

1968
MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
Of The Original Free Will Baptists
HELD WITH
BEULAH SPRINGS
October 12, 1968

OFFICERS

Rev. L. S. Anthony, Moderator	Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley, Vice Mod.	100 Elinor Circle, Warner Robins, Ga.
Donald Self, Clerk	Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.
Edison Smith, Assistant Clerk	Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.
John F. Cannon, Treasurer	Chester, Ga.
Rose Cannon, Assistant Treasurer	Chester, Ga.

NEXT SESSION

The next session will convene with Christian Hill Church near Rochelle, Georgia, January 11, 1969.

The next Annual Session will convene with Liberty Chapel Church, Macon, Georgia, October 11, 1969.

BIRTE COLLEGE
BIRTE HALL BURLINGTON



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.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA UNION BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

PREAMBLE

We, the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists, do ordain this Constitution and By-Laws for the purpose of promoting all missions endeavors of the Georgia Union Association.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Georgia Union Board of Missions of the Original Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS: This Board shall be composed of five (5) members. (Members to be elected for a two (2) years period alternation by electing two (2) one year and three (3) the next year so as not to have all new board at any time). Each member must be a member in good standing with a Church that is a member in good standing with the Georgia Union Association. If any member is employed by the board or is called to work with or pastor a Mission or Mission-Church supported by the board, he will make this known to this Association and relinquish his position on the Mission Board. Members elected at the discretion of the Association.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS: Officers of this board shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer elected annually.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS: This board shall hold four (4) regular meetings each year, to be decided by the board and meetings when necessary to be called by the Chairman.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES: Committees shall be appointed by the board or its Chairman as needs arise which would demand the work of a Committee.

ARTICLE VI

REPORTS: Section 1. This board should report annually to the Georgia Union Association, giving account of all funds received and disbursed and activities of the board during this year and state the objectives and future plans for the following year.

Section 2. The Secretary and Treasurer serving the mission board shall submit written reports to the board members as often as the board may deem it necessary. Also, that reports be submitted through our state publications as often as may be deemed necessary by the board.

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ARTICLE VII

FINANCE: This board shall be supported by special offerings, Church, and personal gifts.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. Missions: Missions receiving help from this board must either be established or accepted by the board, and the board reserves the right to determine how much and how long financial assistance be granted to any mission. All missions will be under the supervision of the board as long as financial aid is given.

Section 2. Churches: (A) Any Church receiving financial aid must accept such on conditions agreed upon by the board and the Church.

(B) Any Church finding itself unable to operate as such, may request mission status, or mission church status.

BY-LAWS

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Chairman: He shall preside over each mission, preserve order, govern the body accordingly to established parliamentary usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have the right to call meetings when it is necessary and where.

Section II: Vice Chairman: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to serve in the full capacity of the Chairman when the Chairman is absent.

Section III. Secretary and Treasurer: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions and the board meetings and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office, send out a report of the work of the board as often as the board requires. All funds shall be held and disbursed by the Treasurer at the approval of the board.

Section IV: Ex-Officio Members: The Chairman shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE I

Voting is restricted to members or their proxies.

QUORUM: Three (3) members will compose a quorum.

ARTICLE II

AMENDMENTS: This constitution and by-laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership of the Georgia Union Association while in session.

Adopted by the Georgia Union Association, January 9, 1965, at Christian Hill Free Will Baptist Church, in Wilcox County, Rochelle, Georgia.

REV. CHARLES L. CLARK, Moderator

PROCEEDINGS

The Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists convened with Beulah Springs Church near Cochran, Georgia on Saturday, October 12, 1968. This was the seventy-third annual session.

SATURDAY MORNING

Session opened by singing. Song service led by Rev. Engene Ross.

Called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Hoyt Findley.

Moderator recognized the visitors and welcomed them to the body. Several were present.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the prepared program by the host church.

Moderator used Colossians, chapter 3, for responsive reading.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Delegates from each church were properly seated by Moderator.

The roll was called for various committees and delegates from each church by the Associational Clerk.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for the chair to appoint substitutes to serve with the following committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Brenda Turner.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Alva Anthony.

The Moderator granted ten minutes for recess.

AFTER RECESS

Moderator called for committee reports.

C. T. S. given by Rev. Larry Langford. Motioned, seconded, and carried to accept this C. T. S. report.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to accept the annual report of the Georgia Union Mission Board. This report was given by Sherman Jones.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the Committee on Woman's Auxiliary as given by Rev. Joe D. Owens.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the Committee given on Superannuation by E. J. Barker.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the Committee on Christian Education, as given by Rev. H. D. Faircloth.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the treasurer's report of the Georgia Union Mission Board, as given by Donald Self.

Congregational singing and prayer offered by Rev. Joe Owens.

Rev. Engene Ross brought the morning message using Luke 19:12-27.

Benediction given by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

SATURDAY EVENING

Re-convened with singing led by Rev. Engene Ross. Prayer offered by Rev. Billy Livesay.

Special music and song offered by Gloria and Patricia Dunaway.

Devotional given by Rev. Billy Livesay, using II Tim. 4:1-4 as text.

Offering taken for Associational purposes.

Bro. Curtis Gay using James 2:14-16 as scripture, challenged everyone to give to the Free Will Baptist Childrens Home during the Harvest Day Drive, October 20-23.

Rev. George Foskey announced that he was not pastoring a church at the present time, and was available, if needed.

Rev. Mance Cason urged each church to give through the cooperative program. Also, he presented certificates to the deserving churches.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to use the forms outlined by Rev. Cason for the quarterly meetings.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of the Committee on Finance as given by Bro. John Cannon.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to accept the Masters Mens committees reports as given by Bro. Collins.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to receive the committees report on state of churches and character of ministers, given by E. J. Barker.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to appoint a standing board to serve on the giving to the children's home.

Committee appointed to serve "Harvest Day Drive" for the children's home are as follows: L. S. Anthony, chairman; Sherman Jones, Emmit Dunaway, C. D. Dowdney, Ross Bennett.

Moderator appointed the committees to the State Association as follows: Ross Bennett and Alva Anthony.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for the clerk to have four hundred minutes printed.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for the congregation to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the hospitality shown at this session.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to receive officers for the ensuing year, as given by the nominating committee, who are:

Moderator	L. S. Anthony
Vice Moderator	Hoyt Findley
Clerk	Donald Self
Assistant Clerk	Edison Smith
Treasurer	John F. Cannon
Assistant Treasurer	Rose Cannon
Executive Board	Hollis Smith
To serve on Mission Board for two year term	W. L. Amerson—1969; Donald Self—1969, E. J. Barker, Hollis Smith and Sherman Jones.
Superannuation Board	James Johnson, time ending 1969; E. J. Barker, also 1969, Emmitt Dunaway, C. B. Dowdney, Cecil Mullis.
Education Board	W. L. Amerson, Joe Owens, Billy Livesay.
Ordaining Council	Elbert Powell, W. L. Amerson, Larry Langford
Digest Committee	John Owens, Ross Bennett, Robert Rogers.
Program Committee	Host church

Motioned, seconded, and carried for clerk to get Identification cards for all ministers. Motion to adjourn.

HOYT FINDLEY, Moderator

DONALD SELF, Clerk

C. T. S. COMMITTEE

We recommend that more emphasis be put on the importance of our C. T. S. services. All too often, we neglect our C. T. S. and promote the other departments. We need to promote each of the departments equally.

and thus, have a well rounded church and a good witness for our Lord.

At our last C. T. S. convention, not many of our churches, nor members were present. This did not show much enthusiasm on the part of our people and it slows down the work of the Lord in this department when we lag so far behind, so let's get involved and really support our C. T. S. and cause it to grow like our Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary and Master's men.

The next C. T. S. convention will be May, 1969, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eastman. Make your plans now to attend and let's be counted and make our lights to shine in our C. T. S.

Be sure and remember that C. T. S. plays a very big and important role in training the youth of today for services tomorrow, don't neglect them. Make your time and efforts count for the Lord in C. T. S.

Respectfully submitted,

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OF EASTMAN. Rev. Larry Langford, Pastor

MASTER'S MEN COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Master's Men, find through the letters to the Association that only five churches have Master's Men.

We wish to recommend the following:

1. That all churches and pastors organize a Master's Men, with better literature than it has had in the past.
2. There are many projects that could be undertaken by Master's Men which could cause closer unity among the men of the church.
3. It is also educational to all to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITE OAK CHURCH

LENARD EMERSON

EARNEST COLLINS

REPORT OF STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

On the basis of information known to this committee all churches are in fellowship and our ministers in order.

Annual minister certificates have been received from all pastors except Rev. C. B. Downey, White Oak, and Rev. James Potter, Little Bethel.

Rev. N. R. Sullivan reported by letter and asked to be remembered in prayer. Other ministers not serving as active pastors did not report.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST J. BARKER

W. F. JOHNSON

ELLEN DUNN

SUPERANNUATION

We, your committee on Superannuation, offer this, our report:

What is my church's attitude? Immediately the thought comes to mind, "My church's attitude about what"? The answer comes with the stillness of silence from the thoughts of our superannuates: "The Superannuation fund is low. Is your Church doing anything to help in this situation"? The purpose of the superannuation program is to assist our aged ministers and wives of aged deceased ministers.

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It is felt this is another phase of work wherein we need to renew our efforts. May we realize we have a very grave sense of responsibility as we consider that we should support this program, whereby we may help our superannuates.

The second Sunday in May has been designated State Superannuation Sunday. This committee recommends the following:

1. The Superannuation Board of this body meet and work out a plan or plans to be offered to the various churches as a means of supporting the Superannuation program.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTIAN HILL CHURCH AND PASTOR,
REV. JOE D. OWENS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is our belief that knowledge gained through Christian Education is one of the greatest assets a person can possess. Christian Education begins with daily use of the greatest book ever written, the Holy Bible. The Bible is God's great text book for man. It is His lamp to our feet and light to our path in this world of sin. The value of Bible study cannot therefore, be over-estimated. Of all the books ever written, none contains lessons so instructive or promising as the Bible.

We, as Christian parents, should impose upon our children, in the days of their youth, the importance of studying the Word and doing His will. Christian Education should begin in the home and be further expanded by regular attendance in Sunday School and worship services. It is the duty of the pastor, the Sunday School teachers, and the adult church members to encourage our youth as well as other adults to take advantage of the many educational facilities that are available to us.

We should be much in prayer for our youth camps and Free Will Baptist Colleges and stand behind them financially for our youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow and our nation is in need of Christian leadership.

BAY SPRINGS CHURCH

REV. H. D. FAIRCLOTH, Pastor

To The Georgia Union Association When Convened With Beulah Springs:

October 12, 1968, Greetings in Jesus' name. Sorry I can't be with you all again this year, don't even have a report to make, now that I have had to give up my church in July 1951. Since that time I haven't been able to do anything, now, I am almost blind, and can't see to read, deaf, and can't hear but very little. Nevertheless I will continue to pray that you have a wonderfully good session and the Spirit of the Lord will lead. I am not able to go, or do anything, but I keep up my family devotion and have the good Lord as much as ever. He has been so good to me. I trust you will all remember us in your prayers and consider me as one of you. May the Lord bless the Association and each member, is the prayer of one who loves you all.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

N. R. SULLIVAN, Unadilla, Ga. 31091

P.S. Dear Bro. Jones, thank you for sending me the card, but I haven't any report.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

October 12, We, your Ordaining Council, met with Bro. Hobbs and all questions were answered to our satisfaction. We, therefore, recommend him to be licensed by his church to preach the Gospel wherever called or a period of one year.

Bro. Joan Owens came before this council. He is an ordained minister, and we find him in good standing, and ask him to get a letter of recommendation from the South Georgia Association. Therefore, we recommend that he present this letter to us before the next quarterly conference.

Bro. Renz, after having previously met with the council, came before the conference and asked to have the church he is now pastoring, to enter into their letter to the Association, that he has met all qualifications.

We recommend the three above men to this Association.

REV. H. D. FAIRCLOTH

REV. LARRY LANGFORD

REV. ELBERT POWELL

MISSION BOARD REPORT

Your Mission Board met in four regular sessions and two called sessions during the year. Rev. W. L. Amerson was elected chairman. Bro. Donald Self, Vice Chairman, and Bro. Sherman Jones, Secretary.

Several pleas were made for funds and there was a good response, the best ever. We beg you to keep up the good work.

The State Board was contacted and we received \$300.00 from them for the New Hope Mission. Your Board was able to match the gift also.

Discussions were held relative to other Missions work in nearby communities and towns. Please continue to pray for your Board and contribute above the call of duty. The Lord has proven to us that He will bless a cheerful giver.

REV. W. L. AMERSON, Chairman

SHERMAN JONES, Clerk

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee wish to submit the following report: Pine Level, Liberty Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Eastman, Double Branch, Warner Robins, and the New Hope Mission in Empire have Woman's Auxiliaries with a total membership of approximately 65.

The Woman's Auxiliary has contributed approximately \$500 to benevolent causes. Some of these are Westfield Ministry, Dot Harvey Loan Fund, National Home Missions, Foreign Missions, The Mollie Barker Fund, State Home Missions, and the Georgia Union Mission Board.

The District Workshop was held March 16th at the Warner Robins Missions and the District Convention was held at Double Branch, September 14th, and at this time the New Hope Mission Woman's Auxiliary joined the District.

The purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to help our churches promote Christian Missions through a program of Missions Study, prayer, stewardship, benevolence, and evangelism; therefore, we would like to encourage the churches that do not have auxiliaries to organize one. Any church desiring to organize can contact Mrs. Janice Clark, the Field Worker, or any other district officer for assistance.

DOUBLE BRANCH CHURCH

REV. JOE D. OWENS, Pastor

S T A T I S T I C A L T A B L E

CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Cooperative Plan	Literature	Building and Repairs	Evangelistic Work	Paid Pastor	Associational Fee	Total Expenditures
Anloch	NO REPORT												
Bay Springs	Gerald Smith, .. Rt. 5, Eastman, Ga. 31023	Rev. H. D. Faircloth, .. Rt. 5, Eastman, Ga. 31023	all	3	5	63	\$ 50.00	\$105.72	\$1139.57	\$190.00	\$1215.00	\$15.00	\$3018.27
Bethlehem	Mrs. Shirley Calhoun, .. Rt. 1 Box 35, Cordele, Ga. 31015	Rev. Elbert Powell, .. Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	1-3	1	3	38		47.27		228.00	463.36	12.00	957.37
Beulah Springs	Mrs. Johnnie Johnson, .. Rt. 4, Cochran, Ga. 31014	Rev. James R. Stroup, .. Macon, Ga.	all	1	1	33	164.97	50.26	167.03	125.00	875.00	12.00	1650.12
Christian Hill	Ernest J. Barker, .. P. O. Box 245, Rochelle, Ga 31079	Rev. John Owens, .. Rt. 2, Rochele, Ga. 31079	all	14	14	147	250.00	110.13		170.00	2260.00	25.00	3548.03
Double Branches	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, .. Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga. 31091	Rev. Joe D. Owens, .. P. O. Box 62, Oakfield, Ga.	all	10	6	116	226.32	252.64	3866.86	390.00	2650.00	20.00	8437.10
Eastman, First	Miss Bobbye F. Smith, ... 212 S. Pine St., Eastman, Ga. .	Rev. James L. Langford, Box 824, 6 Ave., Eastman, Ga.	all	4	1	41	95.20	427.73	2457.00	255.00	2600.00	12.00	6565.21
Liberty Chapel	Mrs. Louise McFadden, .. 1070 Rose St., Macon, Ga. 31206	Rev. Richard B. McFadden, 1070 Rose St., Macon, Ga.	all	38	4	113	243.18	431.86	214.93	44.50	877.49	20.00	3547.59
Little Bethel	James E. Bryant, .. Rt. 1, Montrose, Ga.	Rev. James Potter, .. Macon, Ga.	all	6	4	105	164.00	256.00	3512.00	215.00	1605.00	20.00	6715.00
Mt. Ararat	Mrs. Jean Selph, .. Rt. 2, Milan, Ga.	Rev. W. A. Warren, .. Jessup St., Cochran, Ga.	all			27	144.15	62.11	52.19	225.00	795.00	5.00	1519.68
New Ebenezer	Mrs. John F. Ross, .. Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga. 31014	Rev. Hoyt Findley, ... 100 Ellinor Cir., Warner Robins .	all	5	10	57	144.00	206.98	788.46	325.00	2245.00	15.00	4465.95
New Hope Mission	Violet Collins, .. Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga. 31014	Rev. Eugene Ross, .. Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.	all	9		32		136.03	552.63	205.00	235.00	12.00	1471.77
Pine Level	Luther Register, .. Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	Rev. Billy Livesay, .. Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	all	6		93		237.56	66.20	200.00	3940.00	15.00	5757.15
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Viola H. Hunt, .. 713 13 Ave., Cordele, Ga. 31015	Rev. C. D. Rentz, .. Vienna, Ga. 31092	all	2	4	41		190.12	70.20	200.00	3762.00	15.00	4642.75
Warner Robins 1st FWB ..	Mrs. Martha Brown, .. 117 Waverly Way, Warner Robins ..	Rev. E. B. Duckworth, .. Rt. 1, Story Rd., Warner Robins ..	all	8	5	51	248.39	234.42	932.94	57.00	1500.00	10.00	3762.44
White Oak	Mrs. Ernestine Collins, .. 4064 St. Charles Pl., Macon, Ga. ..	Rev. C. B. Downey, .. 2560 Echols Rd., Macon, Ga. ..	all	16	7	123	300.00	430.57	559.70	100.00	5500.00	20.00	7412.72
Wilson Chapel	Mrs. Clara Wilson, .. Rt. 1, Box 12, Thomaston, Ga. ...	Rev. L. S. Anthony, .. Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga. 30286	all	10	2	52	118.00	194.75	1500.00	165.11	530.00	15.00	3028.93

TREASURER'S REPORT OF GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD

Brought forward from past year	\$ 503.80
Individual's offerings	646.99
Georgia State Association	300.00
Georgia Union Association	547.58
Various Church offerings	1351.70
Total received	\$3,353.07
Expenses for past year:	
New Hope Mission Revival and Building program	\$ 931.50
Warner Robins Mission	104.00
Warner Robins Mission Land Payment	826.00
Total Expenses	\$1,911.50
Balance in Treasury	\$1441.57

DONALD SELF, Treasurer

DIGEST COMMITTEE

We, your Digest Committee, find at this session the following:

	Enrollment
16 Churches	
11 C. T. S. Churches	481
16 Sunday Schools	736
143 Membership received (gain 67) (dismissed 76)	
1232 Total membership	
Total offering	\$70,297.63
Total expenditures	65,501.08
Value of church property	\$194,650.00
Parsonages (2), value of	20,000.00
5 Masters Men	36
8 Woman's Auxiliaries	90
16 Number of Churches holding prayer meeting	

Christian Hill Church recommends that Bro. John Owens be examined by the ordaining council.

ALTON FLEMING
EDISON SMITH
ROSS BENNETT

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Offerings:

Balance from last year	\$ 157.44
First Quarterly Session	119.00
Second Quarterly Session	171.41
Third Quarterly Session	161.20
ANNUAL Session	268.98
Total offerings	\$878.03

Expenditures:

Georgia Union Mission Board	547.58
Paid Moderator	50.00

Paid Clerk	60.00
Paid for printing 400 minutes	107.39
State and National Association Dues	60.00
Ministers I. D. Cards paid	2.06
State Ministerial Association I. D. Cards	26.00
Total Expenditures	\$853.03
Total offerings	878.03
Total expenditures	853.03
Balance in treasury at this session	25.00
Total taken from churches at this session	243.00
Offering received at this session	43.36
Balance in treasury	\$311.36

Submitted this Associational Year 1968,

JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer

BRENDA TURNER

NELLIE J. COLE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELDER JOE FRANK SMITH

Bro. Smith departed this life to be with the Lord the 12th day of October 1967. His funeral was held October 13, 1967, at Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

He was one who served his Master,
 His time on earth was well spent.
 His daily task was to seek the lost,
 And plead with them to repent.
 He was kind and tenderhearted,
 He loved God and his fellowman.
 He built upon the solid rock,
 And not on the drifting sand.
 He has departed this world of today,
 For a place that will be his home.
 He'll live forever in Heaven above,
 But his memory will live on and on.

We feel that he fought a good fight, he finished his course. He kept the faith. Written by

SISTER MATTIE N. COOK For the Members
 of BAY SPRINGS CHURCH

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 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 and 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. **TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are:
 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it;
 2. Faith of the unswerving committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul 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 work 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 & 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. Examination shall be held at the Quarterly meeting of 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 & re-written only by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting at a regular session of the Georgia Union Asso'n.

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 the 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 judgments 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.