

1973
MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
DOUBLE BRANCH CHURCH
NEAR UNADILLA, GEORGIA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1973

OFFICERS

Rev. Joe Owens, Moderator Macon, Ga.
Rev. William D. Kehely, Assistant Moderator Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Danny Keen, Clerk Dublin, Ga.
Bro. Hollis Smith, Assistant Clerk Eastman, Ga.
Bro. Ernest Barker, Treasurer Rochelle, Ga.
Sis. Ernest Barker, Assistant Treasurer Rochelle, Ga.

FREE MIFF BAYLOR



DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session—January 12, 1974	First Eastman
2nd Quarterly Session—April 13, 1974	Liberty Chapel
3rd Quarterly Session—July 12, 1974	Little Bethel
Annual Session—October 12, 1974	Mt. Ararat
C. T. S. Convention—May 25, 1974	Mt. Ararat
Sunday School Convention—July 27, 1974	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

*Emmett Dunaway
Julian Davis
Buddy Register

Edison Smith
Hollis Smith

TRUSTEE BOARD

*Arthur Etheridge
Hezzie Smith
Ross Bennett

Horace Hobbs
Leonard Emerson

ORDAINING COUNCIL

*Rev. E. E. Kelly
Rev. Ronnie Moore

Rev. Jerry Chaney

MISSION BOARD

*James E. Bryant
*Charles Strickland
Donald Self

Sherman Jones
Rev. L. S. Anthony

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

*James Johnson
Emmett Dunaway

Ernest Barker

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE

*Henry Nobles
*Walter Byran

*Frank McKinney

DIGEST COMMITTEE

*James M. Johnson
*Arnold Williams

*Cliff Gaines

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

*Charles Strickland
*Emory E. Nobles
*Jerry Dunaway
*Edward Bruce

*Rev. Walter D. Kehely
*Roy Faircloth
*Harold Johnson

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

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Phone

Rev. W. L. Amerson	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	31012	
Rev. L. S. Anthony	Thomaston, Ga., Rt. 3,	404-647-3885	
Rev. Henry E. Bridges	Cochran, Ga.	31014	934-2369
Rev. Jerry Chaney	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	31012	358-4477
Rev. E. B. Duckworth	Rt. 1, Dunbar Rd., Warner Robins		923-6882
Rev. H. D. Faircloth	Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga.		374-3017
Rev. Hoyt Findley—100 Eleanor Cir.,	Warner Robins, Ga.	31093	922-5601
Rev. Morgan J. Haynes	Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga.	31014	
Rev. J. M. Herrald	Address Unknown		
Rev. Russell L. Horne	3918 Reese Rd., Columbus, Ga.	31907	563-3358
Rev. Danny Keen, 105 Hillcrest Dr.,	Dublin, Ga.		
Rev. Walter D. Kehely,	Rt. 2, Cochran, Ga.	31014	934-6773
Rev. William D. Kehely, 816 6th Ave.,	Eastman, Ga.	41023 ..	374-5176
Rev. E. E. Kelly	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga.	31036	892-9942
Rev. Leroy Lightfoot	Rt. 1, Doerun, Ga.	31744	776-4106
Rev. Emmett McDuffie	Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga., PO Box 46		365-2669
Rev. Richard B. McFadden, Sr.	4662 Brookhaven Rd., Macon		746-3969
Rev. Donald W. Moore — 4040 LeFayette,	Dr., Macon, Ga.	31204	788-8260
Rev. Ronnie Moore	Rt. 5, Eastman, Ga.	31023	374-5797
Rev. Joe Owens	2560 Echols Pl., Macon, Ga.	31206	781-1846
Rev. Ronald Earl Peavy	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga.	31092	268-8746
Rev. James W. Potter	2762 Lakeshore Dr., Macon, Ga.		746-1529
Rev. Elbert Powell	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.		934-2655
Rev. N. R. Sullivan	Rt. 1, Unadilla	31091	
Rev. W. A. Warren	Jesup St., Cochran, Ga.	31014	934-2185

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Charlie Knott	Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.	31015
Rev. Richard B. McFadden, Jr.	Macon, Ga.	
Rev. Alvin Peacock	Macon, Ga.	
Rev. David Scott	Warner Robins, Ga.	
Rev. Mike Stevens	Columbus, Ga.	

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

January 13, 1973

The First Quarterly Association Meeting of the Georgia Union Association convened at Beulah Spring Church near Cochran, Ga., with singing led by Bro. Walter Bryan and prayer by Bro. Emmett McDuffie.

Welcome was extended to the body and visitors by host pastor, Rev. Donald Moore.

Devotion was delivered by Rev. Joe Owens, Psalms 126 as scripture, a very inspiring devotion.

Session was called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Russel Horne.

Minutes of last session were read and adopted.

Church covenant was read by Bro. Sherman Jones.

By-Laws were read by Moderator, Rev. Joe Owens.

Ministerial roll was called by clerk.

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

Appointed to serve on Finance Committee with treasurer were Bro. Sherman Jones and Bro. Roy Faircloth.

Appointed to serve on Digest Committee was Bro. McKinney.

Committee on Revising Entrance Fee made their report. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt report as follows:

We, your Committee on Revising Entrance Fee, find the churches are not sending the proper amount as designated in the minutes. For example, in January, \$158.00; April \$148.00; July \$186.00 and October \$236.00. The amount the churches are to send in at each session is \$265.00 if all churches report. Total to be sent in yearly was \$1,060.00, received \$718.00, short \$342.00. This information was taken from 1971 minutes.

We find no need to raise the fee if all churches will co-operate by sending the fee as required in our minutes.

We urge Pastors and Clerks to check the chart in the minutes and send this amount to each session of the association meeting that the financial need may be met.

We recommend that the association have a standing Finance Committee of three (3) chaired by the treasurer to allocate money to the needy organization of our association as the need may arise instead of dividing what is left between two places in order that all may share alike and to make a full report at each associational meeting. We recommend that the association retain \$75.00 in January, April, and July for a total of \$225.00 to assist in the financial need of the Annual Associational meeting.

REV. HOYT FINDLEY

BRO. EDWARD BRUCE

BRO. FRANK McKINNEY

Moved, seconded, and carried to amend this report if recommendation by Executive Committee passed.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator and clerk serve with treasurer on Finance Board.

Moved, seconded, and carried to grant Rev. Joe England a leave of

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absence due to his missions work.

Moved, seconded, and carried to discontinue business session and enter into worship hour.

Morning message was delivered by Rev. Jerry Chaney, scripture II Timothy 1:13, II Timothy 2:2-15 and II Timothy 4:2, a very inspiring message.

Afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Russell Horne.

Report from State promotional office was given by Rev. A. C. Truluck. He gave a spiritual report about our state work.

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

Total receipts from last session and some that came in late \$316.66.

Expenses:

Clerk and promotional bulletin	\$ 25.45
Moderator	10.00
Paid on Minutes	170.00
Entrance fee to State session	35.00
Total expense	\$240.45
Balance in Treasury	76.21

We still owe Bro. Moore the balance of \$105.00 on minutes.

We, your committee on finance, make the following report:

Balance in Treasury	\$ 76.21
Today Fees	245.00
Total	\$321.21

We further recommend that the committee that was appointed in the morning session to-wit, moderator, clerk and treasurer be called the Allocation Committee and be charged with allocation based on a pro-rata basis for each associational department.

JOHN F. CANNON

ROY FAIRCLOTH

SHERMAN JONES

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

Members received	33
Members lost	9
Offering	\$36,519.15
Disbursements	\$26,633.81

Four churches did not report auxiliaries; we feel sure that some of these failed to report theirs.

All eighteen churches are represented by letter.

BRO. CLIFF GAINES

BRO. ROSS BENNETT

BRO. FRANK McKINNEY

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Mission Board treasury report as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$2,426.79
Offering	424.04
Interest on Savings	13.84

Total \$2,864.67

Submitted by:

DONALD SELF, Treasurer

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

Christian Education Board reports that no definite date has been set for the 1973 teachers' training course. The course will be in the summer or fall on Free Will Baptist Doctrine. We hope to get Dr. O'Donnell, Professor at the Bible College, who is joining the Sunday School Department in February, to teach this course. We will announce the date and location later. We have \$128.58 in our Treasury at this time.

Submitted by:

BRO. CHARLES STRICKLAND, Chairman

Donald Moore submitted his resignation as Editor of Promotional Newsletter. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept his resignation.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Rev. J. M. Herrold's letter of information.

The Executive Committee recommended to the association that instead of appointing various committees to report on Sunday School, C. T. S., Master Men, Woman's Auxiliary and Superannuation, that these reports be made by these departments.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt above recommendation.

Moved, seconded, and carried to receive letter of recommendation from North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists recommending Rev. Jerry Chaney.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Bro. Charles Strickland be elected as Editor of Promotional Newsletter and to publish it at his discretion.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt Ordaining Committee report as follows:

We, your Ordaining Council, recommend the following:

Recommend Bro. Henry Bridges to be ordained at his local church.
Recommend Bro. Ronnie Peavy to be ordained in his local church.

Recommend that Bro. Alvin Peacock be licensed for one (1) year.

Recommend Bro. Walter Kehely be accepted in our association pending letter of recommendation from his prior association.

Recommend Bro. Mike Stevens be licensed for one (1) year.

Respectively,

REV. RONNIE MOORE

REV. HOWARD FAIRCLOTH

REV. E. E. KELLY

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

REV. JOE OWENS, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

April 7, 1973

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Georgia Union Association convened at Calvary Church in Columbus, Ga. Singing was led by Bro. Lee Jordan and prayer by Bro. Jordan.

Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Russell Horne, who delivered the morning devotion, scripture Acts 11:26, "Go by the Word of God."

Business session was opened with prayer by Bro. Sherman Jones.

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting were read by clerk.

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

Church covenant was read by Rev. Horne.

By-laws of Association were read by Rev. Hoyt Findley.

Visitors recognized by moderator and welcome extended to them to deliberate with body.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt program outline as guide during session.

Moved, seconded, and carried that moderator appoint committees as needed.

Appointed to serve on Digest Committee was Bro. Jerry Dunaway.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept change in name from New Ebenezer to Cross Road.

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

The Georgia Union Board of Christian Education met in called session at New Ebenezer Church at 2:30 P. M., February 18, 1973. The meeting was in regards to the meeting concerning the coming of Dr. J. D. O'Donnell to teach about Free Will Baptist doctrine (The Holy Bible). The book to be studied is "Faith for Today" written by Dr. O'Donnell.

Moved, seconded, and carried for this board to present to the quarterly meeting in April for clarification the Key '73 tract pertaining to the ecumenical movement and a listing of the churches who are supposedly supporting the said Key '73 tract.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Dr. O'Donnell's date of April 9, 1973 for the study course.

Moved, seconded, and carried to have study course at Double Branch with Cross Roads as alternate church.

Moved, seconded, and carried to keep same officers until the Georgia Union Association meeting in October.

Moved, seconded, and carried to recommend to the quarterly meeting in April that Bro. Ronnie Peavy fill the unexpired term of Bro. Howard Smith.

Moved, seconded, and carried to ask Allocation Committee for \$150.00 on expenses for the study course.

Moved, seconded, and carried to recommend to the quarterly meeting that Bro. Roy Fairecloth replace Bro. Kim Kelly.

Moved, seconded, & carried to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Ronnie Peavy

Submitted by:

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk

Moved, seconded, and carried that body appoint Bro. Ronnie Peavy and Bro. Roy Faircloth to the Christian Education Board.

Moved, seconded, and carried that it be known that this association go on record as opposing Key '73 movement.

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

Morning message was delivered by Rev. Mike Stevens, scripture, Jeremiah 29:13, II Chronicles 7:14, a very spiritual & inspiring message.

The evening session opened with singing led by Bro. Lee Jordan and prayer by Bro. Emory Nobles.

The moderator read from St. John 7:14 and 8.

A report of State promotional work was given by Rev. A. C. Truluck.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept financial report as follows:

Balance in treasury	\$188.81
Received today	238.00
Total	\$426.81

Submitted by:

SHERMAN D. JONES

Proxy for JOHN CANNON, Treasurer

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

Disbursements	\$22,383.83
Offering	25,658.49
Churches represented	15
Auxiliaries	40
Members received	27
Members lost	17
Members gained	10

We praise the Lord for the 14 who followed through with baptism.

Submitted by:

CLIFF GAINES

WILLIAM G. DUNAWAY

ARNOLD WILLIAMS

Moved, seconded, and carried to support the state trustee board with 25% of money supplied said association for improvement at state camp, such as dormitories and swimming pool.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Mission Board treasury report:

Balance in treasury	\$2,810.01
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Submitted by:

DONALD SELF, Mission Treasurer

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

REV. E. E. KELLY, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

July 7, 1973

The Third Quarterly Association convened at Christian Hill near Rochelle, Georgia. The session opened with singing and prayer by Rev.

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Hoyt Findley.

The Association was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Joe Owens, and he informed the association that Rev. E. E. Kelly, the assistant moderator would serve as moderator.

Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

Rev. Jerry Barron, missionary to Mexico, and a quartet from Mexico had charge of morning devotion due to absence of Rev. Ronnie Peavy. The quartet sang two songs, and one of them gave his testimony in Spanish and was interpreted by Rev. Jerry Barron.

Psalms 23 read by assistant moderator, prayer by Rev. Joe Owens.

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

Visitors were welcomed by moderator.

Letters were received and name of delegates read by clerk.

Moved, seconded, and carried to seat delegates that were present and any that might come in late.

Church covenant was read by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

By-laws were read by Bro. Sherman Jones.

Request for letter from association was read from Rev. Joe England. Moved, seconded, and carried to grant Rev. England his letter.

Moved, seconded, and carried that chair appoint two members to serve on Digest Committee. Appointed were Bro. Barker and Bro. Jones.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Constitution of C. T. S.

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

Morning message was delivered by Rev. Hoyt Findley, Romans 1:14-28, a very inspiring message.

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Afternoon session began with singing and prayer by Rev. Lewis Wil-

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

Afternoon devotion was delivered by Rev. Elbert Powell, Romans 6:1, "Sin Is To Blame."

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

We, of the Digest Committee, wish to submit our report:

Members received	20
Members lost	9
Auxiliaries	40
Offering	\$23,424.64
Disbursements	\$22,482.84

Submitted by:

BRO. CLIFF GAINES

BRO. SHERMAN D. JONES

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

Brought from last month	\$2,519.51
Total received for last month	94.72

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Sub total	2,614.23
Georgia Mission for State	345.00
Balance in treasury	\$2,269.23

Submitted by:

DONALD SELF, Treasurer

State Promotional Officer, Rev. A. C. Truluck, gave report of state work and urged everyone to attend National Association in Macon, Ga.

Rev. Lewis Williams gave an oral report of state missions.

Mission Board announces that Dublin Mission was being assisted by state mission board and introduced the pastor, Rev. Danny Keen, and issued a challenge to contribute more for missions.

Rev. Lewis Williams asked to be excused.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept treasurer's report as follows:

Balance in treasury	\$426.81
Received from churches	240.00
Total	\$666.81

Submitted by:

REV. JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer

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

We, your Allocation Committee, wish to recommend that all money received from churches be retained in treasury except for all expenses, and any board that may need assistance have the right to ask for amount needed. At the first quarterly meeting, money will be allocated.

Moved, seconded, and carried that 25% previously granted for improvements at camp be granted after all yearly expenses are paid.

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

We, your Ordaining Council, this day have examined Rev. William D. Keheley and found him strong in the faith and meeting the rules set down by the Bible and our association, asking him to get letter of recommendation from former association and bring back to this association by the next time it convenes, then being accepted into the association.

Also we examined Bro. David Scott and questioned him quite thoroughly concerning rules for licensing into the ministry, also reminding him of responsibility as a minister; finding him meeting these rules and standards, we recommend him to be licensed to preach the Gospel.

Submitted by:

REV. HOWARD FAIRCLOTH

REV. E. E. KELLY

REV. RONNIE MOORE

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. McDuffie.

REV. JOE OWENS, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

ANNUAL SESSION

October 13, 1973

The Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Double Branch Church with singing led by Rev. Russell Horne. Prayer by Rev. Don Kehely.

Welcome was extended by Rev. Joe Owens upon request of host pastor, Rev. E. E. Kelly, who was busy getting chairs to seat the delegates.

Devotion was delivered by Rev. Don Kehely, scripture Joel 2:1.

Business session opened with prayer by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept minutes of third quarterly Session as read by clerk.

Church covenant was read by Rev. E. E. Kelly.

By-laws were read by Rev. Hoyt Findley.

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

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

Moderator appointed Rev. Ronnie Peavy to serve on Digest Committee.

Moderator appointed Bro. Roy Faircloth and Bro. Donald Self to serve on Finance Committee.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Rev. Joe Owens, pastor of White Oak, and his wife be given a rising vote of thanks for the fine job they did at the National Association while it was in session in Macon, Ga.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the Georgia Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists in session on October 13, 1973 go on record as following the teaching of the Genesis fact of creation as opposed to the theory of evolution in our public schools.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Moderator appoint a committee to recommend to the National Association proposed changes in the yearly church letter. Appointed to review the letter form were: Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Bro. Walter Bryan, Rev. Hoyt Findley, Rev. A. C. Truluck, and Rev. C. B. Dowdney.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Mission Board treasurer's report as given by Bro. Donald Self.

Liberty Chapel petitioned the Georgia Union Association for membership. Moved, seconded, and carried that the above request be tabled until afternoon session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to enter into worship hour. Morning message was delivered by Rev. Danny Keen, scripture Nehemiah 6:1-3. His subject was building a wall, a real challenging and inspiring message.

Afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. Harold Parrish with prayer by Rev. Hoyt Findley.

The afternoon devotion was delivered by Rev. Jerry Chaney, scripture I Peter 4:16 and Acts 11:26, an inspiring devotion.

Rev. Russell Horne and Rev. Mike Stevens asked to be excused.

State Promotional Office report was given by Rev. A. C. Truluck. He informed the association of the improvements made in designated giving

and co-operative giving and that three of the top ten churches in co-operative giving were from this association. He awarded each church a certificate for their giving.

Rev. C. B. Dowdy told of the Youth Retreat to be held on Thanksgiving week-end.

Moved, seconded, and carried that this body give Bro. Truluck a rising vote of thanks for his fine work while serving in the State Promotional Office.

Moved, seconded, and carried to take petition of membership in association off table and act upon request.

Moved, seconded, and carried that association accept Liberty Chapel back into association.

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

We, the Digest Committee, present the following report for 1973:

Letters received 16 out of 17 reporting; 1 mission.

Sunday Schools 18; Enrollment 884; Average attendance 628.

C. T. S.—10 churches, 7 without; Enrollment 403; Average attendance 325. 15 church with prayer meetings.

Woman's Auxiliary—8 churches; Enrollment 76.

Master Men—3 churches, recommend men go to work!

Total receipts	\$130,391.50
Total expenditures	115,912.16
Total members received	114
Total members lost	67
Total membership of the 16 churches and 1 mission reporting	1,280
Paid pastors	\$44,909

BRO. ARNOLD WILLAIMS

BRO. ROSS BENNETT

REV. RONALD PEAVY

Rev. Joe Owens gave an oral report of the Master Men, telling of the wonderful service they have and project that they can do. He also encouraged every church to organize a Master Men chapter.

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

Paid to two Superannuates	\$200.00
Received from Ga. Union Association Treasurer	\$ 42.00
Received from churches	39.00
Personal gift	10.00
Total received	\$ 91.00
Balance on hand, October 1, 1972	\$284.79
Balance on hand October 13, 1973	175.79

BRO. H. E. DUNAWAY, SR., Sec. & Treas.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report of Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers as follows:

We recommend the ministers and churches comply with the laws that are set forth in the minutes.

BRO. EMORY NOBLES

BRO. LEONARD EMERSON

BRO. FRANK McKINNEY

Moved, seconded, and carried that item on page 18 of the 1972 minutes concerning requirements of a minister be referred to Executive Committee for study.

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

Your board met two times and sponsored a T'NT meeting at Double Branch. The book "Faith for Today" written and taught by Dr. J. D. O'Donnell of the National Sunday School Department was used in our study course. Approximately 12 churches and 75 people were in attendance. Pray for this ministry.

Submitted by:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHARLES STRICKLAND, Chairman

SHERMAN D. JONES, Clerk

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

We, the Ordaining Council, after having read Rev. Danny Keen's letter of recommendation from the Martin Association, recommend that he be accepted into the Georgia Union Association.

We recommend that Rev. Richard B. McFadden, Sr., be accepted in full fellowship into Georgia Union Association.

We recommend that Richard B. McFadden, Jr., be accepted into Georgia Union Association and be licensed to preach for 1 year.

Submitted by:

REV. H. D. FAIRCLOTH

REV. E. E. KELLY

REV. RONNIE MOORE

Oral report of local Mission Board was given by Rev. L. S. Anthony, and it was requested that churches help support the Dublin Mission.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Moderator extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to members of Liberty Chapel Church.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Sunday School officers' report as follows:

We, the Sunday School officers, made at least one visit to all of the Sunday Schools in the association. In doing so, we feel that our Sunday Schools have improved in number and quality of education over 1972. We, the officers, would like to see all of our pastors and teachers attend the educational program set up by the Christian Education Board. In teaching our classes, we would like to remind our teachers to rely on the Word of God and not only on the Commentary of the Sunday School book.

Moved, seconded, and carried that mimeograph copies of the National Association resolutions be made and distributed. Rev. Danny Keen volunteers to do the mimeograph work.

Moved, seconded, and carried that State Promotional Executive Secretary make recommendation to the National Association for change in yearly association letter.

Moved, seconded, and carried to give host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting association meeting and providing a fine meal at noon.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Moderator appoint delegates to State Association. Appointed were: Bro. Ross Bennett, Sis. Glenda Butler, Sis. Cliff Gaines, and Sis. Betty Ann Smith.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept Treasurer's report:

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

Received from churches today	\$280.00
Balance in treasury	591.36
Total	\$891.36

ANNUAL REPORT:

Balance last annual	\$ 76.21
Total offering quarterly	938.45
Total	\$1,014.66

Expenditures as follows:

Minutes and Newsletters	\$287.85
State Association Dues	35.00
Clerk	60.00
Moderator	40.00
Total expenditures	422.85
Balance in Treasury	591.81

Submitted by:

REV. JOHN CANNON, Treasurer

BRO. DONALD SELF

Moved, seconded, and carried to have 400 copies of minutes printed.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the following be elected to various offices:

Executive Board	Bro. Buddie Register
Trustee Board	Bro. Leonard Emerson
Ordaining Council	Rev. Jerry Chaney
Superannuation Board	Bro. Ernest Barker

State of Churches and Character of Ministers:

Bro. Henry Nobles, Bro. Walter Bryan, and Bro. Frank McKinney.

Digest Committee	Bro. Cliff Gaines,
Bro. Arnold Williams, Bro. James M. Johnson.	

Christian Education Board:

Bro. Charles Strickland, Bro. Emory Nobles, Bro. Jerry Dunaway, Bro. Edward Bruce, Rev. Walter Kehely, Bro. Harold Johnson, Bro. Roy Faircloth.

Mission Board	Bro. Sherman Jones,
Bro. Donald Self, Rev. L. S. Anthony	.

Moderator	Rev. Joe Owens
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Don Kehely
Clerk	Rev. Danny Keen
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Hollis Smith
Treasurer	Bro. Ernest Barker
Assistant Treasurer	Sis. Ernest Barker

Recommend for State Offices:

State Mission Board	Rev. L. S. Anthony
State Trustee Board	Bro. Emmett Dunaway

Meeting Days	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Co Op Plan	Building & Repairs	Evang. Work	Paid Pastor	Assoc. Fee	Total Expend.
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Board of Christian Education and Camping Rev. Joe Owens

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

REV. JOE OWENS, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—1973

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was opened with a welcome, Bible scripture, prayer and the Georgia Union Sunday School preamble by Rev. Ronald Peavy.

Moved, seconded, and carried for the President to appoint a nominating committee and program judges. The nomination committee was composed of: (1) Cliff Gaines, (2) Henry Nobles, (3) Walt Kehely. Program judges were: (1) Herschel Johnson, (2) Charles Strickland, (3) Roger Reeds.

The programs were presented as follows:

(1) Double Branch, (2) New Hope, (3) Pleasant Hill, (4) Warner Robins First.

The offering was taken and a message was brought by Rev. Roger Reed after which we were dismissed for the evening meal.

Program continued after the meal as follows: (5) First Eastman, (6) Crossroads, (7) Wilson Chapel.

After the programs, Bro. Bruce opened business session with prayer.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

The nominating committee's report was given by Bro. Walt Kehely. Nominations were:

President Bro. Edward Bruce

Vice President Bro. Cliff Gaines

Secretary-Treasurer ... Bro. Harold Dunaway

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the nominations. The officers were voted in without any opposition.

Bro. Roger Reeds presented the attendance banner to Crossroads, winning first place, having 95%. New Hope came in second with 92% and Mt. Ararat won third place with 82.3%.

Bro. Reeds presented the program banner to First Eastman for winning first place. Warner Robins First won second place.

Bro. Reeds presented the Sunday School Standards plaque to Beulah Springs for having a high of 76 points. First Eastman won third place with 68 points.

Bro. Reeds gave a question and answer period concerning Sunday School and Sunday School literature.

Bro. Bruce called for old business and there was none.

New Business—Moved, seconded, and carried to give the officers the authority to change the banners and order banners more suitable. Moved, seconded, and carried to take up offering to help cover Bro. Reed's expenses and to take out of the treasury enough to make it \$50. Moved, seconded, and carried to have next convention at First Eastman at the same time

Bro. Ed McKinney adjourned the convention with prayer.

Treasurer's Report 1973:

Income

Balance of 1972	\$ 53.33
Church fees 1973	55.00
Special offerings received—1972	
Calvary	11.00
Mt. Ararat	10.00
First Eastman	10.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Double Branch	12.00
Convention offering 1973	24.74
Offering for Bro. Reeds	18.75
	\$199.82

Expenses

Teach and Train Rally	\$ 20.00
Ice	4.90
Program and Attendance Banners	12.26
Traveling expense for Bro. Reeds	50.00
	\$87.16
	\$199.82
	less 87.16
1973 Balance	\$112.66

Submitted by:

HAROLD DUNAWAY,

Sec.-Treas. Ga. Union S.S. Convention

1973 CTS CONVENTION MINUTES

The Georgia Union CTS Convention met on May 26, 1973 at Pine Level Freewill Baptist Church. Singing was led by Mrs. Willie Ruth Rogers. Bro. Emory Nobles, the President, read Psalms 133. The morning devotion and welcome was given by Rev. Jerry Chaney.

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 treasurer's report were read and accepted. The By-laws and the Constitution of the Georgia Union District CTS were read by Charline Dunaway. A motion was moved, seconded, and carried to put the Constitution and By-laws into the Georgia Union Association.

Committees were appointed by the President and are as follows:

Digest	Harold Johnson, Ronnie Peavy, Alton Fleming
Finance	Ernest Collins, JoAnne Dossett, Shirley Johnson
Nominating	Sherman Jones, Covie Langford, Minnie Faircloth
Resolutions	E. E. Kelly, Willie R. Rogers, Mary Dunaway
Placement	Herschel Johnson, Jeanne Bryan, Mary Davis

A list of the Duties of Officers was read, moved on, and carried. The list is as follows:

PRESIDENT—The President shall preside over each convention according to established parliamentary usage, and appoint committees. The Pres-

ident shall work with the Executive Committee in preparing a program for each convention. It is the duty of the President to work with the churches in promoting interest in CTS. The President shall receive 5c per mile (1-way) for travel expense. The Georgia Union CTS shall assume this responsibility.

VICE-PRESIDENT—The Vice-President shall serve in the full capacity of the President when the President is absent or unable to serve. The Vice-President shall work with the President in promoting the interest in the churches. The Vice-President shall receive 5c per mile (1-way) for travel expense. The Ga. Union CTS shall assume this responsibility.

SECRETARY-TREASURER—The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the minutes and treasury report. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for sending a copy of the minutes to the Clerk of the Georgia Union Association, shall be responsible for notifying each church in the association as to the date and place of the yearly CTS convention by sending each church a copy of the By-Laws, Constitution and the CTS letter! shall work with the Executive Committee in preparing a program for the CTS convention. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive \$5.00 a year for her services.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER—The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall serve in full capacity when the Secretary-Treasurer is absent or unable to serve.

SWORD DRILL LEADER—The Sword Drill Leader shall be responsible for the Sword Drill competition at the District CTS Convention; and shall work to promote interest in the churches in the association.

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE—The Bible Tic Tac Toe Leader shall be responsible for the Tic Tac Toe competition at the District CTS Convention; and shall work to promote interest in the churches in the association.

DECLAMATION—The Declamation Leader shall be responsible for the Declamation competition at the District CTS Convention; and shall work to promote interest in the churches in the association.

BIBLE BOWL—The Bible Bowl Leader shall be responsible for the Bible Bowl competition at the District CTS Convention; and shall work to promote interest in the churches in the association.

A move was carried to have the list added to the Georgia Union CTS By-Laws and Constitution. A move was tabled until the afternoon session concerning the raising of the CTS Entrance Fee to 15.00 dollars. The morning business session was then adjourned.

The Sword Drill Competition was led by Mrs. Willie Ruth Rogers. The winners are as follows: 1st Place—Joyce Hearn; 2nd Place, Benny McKinney; 3rd Place—Donna Davis.

There were no contestants for the Declamation Contest, but a short talk on the rules was given by Charline Dunaway. A prayer by M. C. Hearn adjourned the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

A special song was sung by Mrs. Willie Ruth Rogers, Sherman Jones, and Sharon McKinney. Bro. Ronnie Peavy had charge of the devotion.

The Bible Bowl Competition was led by Bobby McKinney. The win-

ning team was from Crossroads FWB Church. Those on the team were: Elizabeth Hearn, Joan Hearn, Cynthis Hearn, and Sharon McKinney.

The Tic Tac Toe Competition was led by Mrs. Caroline Hightower. The team from White Oak FWB Church won 1st place. Those on the team were: Helen Chambell, Keith Bryant, and Sherry Owens. The 2nd place winning Tic Tac Toe Team was from Crossroads FWB Church. Don Davis and M. C. Hearn were on this team.

It was moved and carried that the District winners would receive their District awards at the Georgia Union Association meeting following the District CTS Convention.

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

Digest: 6 churches represented, Pleasant Hill, Double Branch, Mt. Ararat, White Oak, Pine Level, Crossroads; number of delegates 22; Average attendance 35; total offering \$5,833.33. Total enrollment 286.

FINANCE:

Balance on hand	\$ 29.93
Entrance Fees	60.00
Offering	21.26
Total	\$111.19

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. All program material that the secretary has to order is to be paid out of the treasury.

B. Entrance fees to be raised to \$15.00.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Suggest giving Attendance Banner to the Church with largest increase in CTS.

2. Encourage President and Vice-President to assist churches in organizing a CTS where there isn't one.

3. Suggest that local church give yearly attendance pins to deserving members.

4. Recommend that Pastors support and encourage the Directors of CTS to support and attend CTS Convention.

5. Recommend that pastors try to start a CTS in their church if they don't have one.

PLACEMENT:

The next CTS District Convention will be held at Mt. Ararat FWB Church in Eastman, Ga.

NOMINATING:

The following officers were accepted:

President	Emory Nobles
Vice-President	Harold Johnson
Secretary - Treasurer	Charline Dunaway
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Bobby McKinney
Sword Drill Leader	Mrs. Willie R. Rogers
Bible Bowl Leader	Mrs. Herschel Johnson
Tic Tac Toe Leader	Caroline Hightower
Declamation Leader	Karen Peavy

A move was carried to change the Entrance Fee to \$15.00. The Secretary-Treasurer was given the authority to change the Constitution to that effect.

Pine Level Church was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The Convention was adjourned.

CHARLINE DUNAWAY, Sec.-Treas.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF DISTRICT CTS CONVENTION

PREAMBLE:

We, the Church Training Services of the Original Free Will Baptist of the Georgia Union Association, desire to promote the cause of Jesus Christ as represented by our denomination and to put the "Kingdom of God first", through the study and promotion of CTS in the Georgia Union Association and establish this constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE 1. NAME: This organization shall be known as the Georgia Union District Church Training Service Convention.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this convention shall be to promote the general welfare of the Free Will Baptist CTS throughout the association and to assist pastors in enlisting the youth of our churches in active Christian Service.

ARTICLE 3. OFFICERS: The officers of this District CTS Convention shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary who shall serve as treasurer, Assistant Recording Secretary who shall serve as Assistant Treasurer, and Bible Quiz Leader. All officers and committees shall be elected annually at the session prior to the State CTS Convention. Election shall be the last item of business at the close of the session and tenure of officers shall begin immediately following the close of session.

ARTICLE 4. SECTIONAL: Section 1 Membership: Each CTS shall be entitled to 8 delegates. All ordained ministers, officers, standing committees, and duly appointed delegates shall be considered members of this convention and shall be privileged to vote.

Section 2. Dues: The dues to the convention shall be \$15.00.

ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES: The executive committee of this convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention.

(1) Nomination Committee, consisting of one member from each CTS.

(2) Program Committee, consisting of the Host Church.

(3) Committees as necessary and not already provided for shall be appointed by the president and shall hold office until work is completed or until successors are elected.

ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS: This convention shall convene annually on the (4) fourth Sunday in May of each year.

AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution shall not be changed or altered except by a 2/3 majority vote of all delegates present. All amendments shall be read and lie on table from morning session until evening session, as which time they shall be read again prior to being considered. Additional committees and officers may be added as there is need.

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 Asso-

ciation. 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 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.

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 Secretary-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 allotted 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 parliamentary 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 respon-

sible 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.