

**1976**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION**  
**OF THE**  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**HELD WITH**  
**BAY SPRING CHURCH**  
**Near Eastman, Georgia**  
**Saturday, October 2, 1976**

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**OFFICERS**

Rev. Joe Owens ..... Moderator  
Rev. James Osborn ..... Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Donald W. Moore ..... Clerk  
Bro. Sherman Jones ..... Assistant Clerk  
Bro. Ernest J. Barker ..... Treasurer  
Bro. Emory E. Nobles ..... Assistant Treasurer

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session: Jan. 1, 1977 ..... Bethlehem  
2nd. Quarterly Session: Apl. 2 1977 ..... Beulah Spring  
3rd Quarterly Session: July 2, 1977 ..... Christian Hill  
Annual Session: Oct. 1, 1977 ..... Cross Roads  
C. T. S. Convention: Apl. 23, 1977 ..... Double Branches  
Sunday School Convention: July 30, 1977 ..... White Oak  
Youth for Christ: Nov. 20, 1976 ..... Pine Level  
Youth for Chirst: Feb. 19, 1977 ..... White Oak  
Youth for Christ: May 14, 1977 ..... Wilson Chapel  
Youth for Christ: Aug. 20, 1977 ..... Cross Roads

### RECOMMENDED 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

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### DIGEST COMMITTEE

\*Rev. James Roland                      \*Cliff Gaines                      \*Rev. Robert Garrett

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

\* Walter Hightower, \*Guy Selph, \*Harold Dunaway, \*Rev. James Osborn,  
 \*Emory Nobles, \*Roy Faircloth and \*Frank McKinney

\* Indicates these Brethren to be retained or replaced at Annual Session  
 along with Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treas-  
 urer, and Assistant Treasurer.

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### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Rev. James R. Stroup ..... 2059 Regent St., Macon, Ga. 31201	745-0054
Rev. Emmett McDuffie ..... Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga., PO Box 46	365-2669
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Rev. Elbert Powell ..... Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.	934-2655
Rev. Alvin Peacock ..... Address Unknown	
Rev. Danny Keen ..... Address Unknown	
Rev. Tony Howell ..... Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-4663
Rev. Harold Dunlap ..... 3193 Briarwood Dr. Macon 31206	477-7526
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### LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Robert Garrett—October 1977  
 Rev. Bobby Graham—October 1977  
 Rev. James E. Brice ..... Rt. 1, Box 165, Pineview, Ga. 31071—July 1977  
 Rev. Eugene McCloud—January 1977  
 Rev. Morris English—January 1977  
 Rev. Leonard Eubanks, 3858 St. Charles Pl. 31206 Ph. 788-0953 Jan. 1977

**FIRST QUARTER SESSION**

The First Quarter Session of the Georgia Union Association convened at White Oak, in Macon, Ga., on the 3rd of January, 1976 with singing led by Bro. Marion Collins. Prayer by Rev. Kelly.

Special singing by Rev. Mike Stevens and Rev. Russell Horne.

Welcome was extended by Rev. Joe Owens, pastor of host church. Morning devotion was given by Rev. Leonard Eubanks.

Welcome was given by Moderator to all and asked if there were any visitors.

M//S/C to accept minutes as read.

M/S/C to follow program outline as a guide and make any changes that were necessary.

By-Laws were read by Bro. Marion Collins. Church covenant was read by Bro. Walter Bryan.

Church letters were received and delegates' names were called by clerk.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committees as needed and fill vacancies. Appointed to Ordaining council were Rev. Joe Owens and Rev. Emmett McDuffie; to Digest Committee, Bro. Jimmy Collins and Bro. James Bryant; Finance Committee, Bro. James Johnson and Bro. Hollis Smith.

M/S/C to seat delegates present and any who may come later.

M/S/C to table removal of "We, the Committee on By-Laws recommend the following changes from By-Laws."

Oral report was given by various activities.

M/S/C to dismiss from morning business session and enter into Worship Service.

Morning message was brought by Rev. Tom VanDeman.

Afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. Marion Collins with prayer by Rev. Alvin Peacock. Special singing by members of host church.

Afternoon devotion was brought by Bro. Roy Faircloth.

M/S/C to remove item concerning By-Laws from table for question. Motion carried to remove, "We, the committee on By-Laws recommend the following change."

M/S/C to accept Ordaining council report as follows: renewal of License for one year Rev. Leonard Eubanks, Rev. Morris English and Rev. Eugene McCloud, Rev. Harold Dunlap be accepted into Association as an Ordained Minister, Rev. John Ingram be accepted as an Ordained Minister pending a letter of recommendation from previous Association and that Rev. Howard Smith be granted a letter of recommendation to Texas Association.

Submitted by,

REV. JOE OWENS

REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE

REV. R. B. McFADDEN



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M/S/C to list Licensed Ministers in minutes.

M/S/C that clerk and moderator sign ordination certificate for Rev. R. B. McFadden, Jr.

M/S/C to receive Digest Committee as listed below:

Of all that is represented by Church letter we found the following:  
18 out of 20 churches represented.

Members received .....	27
Baptized .....	11
Auxiliaries .....	45
By Letter .....	16
Members lost .....	8
Total offering .....	\$73,953.82
Total disbursements .....	\$73,594.82

BRO. JIMMY COLLINS

BRO. JAMES BRYANT

REV. R. B. McFADDEN

M/S/C to receive treasurer's report as listed below:

Bank balance as of January 1, 1976 .....	\$600.16
Received this session .....	248.00
Total .....	\$858.16
Paid clerk and moderator .....	65.00
Ham Printing Company .....	253.38
Sherman Jones refund for gas .....	29.19
Total expenditures .....	\$347.57
Balance .....	\$500.59

Submitted by,

BRO. ERNEST J. BARKER

BRO. HOLLIS SMITH

BRO. JAMES JOHNSON

Oral report of Mission Board was given by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

M/S/C to receive an offering for the Perry Mission. \$116.00 received.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board's report as follows:

We met today and elected the officers listed below:

Chairman .....	Bro. Edward Bruce
Vice Chairman .....	Bro. Emory Nobles
Secretary and Treasurer .....	Rev. Randy Carney
Assistant Secretary and treasurer .....	Bro. Roy Faircloth

We have \$333.32 in the treasury.

We recommend that each Church provide Christ Oriented program for the youth.

The Christian school is still under consideration.

REV. RANDY CARNEY, Secty. & Treas.

BRO. EDWARD BRUCE, Chairman

M/S/C to extend host church a rising vote of thanks.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Bruce.

REV. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

REV. JAMES OSBORN, Moderator

## SECOND QUARTER SESSION

The Second Quarter Session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Wilson Chapel with singing led by Rev. Eugene Ross.

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. James Osborn.

Welcome extended to body by Rev. J. S. Anthony, host pastor.

Morning devotion was brought by Bro. Doug Wheelus using Psalm 46.

M/S/C to adopt first quarter minutes as read by clerk.

M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide and make changes needed.

Church covenant read by Rev. James Roland. By-Laws read by Rev. Randy Carney.

M/S/C to seat present delegates and those who may come later.

M/S/C to accept New Hope's delegates pending their letter.

M/S/C that moderator appoint committees as needed, Bro. Emerson and Bro. Fleming to serve on Finance Committee, Rev. Joe Owens and Rev. Eugene Ross to serve on Ordaining council, Bro. Robert Garrett and Rev. James Stroup to serve on Digest Committee.

M/S/C to have Church letter forms printed & have printed at clerk's discretion.

M/S/C to have 400 letter forms printed.

M/S/C to enter into Worship Service. Singing led by Rev. Eugene Ross. Special singing by host church.

Morning message was delivered by Rev. Russell Horne.

Afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Ross and prayer by Rev. Eddie Hodges.

Afternoon devotion by Rev. Eugene McCloud and testimony service conducted by Rev. Robert Garrett.

White Oak Church was announced as the site of the CTS convention.

M/S/C to adopt Ordaining council's report as follows: We recommend that the letters of recommendation for Rev. James Stroup and Rev. John Ingram be accepted. We also recommend that Ronnie Mullis' name be removed from ministers roll as he has left the Freewill Baptist.

REV. JOE OWENS

REV. EUGENE ROSS

REV. DON KEHELEY

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

Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave a report from State office.

Rev. Eddie Hodges gave a report on the Dublin Mission Work and its need.

M/S/C to adopt digest committee report as follows:

Church letters received	15
Members received	26
Members lost	7
Baptized	12
Total offering	\$37,488.41
Disbursements	28,956.85
Auxiliaries	36
REV. JAS. ROLAND, REV. JAS. STROUP, REV. ROBERT GARRETT	

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M/S/C to adopt Christian Education Board as follows:

The Board of Christian Education met March 28, 1976 at Mt. Ararat Freewill Baptist Church and April 3rd at Wilson Chapel. In the matter of the Christian school, we have commitment from the parents of 14 students to attend if the school is started. We have a piece of land that has been offered for this purpose near Chester, Ga. We could begin operation next fall in a 12' x 60' mobile home converted for this purpose. We have figured we need \$16,000. for the first year of operation. This includes the principal's salary and salary for a teacher's aid and the mobile home. In order for school to begin operation, we need a commitment from at least 10 more students or \$9,000. We need this commitment by May 8, 1976, of the \$9,000., we need \$1,400. by June 1, 1976. We will need an additional \$2,000. by July 1, 1976. If we receive these commitments by May 8, 1976 we will go ahead with the school, if not, then we will discontinue working toward a school until further notice by the Association. At present we have \$520.82 in the treasury.

BRO. EDWARD BRUCE, Chairman

REV. RANDY CARNEY, Secty, & Treas.

M/S/C to accept treasurer's report as follows:

Received from Georgia Union Association .....	\$116.00
Paid to Perry Mission .....	116.00
Paid to Georgia Union Mission Board .....	187.50
Paid to Georgia Union Education Board .....	187.50
Paid to Camp Mt. Bethel .....	125.00
Balance on hand .....	15.64
Received this session .....	243.00
Paid moderator and clerk .....	40.00
Balance on hand .....	218.64

Submitted by,

BRO. ERNEST J. BARKER

BRO. LEONARD D. EMERSON

BRO. ALTON FLEMING

M/S/C to change letter form on auxiliaries and list them by name.

M/S/C to extend host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the second quarter meeting of the Georgia Union Association.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. B. Dowdney.

REV. JAMES OSBORN, Moderator

REV. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

### THIRD SESSION

The Third quarter Session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Antioch Freewill Baptist Church, near Pitts, Ga., with singing led by Rev. Eugene Ross.

Welcome was extended to the various churches by Rev. E. E. Kelly with prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

Rev. James Roland delivered the morning devotion. Scripture, Joshua 23:1-2-3

M/S/C to accept minutes as read by clerk.



M/S/C to use program outline as guide and make changes necessary.

Church covenant was read by Rev. Larry Williams. By-Laws by Rev. Ronnie Moore.

Church letters received, delegates names read by clerk.

M/S/C to seat present delegates and those who may come later.

M/S/C to accept Perry Mission and First Eastman pending letter.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committees where needed:

Bro. Larry Williams and Rev. E. E. Kelly to serve on Ordaining Council, Bro. Robert Garrett and Bro. Charles Hardeman to Digest committee, Bro. Alton Fleming and Bro. Frank McKinney to Finance Com.

M/S/C to grant Calvary Church a letter of recommendation and to include their ministers in the recommendation.

Moderator explained the needs for the Association to be incorporated.

M/S/C for Association to be incorporated.

M/S/C that article 3 of the constitution be changed to read Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer shall be the officers of this Association and this item be tabled until afternoon session.

M/S/C to adjourn from morning business session and enter into Worship service.

Singing was led by Rev. Eugene Ross. Prayer by Rev. Russell Horne. Morning message was brought by Rev. Edward Bruce, scripture from Ephesians 6:10-18. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. E. L. Collins.

Afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Eugene Ross. Afternoon devotion, Rev. Tony Howell. Prayer by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

M/S/C to take item concerning changes in article 3 of constitution off the table for discussion.

M/S/C that article 3 of the constitution be changed to read the officers of this association incorporated shall consist of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

M/S/C that the word incorporated be added to article 1 of the constitution.

M/S/C that above item be tabled.

M/S/C to adopt financial report as follows:

July 1, Bank Balance .....	\$218.64
Received this session .....	268.00
	\$486.64
Paid Clerk and Moderator .....	40.00
Balance on hand .....	\$446.64

Submitted by,

BRO. FRANK McKINNEY

BRO. ALTON FLEMING

BRO ERNEST J. BARKER

M/S/C that Bro. Jerry Dunaway be elected to serve on Trustee Board replacing Tony Graham.

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M/S/C to accept Mission Board treasurer's report as follows:

Brought forward .....	\$1277.30
Total receipts .....	426.64
Total .....	\$1703.94
Expenses as follows:	
Paid Cook Banking Company .....	1033.34
Paid Perry Mission .....	100.00
Paid Griffin Mission .....	100.00
Total expenses .....	\$1233.34
Balance on hand .....	470.60

DONALD SELF, Treasurer

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report as follows:

Church letters .....	18
Members received .....	35
Members lost .....	10
Baptized .....	25
Auxiliaries .....	39
Total offering .....	\$35,523.36
Total expenses .....	38,214.82

Submitted by,

REV. JAMES ROLAND

BRO. ROBERT GARRETT

BRO. CHARLES HARDEMAN

M/S/C to allow Bro. Bruce to finish out associationl year on Christian Education Board.

M/S/C to extend host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Association.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report as follows:

On May 18, 1976 we met in a joint meeting with the Executive Board and decided to use what money we had in the treasury to send Rev. Don Keheley and Rev. Randy Carney to take administrators training in Fort Worth, Texas and to sign purchase agreement with Accelerated Christian Education. We had \$513.82 in the treasury at that time that night we received \$1,400.00 in pledges which were deposited in a week's time, giving us a total of \$1,953.82. Bro. Keheley and Bro. Carney went to the training in Texas. A check of \$1,450.00 was written to A. C. E. for the initial fee (purchase agreement) and a check of \$500.00 for curriculum deposit and a check to Eastern air lines for \$324.00 and one to La Quinta Motel for \$105.06. We received \$17.50 from Don Keheley and Randy Carney for one night's stay at La Quinta. We have had two meetings since then, and we have decided to operate in a manner similiar to the mission board. We are in the process of finalizing the location of the school at present.

JAMES E. BRUCE, Chairman

REV. RANDY CARNEY, Scty. & Treas.

M/S/C to accpet Ordaining Council's report and act on item by item.

Item 1 recommend that Griffin Freewill Baptist Mission represent

as a Mission until further organized.

Item 2 that Bro. Rennie Munis be re-instated as a licensed minister.

Item 3 that Bro. Edward Bruce be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

Item 4 that Bro. Tony Howell's license be re-newed for one year.

All the above items were carried.

M/S/C that Executive Board review the Constitution and bring recommendation to Annual Association.

M/S/C for Association to sponsor a monthly newsletter.

M/S/C that Rev. James Osborn publish this newsletter.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Joe Owens.

REV. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

REV. JAMES OSBORN, Moderator

### ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Session of The Georgia Union Association convened at Bay Spring Free Will Church, October 2, 1976 with singing led by Bro. Hollis Smith and prayer by Bro. Earl Bryant.

Welcome extended to body by host pastor, Rev. Ronnie Moore. Bro. Moore also delivered the morning devotion.

Annual Session called to order by clerk due to the absence of Moderator and Assistant Moderator for the purpose of electing a Moderator for this session. Rev. Joe Owens elected Moderator for this session. Prayer by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

M/S/C to accept minutes as read by clerk.

Church covenant read by Rev. L. S. Anthony. By-Laws read by Bro. Hollis Smith.

Church letters received, delegates names read by clerk.

M/S/C to seat present delegates and those who may come later.

M/S/C to take item concerning adding the word incorporation to article 1 of the Constitution off table for discussion.

M/S/C that the word incorporated be dropped and that all action taken at 3rd session concerning article 3 of the constitution be changed back to its original reading, and that this matter of incorporation be referred to the Executive Committee for further study, and this moved be table until afternoon session.

M/S/C to use program outline as guide and make changes necessary.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committees where needed:

Bro. Marion Collins appointed to Digest committee, Bro. Alton Fleming and Rev. Tom VanDeman to the Finance committee and Bro. James M. Johnson to State of Churches and Character of Ministers.

Executive Secretary of the State Association, Rev. C. B. Dowdney, expressed his appreciation to the various churches for their support in cooperative giving. Bro. Dowdney gave certificates to various churches. Also he expressed his concern for the Dublin Mission, stating that he might be put in charge.

M/S/C to adjourn from morning business session and enter into Worship service.

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Morning message was brought by Rev. Tony Howell. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. Walter Bryan with prayer by Bro. E. L. Collins.

Bro. Bobby Graham delivered the afternoon devotion.

M/S/C to take item off table for action.

M/S/C to leave constitution as is and executive committee study further about association being incorporated.

M/S/C to accept Finance committee's report as follows:

September 1, 1976 Bank balance .....	\$446.64
September 9, 1976 Ham Printing Co. ....	12.88
October 1, 1976 Bank balance .....	433.76
October 2, 1976 Received from churches .....	263.00
October 2, 1976 Clerk and Moderator fee .....	40.00
Balance on hand .....	\$656.76

Submitted by,

REV. THOMAS VANDEMAN

BRO. ALTON FLEMING

BRO. ERNEST J. BARKER

M/S/C to accept Mission Board treasurer's report as follows:

Brought forward .....	\$321.30
Received from churches .....	355.79
Balance on hand .....	\$677.09

Submitted by,

BRO. DONALD SELF, Treasurer

M/S/C to accept annual report of Christian Education board as follows: We spent most of last year working toward starting a Christian School for the association. In the Spring, we saw that it was possible to start one. So, with enough gifts from individuals and the money that was in the treasury, we sent two men to the Administrator training in Fort Worth, Texas the last week in May.

The school was going to be at Cross Roads Church supported in the same fashion as a mission is supported by the Mission Board, but after Bro. Keheley's resignation in July, they voted to not have it there.

In August, we found a site located 2 miles south of Cochran for \$50.00 a month rent and a building for \$7,500.00. By then, we had everything we needed to start the school except a sufficient number of students or churches supporting it. We did not have the time to give it the promotion or advertisement that it needed by then. The board released Bro. Randy Carney from his position as supervisor on July 31, however he continued to work until the last of August.

We appreciate all the churches who gave for the building and school. Their money will be returned since we cannot use it for its intended purpose this year.

The present board recommends to the association that the new board pursue the starting of a Christian school for next year.



We still have these books, Faith For Today, Precepts For Practice and Pupils Profiles if any church would like to use them for a study course or if any individuals would like to buy them.

Submitted by,  
BRO. JIMMY RAY COLLINS  
REV. EMMETT McDUFFIE  
BRO. EMORY E. NOBLES

M/S/C to have 400 minutes printed.

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report as follows:

We, the Digest committee, submit the following from church letters:

Total churches reporting .....	18
Total number baptized .....	56
Total by letter .....	66
Total lost by death and letter .....	57
Total membership .....	1330
Sunday School enrollment .....	829
Average attendance .....	709
C. T. S. Enrollment .....	433
Average attendance .....	353
Total value of church property .....	\$753,800.00
Total offering .....	179,795.18
Pastors salary .....	63,356 00
Total expense .....	\$166,558.53
Co-op giving .....	4,908.89

Submitted by,  
REV. JAMES ROLAND  
BRO. MARION N. COLLINS  
REV. RICHARD McFADDEN, JR.

Delegates to State Association are Sis. Eugene McCloud, Sis. Frank McKinney, Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers, Bro. Ross Bennett, and Bro. Benny McCoy. Alternates are: Sis. Della McCoy, and Sis. Brenda VanDeman.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report and act on item by item. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Rev. Robert Garrett's license be re-newed for one year, that Bro. Bobby Graham be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year, Rev. Tony Howell be ordained, Rev. Ronnie Mullis be ordained and that he be granted a letter of recommendation to Chattahoochee Association and Rev. Eugene McCloud. All the above items accepted.

M/S/C to accept Griffin Church as a mission.

M/S/C to extend host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Association.

M/S/C that the following be elected to these offices, Moderator, Rev. Joe Owens, Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Osborn, Clerk, Rev. Donald W. Moore, Assistant Clerk, Bro. Sherman Jones, Treasurer, Bro. Ernest J. Barker, Assistant Treasurer, Bro. Emory E. Nobles, Executive Board, Bro. Marion Collins, Trustee Board, Bro. Ross Bennett, Ordaining Council, Rev. Larry Williams, Mission Board, Bro. James E. Bryant and Bro.



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Charles Strickland, Superannuation Board, Bro. Alton Fleming, State of Churches and Character of Ministers, Bro. W. H. Nobles, Bro. Walter Bryan, and Bro. J. C. Langford, Digest Committee, Rev. James Rolan, Rev. Robert Garrett and Bro. Cliff Gaines, Christian Education Board, Bro. Walter Hightower, Bro. Guy Selph, Bro. Harold Dunaway, Rev. James Osborn, Bro. Emory Nobles, Bro. Roy Faircloth, and Bro. Frank McKinney, Parliamentarian and Newsletterman, Rev. Thomas VanDeman.

M/S/C that all officers addresses and phone numbers be carried in minutes.

M/S/C that association go on record opposing the use of our tax money to help defray the expenses for abortion, and a letter signed by Moderator and clerk be forwarded to Senator Nunn informing of our position. Also that we write the Editor who publish a letter in favor of holding our election on Sunday opposing same.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourn with prayer by Bro. Jimmy Collins.

REV. JOE OWENS, Acting Moderator

REV. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

### GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—1976

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at the Bleckley County Elementary School on July 31, 1976 at 3:30 P. M. The convention was brought to order with a congregational song. Bro. Dick Jones read scripture, gave the welcome and had prayer.

M/S/C that the president appoint a nominating committee. Those appointed were: (1) Waldo Cook, (2) Walter Hightower, (3) N. C. Perry.

M/S/C that the president appoint program judges. Those appointed were: (1) J. D. O'Donnell, (2) Bro. Everett Kelley, (3) Bro. Donald Moore, (4) Bro. Jim Osborn, (5) Mrs. L. S. Anthony.

The programs were presented as follows: (1) Bethlehem, (2) Double Branch, (3) Beulah Springs, (4) Perry Mission, (5) Pine Level, (6) Warner Robins.

An offering for the convention was taken, after which we heard an inspiring message from Bro. J. D. O'Donnell. The convention adjourned for the evening meal.

Bethlehem re-opened the convention with special singing. The programs continued as follows: (7) White Oaks, (8) Little Bethel, (9) Bay Springs, (10) Wilson Chapel, (11) Crossroads, (12) First Eastman.

The business session was opened with prayer. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and adopted.

The nominating committee nominated Bro. Dick Jones as president, due to the resignation of Bro. Bruce, Timothy Fontenot as Vice-president, and Harold Dunaway as Secretary-Treasurer with Phil Faircloth as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

M/S/C to accept nominations. The officers were then voted in.

Bro. Dick Jones then gave an interesting history of our early Sunday School Conventions.

The attendance banner was presented to: 1st place, Perry Mission, having 91%; 2nd place, Double Branch having 90%.

The Standards Plaque was presented to White Oaks having 88 points; Wilson Chapel and Double Branch tied for second, each scoring 84 points.

There was no old business. New Business: M/S/C to appoint a committee to get up rules for figuring attendance percentage and to improve judging rules. Those appointed were Cliff Gaines, Earl Bryant and Shine Collins.

M/S/C to have future conventions at churches with available space.

M/S/C to have next convention at White Oaks, if available and if not, have it at First Eastman.

M/S/C to start the convention on Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

M/S/C to look into wireless microphones for use at the convention. Those appointed were Tom VanDeman and Tim Fontenot.

Report from Program judges: 1st place, Warner Robins, 2nd place, Beulah Springs, 3rd place, Crossroads.

The convention was adjourned with prayer.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT 1976

##### INCOME:

Balance of 1975 .....	\$191.95
Special offerings received:	
Cliff Gaines .....	45.00
Liberty Chapel .....	20.00
Perry Mission .....	10.00
Bethlehem .....	10.00
Double Branch .....	10.00
Church fees .....	75.00
Convention offering .....	64.62
	\$426.57

##### EXPENSES

Standards Plaque .....	\$38.27
Paper and stencils .....	5.00
Literature (Griffin Mission) .....	13.15
Cups, plates, ice, etc. ....	37.95
Traveling expenses (Bro. Jones) .....	31.70
Bro. O'Donnell .....	75.00
Literature (Dublin Mission) .....	21.73
1976 Banners .....	42.30
	\$265.10
	\$426.57
	Less 265.10
1976 Balance .....	\$161.47

#### MINUTES OF GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

September 18, 1976

The Annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met September 18, 1976 at White Oak Church, 5310 Bloomfield Dr., Macon, Georgia. Registration began at 9:30 and the meeting

1976 STATISTICAL TABLE _ GEORGIA UNION ASS'N.			Meeting Days	Members Rec.	Members Dism.	Total Mem'ship	Co-Op Plan	Building & Repairs	Paid Pastor	Asso. Fees
CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS								
Antioch	None	Mrs. Naida Johnson Rt. 1- Pitts Ga. Box 333-31072	Unknown							\$ 5.00
Bay Spring	Rev. Ronnie Moore	Hollis Smith, Rt. 5 Eastman, Ga. 31023	Full	0	2	76	\$ 60.00	\$1,447.00	\$2524.00	15.00
Bethlehem	Rev. James E. Bruce	Mrs. Jack Calhoun Rt 1 Box 110-Cordele, Ga. 31015	1,3,5	2	5	63	none	261.00	487.00	15.00
Beulah Spring	Rev. Donald W. Moore	James E. Bryant, Rt 1 Montrose, Ga. 31065	Full	7	2	47	405.00	1,044.00	2620.00	12.00
Christian Hill	Rev. Emmett McDuffie	Mrs. Leno McDuffie Rt. 2 Rochelle, Ga. 31079	Full	6	2	95	458.00	2,500.00	2380.00	15.00
Cross Roads	Rev. Jerry Williams	Sherman Jones, Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014	Full	0	1	68	422.00	3,568.83	6360.00	15.00
Double Branches	Rev. James Osborn	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway Rt 1-Unadilla, Ga 31091	Full	3	6	100	255.97	168.00	6500.00	15.00
First Eastman	Rev. Larry Williams	Philip Faircloth, R 4 Eastman, Ga. 31023	Full	3	2	61	none	76.90	3190.00	15.00
Liberty Chapel	Rev. Harold Dunlap	Frances McFadden 4662 Brookhaven Rd., Macon, Ga. 31206	Full	2	2	47	none	51.50	1030.00	12.00

Little Bethel	Rev. Elbert Powell	W. R. Rogers, Rt 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	Full	1	10	115	350.39	1,190.72	2750.00	20.00
Mt. Ararat	Rev. Tony Howell	Jean Selph, Rt 2 Milan, Ga. 31060	Full	5	4	43	469.00	2,621.00	2520.00	12.00
New Hope	Rev. Eugene Ross	Myrtle Howell, Rt 5 Cochran, Ga. 31014	Full	2	7	70	none	500.00	2420.00	15.00
Perry Mission	Rev. E. E. Kelly	Faye Pritchett, Rt. 1 Box 260-15 Byron, Ga. 31008	Full	10	0	26	none	516.00	2600.00	5.00
Pine Level	No pastor	Ross Bennett, Rt 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023	Full	0	1	86	275.00	0	4200.00	15.00
Pleasant Hill	Rev. James Roland	Viola Hunt 713 13th Ave. E. Cordele, Ga. 31015	Full	0	1	116	466.90	3,645.00	5200.00	20.00
Warner Robins	No pastor	Martha Brown 226 Delaware Ave., Warner Robins 31093	Full	2	3	38	361.62	493.00	3900.00	12.00
White Oak	Rev. Joe D. Owens	Minnie Faircloth 2676 Bonnie Ave. Macon, Ga. 31206	Full	9	8	147	480.00	15,596.36	9375.00	25.00
Wilson Chapel	Rev. L. S. Anthony	Clara Wilson 512 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston, Ga 30286	Full	14	2	126	905.00	1,524.00	5300.00	20.00
Dublin Mission	Rev. Eddie Hodges	Unknown	Full							
Griffin Mission	Rev. Eugene McCloud	Unknown	Full							



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was opened with prayer by Bro. James Rowland and singing, "Where He Leads, I'll Follow," The theme was "Untold Millions." Minnie Faircloth gave the welcome. Carmen Osborn sang, "The Love of God," which was followed by an inspiring devotion from Galatians on Mature Christians by Mrs. Jewel Patridge. Pam Gay, president, recognized the visitors and pastors. Committees were appointed as follows:

**REGISTRATION:** Linda Blount and Cathy Herron.

**CREDENTIALS:** Caroline Hightower, Mary Dunaway, and Pauline Eubanks.

**FINANCE:** Betty Williams, Carmen Osborn, and Pam Gay.

**RESOLUTION:** Gloria Johnson, Myrtice Langford, Minnie Faircloth, Mrs. Bessie Simmons, and Mrs. Jewel Patridge.

Pam Gay was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the State. Delegates to the State Convention were appointed as follows: Minnie Faircloth, Betty Williams, Carmen Osborn, Patricia Rowland, Mary Dunaway, Mrs. Jewel Patridge, Brend VanDeman, Dot Williams, Linda Blount, and Pauline Eubanks.

The congregation sang "Deeper, Deeper" & "Untold Millions." Gloria Johnson sang, "Win the Lost at Any Cost." Bro. Allen Crowson, missionary appointee to the Ivory Coast brought the morning message, after which we were dismissed for lunch.

After lunch, we assembled back to the singing of "To The Regions Beyond," with prayer by Mary Dunaway. Gloria Johnson, Pam Gay, and Donnie Holmes sang "He did it all for me," followed by devotion by LaRue Crowson, Missionary Appointee to the Ivory Coast.

Pam Gay read correspondence from the State concerning the State Project and a report on the National Association.

Resolution Committee report: 50 people present, 7 churches represented, 4 auxiliaries represented, 21 members present; 26 visitors and 3 ministers.

A motion passed to accept Wilson Chapel Auxiliary into the District.

Finance Committee report was accepted. \$1,028.43 was disbursed to various missionary and benevolent projects by the auxiliaries during the past year.

The Resolutions passed were: (1) To encourage other churches in the association to begin Woman's Auxiliary. (2) That each local auxiliary support the Allen-LaRue Crowson family in funds and prayers. (3) that each member of the Auxiliary pray and put forth more effort to build up their local auxiliaries.

The following officers were nominated for the next two years:

President, Pam Gay; Vice pres. Patricia Rowland; Treasurer, Gloria Johnson; Secretary, Betty Williams; Mission Action Chairman, Mary Dunaway; Mission Prayer Chairman, Myrtice Langford; Mission Study Chairman, Jewel Patridge.

Minnie Faircloth installed the officers with an informative installation service about Africa.

PAM GAY, President

CAROLINE HIGHTOWER, Secretary

CTS MINUTES 1976

MORNING SESSION

The Georgia Union CTS Convention was held May 8, 1976 at White Oak FWB Church. The welcome was given by Joe Owens, after which the business session was opened by the president, Guy Selph. A resolution was made and tabled until the afternoon session. The move was:

"We, the Committee for the Georgia Union CTS, hereby recommend that our District CTS date be changed from the 4th Saturday in May until the 4th Saturday in April."

A call was made for the Church letters and fees. A motion was made and passed to seat the delegates. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted. The following committees were appointed:

DIGEST: Donald Moore, Carmen Osborne, Sherrie Sangster.

FINANCE: Joe Owens, Mrs. Gertrude Calhoun, and Betty Williams.

RESOLUTIONS: Faye Easom, M. C. Hearn, Jean Selph.

PLACEMENT: Minnie Faircloth, Louise Calhoun.

NOMINATING: Jim Osborne, Tommy Keheley, Gloria Johnson, Bobby Graham.

The business session was closed.

Pauline Eubanks took charge of the Bible Memorization competition.

These are the winners:

1st Place, 1st grade—Tonya Selph, Mt. Ararat

2nd grade, 1st Place Linnie Hardeman, Mt. Ararat.

2nd place Sean Eubanks, White Oak

3rd grade, 1st Place Kenny Toler, White Oaks

Willie Ruth Rogers took charge of the Sword Drill competition. The winners are as follows:

1st place Ronnie Hardeman, Mt. Ararat

2nd place, Pennie Hearn Crossroads

Others participating in the Sword Drill competition were Glenn Williams, White Oaks, and Aubrey Hearn, Crossroads.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Donna Davis, the contestant in the Music and Arts competition sang a special song after which Kathy Herron took charge of the Tic Tac Toe competition. There were four teams entering this competition, namely: Mt. Ararat: Kathy Linder, Donna Moore, Randal Hardeman, Wanda Hardeman. Crossroads: Joyce Hearn, Doris Hearn, Susan Hearn, Mark Keheley. Double Branch: Sherrie Easom, Michelle Fulford, Bob Belflower, Alton Calhoun. White Oaks: Ralph Williams, Curtis Owens.

The team from Mt. Ararat won first place, and the team from Double Branch won second place.

A special song was sung by Sherrie Sangster from Double Branch. The business session was re-opened. A report from the committees was given as follows:

PLACEMENT: 1977 CTS Convention will be held at Double Branch.

FINANCE:

Balance on hand	\$16.29
Entrance fees	90.00
Total	\$106.29



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Recommend that we pay entrance fees of the contestants going to the State CTS Convention, and that we pay for medals to be given to the District winners.

**RESOLUTION:** Resolve to emphasize CTS more in each local church and to urge and encourage competition starting with the beginners.

**DIGEST:** Number of churches represented 6, Pine Level, Crossroads, White Oaks, Double Branch, Mt. Ararat, and Beulah Springs. Number of delegates 20; Average attendance 44; Total enrollment 287; total offering \$9,537.79, church with largest increase in CTS members, White Oaks, 14.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** President, Guy Selph; Vice President, Jimmy Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, Cynthia Hearn; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Charlene Dunaway; Sword Drill Leader, Rhonda Carney, Bible Bowl Leader, Mrs. Rudeen Collins; Tic Tac Toe Leader, Caroline Hightower; Bible Memorization Leader, Pam Gay. The named officers were elected by acclamation.

A committee was appointed by the President to check into the Music and Arts competition and prepare for it the following year. Those on the committee were: Chairman, Tommy Keheley, Shine Collins, Randy Carney and Jim Osborne.

The move to change the constitution, if necessary, was taken off the table. After some discussion, the move was passed, as is. "We, the Committee for the Georgia Union CTS, hereby recommended that our District CTS date be changed from the 4th Saturday in May until the 4th Saturday in April providing the State CTS does not change their annual CTS convention date."

White Oaks was awarded the banner for the most new members during the year. A motion was passed to buy an additional banner which would be given to the church with the highest per cent increase in membership each year. A motion was passed to add to the minutes the number of years each officer had served. A rising vote of thanks was given to White Oaks. The convention adjourned.

CHARLINE DUNAWAY, Secretary

### GEORGIA UNION YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY REPORT

The Georgia Union Youth for Christ Rally held its meetings at the following churches for the past year: Double Branch, New Hope, White Oaks, and Double Branch.

Each church presented an inspirational program either by a film, their young people, or a special guest.

#### SEVERAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR WERE:

1. A skating party held at Warner Robins, Ga.
2. A picnic at Bloomfield Recreation Center in Macon including softball and volleyball. Pine Level took first place and Wilson Chapel second in both sports.
3. A Youth Crusade was held August 20-21 at First Eastman. The speaker for both nights was Bro. Gary Page. A workshop was held Saturday afternoon. The Lord blessed in this Crusade. People, young and old, came and poured their hearts out to God and we had one to get saved.

**PRAISE THE LORD! ! !** The average attendance for both nights was 75.

The average attendance for the year was 82 per cent for the ages between 8-30 and over 30 and under 8 was 44 per cent.

**OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR ARE:**

President ..... Jim Osborn, Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga.  
 Vice President ..... Harold Dunaway, Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga.  
 Secty.-Treas. .... Cathy Herron, 2467 Adger Rd., Macon, Ga. 31206  
 Assist. Sec.-Treas. .... Gloria Johnson, 5725 Swymer Dr., Macon 31206  
 Pianist ..... Donna Davis, Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga.  
 Assist. Pianist ..... Elaine Lanford, Rt. 1, Unadilla 31091  
 Song Leader ..... Benny McKinney, Rt. 1, Abbeville 31001  
 Assist. Song Leader ..... Tim Fontenot, Macon, Ga.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Sherry Owons-WO ..... Charlene Terr, Macon 31206  
 Fred Landfair-WR ..... 709 Camellia Cir., Warner Robins 31093  
 Elaine Parker-WC ..... Unknown.

**PLACES AND DATES OF MEETINGS FOR NEW YEAR:**

Pine Level, Nov. 20, 1976; White Oaks, Feb. 19, 1977; Wilson Chapel May 14, 1977; Crossroads, Aug. 20, 1977.

We want to encourage every church in Georgia Union to come worship with us. After all, this is for you, the young people of our Association.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\$ 15.20 balance brought forward.  
 44.27 offering August 14.  
 59.47  
 62.00 offering at Youth Crusade  
**\$121.47**  
 75 00 given to Bro. Gary Page  
 10.71 for ad put in Cochran paper.  
 35.76

CATHY HERRON, Sec. Treasurer

**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

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

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

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL**—The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE**—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

12. **PERSERVERANCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grace preserves in holiness to the end of life, have promised of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES**—Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordinances teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (Mattt. 23-23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION**—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things and to abstain from appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for conferences; public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness; and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and so far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises; the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools; and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### BY-LAWS

Article 1. 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?

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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 first 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 in the morning, then lie on the table until afternoon, then item be removed from table and read for consideration.

## **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 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.



## **23 GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS**

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.