

1977
MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

Of The
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With
CROSS ROADS CHURCH

Near Cochran, Georgia

Saturday, October 8, 1977

O F F I C E R S

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session: Jan. 14, 1978 Double Branches
2nd Quarterly Session: Apl. 8, 1978 First Eastman
3rd Quarterly Session: July 8, 1978 Liberty Chapel
Annual Session: Oct. 14, 1978 Little Bethel
Woman's Auxilairy Convention: Sept. 16, 1978 Wilson Chapel
Sunday School Convention: July 29, 1978 Pine Level
C. T. S. Convention: Apl. 22, 1978 Mt. Ararat

Youth For Christ Fellowship
February 18, 1978 White Oak
May 20, 1978 Warner Robins
August 19, 1978 Double Branches

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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 James E. Bruce Rt. 1, Box 165, Pineview, Ga. 31071

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

*Ernest Collins *W. H. Nobles *J. C. Langford

DIGEST COMMITTEE

*Rev. Ronnie Lawson *James G. Bryant *Robert Garrett

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

*Walter Hightower, *Guy Selph, *Harold Dunaway, *Rev. James Os-
 born, *Emory Nobles, *Roy Faircloth and *Frank McKinney

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

*Robert Rogers Alton Fleming H. E. Dunaway
 * Indicates these Brethren to be retained or replaced at Annual Session
 along with Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treas-
 urer, and Assistant Treasurer.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

			Phone
Rev. James Osborn	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036		892-9474
Rev. L. S. Anthony	Thomaston, Ga., Rt. 3,		404-647-3885
Rev. James Roland	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga. 31092		268-8746
Rev. Larry Williams	816 6th Ave. Eastman, Ga. 31023		374-2533
Rev. Ronnie Moore	Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga. 31023		374-5797
Rev. E. B. Duckworth	406 Story Rd., Warner Robins		923-6882
Rev. Donald W. Moore —	4040 LeFayette, Dr., Macon, Ga. 31204		788-8260
Rev. James R. Stroup	2059 Regent St., Macon, Ga. 31201		745-0054
Rev. Emmett McDuffie	Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga., PO Box 46		365-2669
Rev. R. B. McFadden	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012		358-4477
Rev. Joe D. Owens	5310 Bloomfield Rd., Macon 31204		781-1846
Rev. E. E. Kelly	Address Unknown at present		
Rev. J. B. Fuller	Rt. 2, Reynolds, Ga.		
Rev. W. L. Amerson	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012		
Rev. Henry E. Bridges	Cochran, Ga. 31014		934-2369
Rev. H. D. Faircloth	408 Page St. Eastman, Ga. 31023		374-3017
Rev. James W. Potter	2762 Lakeshore Dr., Macon, Ga.		746-1529
Rev. Elbert Powell	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.		934-2655
Rev. Alvin Peacock	Dublin, Georgia		
Rev. Tony Howell	Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga. 31014		934-4663
Rev. Harold Dunlap	3193 Briarwood Dr. Macon 31206		477-7526
Rev. John R. Ingram	4290 Worsham Ave., Macon 31206		788-6726
Rev. J. M. Herrald	Star Rt. Charleston, W. Virginia		
Rev. Eugene McLeod	793 Joy St., Jackson, Ga. 30233		775-3536
Rev. Alton Everson	Rhine, Ga.		
Rev. James E. Bruce	Rt. 1, Box 165, Pineview, Ga. 31071		
Rev. C. B. Dowdney	P. O. Box 1406, Dublin, Ga. 31021		272-7075
Rev. Ronnie Lawson	Tifton, Ga. 31794		382-8149

LICENSED MINISTERS

- Rev. Randy Cody—License expires July 1978.
- Rev. Charles Hardeman—License expires July 1978.
- Rev. Henry A. Mitchell—License expires January 1978.
- Rev. Bobby Graham—License expires October 1978.

FIRST QUARTER SESSION

The First Session of the Georgia Union Association convened January 8, 1977 at Bethlehem Church, near Cordele, Ga., with singing led by Rev. J. E. Bruce, and prayer by Bro. Earl Bryant.

Rev. James E. Bruce, host pastor extended welcome to the body.

Rev. James Roland delivered the morning devotion. Scripture St. Mark 12:12.

M/S/C to adopt minutes as read by Clerk.

Church Covenant read by Bro. Marion Collins. By-Laws by Rev. James Osborn.

Church letters received, delegates names read. M/S/C to seat delegates who are present and any who may come in later.

M/S/C to use program outline as guide, making changes if needed.

Moderator welcomed all visitors.

The following were recommended to the Association and tabled until afternoon session.

1. Recommend that Association be incorporated.
2. Recommend that Trustee Board remain intact & elect a chairman
3. Include word mission in constitution.
4. Recommend that regular meeting date be changed to Saturday before the Second Sunday.

M/S/C that Association buy an inexpensive calculator and it be kept by clerk.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committee where needed, Rev. Eugene Ross, Rev. E. E. Kelly and Rev. Tony Howell to Ordaining Council; Rev. John Ingram, Rev. James Stroup to Digest Committee; Bro. Jerry Dunaway and Bro. Billy Atkins to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to elect Rev. James Osborn to publish a monthly newsletter.

M/S/C to elect Rev. C. B. Dowdney as Parliamentarian.

M/S/C to adjourn from morning business session & enter into morning Worship Hour. Singing was led by Rev. Bruce with prayer by Bro. Frank McKinney. Rev. Jerry Williams, pastor of Cross Road Church, delivered an inspiring message, subject, Tolerating Sin. Scripture, Proverbs 14:34.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Afternoon Session began with singing, with prayer by Bro. E. J. Barker. Rev. J. B. Fuller delivered the afternoon devotion, scripture, II Chronicle 7:14, a real inspiring devotion.

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

Members received	33
Members lost	19
-Master Men	3
Woman Auxiliary	7
Offering	\$36,311.56
Disbursements	35,272.12

Submitted by:

REV. JAMES ROLAND, REV. JOHN INGRAM, REV. J. R. STROUP

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M/S/C to take items from table and act on item by item.

M/S/C that Association be incorporated.

M/S/C that Trustee Board remain intact & elect a chairman .

M/S/C that word Mission be included in constitution.

M/S/C that meeting dates be changed to Saturday before Second Sunday.

M/S/C to accept treasury report as listed below:

Nov. 1, 1976 Bank Balance	\$656.76
Nov. 11, 1976 Paid for form	\$ 7.02
Nov. 11, 1976 State Association Fee	40.00
Jan. 4, 1977 Pd. for minutes	324.45
Jan. 8, 1977 Pd. Moderator and Clerk	40.00
Total	\$411.47
Leaving a balance	\$245.29
Received this session	246.00
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Submitted by,
BILLY ATKINS
E. J. BARKER
W. G. DUNAWAY

M/S/C to accept Mission Board Tresaury report as follows:

On Hand	\$913.04
Padi to Dublin	103.95
Balance on hand	809.09

BRO. DONALD SELF

M/S&C to accept Ordaining Council report and act on item.

M/S/C that due to Rev. C. B. Dodwney former affiliation with this Association and with the State Association, that he be accepted into this Association as an Ordained Minister pending a letter from his former Association.

M/S/C that Bro. Henry A. Mitchell be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

M/S/C that Rev. Jerry Williams be accepted into this Association as an Ordained Minister pending a letter of recommendation from Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist in North Carolina.

An offering was taken to help our Mission Board meet their indebtedness. \$55.00 was received above their requirements, which was divided between Perry and Griffin Mission.

M/S/C that Clerk write a letter to each Church concerning their opinion about Association being incorporated.

M/S/C to extend to the host a rising vote for entertaining Association.

M/S/C to give Bro. E. J. Barker a rising vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which he handle the treasury.

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

REV. JOE OWENS, Moderator
REV. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

SECOND QUARTER MEETING

The Second Quarter Meeting convened April 9, 1977 at Beulah Spring Church near Cochran, Ga. Singing was led by Bro. Marion Collins, prayer by Rev. Larry Williams. Morning devotional by Bro. James Bryant, reading Matthews 27:27-66.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session as read by Clerk.

Church Covenant was read by Rev. Richard McFadden. By-Laws read by Bro. Marion Collins.

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

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committees as needed. Appointed were Bro. Emerson and Bro. Wayne Martin to State of Churches and Character of Ministers Rev. Jerry Williams to Digest Committee; Rev. Emmett McDuffie to Ordaining Council; Bro. James Johnson and Rev. Eugene McLeod to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to seat delegates that are present & any that may come later.

M/S/C to table item concerning Association being incorporated until afternoon session.

M/S/C that no business be conducted while committees are out.

M/S/C to rescind above moved.

M/S/C that no action concerning changes of Constitution and By-Laws be taken unless all committees are present.

M/S/C to adjourn from morning business session and enter into morning Worship Service. Singing was led by Bro. Jimmy Collins with prayer by Bro. Earl Bryant. Special singing by Bro. & Sister Jimmy Collins. Bro. Roy Faircloth brought the morning message, scripture I Peter 5-8, a wonderful message.

Afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. Jimmy Collins and prayer by Rev. J. B. Fuller. Bro. Earl Bryant brought the afternoon devotion. Scripture Matthew 25:1-13. Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave a report from the State Office stating that all phase of giving are on or above schedule. Rev. James Osborn gave report on the State Camp & its need.

M/S/C to remove item concerning Association being incorporated off table and take action.

M/S/C to rescind previous vote about Association being incorporated.

M/S/C that Executive Committee and Ordaining Council draw up a list of questions for a candidate up for License or Ordination.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report as following, and act on item by item. Recommend that Bro. Leonard Eubanks be ordained. Recommend Rev. J. B. Fuller be accepted in the Association pending letter of recommendation from Chattahoochee Association. Recommend Rev. Emmett McDuffie replace Rev. Richard McFadden on the Ordaining Council. All of the above items were passed.

M/S/C that Mission can send a candidate for license and also sign license.

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee as following: Of all that is represented by Church letter we find the following 20 out of 20 churches represented.

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Members received	43
Members lost	21
Baptized	15
Auxiliaries	47
Total offering	\$38,348.28
Total disbursements	39,611.18
Churches fees	218.00

REV. ROBERT GARRETT

REV. JERRY WILLIAMS

BRO. WAYNE MARTIN

M/S/C to accept Finance Committee report as following:

Received from First Eastman	\$ 15.00
Paid Georgia Union Mission Board	165.00
Paid Georgia Union Christian Board	165.00
Paid Georgia State Association for Camp	112.50
Paid Clerk for postage and mileage	12.21
Bank balance as of April 1, 1977	61.58
Paid Clerk and Moderator	40.00
Received this session	268.00
Balance on hand	289.58

BRO. JAMES M. JOHNSON

BRO. ERNEST J. BARKER

REV. M. E. McLEOD

M/S/C to accept Christian Board of Education as following, Board of Christian Education meeting consisted of persuing A. C. E. School and location. Churches still interested in Study Course, we are still available to assist.

An offering was taken to be divided between Perry & Griffin Mission.

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

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourn with prayer by Rev. Jerry Williams.

REV. JOE OWENS, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Christian Hill Church near Rochelle, Ga. The meeting began with singing, led by Bro. Clark Helms, prayer by Bro. Robert Rogers. Rev. Emmett McDuffie, pastor of host church, extended welcome to the Association. Morning devotion was delivered by Bro. Wayne Martin. Scripture John 1:1-5, theme, Power in the Gospel.

Meeting called to order by Moderator. M/S/C to adopt minutes as read by Clerk. Church Covenant was read by Bro. Jimmy Collins, By-Laws by Rev. Leonard Eubanks.

M/S/C to adopt program outline as guide, with changes as necessary.

M/S/C to seat Delegates that are present & any that may come later.

Visitors were welcome by Moderator.

M/S/C that Chair appoint committee as needed, Ordaining Council,

Rev. L. S. Anthony and Rev. Richard McFadden; Bro. Wayne Martin to Digest; Rev. J. B. Fuller and Bro. Emmett Dunaway to Finance com.

M/S/C to discuss propose questionnaire for Licensing and Ordaining of Ministers as recommended by Ordaining Council & Executive Board.

M/S/C to table above item until afternoon session.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board Treasure report as following:

Brought forward	\$181.14
Received this quarter	220.29
Total received	401.43
Paid Dublin Mission	59.16
Paid Perry Mission	144.16
Balance in Treasure	200.11

BRO. DONALD SELF, Treasury

Rev. James Osborn gave a oral report of Camp Mt. Bethel activities and its needs.

M/S/C to adjourn from morning business session & enter into morning Worship Hour. Special singing was rendered by Bro. Clark Helms, Sister Peggy Helms and Bro. Wayne Martin. Morning message was brought by Rev. Elbert Powell. Scripture Matthew 19:16-22, a wonderful message. Aftrenoon session began with singing led by Bro. Helms, with prayer by Bro. Leonard Emerson. Afternoon devotion by Bro. Henry Mitchell. Scripture 24th chapter of Matthew, text concerning the End of Time. Rev. C. B. Dowdney, State Executive Secretary, gave an oral report about the State work.

M/S/C to leave item on questionnaires for Minitsters on table until session.

M/S/C to adopt Digest Committee as following. We, the Digest Committee find the following out of 18 Churches reporting:

Members received	32
Members lost	17
Sunday School	18
C. T. S.	11
Master Men	5
Woman Auxiliary	7
Total offering	\$36,928.15
Total Disbursement	34,072.71

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report as following. We, the Christian Education Board, have decided not to persue the Christian School for now, but maybe later on in the future, reason, lack of support.

M/S/C to accept Finance Committee report as following:

Paid Rev. Osborn for paper and envelopes	\$ 16.50
July 1 Bank balance	273.08
Paid Clerk and Moderator	40.00
Received from Churches	253.00
Balance in treasury	\$486.08

REV. J. B. FULLER—BRO. EMMETT DUNAWAY—BRO. E. J. BARKER

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M/S/C to grant Rev. E. E. Kelly letter of recommendation provided his church letter is granted first.

M/S/C that Association Clerk write for letter of recommendation for Ministers coming into our Association. This item was referred to Executive Board for further discussion.

M/S/C to receive a freewill offering for Perry & Griffin Missions. An offering of \$58.28 was received.

M/S/C that the Georgia Union Association of Freewill Baptists write a letter to Mrs. Anita Bryant commending her for the stand she took against homosexuality and that we do not condone her sponsors for breaking their contract with her.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council recommendation and act on item by item. Recommend that Bro. Edward Bruce be ordained, carried; Bro. Ronnie Lawson be ordained, carried. Recommend that Rev. J. B. Fuller be received into our Association in full fellowship, carried. We recommend Bro. Randy Cody be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year, carried and that Bro. Charles Hardeman be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourn with prayer by Bro. Roy Faircloth.

REV. JOE OWENS, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Cross Road Church, near Cochran, Ga., October 8, 1977 with singing led by Rev. Jerry Williams and prayer by Rev. James Osborn. Rev. Jerry Williams, pastor of host church, extended welcome to the body. Bro. Sherman Jones brought the morning devotion. Scripture Romans 7:14-25. Moderator recognized visitors and extended invitation to sit with us.

M/S/C to adopt minutes as read by Clerk. By-Laws were read by Rev. Jerry Williams. Church Covenant was read by Rev. Marion Collins. Church letters were received. M/S/C to seat delegates that are present and any that may come in later.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committees where needed. Rev. Jerry Williams to the Ordaining Council; Bro. Emmett Dunaway and Bro. Ernest Collins to serve on State of Churches and Character of Ministers; Bro. Phillip Faircloth and Bro. James Bryant to Digest Committee; Bro. Alvin McDuffie and Sis. Pam Gay to serve on Finance Committee.

M/S/C to adopt program outline as guide with necessary changes.

M/S/C to take item concerning questionnaire for licensing and ordaining of Ministers off table for action. M/S to put above item back on table, move defeated. M/S/C to end debate. M/S/C to add questionnaire to minutes.

M/S/C to change Article under Rules for Licensing of Ministers to read as following: No Applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he or his wife has more than one living husband or wife, this item to be table until afternoon session.

M/S/C that Executive Committee draw up guidelines for State of

Churches and Character of Ministers and to check on Sunday School and C. T. S. By-Laws to see if they have been recommended to Association for adoption.

M/S/C to adjourn from morning session and enter into the morning Worship Hour. Rev. Ronnie Lawson brought the morning message. Scripture II Chronicles 15:8. We Have The Message, What Are We Going To Do With It? Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Donald Moore.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon Session began with singing led by Bro. Marion Collins with prayer by Bro. Ernest Barker. Devotion by Bro. Emory Nobles. Scripture Psalms 31.

M/S/C to set aside rules for business due to Committees being out.

M/S/C to grant Rev. Eugene Ross a letter of recommendation and that letter be sent to Clerk of Chattahoochee Association.

M/S/C that Clerk write for all Ministers letters of recommendation from their former Association.

M/S/C to adopt Treasury report as following:

October 1, 1977—Bank balance	\$486.03
Received this session	273.00
Paid Clerk and Moderator	40.00
Postage and envelopes	5.05
Balance in treasury	\$714.03

SIS. PAM GAY

BRO. ERNEST BERKER

BRO. ALVIN McDUFFIE, JR.

M/S/C to have 400 minutes printed, also to have 200 copies of Questionnaires for licensing and Ordaining of Ministers be printed.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board treasury report as follows:

Brought forward	\$406.43
Total receipts	216.24
Total	\$622.67
Given to Perry Mission	216.24
Balance in treasury	\$440.76

BRO. DONALD SELF, Treasurer

Delegates appointed to State Association were: Sister James Roland, Sis. Warwick McLeod, Bro. Sherman Jones & Sis. Carmel Osborn.

M/S/C to adopt Digest Committee report as following:

Members received	70
Members lost	71
Membership	1,372
Co-op plan	\$3,694.16
Outside Causes	10,475.99
Paid Pastors	67,351.00
Total income	\$141,149.48
Total expenses	\$137,729.01
REV. JAS. ROLAND, BROS. JAS. BRYANT, & PHILLIP FAIRCLOTH	

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M/S/C to accept State of Churches and Character of Ministers as following: We recommend that some are questionable nad that following be dropped from the Ministeria list: Rev. William D. Keheley, Rev. Randy G. Carney and Rev. Richard B. McFadden, Sr.

BRO. W. H. NOBLES

BRO. H. E. DUNAWAY

BRO. ERNEST COLLINS

M/S/C to place Rev. J. M. Herrald name back on Ministers roll.

M/S/C to take Article 5 under Rules for Licensing of Ministers off table for action. Changing of Article 5 was passed.

M/S/C that this Association will not receive any Minister into this Association for membership if he or his wife has a living wife or husband.

M/S/C to give host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting this Associational meeting.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report and act on item by item. We recommend that Bro. Bobby Graham license be renewed for one year, approved; Rev. Alton Everson be received into this Association pending a letter of recommendation from the South Georgia Association, approved. Bro. Wayne Martin study Ist Timothy, chapter 3 and come back before the Ordaining Council at the next session.

The following were recommended and elected to the following offices: Executive Board, Bro. Hollis Smith; Trustee Board, Bro. Herman Hearn; Ordaining Council, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rev. Jerry Williams; Mission Board, Rev. James E. Bruce; Bro. Sherman Jones and Bro. Donald Self; Superannuation Board, Bro. H. E. Dunaway; State of Churches and Character of Ministers, Bro. Ernest Collins, Bro. W. H. Nobles & Bro. J. C. Langford; Digest Committee, Rev. Ronnie Lawson, Bro. James C. Bryant and Bro. Robert Garrett; Christian Education Board, Bro. Walter Hightower, Bro. Guy Selph, Rev. James Osborn, Bro. Emory Nobles, Bro. Roy Faircloth, Bro. Harold Dunaway and Bro. Frank McKinney; Moderator, Rev. Joe Owens; Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Osborn; Clerk, Rev. Donald Moore; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Sherman Jones; Treasurer, Bro. Ernest Barker; Assistant Treasurer, Bro. Emory Nobles; Rev. L. S. Anthony to State Mission Board; Bro. H. E. Dunaway to State Trustee Board and Rev. Larry Williams to State Board of retirement and Insurance.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourn with prayer by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

REV. JOE OWENS, Moderator

REV. DONALD MOORE, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—1977

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at White Oak FWB Church on July 30, 1977 at 10:00 A. M. The Convention was brought to order with congregational songs led by Bro Shine Collins. Bro. Tim Fontenot gave the scripture, welcome and prayer.

M/S/C that the president appoint a nominating commttee. Those appointed were were: (1) Bro. John Nobles, (2) Bro. Jimmy Collins, (3) Bro. Robert Garrett.

M/S/C that the president appoint program judges. Those appointed were: (1) Faye Pritchett, (2) Mrs. McFadden, (3) Roy Faircloth, (4) Minnie Faircloth, (5) John Dowdy, (6) Jo Ann Dossett.

The programs were presented as follows: (1) White Oak, (2) Double Branch, (3) Beulah Spring, (4) Wilson Chapel, (5) Warner Robins.

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

Programs continued as follows: (6) Perry Mission, (7) Crossroads, (8) Bethlehem, (9) Pine Level.

Bro. Jones opened the business session and the minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted. Old business: Committees on judging rules and attendance rules did not report. M/S/C to retain each committee for another year. Committee on wireless mikes gave their report but said they would not work in every church because of hook-up facilities. This was tabled. Bro. Jones gave a continued historical report of the convention.

New Business: M/S/C to change wording of constitution for time of constitution to read to start registering at 9:30 AM & convention to start at 10 AM. M/S/C to add in constitution an assistant secretary-treasurer to the list of officers. M/S/C to still use original plan of putting a name on church letter of a person that would be willing to help at convention but to send the letter two weeks in advance to the president so he might have the time to work up each committee ahead of time.

Presentation of Attendance Banner: First Place, Perry Mission 91%; Second Place, Cross Roads 86%. Presentation of Sunday School Standards Plaque: First Place, Wilson Chapel, 80 points; Second Place, Double Branch 72 points and Cross Roads, 72 points. Presentation of Program Banner: First Place Cross Roads; Second Place, Double Branch; Third place, Warner Robins.

Report of nominating committee: President, Bro. Jimmy Collins; Vice-President, Bro. Tim Fontenot; Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Harold Dunaway. All were voted in by acclamation.

M/S/C to have next convention at Pine Level.

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

M/S/C for the convention to adjourn.

BRO. HAROLD DUNAWAY,

Sec.-Treas. Sunday School Convention

TREASURER'S REPORT—1977

INCOME:

1976 Balance	\$161.47
Special offerings received	
Bethlehem	15.30
Double Branch	10.00
Perry Mission	10.00
Mt. Ararat	10.00
Church fees	60.00

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Convention offering	39.08
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	\$305.85
EXPENSES:	
Cups, plates, etc.	\$ 15.34
Banners	46.16
Printing of minutes	10.00
Traveling expenses	
Tim Fontenot	85.00
Bro. O'Donnell	80.00
Ice	6.45
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	\$242.95
Balance	\$62.90

MINUTES OF GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

September 17, 1977

The Annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met September 17, 1977 at Pleasant Hill Church, Vienna, Ga. Registration began at 9:30 and the meeting was opened with prayer by Caroline Hightower, and singing, "Love Lifted Me" and "At Calvary". The theme was "Love's Commitment." Viola Hunt gave the welcome. Pam Gay, President, welcomed the visitors and pastors and read from I John 4:7-11. Patricia Roland gave an inspiring devotion from John 4:1-15. Committees were appointed as follows:

REGISTRATION: Bessie Simmons, Mary Dunaway.

CREDENTIALS: Betty Williams, Caroline Hightower, Linda Blount.

FINANCE: Gloria Johnson, Racheal Anthony, Patricia Roland.

RESOLUTIONS: Viola Hunt, Clara Wilson, Frances Mullis.

Delegates to State Convention are: Patricia Roland, Mary Dunaway, Gloria Johnson, Betty Williams, Minnie Faircloth, Linda Blount, Racheal Anthony.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Myrtis Langford, Minnie Faircloth, Nita Hobbs, Betty Little.

The congregation sang, "Trust and Obey", and "My Savior's Love." Bro. James Roland sang, "You Never Mentioned Him To Me." Sister Geraldine Wade brought the morning message on Love's Commitment. She used as her text Acts 3:16, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrew 12:4. After she gave a very inspiring message, we had a question and answer session about Japan, after which we dismissed for lunch.

After lunch, we assembled back to the singing of "Love Lifted Me." Pam Gay sang, "How Great Thou Art" which was followed by a report on the National by Caroline Hightower. We were all encouraged to write Anita Bryant for her stand on "Save Our Children."

Registration Committee report: 4 churches represented, 22 members present, 3 visitors, 4 children, 29 people present. Visitors—Corinth Church.

Credentials: Read and accepted. All reports were in order.

RESOLUTIONS: (1) That each member of the local auxiliary commit ourselves to the love of God, as was challanged to us today. Then maybe the other churches in our Association will see the love of God, then will want to join in the work. (2) Continue the project of the Crowson's Toyota until all the funds to meet the objective have been met (3) Support the state project for 1978. (4) That each local auxiliary send \$5.00 to help pay for the state speaker at the state convention in November. (5) That the district meeting of 1978 meet with Wilson Chapel, Thomaston, Ga. (6) That each local auxiliary write a letter to Anita Bryant commending her for the stand she is taking and may God bless her in her stand.

Nominating Committee: Caroline Hightower, Bessie Simmons, Mary Dunaway, and Clara Wilson to check into catering meals for State Woman's Auxiliary Convention in 1978.

FINANCE:

Balance brought forward	\$ 53.25
Paid out	5.98
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	\$ 47.27
Registrationn	8.00
Membership fees	66.00
District Speaker	20.00
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	\$141.27
Offering	37.25
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	\$178.52
Paid Guest Speaker	100.00
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Balance	\$ 78.52
Total cash gifts to State	1810.69
Total non cash gifts	87.00
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	\$1897.69

Bro. James Roland closed our meeting with prayer.

PAM GAY, President

BETTY WILIAMS, Secretary

C. T. S. MINUTES—1977

MORNING SESSION:

The Georgia Union C. T. S. Convention was held April 23, 1977 at Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church. Singing was led after which Guy Selph gave the welcome and Jim Osborne gave the devotion.

The business session was then opened. The president, Guy Selph made a call for the church letters and fees. A motion was carried to seat the delegates.

The minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted. The

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by-laws were read by Cynthia Hearn. Committees were appointed:

DIGEST: Julian Davis, Benny McCoy, Mary Dunaway.

FINANCE: Charles Hardeman, Don Davis, Burnis Jones.

RESOLUTIONS: John Nobles, Shirley Jones, Sister Langford.

PLACEMENT: Jerry Williams, J. C. Langford, Minnie Faircloth.

NOMINATING: Jim Osborne, Joe Owens, Donald Moore.

The business session was closed.

Donnie Holmes took charge of the Sword Drill competition. Winners
1st Place: Gene Collins, White Oak.

2nd Place: Ronnie Hardman, Mt. Ararat. Ron Davis participated also.

Pam Gay had charge of the Bible Memorization competition. Winners:

1st place, 1st grade, Greg Gay, White Oak.

2nd grade, 1st place, Tonya Selph, Mt. Ararat.

3rd grade, 1st place, Lennie Hardeman, Mt. Ararat.

Others participating are: Ed Jones, Cynthia Owens, Alan Nettles, Tammy Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Jimmy Collins was in charge of the music and Arts Competition.

Those competing were:

(1) Donna Davis, sang a solo—Cross Roads.

(2) Cathy Herron, Creative Arts—White Oak.

(3) James Blount, played Solo—White Oak.

(4) Denise Collins, played solo—Beulah Springs.

Caroline Hightower had charge of the Tic Tac Toe competition.

There were three teams entering this competition: Mt. Ararat, Kathy Linder, Randy McKinney, Randall Hardeman. Cross Roads, Doris Hearn, Pennie Hearn. White Oaks, Bobby Blount, James Blount, Nannete Hightower, Ralph Williams.

The business session was then re-opened. The reports from the committees were read and accepted. They are:

DIGEST: Number of churches represented: 6—First Eastman, Mt. Ararat, Cross Roads, White Oaks, Double Branch, and Beulah Spring.

Number of Delegates represented: 20.

Average attendance: 233.

Number on roll: 270.

Church with the most new members: White Oak, 20 members.

Church with the largest per cent increase in members, First Eastman

FINANCE

Balance on hand \$32.28

Entrance fees 90.00

Owed 62.10

Balance 60.18

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Take up love offering.

Increase from 7c a mile to 10c a mile for traveling expense.

RESOLUTIONS: Recommend that no officer serve more than two years.

PLACEMENT: Next CTS Convention to be held at Mt. Ararat.

NOMINATING: The following officers were accepted by acclamation: President, Phillip Faircloth; Vice President, Tommy Toler; Secretary, Cynthia Hearn. Assistant Secretary, Retain Charlene Dunaway; Bible Memorization Leader, Pam Gay; Sword Drill Leader, Donnie Holmes; Tic Tac Toe Leader, Cathy Herron; Bible Bowl Leader, Bonnie Williams.

After some discussion, the move was passed, last year, as is, "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, providing the State CTS does not change their annual CTS convention date."

White Oak was awarded the banner for the most new members and First Eastman was awarded the banner for the largest percent increase in members. A rising vote of thanks was given to Double Branch. The Convention adjourned.

CYNTHIA HEARN, Secretary

YOUTH FOR CHRIST FELLOWSHIP OF GEORGIA UNION ASSO'N.

The Youth for Christ Fellowship held its meetings at the following churches the past year: Pine Level, White Oaks, Wilson Chapel, and Cross Roads. Each host church presented an inspirational program and we had some fine food for supper.

A picnic held on August 27th at Camp Mt. Bethel brought a slim crowd of young people. Praise the Lord anyway because we had a good time playing volley ball and soft ball. Cross roads and Pine Level entertained us with the soft ball and everyone played volley ball. We had around 40 people at the picnic and we want to thank those who came and fellowshiped with us.

OFFICERS FOR 1977-1978

President	Danny Gay, 4096 Shearwater Dr., Macon 31206
Vice-President	Fred Lanfair, 709 Camellia Cir., W. Robins 31093
Sect'y.-Treas.	Cathy Herron, 2467 Adger Rd., Macon 31206
Assist. Sect'y.-Treas.	Gloria Johnson, 5725 Swymer Dr., Macon 31206
Pianist	Donna Davis, Rt. 3, Cochran 31014
Assist. Pianist	Elaine Langford, Rt. 1, Unadilla 31091
Song Leader	Bennie McKinney, Rt. 1, Abbeville, Ga. 31001
Assist. Song Leader	Danny Williams, Address Unknown

MEETINGS FOR 1977-1978:

November 19, 1977—Pine Level; Feb. 18, 1978—White Oaks; May 20, 1978—Warner Robins; August 19, 1978—Double Branch.

The average attendance for the year was 63 for those between 8-30 and over 30 and under 8 was an vaerage of 39. This figure is considerably low campared to last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance brought forward	\$ 32.31
Collection for the year	103.43
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	\$135.74

1977 STATISTICAL TABLE--GEORGIA UNION ASS'N.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Meeting Days	Members Rec'd	Members Lost	Total Memb' ship	Co-Op Plan	Bldg & Repairs	Paid Pastor	Ass'o. Fees
Antioch	Rev. Henry Mitchell	Mrs. Naida Johnson Rt. 1- Box 333 Pitts, Ga 31072	Unknown							
Bay Spring	Rev. Ronnie Moore	Hollis Smith Rt 5- Eastman, Ga 31023	Full	7	1	78	\$ 65.00	\$2403.00	\$ 3620.	\$15.00
Bethlehem	Rev. James E. Bruce	Mrs. Jack Calhoun Rt 1 Box 110 Cordele, Ga. 31015	1-3-5 Sun	2	3	59	none	1877.00	816.	15.00
Beulah Spring	Rev. Donald W. Moore	James E. Bryant Rt 1 Montrose, Ga 31065	Full	1	7	41	144.00	5589.00	2730.	12.00
Christian Hill	Rev. Emmett McDuffie	Alvin McDuffie Rt 2 Rochelle, Ga 31079	Full	4	5	93	534.00	1469.00	2520.	15.00
Cross Roads	Rev. Jerry Williams	Sherman Jones Rt 3 Cochran, Ga 31014	Full	21	1	70	unknown	11051.38	7840.	15.00
Double Branches	Rev. James Osborn	Mrs H. E. Dunaway Rt 1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091	Full	4	16	93	252.01	779.00	6500.	15.00
First Eastman	Rev. Larry Williams	Phillip Faircloth Rt 4 Eastman, Ga 31023	Full	10	2	67	25.00	none	4495.	unknown
Liberty Chapel	Rev. Harold Dunlap	E. L. Manning 3542 McKenzie Dr. Macon, Ga 31204	Full	unknown	unknown	approx. 30			unknown	12.00

Little Bethel	Rev. Elbert Powell	W. R. Rogers Rt 1 Chester, Ga 31012	Full	1	5	115	353.00	none	2700.	20.00
Mt. Ararat	Rev. Alton Everson	Mrs Jean Selph Rt 2 Milan, Ga 31060	Full	0	6	37	517.00	707.00	2985.	12.00
New Hope	Rev. Tony Howell	Mrs. Myrtle Howell Rt 5 Cochran, Ga 31014	Full	8	9	74	none	586.86	2700.	15.00
Pine Level	Rev. R. B. McFadden	Moniece Moore Rt 6- Box 195 Eastman, Ga 31023	Full	9	2	93	25.00	4241.71	4700.	15.00
Pleasant Hill	Rev. James Roland	Mrs. Viola Hunt 713 13th Ave. E Cordele, Ga 31015	Full	1	2	115	441.06	none	5200.	20.00
Warner Robins	Rev. Don Reed Supplying	Mrs. Martha Brown 226 Deleware Ave., Warner Robins 31093	Full	8	5	43	82.29	none	2010.	12.00
White Oak	Rev. Joe Owens	Mrs. Minnie Faircloth 2676 Bonnie Ave. Macon, Ga. 31206	Full	42	7	184	869.64	5874.14	10400.	25.00
Wilson Chapel	Rev. L. S. Anthony	Clara Wilson 512 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston, Ga 30286	Full	15	12	129	814.80	296.00	5200.	20.00
Dublin Mission	Rev. C. B. Dowdney	Unknown	Full	unknown					unknown	unknown
Griffin Mission	Rev. Eugene McLeod	Maebeth McLeod 793 Joy St. Jackson, Ga 30233	Full	15	0	15	none	none	nothing	5.00
Perry Mission	Rev. Ronnie Lawson	Mrs. Faye Pritchett Rt 1 Box 260-X15 Byron, Ga 31008	Full	4	14	21	none	363.04	2935.	5.00

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Paid for stamps 16.26

Balance for the year ending August 1977 119.48

CATHY HERRON, Sect'y.- 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 acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin, that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are:
 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
 2. Faith of the unswerving committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God.
 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

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

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

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

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

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

14. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (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 de-

nominal 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—Addition 1977

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. No applicant for ordaining into the ministry will be eligible for ordination if he or his wife has more than one living husband or wife.

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6. 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 1977

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 his wife 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.

QUESTIONNAIRE

(For Candidates applying for license or ordination into the ministry, or ministers coming from another association or denomination to the Georgia Union Association.)

DOCTRINAL

(Check yes or no)

1. Do you believe the Bible to be the infallible word of God, written by holy men inspired of God and is good for our correction reproof and instruction? (Yes— No—)

2. Do you believe that God created the earth and heavens and all that are therein? (Yes— No—)

3. Do you believe that Christ is the only begotten Son of God, who came to earth born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, gave himself on the cross for our sins, rose from the grave for our redemption, sits at the right hand of the Father as Mediator and is coming again for

- his Church? (Yes—— No——)
4. Do you believe in the Holy Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and that they agree in one? (Yes—— No——)
 5. Do you believe that the blood of Christ, applied by the Holy Spirit is the only atonement for our sins? (Yes —— No——)
 6. Do you believe that salvation comes as a born again experience and is a result of repentance and believing on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ? (Yes——No——)
 7. That all believers (when possible) should be baptized by immersion in water? (Yes—— No——)
 8. Do you agree with the teaching: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, and that Christ instructs us to preach the Gospel to all nations, baptizing them into the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost? (Yes—— No——)
 9. Do you believe there is a possibility of a person being saved and by his own willful disobedience and rejection lose the hope of his salvation? (Yes—— No——)
 10. Do you agree that the following theories should not be taught to christians? (1) One may backslide and return to the Lord at any time he chooses; (2) That you are saved and there is no need for good works or growing in grace and knowledge? (Yes—— No——)
 11. Do you believe that the speaking in tongues is a gift little to be desired and that it is better to speak 5 words with understanding than 10,000 in an unknown tongue? (Yes—— No——)
 12. Do you agree with the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant and all other by-laws of the denomination? (Yes—— No——)
 13. Do you agree that the church is the body of Christ and each local church is self-governing and that no person, council, or organization has the right to usurp authority over it? (Yes—— No——)
 14. Do you regard homosexuality as a sin and in no case to be practiced by christians? (Yes—— No——)

PERSONAL

1. When were you saved?
2. What Free Will Baptist Church are you a member of & for how long.
3. Have you ever been a member of another church or denomination?
4. What offices have you held in the church and how long?
5. Do you have more than one living wife?
6. If married, is your wife a christian and willing to help you in the ministry?
7. When did you feel the call into the ministry?
8. Are you willing to abstain from all unholy conformity of the world and present yourself a Holy Vessel unto God and the people?
9. Are you willing, feeling the leadership of God, to give up all earthly possessions needed to go wherever he would have you?
10. Are you willing to study to better your knowledge of God's word and other related subjects?
11. Will you preach and practice giving tithes and offerings of both money

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and time as taught in God's Word?

12. Do you agree with all the qualifications for ministers in I Tim. 3:1-7 that may not have been covered in this questionnaire?
13. Do you promise by the help of God, and health permitting, to preach the Gospel and live accordingly, to the best of your ability as long as you live?
14. Should you feel led to leave the Free Will Baptist Denomination, are you willing to return your credentials to the association or church you are a member of?

(The Ordaining Council of the Georgia Union Association has the authority to further question any candidate as needed.)

Candidate

Pastor or Chairman of Deacons

Action taken by the Ordaining Council:

Signatures of Ordaining Council

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 Church or Mission 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 & delegates from the several churches & missions of which it is composed, all of whom shall have voting power. Every church or mission with 50 members or less shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, & churches or mission with more than 50 members shall be entitled to (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 Holy Church.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Church or Mission 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-third vote of this body become a member thereof.

Article 5. This association shall have to discipline the churches or missions of which it is composed & to exclude them for disorderly work if labor proves unsuccessful but in NO case 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 or mission of which this association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standings, prospects, and statistics, at which time the association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution or to the practices of the denomination as in its judgments may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches within the limits of this association.

Article 7. This association shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws, not 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 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 over-

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sight 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
JAMES E. BRUCE
HAROLD DUNAWAY

EMORY E. NOBLES
HAROLD JOHNSON
CHARLENE DUNAWAY

We further suggest the following people to serve on this board the first year: Emory E. Nobles, Charles Strickland, Kim Kelly, Mance Casson, 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 and assistant secretary-treasurer. They shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE III

MEETING—This Convention shall be held annually the last Saturday in July at 10:00 A. M. with registration at 9:30 A. 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. A second place banner is awarded for second 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.
5. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall assist the Secretary-Treasurer

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

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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.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE YOUTH FOR CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

PREAMBLE:

Seeing the satanic forces which are attempting to engulf humanity; especially our youth, and seeing the tendency of society to be carried down by a mighty swirl of sin, and, realizing the need of God's people to do all they can to keep the youth out of this swirl by offering them something wholesome, and of a spiritual nature, we do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE 1—NAME: The name of this organization shall be the Youth for Christ Fellowship of the Georgia Union Association of FWB.

ARTICLE 2—OFFICERS: The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 3—MEMBERSHIP: The Youth for Christ Fellowship is sponsored especially for the young, however, there is no age limit on those who may associate in the meetings. Adults of our churches in the district are encouraged to attend the meetings for encouragement to the youth, but the general programs are to be carried out, as much as possible, by the young people. Adults may take part in general activities, but may not have the privilege of making motions and voting in the sessions. Any officer is to be a member in good standing with the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 4—BANNER: A banner will be presented at each meeting to the church having the largest attendance of persons in age bracket from 8 to 30 years old. Upon reception of the banner three times in a row, that church shall receive a plaque for their presence.

ARTICLE 5—MEETINGS: Fellowship meetings shall be held once

a quarter at places designated by the assembly, however, each church in the district is encouraged to hold such meeting as often as may be deemed wise. November to November shall be the year for the Youth for Christ Fellowship.

ARTICLE 6—ELECTIONS: The designated officers for this fellowship shall be elected annually in the last meeting of the associational year. One year shall be the tenure of office for the official staff of this organization; however, officers may be re-elected as many years as their services may prove satisfactory to the organization. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to declare the office of any chosen to serve vacant upon his (her) failure to properly carry out the duties assigned, and, thereupon recommend another to the organization to succeed the one retired. A nomination Committee may be appointed in due time before the annual elections, whose duty it shall be to present nominees to the fellowship, or, nomination may be made from the floor of the meeting.

ARTICLE 7—COMMITTEES: This organization shall have an Executive Committee composed of its President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and one member from each church elected at large from the body.

ARTICLE 8—PURPOSE: The purpose of this organization shall be: To promote fellowship in our churches, especially among the youth; To seek to evangelize by winning young people to Christ; To develop the talent of the young people of our churches by giving them something to do with in this movement; To induce our young people to take their places in the churches, and carry on the work in an efficient way; not forgetting that if they fail to appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit for their motivation they defeat the cause they propose to promote.

ARTICLE 9—FINANCE: Each church shall pay a two dollar fee at each meeting. An offering shall be taken up at each meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Section 1—PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the president of the Youth for Christ Fellowship to preside over its meetings, serve as Ex-Officio member of all committees, and to serve as chairman of the program committee. As such responsibility of all programs shall rest upon him (her), however, he (she) may appoint the host church to be responsible for the program convening with the given church, or, members of this committee may be chosen from the representatives from the several churches. Speakers may be chosen from anywhere in the denomination from such as are in good standing. All outside speakers from other denominations shall be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2—Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in the President's absence, or upon his call and to serve with him on the Executive Committee.

Section 3—RECORDING SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record and keep accurate records of transactions in all business meetings of the fellowship; as well as of meetings of the

Executive Committee, and to act as Treasurer for the fellowship should he (she) be so elected.

Section 4—TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all funds of this Youth Fellowship, and shall expend such only as ordered by a vote of the organization.

ARTICLE 2. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES:

Section 1—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee which is composed of the Fellowship's official staff, together with one person from each church elected by the body. These shall have the general oversight of The Youth for Christ Fellowship, and shall carry on any necessary business for the organization between regular meetings. It shall be their prerogative to present items of business to the meetings of this body, which, in turn may be disposed of at the option of the general organization. All visitors shall be counted for that respective church with the discretion of the Executive Board.

PLEDGES

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe.

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's holy word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path, and hide its words in my heart that I may not sin against God.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

LEAGUE MOTTE: "The Kingdom of God First"—Matt. 6:33

FELLOWSHIP WATCHWORD: "United Christians in service & love"

FELLOWSHIP GUIDE: "We are saved to serve"

LEAGUE SONG: Free Will Baptist Leaguers (Music, Onward Christian Soldiers)

FELLOWSHIP CHORUS: Heavenly Sunshine

FELLOWSHIP SCRIPTURE VERSE: I John 1:7—"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleaneth us from all sin."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Meeting called to order
 2. Minutes of previous session read
 3. Treasurer's Report
 4. Reference or Deferred Business.
 5. Miscellaneous Business
 6. Selecting place for next meeting
 7. Check attendance for banner
 8. Adjournment by regular motion and second (vote)
 9. Pray the League Benediction
- LEAGUE BENEDICTION:** "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."—Genesis 31:49.