

1969

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

Of The Original Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH

LIBERTY CHAPEL

Macon, Georgia

Saturday, October 11, 1969

OFFICERS

Rev. C. B. Downey, Moderator 2560 Echols Rd., Macon, Ga.

Rev. H. D. Faircloth, Vice Moderator Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga. 31021

Edison Smith, Clerk Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga. 31021

Charles Strickland, Assistant Clerk 801 5th Ave., Eastman, Ga. 31021

John F. Cannon, Treasurer Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012

Rose Cannon, Assistant Treasurer Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012

NEXT SESSION

The next session will convene with Little Bethel Church, near Montrose, Georgia, January 10, 1970.

The next Annual Session will convene with New Hope Church, near Empire, Georgia, October 10, 1970.

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FREE ART BAZAAR



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 the 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.

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 Liberty Chapel Church in Macon, Georgia on Saturday, October 11, 1969. This was the seventy-fourth annual session.

SATURDAY MORNING

Session opened by the Moderator calling the meeting to order with song service and prayer offered by Rev. E. V. Skipper.

Moderator welcomed everyone and recognized the visitors and ministers from other associations. The ministers were Rev. Bobby Jackson, Rev. Gerald Owens, Rev. E. V. Skipper, and Rev. Floyd Seay.

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

Moderator read scripture from 1st Cor. 13:1-7 and spoke of love.

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Harold Dunlap. The Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Hoyt Findley, using scripture from St. John 1:1-14.

The church covenant was read by the moderator and Rev. C. B. Dowdney read the changes to be made in the constitution and by-laws.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to table the changing of the By-Laws and Constitution until the evening part of this session to be voted on.

Moderator called for church letters and roll call of the delegates. All of the churches were represented by letter with the exception of one and it was voted to receive their letter at a later date.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for moderator to appoint committees to serve as follows: Rev. C. B. Dowdney to serve with the Ordaining council; Bro. Harold Johnson to serve with the Digest Committee.

Bro. Sherman Jones presented to the moderator his resignation from the Georgia Union Mission Board. A motion carried to accept Bro. Jones's resignation from the Georgia Union Mission Board.

Rev. Donald Moore asked to resign from the state Superannuation Board. Motion carried to accept his resignation.

A motion carried to leave the business session and go into the worship service. An inspiring message was brought by Rev. Bobby Jackson, using the following scriptures: Acts 2:31, 4:4, 6:7, 9:31, 16:5, and 5:42.

After the worship service, the benediction for lunch was given by Rev. H. D. Faircloth.

SATURDAY EVENING

The afternoon session re-convened with congregation singing and prayer was offered by Rev. C. B. Dowdney.

A devotional with thoughts of love was given by Rev. Charles Clark.

Moderator announced that Bro. Mance R. Cason was not able to attend this association, but would mail certificates to the churches that deserved them.

Bro. Ernest J. Barker spoke of the Harvest Day Drive and encouraged each church to give to the children's home.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for all funds and gifts to be sent to Bro. Donald Self by October 22, to be sent to the children's home.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

The various churches gave the following reports:
 Liberty Chapel Church gave report on Superannuation.
 New Ebenezer Church gave report on Sunday School.
 Pine Level gave report on Church Training Service.
 Wilson Chapel gave report on Christian Education.
 Double Branches gave report on Master's Men.
 White Oak gave report on Womans Auxiliary.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt their reports. Discussion of getting a Public Address System to be used for Sunday School Conventions and Youth For Christ Rallies. Motion carried for the public address system to be purchased and paid for by the Sunday Schools and Association.

A report was given by the mission board Treasurer, Donald Self. It was moved to adopt the report.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for Rev. L. S. Anthony to serve with the Georgia Union Association Superannuation Board.

Congregation singing with an offering taken.

A report was given by the finance committee by John F. Cannon. It was voted to adopt the report.

The changes to the By-Laws and Constitution were read and adopted. Motioned, seconded, and carried for the Association to purchase new identification cards for all ministers in the Georgia Union Association.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the digest report as given by the committee.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the report of state of churches and character of ministers as given by the committee.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to adopt the report as given by the committee on nominations.

Moderator appointed W. R. Bennett to serve as a delegate from the Georgia Union Association to the State Association.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for Rev. L. S. Anthony to continue to serve on the State Mission-Board.

Motioned, seconded, and carried for Rev. C. B. Dowdney to serve on the State Superannuation Board.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality during this session of the association.

A motion carried to recommend Rev. C. B. Rentz to the South Georgia Association and Rev. Eugene Ross to the Union Association.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to revise the report given by the Ordaining Council.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to receive New Hope Free Will Baptist Church into the Georgia Union Association as a fully organized church.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jerold Owens.

REV. L. S. ANTHONY, Moderator

DONALD SELF, Clerk

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest." For the simple reason that each individual has only a short time to work, we should have Christian Education at the top of our support list.

It is the law of the land that prayers should not open a day in public schools. God is mentioned in our public schools, but often in scorn and false conceptions. Therefore, we should make every effort to strengthen our Sunday School programs, establish Christian Education in the home, encourage our Christian day schools, youth camps, Bible Colleges, and most of all pray that God will give us fruit for our labor. If this is done, our young people can face the confusing world they must live in with firm convictions, Christian principles, and a belief that God is the Supreme Being of the Universe.

WILSON CHAPEL FWB CHURCH

REV. L. S. ANTHONY, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, your committee on Sunday School, beg to make the following report. Daniel Webster once said, "If we work on marble it will perish, if we work on brass, time will erase it, if we rear temples, they will crumble to the dust; but, if we work on men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with a just fear of God and love for their fellow man, we engrave upon those tablets something time cannot erase, and which will brighten eternally." The Sunday School is the best place known to do this which Webster has recommended. Let us remember our ill trained and equipped Sunday School teachers and teaching methods. Let each teacher prayerfully consider his place in the church.

Gear the Sunday School to reach the youth. We'll have to admit that our young people are not at church on Sunday morning. Where are they? We recommend that our Sunday School tell it like it is. Refrain from sugar coating the truth. We believe our teachers should teach the gospel truth and then live as if they believe what they teach. We'll all agree that the education at public schools is important; much more so is the training we receive at Sunday School. We resolve that we all strive for victory in Sunday School in CHRIST.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NEW EBENEZER FWB CHURCH

REV. HOYT FINDLEY

SUPERANNUATION

The growth and expansion of the Free Will Baptist Denomination in New Churches organized, Christian education and the Foreign Mission program, have been made by the faithful efforts of our aged Ministers. They have labored faithfully and have sacrificed for the cause of Christ.

The report received from Bro. H. E. Dunaway on Superannuation from

the Georgia Union Association is as follows: only eight or ten churches gave. Amount received was \$25.00 in April and \$16.60 in July. Total amount received was \$204.00. There are two Ministers. The Association is paying \$15.00 quarterly. They are Rev. Eddie Lee Hewett, of Thomaston, Ga., and Rev. N. R. Sullivan, Unadilla, Ga.

There are others who are in need of financial help but because many churches are not giving anything for Superannuation, these have to suffer and do without many necessities of life. We have failed to realize our responsibility in supporting Superannuation. The second Sunday in May has been designated State Superannuation.

God will bless every Church who gives for His cause.

Every Church should support our Superannuation Board with our prayers and efforts in any way possible. We gave them a job to do, so let us help them to do it.

Respectfully submitted,
LIBERTY CHAPEL FWB CHURCH
REV. HAROLD DUNLAP, Pastor

REPORTS OF STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

On the basis of information, or lack of information known to this Committee all Churches are in fellowship and our Ministers are in order.

Annual Minister Certificates have been received from Rev. Elbert Powell and E. B. Duckworth only.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST J. BARKER
ELLEN DUNN
W. F. JOHNSON

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, make the following report:

We recommend that Bro. Floyd Seay be accepted in full fellowship in the Georgia Union Association asking the clerk to write for his recommendation.

We recommend that Bro. Henry Bridges' license be renewed by Beulah Springs Church.

We recommend that Bro. Billy McKenny and Bro. John F. Cannon be licensed to preach the Gospel by New Ebenezer Church.

We recommend that Bro. George Trapp be licensed to preach the Gospel by Beulah Springs Church.

We also recommend that Bro. G. G. Hobbs' license to preach the Gospel be renewed by the First FWB Church of Warner Robins, Ga.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that the Empire New Hope Church be accepted as a fully organized church in full fellowship with the Georgia Union Association.

W. L. AMERSON
C. B. DOWDNEY
ELBERT POWELL

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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

Number of Auxiliaries	6
Total Membership	58
Number of New Members	12
Number Lost	8
Number of Study Courses Held during past year.	13
Number of Daily Bible Readers for past year	25
Number of Tithers	19
Membership Fees	\$74.00
Home Missions, National Home Missions, State	\$ 41.77
Foreign Missions	136.30
Student Loan Fund	5.00
Children's Home	25.00
Superannuation	3.00
WNAC General Fund	45.50
Co Laborer	52.00
Auxiliary Literature	134.48
Local Church Activities	178.15
Missions, other	10.00

WHITE OAK CHURCH

C. B. DOWDNEY, Pastor

GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward	\$1441.57
Received during past year	1265.09
Total in Treasury	\$2706.66
EXPENSE:	
Warner Robins (Final land payment)	1526.00
Empire Mission	866.50
Total Expense	2392.50
Balance in Treasury	314.16

GEORGIA UNION MISSION TREASURER

DONALD SELF

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following names for consideration:

Moderator	Rev. C. B. Dowdney
Vice Moderator	Rev. H. D. Faircloth
Clerk	Edison Smith
Assistant Clerk	Charles Strickland
Treasurer	John F. Cannon
Assistant Treasurer	Rose Cannon
Mission Board	
Donald Self (new term)	
James Earl Bryant (1 year to serve out Bro. Jones' term).	
W. L. Amerson (new term)	
Superannuation Board	
Rev. L. S. Anthony	

Rev. R. B. McFadden
 James Johnson
 Rev. Jimmy Smith
 Education Board
 Ernest Collins to replace Billy Livesay.
 Executive Board
 Hollis Smith term extended
 Ordaining Council
 Rev. C. B. Dowdney
 Digest Committee
 Harold Johnson
 Donald Moore
 Hershel Johnson (Mt. Ararat)

SHERMAN JONES
 ROSCO PITTS
 CHARLES STRICKLAND

REPORT OF MASTER'S MEN COMMITTEE

We, your Master's Men Committee, find four churches having Master's Men,, according to letters presented.

We wish to recommend the following:

1. That all churches possible organize a Master's Men.
2. That each Master's Men undertake a project which would cause closer unity among men of the Church.

We believe that we of Double Branch are the youngest organized, being less than one year old. We seem to be having a hard time getting our men to join. We ask your prayers that we may grow and accomplish things for our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
 DOUBLE BRANCH CHURCH
 H. E. DUNAWAY

HIGH LIGHTS FOR THE PAST ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

First Session: Convened with Christian Hill Church, January 11, 1969.

At this session the Warner Robins Church was received into the Association as a fully organized church. Brothers Jimmy Smith and Monroe Jefferson were licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

Second Session: Convened at Double Branch Church, April 12, 1969. At this session Dr. Robert Picirilli from the FWB College in Nashville, Tenn. brought an inspiring message on "Fruit Bearing" using John 15:1-8.

Third Session: Convened with the First Eastman Church, July 12, 1969. At this session it was voted by the body to consider FWB Ministers only of our Association to receive funds from the Superannuation Board.

C. T. S. COMMITTEE

We, your Committee make the following report:

Our Association has 17 active churches, however, we have only eleven churches in the Association that have organized a C. T. S. Since the CTS is an important organization in the field of Christian training, we urge that all churches, along with their Pastors, help promote and organize C. T. S. in all our churches in our Association.

It is evident that interest in the C. T. S. is not what it should be. We urge every Christian to get involved in this work in such a manner that we could go forward for Christ in a mighty way. The net result of accomplishment in this field can be measured by the effort put forth by every Christian in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
PINE LEVEL CHURCH
FLOYD SEAY, Pastor

MISSION BOARD REPORT

Your Mission Board met in four regular sessions during the year. Rev. W. L. Amerson was re-elected for a new term to serve as Chairman of the Board; Bro. Donald Self to serve as Vice Chairman, and Bro. James Earl Bryant to serve for one year, the unexpired term of Bro. Sherman Jones.

After participating in the work of the Warner Robins and Empire Missions, we are glad to report that these Missions have been accepted into our Association as fully organized churches.

W. L. AMERSON, Chairman
DONALD SELF, Vice Chairman
HOLLIS SMITH
E. J. BARKER
JAMES EARL BRYANT

DIGEST COMMITTEE

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

Total members received	86
Total members dismissed	75
Deceased	11
Total increase	11
Active Sunday Schools	16
Prayer Meetings	16
C. T. S.	11
Woman's Auxiliary	8
Master's Men	4
All except two churches are operating on a full time basis.	
Value of church property	\$207,000.00
Total offering	67,134.20
Spent for outside causes	4,818.07
Paid Pastors	31,268.26
Three churches have parsonages.	

Since the Annual Association is held on one day only we suggest, in the essence of time, that one message and one devotion only be held at this Association.

ROBERT ROGERS, Chairman
HAROLD JOHNSON
ROSS BENNETT

THE GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Convention held its Annual meeting July 27, 1969 at Bleckly County Elementary School. Session opened by singing "Amazing Grace" and prayer by Bro. Arthur Thompson. Bro. Sherman Jones gave the devotion from Deut. 6:6.

We had 9 churches represented with 7 churches presenting program which was most enjoyable.

A move was seconded and carried to hold the Convention the last Sunday in July. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Convention was adjourned with Scripture read from Jude 1:24-25 by the President.

BRO. SHERMAN JONES, President

BRO. HOLLIS SMITH, Sect'y. & Treas.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. H. D. Faircloth	Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Elbert Powell	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.
Rev. James R. Stroup	2059 Regint St., Macon, Ga.
Rev. Joe D. Owens	P. O. Box 62, Oakfield, Ga.
Rev. Gerald Owens	6th Ave., Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Harold Dunlap	3021 Melbourne St., Macon, Ga.
Rev. James W. Potter	2762 Lakeshore Dr., Macon, Ga.
Rev. W. A. Warren	Jessup St., Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Hoyt Findley	100 Elinor Circle, Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. Morgan J. Haynes	Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Floyd Seay	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.
Rev. J. M. Herrald	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga.
Rev. E. B. Duckworth	Rt. 1, Story Way, Warner Robins, Ga.
Rev. C. B. Dowdney	2560 Echols Place, Macon, Ga.
Rev. L. S. Anthony	Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. W. L. Amerson	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.
Rev. Richard B. McFadden	1070 Rose St., Macon, Ga.
Rev. Spurgeon Jones	Eastman, Ga.
Rev. George Foskey	Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. J. R. Davidson	Glenville, Ga.
Rev. Charles Clark	Carterwoods Subdivision, Box 433, Rt. 1, Byron, Ga.
Rev. Donald Moore	4040 Lafayette Dr., Macon, Ga.
Rev. Rosco Pitts	Rt. 1, Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. E. L. Hewett	P. O. Box 533, Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. E. V. Skipper	202 E St., Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. N. R. Sullivan	Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga.
Rev. Jerald Brown	Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Monroe Winter	621 W. Main St., Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. Charlie Knott	Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.
Rev. Henry E. Bridges	Rt. 2, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Jimmy Smith	Rt. 2, Box 181, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Ronny Moore	Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.
Rev. G. G. Hobbs	705 Miller Dr., Warner Robins, Ga.

FUTURE EVENTS OF THE GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

The District C. T. S. Convention will meet with Wilson Chapel Church in Thomaston, Ga., on May 23, 1970, at 10 A. M..

The District Sunday School Convention will meet at Bleckly County Elementary School Building, near Cochran, Ga., at 10 A. M., on July 26, 1970. Officers for the Convention are Bro. Sherman Jones, President, and Bro. Hollis Smith, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Youth for Christ Rally will convene with the following churches:

White Oak Church	Feb. 14, 1970 at 6:30 PM
Little Bethel Church	May 16, 1970, at 6:30 PM
Wilson Chapel Church	Aug. 15, 1970, at 6:30 PM
Double Branch Church	Nov. 14, 1970, at 6:30 PM

Officers for The Youth for Christ Rally are:

President, Ronnie Moore	Pine Level
Vice President, Billy McKenny	New Ebenezer
Secretary and Treasurer, Patricia Dunaway	Double Branch
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Karen Ethridge,	Double Branch
Song Leader, Jimmy Collins ..	White Oak
Assistant Song Leader, Carroll Amerson	Pine Level
Pianist, Sue Register	Pine Level
Assistant Pianist, Elaine Smith	First Church of Eastman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Offerings	\$825.74
Total Expenditures	768.74
Balance in Treasury	57.00
Received from Annual Session	243.00

Total Balance in Treasury	\$300.00
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EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED:

Georgia Union Mission Board	\$392.16
Minutes, Ham Printing Co.	101.97
Church letter blanks	11.25
National and State Association dues	60.00
Atlanta Missions work	50.00
Identification cards ..	33.00
Donation for new printing machine in State office	20.36
Paid Moderator	40.00
Paid Clerk	60.00
Total	\$768.74

JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer

DORIS ANTHONY

HAZEL FINDLEY

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, 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 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

We, the Committee on By-Laws recommend the following changes:

Article 1. The Georgia Union Association shall meet quarterly. The last meeting of the year shall be the Annual Session.

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

Article 3. If any member, in the judgement of the Association, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, shall forfeit his seat in that session of the Association.

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

Article 5. The Association shall always adjourn by vote.

Article 6. There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with the treasurer, and report to the Association.

Article 7. The officers and standing committees shall be entitled to seats in the Association.

Article 8. No Elder, Minister, Deacon, Board Member or Delegate, shall be at liberty to fill any place, such as preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be given by the Association.

Article 9. The Association shall always open and close with prayer and praise of God.

Article 10. The minutes of the Association shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Article 11. The Moderator shall read, or have read, the by-laws and Church Covenant at each session of the Association.

Article 12. All church clerks shall furnish the clerk of the Association with three (3) copies of their church letter at the annual session of the Association.

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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 The Host Church.

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-aws, not consistant with this constitution, which may be deemed essenital 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.