\$157.44
From the churches today	228.00
Offering today	40.98
Total	\$425.42

JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer
HENRY BRIDGES
G G. HOBBS

Itemized Receipts and Expenses for the Year.

Total receipts	\$731.48
Expenses	574.04
Moderator	40.00
Clerk	65.00
Georgia Union Mission Board	316.04
Minutes	103.00
Promotional Office	50.00
Balance in Treasury, October 7, 1967	157.44

JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer

SUPERANNUATION

The committee from White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, on Superannuation, recommend the following:

1. That each church take an post announced offering each quarter or quarterly for superannuation. Details to be worked out on the floor.
2. We feel that our old ministers are being neglected and that each church give more time and consideration to help our old ministers whenever possible.
3. That each pastor support these recommendations and present them to their church.
4. That each church bring back a report on their efforts on superannuation at the next quarterly association.

REV. C. B. DOWDNEY, Pastor
E. L. COLLINS
HAROLD DUNLAP
LENARD EMERSON
J. H. WACTER
EMMETT RIGBY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe that Christian Education is one of the greatest needs in the Free Will Baptist Church. Each pastor and each member should avail himself of every opportunity to advance himself in this field. We feel that each pastor should encourage our young people to take advantage of the educational facilities that we do have, such as the Youth Camp and the Free Will Baptist Bible Colloge, also these institutions should be supported by each member in prayer and finance.

We believe that the local churches should support and promote its teaching departments. We urge each church to support the National As-

CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Cooperative Plan	Literature	Building & Repairs	Evangelistic Work	Paid Pastor	Associational Fee	Total Expenditures
Antioch	Mrs. Naida Johnson, R. 2, Pitts, Ga.	Rev. Joe R. England											
		Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.	all	3	2	30	\$	\$ 55.00	\$ 69.57	\$	\$ 65.00	\$ 5.00	\$
Bay Springs	Gerald Smith, 215 Jesup St.,.....	Rev. H. O. Faircloth											
	Eastman, Ga.	Eastman, Ga.	all	2	2	65	55.00	157.02	30.90	160.00	1,217.50	15.00	1,938.21
Bethlehem	Mrs. Eugene Brown, Rt. 1	Rev. Elbert Powell											
	Cordele, Ga.	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	1-3			49		85.40	126.99	142.00	492.23	12.00	1,205.29
Beulah Springs	Mrs. Johnnie Johnson, Rt. 4	Rev. Donald Moore											
	Cochran, Ga.	4040 Lafayette Dr. Macon, Ga..	all	9		30		56.00	279.60	250.00	497.70	12.00	1,387.33
Christian Hill	Ernest J. Barker, P. O. Box 245....	Rev. Larry Williams											
	Rochelle, Ga.	804 E 13 Ave., Cordele, Ga.	all	5	5	147	165.00	122.41	471.18	135.73	2,190.73	25.00	3,888.92
Double Branches	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Rt. 1	Rev. Joe D. Owens											
	Unadilla, Ga.	P. O. Box 62, Oakfield, Ga.	all	3	19	112	226.95	239.10	1,063.98	145.40	2,252.35	20.00	4,902.94
Eastman, First	Hezzie Smith, R. 1, Eastman, Ga...	Rev. Larry Langford,											
		Rt. 4, Eastman, Ga.	all	3	4	41	75.68	323.80	2,529.25	225.00	1,665.00	12.00	6,029.99
Liberty Chapel	Caroline Sangster	Rev. Richard B. McFadden											
	803 Mulberry St., Macon, Ga...	1070 Rose St., Macon, Ga.	all	10		80	75.00	367.87	1,281.72	225.00	845.00	15.00	2,910.81
Little Bethel	James Earl Bryant,	Rev. James Potter											
	Rt. 1, Montrose, Ga	Macon, Ga.	all	6	4	103		135.00	235.00	125.00	1,575.00	20.00	2,275.67
Mt. Ararat	Mrs. Acie Sheffield, Rt. 3,	Rev. Eugene Ross											
	Eastman, Ga.	Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.	all	4		27		123.72	377.18	135.00	415.00	5.00	1,371.78
New Ebenezer	Mrs. John F. Ross, Rt. 3	Rev. Hoyt Findley, 100 Elinor Cir...											
	Cochran, Ga.	Warner Robins, Ga.	all	7	1	65		321.70	24.89	215.00	1,890.00	15.00	3,451.14
New Hope Mission ...	Violet Haynes, Box 144, Rt. 5....	Rev. Morgan J. Haynes											
	Cochran, Ga.	Box 144, Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga....	all	23		23		23.00	30.00		10.00		63.00
Pine Level	Luther Register, Rt. 1	Rev. Billy Livesay											
	Chester, Ga.	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	all	7	3	87		268.40	316.95	200.00	4,100.00	15.00	6,758.62
Pleasant Hill	Viola H. Hunt, 713 13 Ave., E.	Rev. C. D. Rentz											
	Cordele, Ga.	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga.	all	2	4	143	153.46	133.01	50.80	220.00	1,480.00	15.00	3,513.98
Warner Robins Mission	Martha Brown, 117 E. Waverly	Rev. Charles Clark											
	Way, Warner Robins, Ga.	Rt. 1, Box 433, Byron, Ga.	all	12	9	30	389.76	266.16	1,068.80	67.96	605.00	10.00	3,940.81
White Oak	Mrs. Ernestine Collins,	Rev. C. B. Downey, 2002 Rocky ..											
	2577 Pine Ave., Macon, Ga.	Creek Rd., Macon, Ga.	all	14	18	169	240.00	598.98	533.76	175.00	5,230.00	20.00	7,413.92
Wilson's Chapel	Mrs. Clara Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 12	Rev. L. S. Anthony											
	Thomaston, Ga.	Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.	all	12		43	93.50	261.22	2,500.00	72.00	510.00	12.00	3,755.28

sociation of Free Will Baptists Press, Nashville, Tenn., by obtaining their supplies and literature for the various church departments from the press.

Each pastor that can, should take advantage of the study courses that are sponsored by our State Board of Education. Whenever we become more informed in the field of christian education, we will be able to step up the development of our Lord's cause.

DOUBLE BRANCHES CHURCH

REV. JOE OWENS, Pastor

MISSION BOARD

Your Board met in three regular and four called sessions during the year. Rev. W. L. Amerson was selected as chairman; Bro. Donald Self was selected as vice-chairman and Bro. Sherman Jones was selected as clerk for one year. Each church is urged to step up their giving to Missions, but to date the giving has been slow. One payment was made on the land in Warner Robins. On August 26, 1967 the board assisted in the organization of New Hope Free Will Baptist Mission at Empire, Ga. The Mission is now composed of 23 members. We ask that this body accept them into full fellowship at this session. We humbly thank God and you for your past contributions and we trust that, before God and for His Glory, you will increase your mission giving.

REV. W. L. AMERSON, Chairman

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk

DIGEST COMMITTEE

We, your committee, submit the following:

Delegates	54
Ordained ministers	25
Licensed ministers	5
Ordained deacons	68
Full time churches	16
Sunday Schools	17
Prayer Meetings	17
Church Training Service	13
Woman's Auxiliaries	12
Master's Men	5
Church membership	1131
Members received this year	109
Members dismissed	69
Sunday School enrollment	676
Church Training Service enrollment	416
Woman's Auxiliary enrollment	70
Master's Men enrollment	28
Prayer Meeting attendance	22
Vacation Bible Schools	2
Total offerings	\$ 50,572.41
Paid pastors	23,303.51
Evangelistic Work	2,278.09
Total Expenditures	85,648.04

Value of Church Property	157,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	20,000.00
Amount for current expenses	228.00

We recommend that more emphasis be put on Evangelism. We also recommend that ministers coming into the Georgia Union Association go before the Ordaining Council and that the recommendation be included in the church letter. We appreciate all the churches being represented at this session.

REV. LARRY LANGFORD
ROSS BENNETT
JIMMY McDUFFIE

To the Georgia Union Association: We, the members of New Hope Free Will Baptist Mission of Route 5, Cochran, Georgia, hereby petition the association for membership, under mission status.

NEW HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION
JAMES DUNN, Moderator
VIOLET HAYNES, Clerk

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your committee, offer the following nominees for officers, board members and committees:

Moderator	Rev. Hoyt Findley
Vice-Moderator	Rev. L. S. Anthony
Clerk	Donald Self
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Charles Clark
Treasurer	John F. Cannon
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. John F. Cannon
Executive Board	Henry Nobles
Mission Board	Rev. W. L. Amerson Donald Self
Superannuation Board	Ernest J. Barker
Education Board	Sherman D. Jones
Ordaining Council	Rev. W. L. Amerson Rev. Charles Clark
Digest Committee	Edison Smith Ross Bennett Alton Fleming
Program Committee	Host Church at Each Session

Note—Motion, seconded, and carried to elect Rev. Billy Livesay to the unexpired term of Rev. Joe Frank Smith on the Ordaining Council.

ROBERT ROGERS, Chairman
ROSCOE PITTS
WILLIE B. McELHENNEY

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Receipts	\$502.27
Disbursements:	
The Johnson's Fund (Alaska)	75.00
State Home Mission	45.12

National Home Mission	56.06
Foreign Mission	52.98
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	18.00
Westfield Pastor	18.00
W. N. A. C. General Fund	19.00
Co-Laborer Fund	38.00
Larry Powell Bus, furnishings for Dormitory room	202.50
Garcia Fund	5.90
Officers Expenses	5.65
Total	\$536.21

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Joe R. England, Antioch, Present	Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.
Rev. H. D. Faircloth, Bay Springs, Present	Eastman, Ga.
Rev. James R. Stroup, Bay Springs	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Elbert Powell, Bethlehem	Chester, Ga.
Rev. Donald Moore, Beulah Springs, Present ..	4040 Lafayette Dr., Macon.
Rev. Larry Williams, Christian Hill	804 E., 13th Ave., Cordele, Ga.
Rev. Joe D. Owens, Double Branches, Present	Box 62, Oakfield, Ga.
Rev. N. R. Sullivan, Double Branches	Unadilla, Ga.
Rev. Larry Langford, First, Eastman, Present	Rt. 4, Eastman, Ga.
Rev. James Potter, Little Bethel	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Eugene Ross, Mt. Ararat	Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Spurgeon Jones, Mt. Ararat	Rt. 3, Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Richard B. McFadden, Liberty Chapel, Present.....	1070 Rose St., Macon, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley, New Ebenezer, Present	100 Elinor Circle, Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. Arthur Warren, New Ebenezer	Jessup St., Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Billy Livesay, Pine Level, Present	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level, Present	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.
Rev. C. D. Rentz, Pleasant Hill, Present	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga.
Rev. J. R. Davidson	Glenville, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark, Warner Robins Mission, Present	Rt. 1, Box 433, Byron, Ga.
Rev. E. B. Duckworth, Warner Robins Mission, Present	Rt. 1, Story Rd., Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. C. B. Dowdney, White Oak, Present	2002 Rocky Creek Rd., Macon, Ga.
Rev. Harold Dunlap, White Oak, Present ..	3027 Melbourne St., Macon, Ga.
Rev. L. S. Anthony, Wilson's Chapel, Present	Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Wilson's Chapel, Present	Rt. 2, Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. E. L. Hewett, Wilson's Chapel	P. O. Box 533, Thomaston, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Gerald Brown, Antioch	Pitts, Ga.
Rev. Charlie Knott Bethlehem	Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.
Rev. Morgan J. Haynes, New Hope Mission, Present ..	Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Gary Taylor, Wilson's Chapel	13 S G Circle, Thomaston, Ga.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD

Brought forward from Past Year	\$ 679.03
Individuals Offerings	146.00
Georgia Union Association	316.04
Various Church offerings	320.15
Total Received	\$1,461.22
Expenses for Past Year:	
Warner Robins Mission Revival	50.00
Warner Robins Mission Land Payment	868.00
Ham Printing Co.	30.42
Literature for Empire Mission	6.00
Total Expense	954.42
Balance in Treasury	506.80

DONALD SELF
Georgia Union Mission Board Treasurer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELDER JOEL D. PAYNE

Bro. Payne departed this life to be with the Lord the 13th day of June 1964. His funeral was held at Walnut Creek Baptist Church. Elder Emmett McDuffie, Elder Joe Frank Smith and Elder P. M. Newton officiated. The burial was on June 15, 1964.

Bro. Payne was one who loved his Lord and he served the Georgia Union Association as Moderator, for many years. He was faithful to the churches he pastored, kind and tender hearted to all his people and a good husband. A place is vacant with all who knew him, so let us bow our heads to God's will for He had a better place for him in the city of God, where there is no night, no pain, nor death. Sweet peace to his memory.

One Who Loved Him In CHRIST
REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE

BASIS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL FEE

Membership	Fee
1— 25	\$ 5.00
26— 50	12.00
51—100	15.00
101—125	20.00
125 and above	25.00

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

8. **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 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 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 become 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 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 immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordinances 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

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.

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. Ex-

amination 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.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Meeting or Association shall be called the Georgia Union Association and shall be composed of such regularly organized and disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The conference of this body or association shall consist of ministers, deacons, board members in good standing and delegates from the several churches of which it is composed, all of whom shall have voting power. 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 Association shall be a Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and program committee, consisting of three, who shall be chosen at the close of the annual session, 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 conforming to the practice and adopting the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist 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 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 Association shall be held on Saturday before second Sunday in January, April, July and October at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this 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 transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution or to the practices of the denomination as in its judgements may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches within the limits of this association.

Article 7. This association shall have power to adopt any regulation 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.