

1972
MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
BETHLEHEM CHURCH
Near Cordele, Georgia
Saturday, October 7, 1972

OFFICERS

Rev. Joe Owens, Moderator Macon, Ga.
Rev. E. E. Kelly, Vice Moderator Hawkinsville, Ga.
Rev. Donald W. Moore, Clerk Macon, Ga.
Bro. Hollis Smith, Assistant Clerk Eastman, Ga.
Rev. John F. Cannon, Treasurer Chester, Ga.
Sis. Rose Cannon, Assistant Treasurer Chester, Ga.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session—January 13, 1973	Beulah Spring
2nd Quarterly Session—April, 7, 1973	Calvary
3rd Quarterly Session—July 7, 1973	Christian Hill
Annual Session—October 13, 1973	Double Branch
C. T. S. Convention—May 26, 1973	Pine Level
Sunday School Convention—July 28, 1973	Bleckley County Elementary School

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 acknowledgement in matters of dealing.
6. Report of deacons.
7. Report of committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Appointment of committees.
12. Adjourn.

M/S/C—Moved, seconded and carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Henry Nobles
Emmett Dunaway

Julian Davis
Edison Smith
Hollis Smith

TRUSTEE BOARD

*Leonard Emerson
Arthur Etheridge

Hezzie Smith
Ross Bennett
Horace Hobbs

ORDAINING COUNCIL

*Rev. Howard Faircloth

Rev. E. E. Kelly
Rev. Ronnie Moore

MISSION BOARD

*Sherman Jones
*Rev. L. S. Anthony

*Donald Self
James E. Bryant
Charles Strickland

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

*Ernest Barker

James Johnson
Emmett Dunaway

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE

*Emory Nobles

*Leonard Emerson
*Frank McKinney

DIGEST COMMITTEE

*Ross Bennet

*Arnold Williams
*Cliff Gaines

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

*Charles Strickland
*Emory E. Nobles
*Kim Kelly

*Edward Bruce
*Rev. Howard Smith
*Sherman Jones
*Harold Johnson

*To be retained or replaced at annual session along with moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer & assistant treasurer.

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 Rev. Billy McKinney Rt. 1, Abbeville, Ga. 31001

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

January 8, 1972

The First Quarterly Association convened at Wilson Chapel near Thomaston, Ga. Session was opened with singing led by Rev. Russell Horne, with prayer by Rev. Jerry Johnson.

Welcome was extended to delegates and visitors by Rev. L. S. Anthony, pastor of host church.

Devotion was given by Rev. Russell Horne; scripture was taken from I Corinthians 16:9. His subject was "How Christians Are Faced With Opposition"—a wonderful devotion.

Moderator read from James 1:19-21.

Visitors recognized by moderator and invited to sit with association.

Moved, seconded, and carried to receive church letters and seat delegates listed or any that were to be charged.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint two delegates to serve on Finance Committee with Bro. John Cannon, appointed were: Bro. Herschel Johnson and Bro. Ronnie Peavy.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Bro. H. E. Bridges be removed from Digest Committee due to declining after being informed that he was elected to serve on Digest Committee. Floor was opened for nomination. Nominated were: Bro. Harold Johnson and Bro. Bobby McKinney.

Moved, seconded, and carried that nominating cease. Bro. Bobby McKinney was elected.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Bro. Mance Cason's resignation from various offices he held in association and grant him a letter of recommendation.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint a committee to study feasibility of moving our meetings from individual churches to State Camp or fix a map so that churches could be easily located. Appointed to serve on this committee were: Rev. Gerald Brown, Bro. Donald Self, Rev. John Cannon, Bro. Joel Butler and Rev. Joe Owens.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn from morning business session and enter into worship hour.

Special singing was rendered by young people of host church along with Miss Gina Stovel and her mother.

Morning message was delivered by Rev. Mance Cason using scripture taken from Galatians 1:6-9, "How Easy It Is To Leave The Calling of The Love of Christ."

Evening session opened with singing by body with prayer by Rev. Hoyt Findley. Special singing was rendered by young people of Wilson Chapel and Miss Stovel, of Thomaston, Ga.

Bro. Jerry Johnson, state missionary who is to start a mission in Athens, Georgia, told the body how he became burdened about a mission and how it became Athens, Georgia. Also, Bro. Johnson will be visiting in our association from March 6-12.

Bro. Anthony gave an oral report on Home Missions. He stated that the State Mission Board's aim was to put a missionary out into the field

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every year. He also gave an oral report from the local mission board. \$2,005.00 is in Mission Board treasury.

An oral report from state office was given by Rev. A. C. Truluck. He stated that the past year was the best ever and that March 12 would be State Mission Sunday.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Finance Committee report and release committee.

Financial report since the Annual Session:

Total receipts	\$402.97
Total expenses	351.58
Balance in treasury	\$ 51.39

We, your Finance Committee, wish to make the following report:

Received from churches	\$160.00
Balance in treasury	51.39
Total on hand	\$211.39

Submitted by:

REV. JOHN F. CANNON

BRO. RONNIE PEAVY

BRO. HERSCHEL JOHNSON

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept committee report on having our regular meetings at the State Camp and that this matter be considered by each church and reconsidered at next session.

We, your committee on Moving our Meeting Place to State Camp, make the following report:

We recommend that we take the matter of moving our association to the camp back to each church and vote on whether to have our meeting at each church or at camp. We recommend the facilities of the camp which can seat at least two hundred to eat and for business session. Pray about this as we consider each church and the benefits to all.

Submitted by:

REV. GERALD BROWN

REV. JOHN F. CANNON

REV. JOE OWENS

BRO. DONALD SELF

BRO. JOEL BUTLER

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Digest Committee report.

We, your Digest Committee, give the following report:

Members received	32
Members lost	12
Auxiliaries	38
Offerings	\$21,707.31
Disbursements	\$17,567.38

We, the Digest Committee, have been asked by several members of the association to recommend that the association be divided into two separate associations to consist of churches east of the Ocmulgee River & West of Ocmulgee River due to the fact that the association is too large. This has resulted in communication being broken down. Fellowship is not as good as it has been due to the great distance between some church,

es. We would like for each delegate to take this recommendation back to his church and then at the next association appoint a committee to deal with this matter.

Submitted by:

BRO. ROSS BENNETT

BRO. BOBBY McKINNEY

BRO. W. R. ROGERS

Moved, seconded, and carried that above report be accepted and reconsidered at next meeting.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Christian Education Board report as follows:

The first meeting of the newly organized Board of Christian Education was held on November 14, 1971. Called to order by Chairman, Charles Strickland. Prayer offered by Rev. Mance Cason. Chairman reminded us of our charge (See minutes under constitution). Purpose of first meeting, outline work during the coming year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to have a TNT session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to have session February 18th and 19th, Friday night and Saturday morning.

Moved, seconded, and carried for chairman to select the location after talking to Bro. Harrison. The session is to be held at Eastman Church.

Moved, seconded, and carried to contact the C. T. S. Department along the lines of the teacher work shop.

Moved, seconded, and carried for clerk to furnish each board member with a copy of these minutes.

The officers of the board are as follows:

Charles Strickland	Chairman
Mance Cason	Vice Chairman
Sherman Jones	Clerk-Treasurer
John Nobles	Member
Kim Kelly	Member
Edward Bruce	Member
Harold Johnson	Member

Submitted by:

CHARLES STRICKLAND, Chairman

SHERMAN JONES, Clerk

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Ordaining Council report.

We, your Ordaining Council, recommend that the moderator instruct all churches whose pastors are not qualified as in good standing to send pastors to next association meeting to be examined according to our rule as found on page 7, rule No. 1.

We also recommend that Bro. Ronald Peavy be granted license to preach for one year.

REV. JOE ENGLAND

REV. J. M. HERRALD

REV. ELBERT POWELL

Elected to succeed Rev. Mance Cason on Ordaining Council was Rev. J. M. Herrald.

Elected to succeed Rev. Mance Cason on Christian Education Board was Rev. Joe England.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Rev. E. E. Kelly be recommended to State Executive Board to replace Bro. Cason on State Superannuation Board.

Bro. Sherman Jones elected as Chairman of Harvest Day Drive, replacing Rev. Cason.

Rev. Hoyt Findley elected to replace Rev. Cason as Parliamentarian.

Moved, seconded, and carried to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

REV. H. D. FAIRCLOTH, Moderator

REV. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING—1972

April 8, 1972

The second quarterly session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Antioch Church near Pitts, Ga., with singing led by Rev. Ronnie Moore, with prayer by Rev. Gerald Brown.

Welcome extended by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

Devotion was given by Rev. John Cannon, Psalms 139:23-24.

Business session was opened with prayer by Rev. E. E. Kelly.

Moderator welcomed visitors and invited them to sit with association.

Letters received from various churches. Moved, seconded, and carried to seat delegates and any that may come in later.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept minutes as read.

Moved and seconded to take vote on moving place from churches to Camp Mt. Bethel; voted overwhelmingly to retain meeting place at churches.

Moved and seconded to vote on item concerning dividing association. Voted for association to remain intact.

Proposed changes in licensing and ordaining of ministers presented by Ordaining Council was read by clerk. Moved, seconded, and carried to table above changes until afternoon session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to divert from program outline in order to continue in business session.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint 2 to serve on Finance Committee with Treasurer, Bro. John Cannon. Appointed were: Bro. Williams and Bro. Roy Faircloth.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint a member to serve on Digest Committee. Appointed was Bro. Wayne Pruett.

Moved, seconded, and carried to enter worship services. Singing was led by Rev. Ronnie Moore, prayer by Rev. Lightfoot.

Morning message was delivered by Rev. James Potter, II Tim. 4:1-4, challenging pastors and deacons not to compromise in order to influence attendance, an inspiring message.

Afternoon session opened with singing directed by Rev. Ronnie Moore and prayer by Rev. Johnny Eason who was visiting with us.

Rev. Johnny Eason, representing Rev. A. C. Truluck, told of what has happened and future activities that are to take place this year.

Moved, seconded, and carried that association adopt report from the State Promotional Offices as follows:

1. Six-month financial report:

Co-op Receipts	\$13,992.72
Co-op Budget	\$13,750.00
Designated receipts	\$18,776.51
Designated budget	\$13,750.00

2. Bookstore—We now hope to be in operation about the middle of June. If so, we will be able to handle Sunday School literature for the last quarter. Notice will be sent to each person who orders Sunday School literature, notifying them of the date to start sending orders into the state office.

3. National Association Fund—The National Association of Free Will Baptist will meet in Macon, Ga., July, 1973. We are asking each association to try to raise 50c per member to help meet the expense of hosting said association. Send funds designated for National Association expense to the state office.

4. Announcements:

Women Auxiliary Retreat—April 28-29, at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Ga.

Ministers Retreat—May 10-13 at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Ga.

5. Distributions:

- a. Camp calendars
- b. Minister Retreat programs
- c. Yearly calendars

Order Vacation Bible School material through state office, order early.

Evening devotion was delivered by Rev. Leroy Lightfoot reading the 10th chapter of Romans.

Afternoon business session was opened with prayer by Bro. Ernest Barker.

Moderator read the church covenant and by-laws.

Moved, seconded and carried to receive finance report as listed below and release committee:

We, your Finance Committee, wish to make the following report:

Received from churches \$146.00

We recommend that an offering be taken up for superannuation before we adjourn.

JOHN F. CANNON
ROY FAIRCLOTH
ARNOLD WILLIAMS

Moved, seconded to carry matter back to the various churches to have one meeting a year at Camp Mt. Bethel. Move rejected.

Moved, seconded, and carried that any church that is to host association have prerogative to have meeting at Camp, said church to give asso-

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ciation 3 months' notice.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Christian Education Board report as follows:

We, your Board of Christian Education, wish to make this report:

Your board sponsored a Teach 'N Train Rally in February of this year. The instructors were a team from F. W. B. Headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. The following churches participated in the rally: Christian Hill, 9; First Eastman, 7; New Ebenezer 15; Warner Robins 2; Little Bethel 2; Pine Level, 6; White Oak, 11; Dublin Mission, 2; Bay Springs, 1; Double Branch 2; making a total of 10 churches and 57 in attendance. Many certificates were awarded. Total fees, \$179.00. Lunch was furnished by the Board—\$54.79. A balance of \$124.21 was supplemented by the Sunday School Convention by \$102.00. A total of \$226.21 was given to the instructors' team. A grand total of \$281.00 was spent. We trust this will only be a beginning. Pray for your Board.

We, your committee or board, urge this body to allocate some fund for this board to have as operating expenses for future work. We, your board, recommend that the tick-tack-toe, the Bible bowl and sword drill be incorporated into the Youth for Christ rally as a church competition.

CHARLES STRICKLAND, Chairman

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk-Treasurer

Moved, seconded, and carried to receive Ordaining Council report and act on item by item.

We, your Ordaining Council, recommend that Bro. Henry Bridges' license to preach be renewed for one year. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt.

We further recommend that the request of New Hope FWB Church concerning the acceptance of Rev. L. L. Sapp into the Georgia Union Association be rejected. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt.

REV. J. M. HERRALD

REV. JOE ENGLAND

REV. ELBERT POWELL

Moved and seconded that Georgia Union allocate \$100.00 per quarter to Christian Education Board. Move rejected.

Moved, seconded, and carried that excess fund be shared on a 50-50 basis between the Christian Education Board and Mission Board.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Ordaining Council reform report be left on table until next meeting.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Georgia Union promotional secretary be given copies in order to make copy for each church.

Moved, seconded, and carried that church furnish each member with a copy of Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Original FWB.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Digest Committee report as follows:

We, your Digest Committee, wish to make the following report:

Church reporting	16
Members received	27
Members lost	10

Auxiliary	40
Offering	\$20,469.62
Disbursements	17,499.50

New Ebenezer proposes that at least one quarterly meeting each year be taken to the camp.

W. R. ROGERS, Chairman

W. R. PRUETT

BOBBY McKINNEY

Moved, seconded, and carried to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

Offering was taken for Superannuation.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

REV. HOWARD FAIRCLOTH, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

July 8, 1972

The third Session of Georgia Union Association convened at Bay Spring Church with singing led by Rev. Ronnie Moore, prayer by Rev. Joe England.

Welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Elbert Powell, pastor of hose church. Scripture was taken from 31st chapter of Exodus.

Business session was opened with prayer by Rev. Hoyt Findley.

Moderator read Revelation 3:22.

Minutes were read by clerk. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept minutes as read.

Letters received from all 18 churches. Delegates' names were called by clerk. Moved, seconded, and carried to seat delegates.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint one member to serve on Digest Committee. Appointed was Bro. Ernest Barker.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint two members to serve on Finance Committee with association treasurer. Appointed were Bro. Charles Strickland and Bro. Horace Hobbs.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt program outline and follow closely as possible.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Bro. Charles Strickland's resignation as promotional secretary of association.

Bro. Joe England requested that he be replaced on Ordaining Council and Christian Education Board.

Church covenant and by-laws read by moderator.

Moved, seconded, and carried to deviate from program outline and continue in business session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to take item concerning new rules for licensing and ordaining ministers from table and act on same.

Moved, seconded, and carried to reject Ordaining Council's request for new rules and questions by 40 to 30 vote.

Moved, seconded, and carried to return to regular program schedule.

Morning message was delivered by Rev. J. M. Herrald—Ezekiel

13:1-15, 19. Text was from 22nd verse, "Polluting the Word".

Afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Ronnie Moore, prayer by Rev. E. E. Kelly.

Afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Howard Smith, using the Lord's Prayer as his scripture.

Moved, seconded, and carried to change state office report in order that Rev. Lewis Williams could give report for Rev. A. C. Truluck and leave early as he had a great distance to travel. He reminded us of the National Association to be held in Macon in 1973 and for each church to try and raise \$50 per member. He also stated that the mission needed money in order to meet obligation for land that was purchased in Athens, Georgia.

The association was reminded that it is time for local association to host the state association and remember to extend invitation to state association.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Finance Committee report as follows and release committee:

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

Balance in treasury	\$ 19.96
Received from churches	170.00
Total	\$189.96

We also recommend that an offering be taken for Superannuation.

JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer
CHARLES STRICKLAND

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Christian Education Committee report as follows:

A short meeting was held at the last conference at Antioch Church, relative to incorporation of some phases of the educational work.

Received check from association in amount of \$50.00. With deep appreciation, we acknowledge the gift. No immediate plans for the future.

CHARLES STRICKLAND, Chairman
SHERMAN JONES, Clerk

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Digest Committee report:

Members received	31
Members lost	8
Net Gain	23
Auxiliaries	39
Collection	\$20,440.96
Disbursements	18,004.13

ROSS BENNETT
BOBBY McKINNEY
ERNEST J. BARKER

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Ordaining Council report:

We recommend that the request of Eastman FWB Church to receive their pastor, Rev. Howard Smith, into membership in the association pend-

ing his letter from his present association.

Respectfully submitted by your Ordaining Council.

REV. J. M. HERRALD

REV. JOE ENGLAND

REV. ELBERT POWELL

Moved, seconded, and carried to grant Rev. James E. Shield a letter of good fellowship.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Rev. J. M. Herrald's resignation from Ordaining Council.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Rev. Elbert Powell's resignation from the Ordaining Council.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint one member to serve on State of Churches and Character of Ministers with Bro. Ernest Collins and Bro. Donald Self. Appointed was Bro. Emmett Dunaway.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint an Ordaining Council to serve for remainder of associational year. Appointed were: Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rev. Gerald Brown, Rev. Russell Horne.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator and Executive Committee serve as Nominating Committee.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint other committee for annual report. Appointed were:

C. T. S.—Bethlehem Church

Woman Auxiliary—Calvary

Master Men—Christian Hill

Superannuation—Antioch

Sunday School—Mt. Ararat

Moved, seconded, and carried that a total of church statistics be included in the minutes.

Moved, seconded, and carried that clerk, along with Bro. Harold Johnson and Bro. Joe Owens, serve as promotional secretary.

Rev. L. S. Anthony gave oral report for the local mission board.

Oral report of CTS Convention was given by Bro. John Nobles.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Bro. Cannon look into cost of printing ministers' I. D. cards.

Moved, seconded, and carried to extend host church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn from business session and have announcements.

REV. HOWARD FAIRCLOTH, Moderator

REV. DONALD W. MOORE

ANNUAL SESSION—1972

October 7, 1972

The Seventy-seventh annual session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Bethlehem Church, near Cordele, Georgia.

Session began with singing "Rescue the Perishing" with prayer by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

Welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Leroy Lightfoot.

Moderator read Romans 10:1 and recognized visitors and invited them to deliberate with us.

Moved, seconded, and carried that program outline be adopted.

Moved, seconded, and carried that clerk read names of delegates.

Moved, seconded, and carried to seat delegates present and any that may come in later.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Calvary Church be excused due to a death.

By-laws were read by moderator, and church covenant was read by Rev. Hoyt Findley.

Appointed to serve on Digest Committee with Bro. Ross Bennett were: Bro. Julian Davis and Bro. Edward Bruce.

Appointed to serve on Finance Committee with Rev. John Cannon were: Bro. Herschel Johnson and Bro. Roy Faircloth.

Appointed to serve on Ordaining Council were: Rev. Joe Owens and Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept written letter from Rev. Joe England.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept resignation from Rev. Gerald Brown and grant letter to Midway Association.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Committee on State of churches and character of Ministers be Bro. Ernest Collins, Bro. Donald Self and Bro. Harold Johnson.

Moved, seconded, and carried that any major business coming before association be tabled and carried back to each church and that church instruct their delegates how to vote on matter. Vote—32 for, 10 against.

Moved, seconded, and carried that amendment to the above. Moved, seconded, and carried that major business consist of any change to constitution and ordaining procedures.

Moved, seconded, and carried that business session recess and enter into worship service.

Song, "Praise Him" was led by Rev. Howard Smith with prayer by Bro. McDuffie.

Morning message was delivered by Rev. Ronnie Moore. Scripture was Joshua 6:15-20 "Take that extra step and get the blessing", a very challenging message.

Afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Howard Smith, prayer by Rev. Lewis Williams.

Moved, seconded, & carried to accept Master's Men report as follows:

We, your Master's Men Committee, find we only have around 10 per cent of our churches that have Master's Men. We feel that if our churches organize Master's Men they would get spiritual food from the lesson and fellowship.

Submitted by:

CHRISTIAN HILL FWB CHURCH

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

This is something the association needs to look at closely for purpose

of helping those who have helped us and others by our financial means. This means to help those who cannot help themselves.

ANTIOCH CHURCH

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary plays a vital part in those churches that have them. The women of the church get many blessings that each of us fail to get by devoting their time, effort and sharing their financial means with others. They help our local, state and national association by their support of foreign missions, state missions, student loan fund and various other projects.

Written by Clerk as Calvary Church failed to send in annual report.

Moved, seconded, and carried that report on State of Churches and character of Ministers be received as follows:

We, your committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, after examination of church letters wish to make the following report: All churches and ministers in order as reported by letters.

We recommend all pastors lead their church in support of all denominational and church activities by example.

Submitted by:

BRO. DONALD SELF

BRO. ERNEST COLLINS

BRO. HAROLD JOHNSON

Moved, seconded, and carried that clerk write up report on CTS.

Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". So many times training in the homes has not been what it should, so the task has fallen upon the churches to teach and train, so a church which has CTS has a great responsibility in training.

WRITTEN BY CLERK

Moved, seconded, and carried that clerk wait thirty (30) days for report from various churches before having minutes printed.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Christian Education Board report as follows:

Christian Education Board encourages each church to support this year's T & T course in February.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Received from association	\$50.00
Received from association	78.58
Total	\$128.58

Sunday School Convention officers are:

President Rev. Edward Bruce

Vice President Bro. Ronald Peavy

Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Harold Dunaway

Volunteers for delegates to the State Association were: Sis. L. S. Anthony, Sis. Clark and Bro. Henry Nobles.

Moved, seconded, and carried that we represent with a fee of \$35.00.

CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES—All in Ga.	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Members	Co-op Plan	Literature	Building and repairs	Evangelistic Work	Paid Pastor	Association Fee	Total Expenditures
Antioch	Naida Johnson, R 2, Pitts 31072..	Rev. Henry Bridges, Cochran 31014	Full			27	\$	\$ 56.00	\$	\$ 40.00	\$ 431.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 640.00
Bay Springs	Hollis Smith, R 5, Eastman 31023..	Rev. Elbert Powell, R 1, Chester 31012 Phone 934-2655	Full	1		65	73.25	207.57	648.98	235.00	1,360.00	15.00	2,752.32
Bethlehem	Mrs. Shirley Calhoun, R 1, Box 35, Cordele 31015	Rev. Leroy Lightfoot, R 1, Doerun 31744 Phone 776-4106	1&3	4		45		66.42	725.56	190.35	917.11	12.00	2,179.56
Beulah Springs	Mrs. Evelyn Cannon, Rt 1 Chester 31012	Rev. Donald W. Moore, 4040 Lafayette Dr. Macon Phone 788-8260	1234	2	11	19	214.84	76.26	466.00	320.00	920.00	12.00	2,322.18
Calvary	Jeanette Culpepper, 2949 Edge- wood Rd., Columbus 31907	Rev. Russell Horne 3918 Reese Rd. Columbus Phone 563-3358	Full	7	2	88		225.00	3,108.70	200.00	3,900.00		10,047.18
Christian Hill	Mrs. Lena McDuffie, Rt. 2 Rochelle 31079	Rev. Emmett McDuffie	Full	6	9	90	242.69	157.17	778.51	210.00	2,040.00	15.00	4,136.71
Double Branch	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Rt.1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091 ..	Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rt 3, Hawkins- ville Phone 892-9942	Full	15	8	142	265.70	518.15	1,084.71	530.00	4,795.00	25.00	9,633.25
Eastman First	Chas. Strickland, R. 6, Eastman..	Rev. Howard Smith, 816 6 Ave, Eastman Phone 374-5622	Full	13	3	61	25.00	321.68	4,071.42	125.00	1,380.00	15.00	6,983.42
Little Bethel	W. R. Rogers RFD, Chester 31012	Rev. James W. Potter, 2762 Lake- shore Dr. Macon Phone 746-1529	Full	13	2	117	308.68	206.34	3,236.60	230.00	2,140.00	20.00	7,149.25
Mt. Ararat	Mrs. Ila Mae Johnson, Rt. 3 Eastman 31023 ..	Rev. Ronnie Moore, R 5, Eastman Phone 374-5797	Full	7	1	28	336.74	132.41	61.80	155.82	1,486.60	12.00	2,686.42
New Ebenezer	Sherman Jones, R 3, Cochran ..	Unknown	Full	3	2	61	108.00	476.06	4,053.95	125.00	2,767.00	15.00	10,730.67
New Hope	Dorothy Howell, Rt. 5 Cochran 31014	Rev. W. A. Warren, Jesup St. Cochran 934-2185	Full	9	3	45	187.00	415.58	439.24		1,300.00	12.00	2,925.19
Pine Level	W. H. Nobles, Chester 31012	Rev. Jerry Chaney, Rt. 1, Chester Phone 358-4477	Full	2	2	95	300.00		403.22	205.00	3,900.00	15.00	9,037.08
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Viola Hunt, 713 13 Ave. Cordele 31015	Unknown	Full	1	5	128	180.05	114.10	67.03	135.00	3,145.00	15.00	4,254.72
Warner Robins	Mrs. Martha Brown, 226 Dela- ware Ave. Warner Robins	Rev. Hoyt Findley, 100 Eleanor Cir, Warner Robins 31093 Ph. 922-5601	Full	22	2	40	303.18	195.67	595.03	100.00	3,170.00	10.00	6,382.73
White Oak	Minnie Faircloth, R 2, Box 16, Lizella, Ga.	Rev. Joe Owens, 2560 Echo Pl., Macon Ph. 781-1846	Full	19	9	161	480.00	338.62	1,428.72	380.00	6,163.00	20.00	
Wilson Chapel	Clara Wilson, 512 Coob- town Rd., Thomaston 31786	Rev. L. S. Anthony, Rt 3, Thomaston Phone 647-3885	Full		2	58	152.45	146.60	190.77	190.00	893.00	15.00	2,220.15
Dublin Mission	No Report												
TOTAL				124	61	1,300	\$3,177.58	\$3,703.63	\$21,408.52	\$3,371.17	\$40,707.71	\$233.00	\$94,080.83

Moved, seconded, and carried that association print I. D. cards for their ministers and to be signed by moderator and clerk.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Ordaining Council report be adopted as follows:

Recommend Bro. Jerry Chaney to the Georgia Union Association pending letter of recommendation from previous association.

REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE

REV. E. E. KELLY

REV. JOE D. OWENS

Moved, seconded, and carried that Finance Committee report be adopted as follows:

Total receipts	\$887.27
Balance from previous year	95.47
Total	\$982.74

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

Minutes	\$275.00
Local Newsletter	99.02
Mission Board	268.58
Minister's I. D. cards	27.00
State Association	30.00
Education Board	128.58
Moderator	40.00
Clerk	60.00
Superannuation	45.00
Total expenditures	\$962.74
Balance in treasury	\$20.00

We, your Finance Committee, wish to make the following report:

Balance in treasury	\$ 20.00
Received from churches	226.00
Balance	\$246.00

REV. JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer

BRO. ROY FAIRCLOTH

BRO. HERSCHEL L. JOHNSON

Oral report of State Mission's work was presented to association by Rev. Luther Williams.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Rev. Billy McKinney's license be renewed for one year.

State promotional secretary gave yearly report and stated that this was our best year for giving. Awards were given this year for co-operative plan and designated giving.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Digest Committee's report: 15 out of 18 churches reported.

Total offering received	\$ 89,287.81
Total expenditures	102,738.07
Non resident	234
Total membership	1,151
Members received	117

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Members dismissed	58
Sunday School	15

7 out of 15 churches reporting do not have CTS.

All churches have prayer meeting.

4 licensed ministers.

18 ordained ministers

We, the Digest Committee, recommend that letters from the churches be read at the annual session only.

One of the churches asked that the difference in "resident" and "non-resident be clarified.

BRO. ROSS BENNETT

BRO. JULIAN DAVIS

BRO. EDWARD BRUCE

Oral report of local mission board given by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

Moved, seconded, and carried to receive Mission Board treasurer's report as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$1,853.97
Churches and individual offering	1,021.36
Georgia Union Association	258.68
Interest on money in savings	27.68

EXPENSES:

Dublin Mission	720.00
Deed for Warner Robins Church	15.00
Balance in treasury	\$2,426.79

BRO. DONALD SELF

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Superannuation Board report:

RECEIVED:

Georgia Union Association	\$45.00
Double Branch	35.00
Double Branch	16.00
Christian Hill	17.25
Total received	\$113.25

PAID OUT:

Sullivan and Hewett	\$160.00
	(46 75)
On hand 9-29-72	\$331.54
Balance in treasury	\$284.79

BRO H. E. DUNAWAY

Moved, seconded, and carried offering be received for expenses in delivering commodities to Orphan's Home.

Moved, seconded, and carried moderator appoint a committee to revise association fees. Appointed were: Rev. Hoyt Findley, Bro. McKinney and Bro. Edward Bruce.

Moved, seconded, and carried to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

Moved, seconded, and carried that 400 minutes be printed.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Nominating Committee report be

accepted as follows:

We, your Nominating Committee, make the following nominations for the expired and vacant offices and board members.

Moderator Rev. Joe Owens
 Vice Moderator Rev. E. E. Kelly
 Clerk Rev. Donald W. Moore
 Assistant Clerk Rev. Hollis Smith
 Treasurer Rev. John F. Cannon
 Assistant Treasurer Sis. Rose Cannon
 Executive Board Bro. Hollis Smith
 Trustee Board Bro. Horace Hobbs
 Ordaining Council Rev. Howard Faircloth,

Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rev. Ronnie Moore

Mission Board Bro. James E. Bryant, Bro. Charles Strickland
 Digest Committee Bro. Ross Bennett,

Bro. Arnold Williams, Bro. Cliff Gaines

Superannuation Bro. Emmett Dunaway
 Christian Education Board Rev. Howard Smith,

Bro. Charles Strickland, Bro. Emory E. Nobles, Bro. Kim Kelly,

Bro. Sherman Jones, Bro. Harold Johnson, Bro. Edward Bruce

Moderator's Legal Advisor Rev. Hoyt Findley
 State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee

Bro. Emory Nobles, Bro. Leonard Emerson, Bro. Frank McKinney

Moved, seconded, and carried that Rev. Donald Moore continue to serve as promotional news secretary.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Bro. Sherman Jones be elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Gerald Brown on Mission Board.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Sunday School report:

The Sunday School occupies a most important position in the church. Through it, we go in depth into God's word. Through the teaching of God's word, we become better equipped to witness for the Lord. Special note is to be made of the importance of Sunday School to our children in the church as they are the church of tomorrow. This is the way of being sure that the church will be based on Bible-taught, Christian principles in the future.

It is time that each and every one of us examine ourselves to see if we are putting forth the extra effort that will insure our future and theirs.

MT. ARARAT CHURCH

REV. RONNIE MOORE, Pastor

Moved, seconded, and carried that all ministers be required to attend 3 out of 4 meetings a year unless they have a legal excuse. If they fail to do so, they will be out of order in association.

Minutes of last session were read by clerk.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept minutes as read.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

REV. HOWARD FAIRCLOTH, Moderator

REV. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

REPORT ON C. T. S. CONVENTION

The Georgia Union CTS Convention met on May 27, 1972, at Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church. Several songs were sung, and a prayer was offered by Bro. Ross Bennett. Bro. Emory Nobles, the president, read Psalms 100.

The business session was then opened. A call was made for the fees, and the list of delegates from each church. A motion was carried to seat the delegates.

The minutes and the treasury report were read and accepted. The By-Laws and the Constitution of the Georgia Union District CTS were read by Charlie Dunaway.

Bro. Nobles led a discussion on whether there were any ideas on how to promote interest in CTS and the competitive activities.

Committees were appointed by the President and are as follows:

DIGEST Elizabeth Hern, Ernest Collins, Mrs. Joyce England
FINANCE Stuart Floyd, Harold Johnson, Cynthia Hern
NOMINATING Joan Hern, Minnie Faircloth, Danny Bennett
RESOLUTIONS LeAnn Bennett, Roy Faircloth, Willie Ruth Rogers
PLACEMENT Harold Dunaway, Jo Hamsley, Tim Brown

A motion was carried for the Secretary to order trophies for the winners of the District competition in the various activities. Also, certificates would be ordered for each individual winner.

The meeting was adjourned for a ten minute recess by prayer by Bro. Harold Johnson.

After the recess, singing was led by Mrs. Willie Ruth Rogers. Also Mrs. Rogers sang a special song.

Bro. Ernest Collins led the devotion message. The convention was adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reports of the committees were read, and all were accepted. The reports were as follows:

DIGEST—4 churches, Pine Level, Double Branch, New Ebenezer, White Oak. Number of delegates, 21; Average attendance, 45; Total offering, \$4,287.78; Total enrollment, 180.

FINANCE:

Balance on hand	\$45.07
Entrance fees	40.00
Total	85.07

RECOMMENDATIONS—Money in treasury be held to pay for entrance fees to State Convention and for awards.

NOMINATING—The following officers were voted on separately:

President	Emory Nobles
Vice President	Harold Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer	Charline Dunaway
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Bobby McKenney
Sword Drill Leader	Willie Ruth Rogers
Bible Bowl Leader	Jo Hamsley

Tic-tac-toe Caroline Hightower
 Declamation Leader Hazel Findley

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. The executive committee and the host church get together to determine program.
2. Each pastor help create new interest and support CTS.
3. Have program outline printed and ready—it is a MUST!
4. Encourage competitive competition.

PLACEMENT—The next CTS District Convention will be held at Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church.

Pine Level had a Tic-Tac-Toe team which is to represent the District at the State CTS Convention. Those on the team are: Danny Bennett, Tim Brown, LeeAnn Bennett, and Stuart Floyd.

A suggestion was made that the executive committee meet, and make a list of the duties which the officers should be striving for. These duties were to be reviewed at the next convention.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Double Branch Church.

Mrs. Willie Ruth Rogers sang a special song after which the meeting was adjourned.

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 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 commital of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God.
3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION**—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men 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.

RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Revised 1960

1. Applicant shall bear license for not less than one (1) year and shall be recommended to the quarterly conference or association by the church of which he is a member.

2. Be called to one (1) or more churches, except that evidence be shown whereas the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.

3. Applicant shall be examined by the ordaining council, who having been duly elected by the association to which they hold membership. Examination shall be held at the Quarterly meeting or the annual association while in session.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testaments. Measure up to the Standards of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant, of which have been adopted by this body.

5. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting, for a change, by the Georgia Union Association. The same shall be carried in the minutes of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS

Revised 1960

1. Applicant must be a member of church recommending him, and if applicant is coming from another denomination or association, he shall be a member of church recommending him for not less than three (3) months from date receiving letter stating he is in good standing with church, denomination and association he is leaving.

2. Applicant shall be examined and asked the following questions at the quarterly meeting or annual association while in session, by the ordaining council duly elected by the association.

Q. 1 Do you believe and accept the Old and New Testaments as inspired word of God?

Q. 2. Do you believe in baptism by immersion in water?

Q. 3. Do you believe the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints feet?

Q. 4. Do you believe in tithing and offerings as given in the inspired word of God?

Q. 5. Do you believe in the sale of intoxicating beverages?

3. Approved license shall carry the names of the Pastor and Clerk of the church issuing the license.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testament, measure up to standards of the treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant of which have been adopted by this body.

5. No applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he or she has more than one living husband or wife.

6. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting at a regular session of the Georgia Union Association.

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-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.

**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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this board shall be to promote and execute all phases of Christian Education as set forth in this Constitution and as may be delegated to the board by the Georgia Union Association.

ARTICLE I

NAME. The name of this board shall be known as the Board of Christian Education of the Georgia Union Association.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS: This board shall consist of seven (7) members.

ARTICLE III

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

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS: This board shall hold two meetings a year to be decided by Board, and meetings when necessary to be called by chairman.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES: Committees shall be appointed by the chairman as

needs arise which would demand the work of a committee.

ARTICLE VI

REPORTS:

Section I This board shall make a written report at each session of the association, outlining the board's immediate activities and future plans.

Section II The Secreatry-Treasurer shall provide the promotional secretary with a copy of each report of the board so that upcoming activities may be published in the association's newsletter.

ARTICLE VII

This board shall be supported by the quota of finances alloted to them by the Georgia Union Association, gifts from churches, registration fees from workshops, etc., and personal gifts.

BY-LAWS

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Section I Chairman shall preside over each meeting according to established parlimentary usage and appoint all committees. He shall have the right to call meetings when necessary. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section II The Vice-Chairman shall serve in the full capacity of the chairman when the chairman is absent or unable to serve.

Section III Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of board meetings and shall make the reports as outlined in Article VI, and is responsible for receiving and disbursing all finances of this board.

Section IV Four members shall compose a quorum.

Section V Members—This board shall be composed of representatives of Sunday School Convention, C. T. S. Convention, Youth for Christ Rally, one minister, and three members at large. All members shall be elected by the association.

Section VI Duties of Board—This board shall have the general oversight and responsibility of all Christian Education endeavors of the Georgia Union Association: Namely, Sunday School, C. T. S., Youth for Christ Rallies, retreats, youth camps, workshops, seminars, teacher training courses, etc.

Section VII If a member of this board fails to serve, the board may declare his office vacant and ask the executive Committee of the Georgia Union Association for an immediate replacement.

Section VIII This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority vote by the association.

We, your committee selected to write a constitution for the Christian Education Board, do make a motion that this constitution be adopted and printed in the minutes.

CHARLES STRICKLAND

EMORY E. NOBLES

JAMES E. BRUCE

HAROLD JOHNSON

HAROLD DUNAWAY

CHARLENE DUNAWAY

We further suggest the following people to serve on this board the first year: Emory E. Nobles, Charles Strickland, Kim Kelly, Mance Cason, Sherman Jones, Harold Johnson, Edward Bruce.

**GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

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 Sunday School endeavors of the Georgia Union Association.

ARTICLE I

NAME—This organization shall be known as the Sunday School Convention of the Georgia Union Association.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS—Officers of this Convention shall be president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer. They shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE III

MEETING—This Convention shall be held annually the last Saturday in July at 5:00 P. M.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE—

1. For each Sunday School to present a program, with the youth presenting the program where possible.
2. By the youth presenting the program, we are giving them a part in our service for the glory of God. They will be our future leaders.
3. A program banner shall be awarded the Sunday School with the best program.
4. A banner shall be awarded to the Sunday School with the best average attendance.

ARTICLE V

There shall be a judging committee appointed by the presiding officer for the purpose of judging the program and average attendance.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCE—This Convention shall be supported by each Sunday School with no less than \$5.00 fee.

Also, it shall be supported by a special offering taken by each church when visited by Sunday School officials and a special offering during Convention.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS—

1. It shall be the duty of the president and vice-president to visit each church in the association for the purpose of promoting the Sunday School and offering assistance where needed.
2. The president shall preside at all meetings.
3. The secretary-treasurer shall keep the minutes and the treasury.
4. The offering received by the officers shall be turned over to the secretary-treasurer & they shall be compensated for their mileage.

ARTICLE VIII**JUDGING—**

The judging shall be as follows:

1. Theme.
2. Time (20 minutes for getting ready and presenting program).
3. Take into consideration the membership of the church, with the young people presenting the program where possible.
4. How well each part is presented, by how the individual speaks up.

ARTICLE IX

A gospel message of approximately 20 minutes shall be delivered just before lunch hour by someone appointed by the officers of the Convention.

ARTICLE X

PLACE—It shall be decided by officers and printed in the minutes of the Georgia Union Association, and if change has to be made, each church shall be notified.

ARTICLE XI

These by-laws may be changed by two-thirds majority vote while Convention is in session.

RULES FOR CALLING PASTORS

1. Any church in the Georgia Union Association or mission supported by said association upon calling a pastor from another association.

The pastor is required to bring or get a letter from the association he is leaving, stating that he is in good standing with the association and present the letter to the church or mission calling him.

The individual churches are to familiarize themselves with rule for licensing of ministers and are required to ask him the same questions, even though he may or may not be coming for License.

If there is any question concerning his doctrine or his character, the church or mission calling him is to recommend him to the association to be examined by ordaining council or if association has any question concerning the pastor's doctrine or character, the association may request the pastor to be examined by majority present at association. It is the responsibility of the church or mission calling a pastor under the above conditions to inform him of the required information to present the church or mission calling him as pastor.

II. No pastor or mission in the Georgia Union Association can hold license or ordination papers from another denomination and be in good standing with this association. All license or ordination papers must be turned over to association. Clerk may destroy them or return them to denomination issuing them.

III. Any church or mission petitioning Georgia Union Association for membership when examined and found in order, the church or mission and pastor may be received together. Where there is not an association to recommend them or association has disbanded, there is no waiting period required.

If there are any questions concerning the church, mission or pastor, the association may receive the church, mission or pastor under the watch-care of said association until question or questions are settled. If no agreement can be reached, the association may remove the church, mission or pastor from the association roll by majority vote present at association meeting.