

1979
MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH
NEAR VIENNA, GEORGIA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1979

— OFFICERS —

Rev. Jerry Williams Moderator
Rev. Billy Sharpston Assistant Moderator
Charles Strickland Clerk
Rev. Ronnie Lawson Assistant Clerk
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DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session - January 12, 1980. Warner Robins
2nd Quarterly Session - April 12, 1980. White Oaks
3rd Quarterly Session - July 12, 1980. Wilson Chapel
Annual Session - October 11, 1980. Perry Mission
C.T. S. Convention - April 26, 1980 White Oaks
Sunday School Convention - July 26, 1980 White Oaks
S. S. Teachers Seminar - August 15 - 16, 1980. First Eastman
Woman's Auxiliary Convention - September 20, 1980. White Oaks
Youth Rallies: February 16, 1980. Cross Roads
 May 17, 1980. Double Branch
 August 16, 1980 First Eastman

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

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Rev. James Roland	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga. 31092	912/268-8746

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Kenneth Powell		

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*Rev. Tony Howell	Rt. 4, Eastman, Ga. 31023	912/374-3356

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Hardeman, Rev. Charles	Rt. 1, Rhine, GA 31077	912-374-3618
Herrald, Rev. J.M.	Star Rt, Charleston, W VA	UNKNOWN
Howell, Rev. Tony	Rt.4, Eastman, GA 31023	912-374-3356
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McFaddin, Rev. R.B. Jr.	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
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LICENSED MINISTERS:

Cody, Rev. Randy-From Wilson Chapel Church-License expires July, 1980.
 Miller, Rev. James-From Dublin (pastor)-License expires October, 1980.
 101.5 Helen Dr., Dublin, GA 31021 912-275-2180

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION JANUARY SESSION

The first quarter session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Mt. Ararat church near Milan on January 13, 1979 with singing led by Rev. Bobby Graham and prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

Welcome was extended by the host pastor, Rev. Charles Hardeman. Special prayer by Rev. Elbert Powell was offered for Bro. Cliff Gaines and others who are sick.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Bobby Graham using John 2: 13 - 17 as scripture text.

The business session opened with prayer by Rev. Tony Howell.

M/S/C to adopt Minutes as read by clerk.

Church covenant was read by Rev. Larry Williams and by-laws were read by Rev. Ronnie Lawson.

M/S/C to seat all delegates present and any that may come in later.

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

M/S/C that moderator appoint committees as needed: Henry Nobles and H. E. Dunaway appointed to fill the absences of J. C. Langford and Wayne Moore on the State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee. Shine Collins and Rev. James Roland appointed to fill the absences of Clarence Anthony and Rev. Ronnie Moore on the Digest Committee. Rev. James Potter and Jerry Dunaway appointed to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to remove the proposed state guidelines on ordination standards from table.

M/S/C that clerk point out the changes only from the copies previously mailed the churches instead of reading the entire guidelines.

Motion made and seconded to adopt these guidelines. After much debate, the vote was 37 for and 30 against. Motion rejected because of two-third majority requirement.

Clerk read letters of recommendation on Rev. Willie Martin and Rev. Billy Brown from their previous associations.

Clerk read letter from the Chattahoochie Association regarding Rev. E. V. Skipper. They have asked for him to meet with their ordaining council at their next meeting on April 7, 1979.

M/S/C to adjourn from morning business session and enter into the worship hour.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Billy Brown, scripture John 2: 1 - 11.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Bro. Shine Collins, prayer by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

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

Churches represented	14
Members received	34
By letter	3
Baptized	9
Members lost	6
Offerings	\$44,587.02
Disbursements	32,560.92

Submitted by:

Bro. Shine Collins

Rev. James Roland

Bro. James C. Bryant

M/S/C to accept Treasury report as follows:

Oct. 9 Paid Charles Strickland - postage	\$ 7.00
Oct. 9 Delegate fees to state association	60.00
Oct. 16 Fees received from two churches	15.00
Nov. 4 Minutes	394.68
Jan. 13 Paid clerk & moderator	40.00
Jan. 13 Received this session	206.00
Jan. 13 Paid Rev. Donald Moore	11.00
Jan. 13 Paid Charles Strickland	<u>12.13</u>
Jan. 13 Balance in Treasury	\$333.50

Submitted by:

Rev. James Potter

Bro. Jerry Dunaway

Bro. Ernest J. Barker

M/S/C to accept Mission Board Treasury Report as follows:

Balance forward	\$375.04
Received from individuals and churches	418.87
Perry Mission expenses	<u>(216.24)</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$577.67

Submitted by:

Bro. Donald Self, Treasurer

M/S/C to accept the following Mission Board Report:

Your Mission Board met on January 5th, with all members present to discuss the Perry Mission and other areas. We didn't receive a report from Perry, and we would like to express our concern about getting this report each quarter. We would like to make the churches aware of the needs that your Mission Board has: Your prayers first and then your finances. We need both to operate.

Submitted by:

Bro. James E. Bryant

Afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Larry Williams. Prayer by Rev. Jerry Williams.

Ordaining Council gave the following report:

1. Bro. Wayne Martin does not request to be re-licensed at this time. M/S/C to accept.
2. We recommend Rev. E. V. Skipper remain under the watch-care of this association until next session. M/S/C to accept.

Submitted by:

Rev. Elbert Powell

Rev. Edward Bruce

Rev. Larry Williams

M/S/C for clerk to write Rev. L. S. Anthony about the letter received on Rev. Skipper.

Bro. Jimmy Collins gave an oral report from the State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee. They have turned over to the Ordaining Council the letter written them by the Executive Board.

M/S/C to return this matter to the State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee. They are instructed to write a registered letter to John Ingram, Randy Carney, Ronald Peavy, Don Keheley, and David Posey requesting them to meet with this committee at the next association meeting.

Bro. Emory Nobles gave an oral report from the Christian Education Board. M/S/C to accept as information.


M/S/C to elect Bro. Emmett Dunaway as the member at large on the Executive Board.

M/S/C to elect the following to serve as the Nominating Committee: Rev. James Roland, Rev. Donald Moore, and Bro. Kenny Powell.

M/S/C that the problems with Rev. Alvin Peacock and Rev. Bobby Graham be delegated to the local churches to handle.

M/S/C that Rev. Billy Brown replace Bro. Walter Hightower on the State Board of Christian Education and Camping.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ronnie Lawson.


Rev. Jerry Williams, Moderator


Charles Strickland, Clerk

**GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
APRIL SESSION**

The second quarter session of the Georgia Union Association convened at New Hope Church in Empire on April 7, 1979. Singing was led by Brother Steve Howell, Welcome was extended by Rev. Tony Howell.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Charles Hardeman using Psalm 119:89 as scripture text.

The business session opened with prayer by Rev. Donald Moore.

The By-Laws were read by Rev. James Roland. The Church Covenant was read by Rev. Billy Brown.

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

M/S/C to seat delegates.

M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide but the moderator may make changes as needed.

M/S/C for moderator to appoint committees as needed. Bro. Henry Nobles and Bro. James Dunn appointed to fill the absences of J.C. Langford and Wayne Moore on the State of Churches and Character of Ministers committee. Brothers Curtis Smith, Buddy Register, and Rev. James Roland appointed to fill the absences of all members of the Digest Committee. Bro. Leonard Emerson and Rev. Donald Moore were appointed to the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to elect Rev. Willie Martin to replace Rev. James Potter (who has resigned) on the Christian Education Board.

M/S/C to accept the Mission Board Financial Report as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$602.67
Received from churches & individuals	449.08
Expenses given to Perry Mission	<u>(216.24)</u>
Balance on hand	\$853.51

Submitted by Bro. Donald Self, Treasurer.

A period of silent prayer was observed in memory of the passing of Bro. Cliff Gaines.

M/S/C to elect Rev. Ed Bruce as President of the Sunday School Convention for the remainder of this year.

Oral Report on the Griffin Mission was given by Rev. Eugene McCleod.

Oral report on the Perry Mission was given by Rev. Ronnie Lawson.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Willie Martin using Lev. 10:7-11 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Bro. Steve Howell.

Devotion was brought by Rev. Ed Bruce using John 10:30-31 as scripture text.

Business session opened with prayer by Rev. Jerry Williams.

M/S/C to accept the following Digest Committee Report:

Churches represented	16
Members received	13
Members lost	7
Offerings	\$41,330.84
Disbursements	\$40,544.00

M/S/C to accept Treasury report as follows:

Paid Ga. Union Mission Board	\$120.00
Paid Ga. Union Christian Ed Board	120.00
Paid Ga. State Assoc. (Camp Mt. Bethel)	80.00
Received from one church	15.00
April 1 Balance	28.50
Received this session	231.00
Paid clerk and moderator	40.00
Balance in Treasury	219.50

Submitted by Rev. Donald Moore, Leonard Emerson, and Ernest J. Barker.

M/S/C that this association and the Christian Education Board assist our CTS state competition winners by paying one third of their expenses to the National Association. It is understood that the local church and the State Association will also pay one third of these expenses.

M/S/C to give New Hope Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to accept the following Ordaining Council Report. We recommend Rev. Odell Harris be accepted in full fellowship, pending a letter of recommendation from the Coastal Association in North Carolina.

M/S/C to accept this recommendation.

M/S/C to remove Rev. E.V. Skipper from the Watchcare of this association. Rev. L.S. Anthony reported he has joined another denomination.

M/S/C to accept the following Board of Christian Education Report:
Your board has met and reported we have approximately \$533 in our treasury.
We are considering holding a Sunday School Institute at First Eastman Church in August, 1980. We recommend our board assist the Sunday School convention by giving them \$50. We remind the churches of the following upcoming events.

Youth for Christ Rally - May 19 - Crossroads Church
Sunday School Convention - July 28 - Bethlehem Church
CTS convention - April 28 - Crossroads Church

M/S/C to accept the following State of Churches and Character of Ministers report:

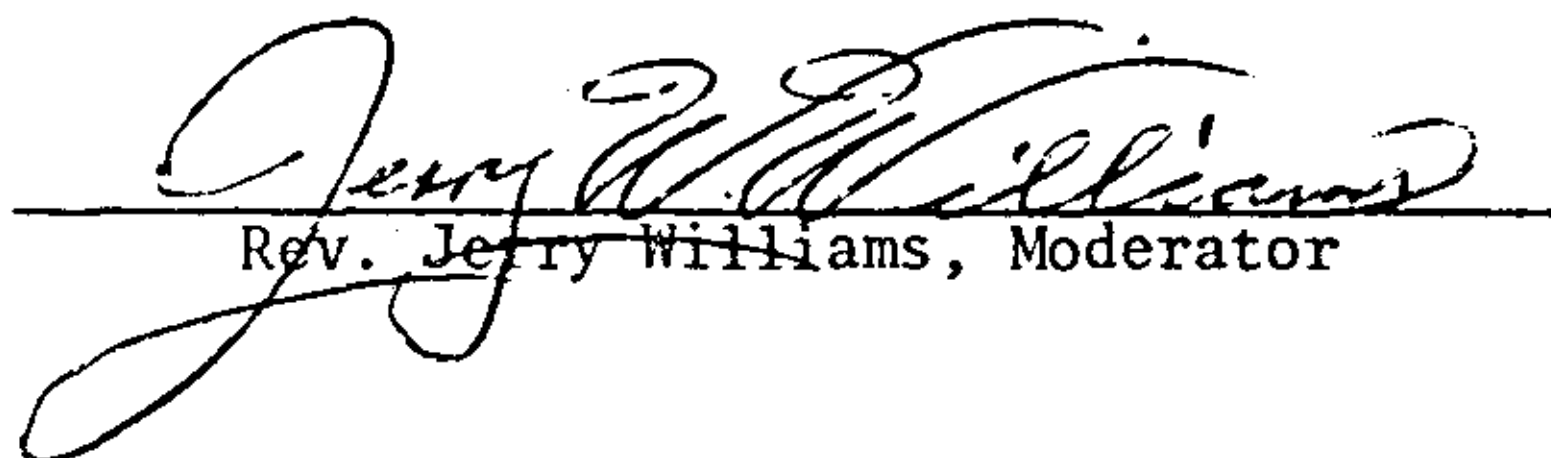
1. The Ordaining Council said that Rev. Alvin Peacock did not meet the standards of this association.
2. The Ordaining Council said they could not relicense Rev. Bobby Graham for another year. I request the Moderator give Rev. Graham opportunity to defend his ministry. M/S/C to adopt.
3. I move that we search each one of our ministers in this association for any that have two living husbands or two living wives, and if so, that we ask them to turn in their credentials. M/S/C to adopt.

Submitted by Bro. Jimmy Collins.

M/S/C that Rev. Alvin Peacock be asked to return his credentials.

M/S/C that Rev. Bobby Graham be given opportunity to defend his ministry. Rev. Graham spoke and made a motion to change rule #5 in the guidelines regarding licensing and ordination of ministers. M/S/C to set aside tabling requirement so this matter could be voted on. The motion to change rule #5 failed to pass.

M/S/C to adjourn.


Rev. Jerry Williams, Moderator


Charles Strickland, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION JULY SESSION

The third quarter session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Pine Level Church near Chester on July 7, 1979. Singing was led and welcome extended by Rev. Larry Williams.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Billy Brown using II Timothy 4:1-4 as scripture text.

Business session opened with prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

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

M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide.

The Church Covenant was read by Bro. Frank McKinney. The By-Laws were read by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

M/S/C to seat delegates.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committees as needed: Bro. James Johnson, Bro. Shine Collins, and Brother W. R. Rogers appointed to fill the absences on the State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee. Bro. Wayne Martin and Bro. Durwood Williams were appointed to fill the absences of James C. Bryant and Clarence Anthony on the Digest Committee. Bro. Ernest Collins and Bro. Johnny Howell appointed to the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to accept the Mission Board Treasurer's Report as follows:

Balance forward	\$1130.51
Gifts Received	355.03
Expenses (Perry Mission)	(288.24)
Balance on Hand	\$1197.30

Submitted by:
Bro. Donald Self, Treasurer

The Mission Board submitted a proposed addition to Article VIII of the Mission Board's Constitution. M/S/C to table this item until afternoon session.

Motion was made for this Association to adopt the State Association's proposed ordination guidelines as recorded in the 1978 State Minutes. M/S/C to table this item until the afternoon session.

Rev. Emmett McDuffie delivered a most inspiring morning message.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotion was given by Rev. L. S. Anthony using Psalms 46 as scripture text.

M/S/C to accept the following Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward	\$219.50
Received this session	246.00
Paid Clerk and Moderator	(40.00)
Balance in Treasury	\$425.50

Submitted by:
Bro. Ernest Collins
Bro. Johnny Howell
Bro. Ernest Barker

M/S/C to accept the following Digest Committee's Report:

Churches Represented	17
Members Received	20
Members Lost	10
Offerings	\$46,482.52
Disbursements	\$40,815.18

Submitted by:
Bro. Wayne Martin
Bro. Durwood Williams
Rev. Ronny Moore

M/S/C to accept the Executive Board's recommendations regarding Liberty Chapel Church as follows:

Liberty Chapel representatives have notified this Association that they have sold their church building and are presently meeting at irregular intervals in individual's homes. Your Executive Board recommends that:

1. The Association change their status from "church" to "mission."
2. The Mission Board be asked to review their situation.
3. The State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee be asked to review the membership.

M/S/C to adopt the Christian Education report as follows:

Our Board has \$493.48 in our treasury and have decided to place as much as possible in a savings account. We have received a letter from Bro. Harrison concerning the Sunday School institute we are considering next year. We discussed the possibility of founding a scholarship for Camp Mt. Bethel. This year's Sunday School Convention will be held at First Eastman Church on July 28.

The Mission Board reported they visited the Griffin Mission and discussed with the pastor the difficulties the Mission Board would have supervising a mission that far away. The Board also visited the Perry Mission and reports that land has been purchased and they are averaging about 40 in attendance.

M/S/C to give Pine Level a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to accept the Ordaining Report as follows:

1. We recommend Rev. Billy Sharpston be received in full fellowship pending a letter of recommendation from the Midway Association of Georgia. M/S/C to adopt.
2. We recommend Bro. Randy Cody's license be extended for another year. M/S/C to adopt.

Submitted by:
Rev. Larry Williams
Rev. Ed Bruce
Rev. Elbert Powell

M/S/C to remove items tabled during morning session for consideration.

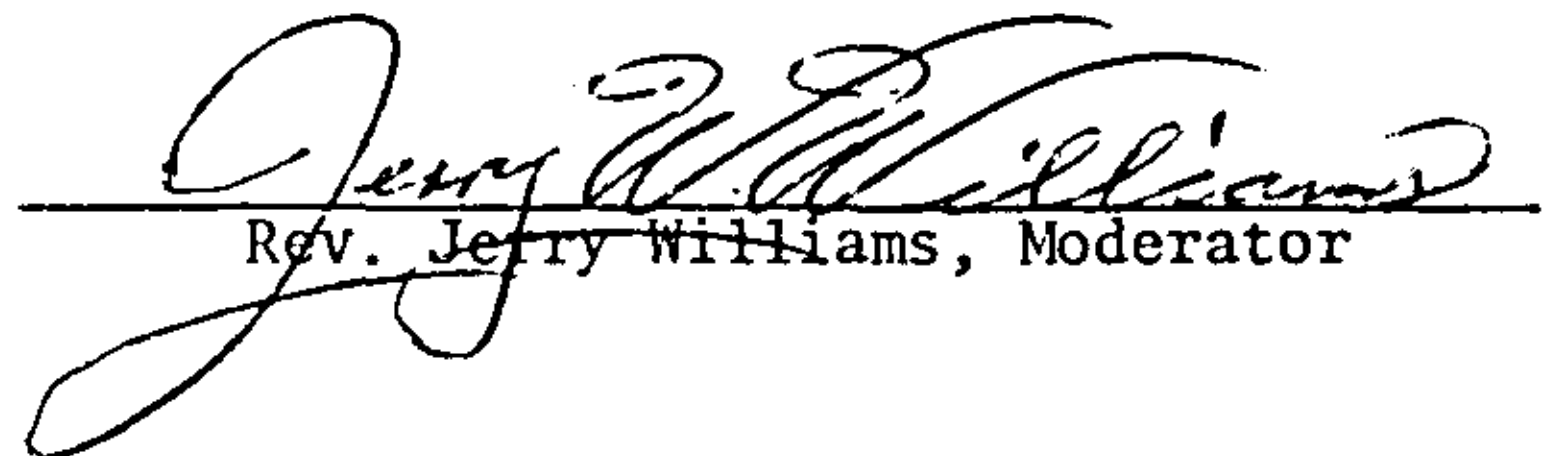
1. Motion made to add the following to Article VIII Section I of the Mission Board's Constitution.

(A) In so much as responsive assistance and supervision both to the mission and from association is essential for successful mission work, the following counties shall be designated as the Home Mission Field for this Mission Board: Bibb, Peach, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Laurens, Bleckley, Houston, Macon, Dooly, Pulaski, Dodge, Wheeler, Telfair, Wilcox, and Crisp. M/S/C to adopt.

2. Motion was made that this Association adopt the State Association's suggested ordination and license guidelines as listed in the 1978 State Minutes. M/S/C to adopt.

M/S/C for Clerk to obtain copies of guidelines for distribution to our churches.

M/S/C to adjourn.


Rev. Jerry Williams, Moderator


Charles Strickland, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OCTOBER SESSION

The October (Annual) session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Pleasant Hill Church near Vienna, Georgia on October 13, 1979. Singing was led and welcome extended by Rev. James Roland.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. James Miller using I Peter 5:1-4 as scripture text.

Business session opened with prayer by Rev. Ronnie Lawson.

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

M/S/C to seat delegates.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint committees as needed. Bro. Darrell Weatherford and W. R. Rogers appointed to State of Churches Committee. Rev. Ronnie Lawson, Rev. Howard Faircloth, and Bro. Charlie Lord appointed to Digest Committee. Rev. James Potter and Bro. Alton Fleming appointed to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to accept the following Mission Board Report:

Brought forward	\$1,197.35
Received	521.97
Given to Perry Mission	432.48
Balance on Hand	\$1,286.84

Submitted by: Bro. Donald Self, Treasurer

The Church Covenant was read by Rev. L. S. Anthony. The By-Laws were read by Bro. W. R. Rogers. Rev. James Miller gave oral report of the progress being shown at the Dublin Mission. Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave oral report of State work this year. Several ladies presented a short play emphasizing the importance of Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. Damon Dodd brought the morning message using Matthew 9:1-9 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. James Roland; prayer by Rev. Charles Hardeman. Devotion was brought by Rev. Billy Sharpston.

Business session opened with prayer by Rev. Donald Moore.

M/S/C to accept the following Treasurer's Report:

Received since last session	\$ 15.00
Bank Balance 10/1/79	437.50
Received this session	261.00
Paid Clerk and Moderator	51.70
Balance on hand	\$646.80

Submitted by: Rev. James Potter
Bro. Alton Fleming
Bro. Ernest J. Barker

M/S/C to accept the following Digest Committee Report:

Churches and Missions reporting	18
Auxiliaries	42
Members received: by letter 65	92
by Baptism 27	
Members lost	84
Total Membership	1,246
Offerings	\$205,793
Expenditures	163,552

Mrs. Simons gave oral report urging all churches to organize a Woman's Auxiliary.

M/S/C to delete "Building Repair" and "Paid Pastor" from Minutes and substitute "Sunday School Average Attendance" and "C.T.S. Average Attendance."

M/S/C to accept the following Ordaining Council Report: Recommend we grant Rev. C. B. Dowdney a Letter in Full Fellowship to the Union Association of Georgia (M/S/C). Recommend we grant Rev. James Osborn a Letter in Full Fellowship to the Central Association of Florida (M/S/C). Recommend we grant Rev. James Stroup a Letter in Full Fellowship to the Chattahoochie Association of Georgia (M/S/C). Rev. Henry Mitchell has joined another denomination and has surrendered his credentials. We recommend his name be deleted from our Ministerial Roll (M/S/C). Recommend Rev. James Miller be accepted as a Licensed Minister under the watchcare of this association pending a Letter of Recommendation from Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina (M/S/C/). Recommend Rev. Jimmy Smith be accepted under the watchcare of this association pending a Letter of Recommendation from the Ogeechee Association of Georgia (M/S/C). Recommend Rev. Leroy Lightfoot complete the Approved Ministerial Form and appear before the Ordaining Council next session (M/S/C).

M/S/C to accept the following Mission Board Report: We have been giving the Perry Mission \$144.16 a month and plan to increase this to \$205.00 as long as we are able to help them pay for their land. The trailer is paid off but they still owe about \$3,800 on their present location and approximately \$9,000 on the land.

M/S/C to accept the following Christian Education Board Report: We plan to hold a Sunday School Teachers Seminar August 15-16, 1980, at First Eastman Church. Dr. and Mrs. Roger Reeds will be guest speakers. We plan to begin operating a mobile book stand, primarily at association meetings. We have reimbursed Pam Gay \$90.00 toward her child's expenses representing the State at the National Convention. We have a \$403.48 balance in our treasury. We were unable to open a savings account because of the lack of a tax number.

Submitted by: Rev. Billy Brown

M/S/C that we instruct our state representatives that our association is against hiring a full time director at Camp Mt. Bethel until the facilities are improved.

M/S/C that our state representatives ask the state association to give this association first opportunity if the decision is made to sell Camp Mt. Bethel.

M/S/C to accept the following State of Churches and Character of Ministers Report and to act on each item:

We find the members of Liberty Chapel Mission in good standing with the Mission and Association (M/S/C to accept).

We reviewed Rev. Dunlap's situation with other ministers and conclude the matter of two living wives should not apply in his case because it would be retroactive since he is already in this association (motion rejected).

M/S/C to receive the Nominating Committee Report and open the floor for other nominations. The following were elected: MODERATOR, Rev. Jerry Williams; ASSISTANT MODERATOR, Rev. Billy Sharpston; CLERK, Charles Strickland; ASSISTANT CLERK, Rev. Ronnie Lawson; TREASURER, Ernest Barker; ASSISTANT TREASURER, Emory Nobles; EXECUTIVE BOARD (at large), Emmett Dunaway; TRUSTEE BOARD: Leonard Emerson, Charlie Lord replacing Hezzie Smith, N. C. Perry replacing Herman Hearn; ORDAINING COUNCIL, Rev. James Roland; STATE OF CHURCHES: E. L. Collins, Kenneth Powell, Donald Self; DIGEST COMMITTEE: Rev. James Potter, Rev. Howard Faircloth, Rev. Jimmy Smith; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: Rev. Billy Brown, Rev. Willie Martin, Rev. Tony Howell, Frank McKinney, Harold Dunaway, Danny Gay, Phillip Faircloth; BOARD OF RETIREMENT, Rev. O'Dell Harris; MISSION BOARD: Sherman Jones, Robert Rogers. The following state officers were elected: BOARD OF RETIREMENT, Rev. Larry Williams; BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, Rev. Billy Brown; BUDGETING BOARD, Ernest J. Barker.

M/S/C that Moderator appoint state delegates. Appointed were Pam Gay, Linda Blount, Walter Hightower, John Hall, and Kathy Brown. Alternates elected were Mrs. Frank Simmons and Mrs. Willie Martin.

M/S/C for Clerk to have 400 minutes printed.

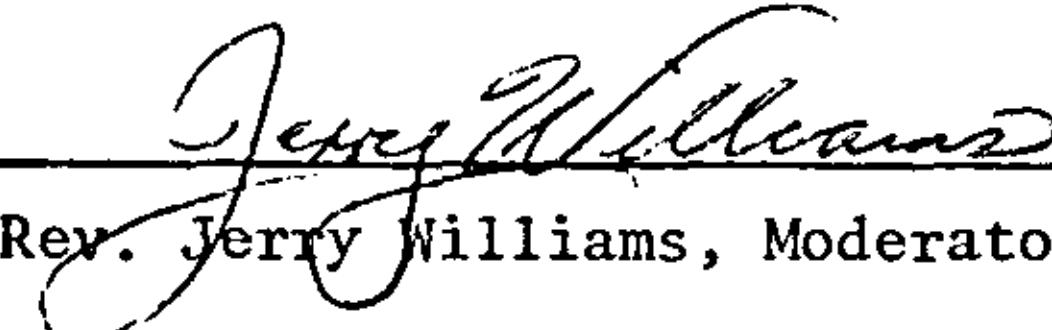
M/S/C to give Pleasant Hill Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to delete Article of Faith from Minutes.

M/S/C to delete Ordaining Questionnaire from Minutes.

M/S/C for us to invite the State Association to convene at White Oaks Church in 1982.

M/S/C to adjourn.


Rev. Jerry Williams, Moderator


Charles Strickland, Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 1979

The Ga. Union Sunday School Convention was held at First Eastman FWB Church on July 28, 1979 at 10:00 A.M. The convention was brought to order with a congregational song led by Wayne Moore. Bro. Billy Brown welcomed everyone to the convention. The devotion was given by Wayne Moore.

Bro. Edward Bruce appointed the nominating committee as follows:

(1) Emmett Dunaway (2) Dick Jones (3) Bro. Billy Sharpston.

Program judges appointed were: (1) Phillip Faircloth (2) Lee Boatner (3) Donald Self (4) Shirley Sharpston (5) Brenda Lawson.

The programs were presented as follows: (1) First Eastman (2) Double Branch (3) Crossroads (4) Bay Springs.

An offering was received after which Bro. Willie Martin presented the morning message.

The convention was dismissed with the blessing for the noon meal.

The convention reconvened with song and the programs continued as follows:

(5) White Oak (6) Wilson Chapel (7) Pine Level.

Bro. Bruce opened the business session and the minutes and treas. report was read and accepted.

Report from the nominating committee: Pres: Bro. Edward Bruce; Vice-Pres: Phillip Faircloth; Sec.-Treas: Harold Dunaway; Assist. Sec.-Treas: Gene Nutt. This committee had previously been asked to discuss the procedure by which the convention should figure attendance percentage. Their recommendation was: Add to the forms the number of visitors during the year, listing the number on the form, but not counting them in the average attendance for the banner. The officers and recommendations were voted in by the convention.

Presentation of Sunday School Standard Plaque: 1st Place-Crossroads with 84 points and 2nd Place-Wilson Chapel with 80 points.

There was no old business.

New Business-M/S/C to have 1980 Convention at White Oak.

Public Address System has been fixed and paid for by Wayne Moore.

M/S/C to reimburse him for this expense.

Report from Program Judges:

1st Place-Pine Level

2nd Place-White Oak

3rd Place-Wilson Chapel

M/S/C to give First Eastman a rising vote of thanks

M/S/C for convention to adjourn.

TREASURERS REPORT:

1978 Balance	\$ 53.62
Church Fees And Offerings	157.20
Christian Education Board	50.00
Expenses	69.44
Balance Forward	<u>\$191.38</u>

Harold Dunaway, Secretary-Treasurer

C.T.S. MINUTES --- 1979

MORNING SESSION:

The Georgia Union CTS Convention was held April 28, 1979 at Crossroads Freewill Baptist Church. Singing was led by Jerry Williams then the vice president gave the welcome and Bro. Larry Williams led in prayer.

The business session opened with the vice president making 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 bylaws were read by Danny Williams. Committees were appointed:

DIGEST: Betty Williams, and Elizabeth Hearn.

FINANCE: John Nobles and Linda Blount.

RESOLUTIONS: Danny Williams, Minnie Faircloth and Pam Gay.

PLACEMENT: Bonnie Williams and Gloria Johnson.

NOMINATING: Margie Collins and Jerry Williams.

Motion carried to take tabled item from last meeting off table for action, this was to recommend a Pianist and Song Leader along with other officers. This item carried.

The president was asked to go to the association and ask for financial help for the CTS and he gave a report on this. They agreed to pay 1/3 for the district winners to go to the national and help in other ways if possible.

Discussion on floor about the entrance fee for competition at the district level. Motion carried to have a flat fee of 15.00 for each church.

Motion carried for the secretary to write the Clerk of the association to ask him to correct the misprint of the date for meetings of the CTS Convention. The business session was then closed.

ACTIVITIES:

Pam Gay had charge of Sword Dwill Competition. Winner: 1st Place - Gene Collins - White Oaks; 2nd Place - Belinda Davis - Crossroads.

Gloria Johnson took charge of Bible Memorization competition. Winners:

1st Grade, 1st Place - Scott Gay - White Oaks

2nd Grade, 1st Place - Anita Johnson - White Oaks

3rd Grade, 1st Place - Greg Gay - White Oaks

Music and Arts: No one competing.

Rev. James Potter brought the morning message from the 3rd chapter of John.

Meeting was dismissed for lunch in prayer by Rev. Larry Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Singing was led by Rev. Jerry Williams and prayer by Tommy Toler.

Elizabeth Hearn had charge of Tic Tac Toe competition. The only team competing was Crossroads: Penny Hearn, Audrey Hearn, Ron Davis and Tommy Williams. Crossroads was the winner.

Bonnie Williams had charge of Bible Bowl competition. The only team competing was Crossroads: Joyce Hearn, Susan Hearn, Benny McKinney and Danny Williams. Crossroads was the winner.

Awards were given out to the winners of the competition.

The business session was reopened. Reports of committees were read and accepted. They are as follows:

DIGEST:

Number of churches represented; 2 - Crossroads and White Oaks

Number of delegates represented: 14

Average attendance: 60

Number on roll: 140

Church with most new members: White Oaks

FINANCE:

Balance on hand	\$107.00
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Entrance fees	30.00
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Owed	104.04
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Balance	32.96
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RESOLUTIONS:

(1) We resolve that each family bring their own food for the CTS convention, and that the host church furnish only the beverages and eating utensils.

(2) We recommend the secretary send a letter to each local church to inform them of the \$5.00 contribution that should be sent to the STATE CTS Treasurer and encourage them to attend the CTS conventions.

(3) We recommend that the CTS president go to the Georgia Union Asso. and make a plea for the churches to support the CTS convention and encourage the young people to compete.

PLACEMENT:

Next CTS Convention to be held at White Oaks FWB Church.

NOMINATING: The following officers were accepted by acclamation:

President	Tommy Toler
Vice President	Marion Collins
Secretary	Pam Gay
Assistant Secretary	Linda Blount
Memorization Leader	Gloria Johnson
Sword Drill Leader	Bonnie Williams
Tic Tac Toe Leader	Betty Williams
Bible Bowl Leader	Elizabeth Hearn
Music and Arts	Jimmy Collins
Pianist	Gloria Johnson
Song Leader	Benny McKenny

White Oaks was awarded the banner for the most new members.

Meeting was adjourned after giving the host church a rising vote of thanks.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1979

The annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met Sept. 15, 1979, at Double Branch Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Willie Martin and singing "Rock of Ages". Pam Gay, President, welcomed everybody and read scripture from Proverbs 5:1-2. Our theme was "Knowing and Growing". Myrtis Langford gave the welcome. Fay Eason lead us in our theme song "Deeper, Deeper", after which Cathy Herron gave an inspiring devotion from 1 Peter 2:2, and Hebrews 5:11-14, on knowing and growing in Christ.

Committees were appointed as follows:

REGISTRATION: Mary Dunaway

CREDENTIALS: Betty Williams, Mary Holden Dunaway

FINANCE: Gloria Johnson, Rachel Anthony, Myrtis Langford, Bessie Simmons

RESOLUTIONS: Shirley Sharpston, Diane Martin, Patricia Roland, Clara Wilson

NOMINATING: Rachel Anthony, Linda Blount, Jewel Patridge, Fay Eason

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION: Betty Williams, Linda Blount, Shirley Sharpston, Gloria Johnson, Diane Martin, Patricia Roland, Caroline Hightower, Rachel Anthony and Clara Wilson.

A motion was second and carried to close out treasury books in August of each year.

A motion was second and carried that each church try to send in \$75 for film by April 30, 1980.

A motion was second and carried that Bessie Simmons send letters to all churches about Woman's Auxiliary.

A motion was second and carried that the ladies from White Oak put on a skit at Georgia Union Association in October to encourage other churches to participate in Woman's Auxiliary.

The congregation sang "His Way With Thee". Bro. Willie and Diane Martin brought us a message in song, after which several ladies gave testimonies on how auxiliary has helped them grow.

Gloria Johnson, Pam Gay, Betty Williams sang "He Touched Me". Shirley Sharpston brought a very inspiring message on our theme "Knowing and Growing" from Ephesians 4:11-15. We dismissed for lunch.

After lunch we assembled back to the singing of "Deeper, Deeper". Bro. Roland sang "You Never Mentioned Him To Me".

Reports of Committees:

REGISTRATION: 4 churches represented, 30 present

CREDENTIALS: read and accepted, all preports were in order

FINANCE: read and accepted, \$2,222.23 was the grand total which was given to missionaries and different projects by the auxiliaries during the past year.

RESOLUTIONS: Recommend that (1) the next meeting will be at White Oak. (2) that we support the state project, (3) that each auxiliary send \$5.00 for district and state special speaker. (4) that the responsibility of the enlistment of new auxiliaries be divided among 3 churches, White Oak, Double Branch, and Pleasant Hill, (5) rising vote of thanks for hospitality.

We dismissed our program with prayer.

Pam Gay - President

Betty Williams - Secretary

	Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk	Rec
1	ANTIOCH	*	Unknown	Mrs. Naida Johnson Rt. 1, Bx 333 Pitts, Ga. 31072	
2	BAY SPRINGS	1884	Rev. Ronnie Moore	Hollis Smith, Rt. 5 Eastman, Ga. 31023	
3	BETHLEHEM	1917	Rev. Leroy Lightfoot	Mrs. Jack Calhoun Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordele, Ga. 31015	
4	BEULAH SPRINGS	1926	Rev. James Potter	James E. Bryant, Rt. 1 Montrose, Ga. 31065	
5	CHRISTIAN HILL	1887	Rev. Joe Owens	Marguerite Martin, Rt. 2 Rochelle, Ga. 31079	
6	CROSS ROADS	1910	Rev. Jerry Williams	Sharon Weatherford, Rt. 1 Abbeville, Ga. 31001	
7	DOUBLE BRANCH	1896	Rev. Willie Martin	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Rt. 1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091	
8	FIRST EASTMAN	1961	Rev. Billy Brown	Julia Smith, Rt. 6, Bx 118 Eastman, Ga. 31023	
9	LITTLE BETHEL	1915	Rev. Elbert Powell	Claude T. Lord, Rt. 1 Dudley, Ga. 31022	
10	MT. ARARAT	1880	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Mary Hardeman, Rt. 4 Eastman, Ga. 31023	
11	NEW HOPE	1967	Rev. Jimmy Smith	Jessie H. Greene, Rt. 2, Bx 212 Cochran, Ga. 31014	
12	PINE LEVEL	1924	Rev. Larry Williams	Moniece Moore, Rt. 6, Bx 195 Eastman, Ga. 31023	
13	PLEASANT HILL	1898	Rev. James Roland	Viola H. Hunt, 713 13th Ave. E Cordele, Ga. 31015	
14	WARNER ROBINS	1965	Rev. Odell Harris	Jack Griffin, 119 Ravenwood Way Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	
15	WHITE OAKS	1953	Rev. Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins, 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, Ga. 31206	
16	WILSON CHAPEL	1960	Rev. L. S. Anthony	Clara Wilson, 512 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston, Ga. 30286	
17	DUBLIN MISSION	*	Rev. James Miller	Melanie Miller, 101.5 Helen Dr. Dublin, Ga. 31021	
18	GRIFFIN MISSION	*	Rev. Eugene McLeod	Louise Eppinger 206 Chaffin St. Barnesville, Ga. 30204	
19	LIBERTY CHAPEL MISSION	*	Rev. Harold Dunlap	Mrs. Ruby Little Apt. B-6, Pendleton Homes Macon, Ga. 31206	
20	PERRY MISSION	*	Rev. Ronnie Lawson	Faye Pritchett, Box 260-X 15, Rt. 1 Byron, Ga. 31008	

TOTALS

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Received	Members Lost	Total	Average Attendance		Expenditures		Offerings	Assoc. Fee
			S. S.	C. T. S.	Local	Outside Causes		
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
0	0	77	32	None	\$ 6,680	\$ 401	\$ 6,517	\$15
4	1	65	24	None	2,295	0	2,792	15
0	10	32	*	None	3,081	354	4,461	12
8	6	95	28	None	4,818	708	7,338	15
0	1	70	50	42	<u>16,112</u>	2,257	19,187	15
1	1	90	56	45	<u>16,217</u>	1,245	23,717	15
6	2	68	35	20	12,818	149	11,378	15
1	3	114	44	None	7,662	1,091	13,115	20
1	1	46	22	22	5,689	683	6,906	12
2	6	59	45	30	5,958	667	6,594	15
3	1	95	45	33	<u>15,054</u>	742	17,562	15
1	0	113	25	18	12,548	1,050	14,132	20
8	3	47	28	None	7,000	—	11,200	*
52	19	219	105	89	<u>41,872</u>	1,559	41,613	25
1	30	116	39	6	8,282	850	8,753	20
22	0	22	28	None	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
10	1	31	*	None	5,921	74	5,670	*
120	85	1,359	606	305	172,007	11,830	200,935	229

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 2. This assembly and its constituents adopt the Treatise of The National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. Any well organized Free Will Baptist Church or Mission, conveniently located to the majority of the member churches, may apply for membership in this association. The applicant church or mission must conform to the practices and adopt the doctrines established by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and any further requirements established by this assembly.

Section 2. The State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee shall investigate and submit their recommendation to this assembly before any church or mission can be accepted into this body.

Section 3. This Association may discipline member churches or missions, if labor proves unsuccessful, by exclusion or withdrawing fellowship. However, in no case can this Association reverse the Church or Missions decisions, NOR interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Section 4. A two-third majority vote of this body is required for acceptance or exclusion of any church or mission.

Section 5. Ministers, deacons, officers, committee and board members in good standing shall be standing delegates to this association and shall duly attend.

Section 6. Each church or mission shall be entitled to the following delegates with full voting privileges:

50 members or below	-	3 delegates
over 50 members	-	3 delegates plus 2 for each 50 members of fraction thereof

Section 7. The association fee for each meeting shall be:

Members	Fee
1-25	\$ 5.00
26-50	12.00
51-100	15.00
101-125	20.00
126 and above	25.00

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, a clerk, assistant clerk, a treasurer, and assistant treasurer. They shall serve one year terms, with tenure beginning immediately at the close of the October session.

Section 2. The moderator shall preside over each association meeting according to established parliamentary usage. It shall be his duty to see that all business is carried on in a way pleasing to God. The moderator is chairman of the executive board and shall call this board into session as needed. The moderator is an ex-officio member of all committees and boards as needed. He shall be the official representative of this association.

Section 3. The clerk shall keep accurate minutes of each association and executive board meeting. He shall prepare the minutes for publication and see that they are printed and available for distribution at the January session. He is responsible for the correspondence and records of this association.

Section 4. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds as directed by this assembly. He shall be chairman of the Finance Committee and will submit a financial report to this body during each session.

Section 5. The assistants to the above officers shall serve in the full capacity of the office when the elected officer is absent or unable to serve.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairmen of the Trustee Board, Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Treasurer, and one member elected at large. These above boards will meet immediately after the October session to elect a chairman and notify the clerk. The executive board is the official body of this association when not in session and is empowered to act on behalf of this assembly on matters that, in the judgment of this board, should not be delayed until the next session. The moderator shall be chairman of this board.

Section 2. The Trustee Board shall consist of five members, each elected to five year terms on a staggered basis. This board shall oversee any assets owned by this association. They are authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of this Association but only after such approval has been granted from this assembly by majority vote while in session.

Section 3. The Ordaining Council shall consist of three ministers in good standing, elected to 3 year terms on a staggered basis. They shall investigate and question prospective candidates for licensing or ordination as they deem necessary and as outlined by the other regulations adopted by this assembly. No candidate for licensing or ordination may come to this body for a vote until the recommendation of this council has been submitted.

Section 4. The Mission Board shall consist of five members in good standing, having a zeal for missions. They shall have the general oversight of all missions supported by this assembly as outlined in the constitution of the Mission Board. The board shall submit a report of activities to this body during each session.

Section 5. The Christian Education Board shall have the general responsibility of all Christian Education endeavors of this Association as outlined in the constitution of this board. The board shall submit a report of activities to this assembly during each session.

Section 6. The State of Churches and Character of Ministers committee shall consist of three members in good standing, elected to three year terms on a staggered basis. Matters submitted to this committee must be in writing and signed. All churches or missions applying for membership in this body will be investigated by this committee before the vote can be taken. This committee shall have the right to investigate any church or mission belonging to this association concerning their doctrinal views.

Section 7. The Digest Committee shall consist of three members in good standing, elected to 3 year terms on a staggered basis. They shall compile the information from the church letters and submit a report to this assembly during each session.

Section 8. The Board of Retirement and Insurance shall consist of 3 members elected to three year terms on a staggered basis. This board will stay abreast of available retirement programs and encourage our churches to assist their pastors in a retirement and insurance program.

Section 9. The nominating committee shall consist of three members in good standing, elected for a term of one year from the floor. They shall submit their recommended nominees for all officers, board, and committee members with expired terms, to the October session. They should contact each nominee, if possible, for their approval prior to placing their names in nomination. Additional nominees may be submitted by any delegate during this session.

Section 10. Temporary committees (Resolutions, Finance, etc.) may be elected as needed during any session to carry on the business or to address any prevailing subject of the current times as may be determined by this body.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. This Association shall meet on the Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October of each year. Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each member church or mission to represent themselves by letter and delegates and to report their standings and statistics. All matters requiring the attention of a committee, board of ordaining council should be in writing and submitted to the clerk.

Section 3. 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 this assembly.

Section 4. This Association shall act upon such questions and topics referred to it by its member churches and transact any other business not repugnant to this constitution or to the practices of the denomination.

Section 5. The host church shall be the Program Committee and shall be responsible for the speakers, program outline, and other necessities. The member churches normally rotate alphabetically in hosting this Association but may ask to be excused for cause.

Section 6. The parliamentary procedures employed in this meeting shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. This constitution and by-laws shall not be changed or altered except by two-thirds majority of all members present at a regular session. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be read in open session during the morning, then tabled until afternoon. The amendment can then be removed from table, read again, and acted upon.

Section 2. No action concerning changes of this constitution or by-laws can be taken until all committees are present.

BY-LAWS

1. Any member, in the judgement of this association, that shows anger in discussing any subject, shall forfeit their seat in that session.
2. No member shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.
3. No members shall be at liberty to fill any place, such as preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the association.
4. The minutes of the association shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.
5. The association shall always adjourn by vote.
6. There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with Treasurer, and report to the association.
7. The association shall always open and close with prayer and praise of God.
8. The moderator shall read or have read, the by-laws and church covenant at each session.
9. Excess funds from this Association, after all expenses have been paid and a reasonable balance maintained, shall be distributed 25% to camp Mt. Bethel, with the remainder equally divided between the Mission and Christian Education Boards.
10. Each church or mission shall furnish the clerk of the association with three copies of their church letter at the October session.

RULES FOR CALLING PASTORS

1. Each church should familiarize themselves with the rules for licensing of ministers and ask the candidate the same questions, even though he may or may not be coming for license. If a member of another association, the pastor should indicate he is in good standing. The degree of investigation of the candidate is left to the churches discretion. Each church should be mindful that the standards of this association are for the good of the body.
2. No pastor of a church or mission in this association can hold license or ordination papers from another denomination and be in good standing with this body. All other license or ordination papers must be turned over to this association and the clerk may destroy them or return to the denomination from whom they were issued.
3. All ministers desiring to transfer to or join this association shall:
 - A. Be recommended to this association in writing by one of our member churches or missions. The completed ordaining questionnaire shall be submitted with the recommendation on all candidates, whether for licensing, ordination, or transfer. The questionnaires may be obtained from members of the ordaining council or clerk of the association.
 - B. The candidate shall meet with the ordaining council. No candidate for membership in this association may come to this body for a vote until the recommendation of the ordaining council is submitted.
 - C. If there are any questions concerning the candidates doctrine or character, the association may open the examination to the majority present at the association. The church recommending the candidate, or any member present, should make known any questions that should be considered.
 - D. Transferring ministers shall be under the watchcare of this body until a letter of good standing is received from his previous association.
 - E. It is the responsibility of the church or mission calling a pastor to inform him of the requirements of this association.
4. Any church or mission petitioning this association for membership shall be investigated by the State of Churches and Character of Ministers committee before the vote can be taken.

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.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

1. This committee shall have the right to investigate any and all Ministers in said Association concerning their doctrinal view and their conduct any-time.
2. This committee shall also have the authority to investigate any church that is a member of this Association concerning their doctrinal views.
3. This committee shall recommend to this Association, if any Minister is found out of order that his credential be taken from him and any Church that is out of order to withdraw fellowship from them until they get in order.
4. Any Church or Mission petition this Association for membership shall be investigated by this committee before they are accepted into this Association.
5. Any information furnished to this committee shall be in writing and signed by informant.

RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Revised 1960, Addition 1977, Addition 1978

1. Applicant shall bear license for not less than one year and shall be recommended to the quarterly association by the church of which he is a member.
2. Be called to one or more churches, except that evidence be shown where-as 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 or annual association while in session.
4. Applicant shall meet the qualification 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.
6. The ordaining council should submit a minority report on all recommendations that are not unanimous.
7. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-third (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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD
ADOPTED 1965, REVISED 1979

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:** (A) 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.

(B) In so much as responsive assistance and supervision both to the mission and from association is essential for successful mission work, the following counties shall be designated as the home missions field for this mission board: Bibb, Peach, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Laurens, Bleckley, Houston, Macon, Dooly, Pulaski, Dodge, Wheeler, Telfair, Wilcox, and Crisp.

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

I DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. CHAIRMAN: He shall preside over each meeting, 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 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 exofficio 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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

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.

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 1

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 and 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.

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 for until successors are elected.

ARTICLE 6. MEETINGS: This convention shall convene annually on the (4) fourth Saturday in April 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, at which time they shall be read again prior to being considered. Additional committees and officers may be added as there is need.

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 within 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 MOTTO: "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 Leagurers (Music, Onward Christian Soldiers)

FELLOWSHIP CHORUS: Heavenly Sunshine

FELLOWSHIP SCRIPTURE VERSE: 1 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.

REVIEW OF 1979
CHARLES STRICKLAND, CLERK

This has been a year of learning and growing for me. I have learned to appreciate more and more the good solid christians we have in our association. The purpose of an association is that united, our churches can speak with a louder voice, can accomplish more, and that we may better govern ourselves in sound christian principles. We have dealt with some difficult issues and come through; I feel, with closer unity. For this unity, all the officers thank you. Our thanks also to all the church clerks, committee and board members who have worked faithfully during the year. If we accept a job, please be present at meetings and do that job to the best of our ability.

This year began with sadness because of the untimely death of my fellow deacon and close friend, Mr. Cliff Gaines. Cliff had a real burden for lost souls. He was a witness on his regular job. He and I shared each others burdens and had many long talks about spiritual matters. We miss you Cliff, but we rejoice that you are home with your savior you love so much. We rest on Gods promises that we'll meet again.

My nomination for "Man of the Year" goes to Rev. Emmett McDuffie. Bro. Emmett has retired from being a full time pastor but remains available to fill in when he can. Bro. Emmett is 71 years young, has been in the ministry for 43 years, and has pastored 15 of our churches. His sermons seem to be more dynamic than ever and his faithfulness encourages us all. Bro. Emmett, you have blessed so many of our lives we just can't express enough our appreciation to you. May God continue to richly bless you. Keep on keeping on.

We have made some changes in the format of the minutes this year. We hope you approve. We hope to begin a series of brief histories of our churches in next years minutes. This was recommended by our state historical commission and will help preserve the grand history of our churches and forefathers.

If any of us can help you in any way, just let us know. Please support all the programs this year. Give of yourself-you'll be blessed.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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, to avoid all appearance 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 study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church 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 seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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 educational 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.