

1980
MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
PERRY MISSION
Perry, Georgia
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1980

— OFFICERS —

- Rev. Billy Sharpston Moderator
- Rev. Larry Williams Assistant Moderator
- Charles Strickland Clerk
- Rev. Ronnie Lawson. Assistant Clerk
- Ernest Barker Treasurer
- Emory E. Nobles Assistant Treasurer

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session - January 10, 1981.	Bay Springs
2nd Quarterly Session - April 11, 1981.	Bethlehem
3rd Quarterly Session - July 11, 1981.	Beulah Springs
Annual Session - October 10, 1981.	Cross Roads
C.T.S. Convention - April 25, 1981.	Dublin Mission
Sunday School Convention - July 25, 1981.	Pine Level
Woman's Auxiliary (Workshop) - March 14, 1981.	Double Branch
(Business) - September 19, 1981.	Pleasant Hill
Youth Rallies: February 14, 1981.	White Oaks
May 16, 1981.	First Eastman
August 15, 1981.	New Hope
November 21, 1981.	Pine Level

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. Willie Martin	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	912/892-9474

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J. F. Register	Unknown	

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Rev. James Roland	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga. 31092	912/268-8746
Rev. James Potter	3409 Riggins Mill Rd., Macon, Ga. 31201	912/743-1262
Rev. Ronnie Lawson	Rt. 5, Box 166, Tifton, Ga. 31794	912/382-8149
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(1) *	Rev. Howard Faircloth	408 Page St., Eastman, Ga. 31023	912/374-3017
	Rev. Jimmy Smith	214 Brady Drive, Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	Unknown
	Rev. Ronnie Moore	Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga. 31023	912/374-5797

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*	H. E. Dunaway	Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga. 31091	912/892-9388
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	Rev. Leroy Lightfoot	Rt. 1, Box 223, Doerun, Ga. 31744	912/776-4106

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(1)	Rev. Willie Martin	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	912/892-9474
	Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	912/892-2949
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	Rev. Tony Howell	Rt. 4, Eastman, Ga. 31023	912/374-3356

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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Youth For Christ Rally	Rev. T. J. Barnard Route 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014 912/934-4566	Kathy Herron 2467 Adjune Road Macon, Ga. 31026 912/788-2534
Woman's Auxiliary	Caroline Hightower 2429 Adger Road Macon, Ga. 31206 912/788-9074	Betty Williams 2492 Rosen Ave. Macon, Ga. 31206 912/781-4349

* Officers and Board Members to be retained or replaced at next Annual Session.

(1) Board Chairman

MINISTERS ON ROLL

HONOR ROLL: (Aged or disabled - exempt from reporting)

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* Barnard, Rev. T. J.	Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga. 31014	912/934-4566
* Brown, Rev. Billy	816 6th Ave., Eastman, Ga. 31023	912/374-2533
* Bruce, Rev. James E.	Rt. 1, Box 165, Pineview, Ga. 31071	No Phone
* Faircloth, Rev. Howard	408 Page St., Eastman, Ga. 31023	912/374-3017
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* Lawson, Rev. Ronnie	Rt. 5, Box 166, Tifton, Ga. 31794	912/382-8149
* Lightfoot, Rev. Leroy	Rt. 1, Box 223, Doerun, Ga. 31744	912/776-4106
* Martin, Rev. Willie	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	912/892-9474
Miller, Rev. James	Unknown	Unknown
Moore, Rev. Donald	4040 Lafayette Dr., Macon, Ga. 31204	912/788-8260
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Powell, Rev. Elbert	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	912/934-2655
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Scott, Rev. David	1905 Miles St., Copperas Cove, Tx.	Unknown
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* Smith, Rev. Jimmy	214 Brady Dr. W. Robins, Ga. 31093	912/929-0491
* Williams, Rev. Larry	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	912/358-4477

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* Owens, Rev. Joe	Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga. 31079	912/365-7278

* Pastors

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
JANUARY SESSION

The first quarter session of the Georgia Union Association convened with Warner Robins Church on January 12, 1980, with singing led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Rev. Jimmy Smith. Welcome was extended by Rev. O'dell Harris, host Pastor.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Don Reed using I Timothy 1:1 as scripture text.

The business session opened with prayer by Rev. Billy Brown. The By-Laws were read by Rev. James Miller and Church Covenant was read by Frank McKinney. M/S/C to seat all delegates and any that may come in later. M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide. M/S/C to adopt minutes of last meeting. M/S/C that Rev. Larry Williams fill the absence of Rev. Elbert Powell on the Ordaining Council.

M/S/C that moderator appoint other committees as needed. Leonard Emerson appointed to fill the absence of Kenneth Powell on State of Churches Committee. Walter Hightower and Dan Beall appointed to serve on Finance Committee.

M/S/C to elect the following as the 1980 Nominating Committee: Rev. Donald Moore, Rev. Charles Hardeman, and Frank McKinney. M/S/C to accept Rev. O'dell Harris' resignation from Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Rev. Paul Kettelman spoke on behalf of the bible college. Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave a report on state activities.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Billy Sharpston using Acts 17:16 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Billy Sharpston. Devotion given by Rev. James Potter using Matthew 16:13-18 as scripture text. Business session opened with prayer by Rev. James Miller.

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

Churches and missions reporting	17
Members received	42
Members lost	31
Baptized	15
Offerings	\$61,533.20
Disbursements	\$57,734.89

Submitted by: Rev. James Potter, Rev. Howard Faircloth
Rev. Jimmy Smith.

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

State Delegate fees	\$ 75.00
1979 Minutes	\$260.00
Ministerial Cards	\$ 16.75
Paid Clerk and Moderator	44.12
Received this session	249.00
Balance on hand	499.92

Submitted by: Dan Beall, Walter Hightower, Ernest J. Barker.

Bro. Sherman Jones gave an oral report on the Mission Board and announced gifts to the board should now be mailed to him since he is the new treasurer.

M/S/C to accept the following Ordaining Council Report:

We received a letter from Rev. Emmett McDuffie requesting a letter since he has moved. According to the by-laws and practice of this association, his new association is to request his letter. We recommend the clerk write Rev. McDuffie and advise him on this matter. (M/S/C to adopt.)

Rev. Leroy Lightfoot was to come before the Ordaining Council this session, but we have been told he was sick and unable to attend. We recommend this matter be postponed until next session. (M/S/C to adopt.)

Submitted by: Rev. James Bruce, Rev. James Roland, Rev. Larry Williams.

M/S/C to accept the following State of Churches Committee Report:

We find there were twelve (12) ministers absent today. We recommend our ministers on roll attend at least two meetings a year or send a letter explaining their absence to the association in order to remain in good standing with this association. (M/S/C to adopt and clerk is to write ministers on this requirement.)

We recommend that Rev. J. M. Herrald be removed from Ministerial Roll until he makes acknowledgement to this association. (M/S/C to adopt.)

Submitted by: E. L. Collins, Donald Self, Leonard Emerson.

Rev. Billy Brown gave a oral Christian Education Board Report and explained the forthcoming changes in the operation of Camp Mt. Bethel.

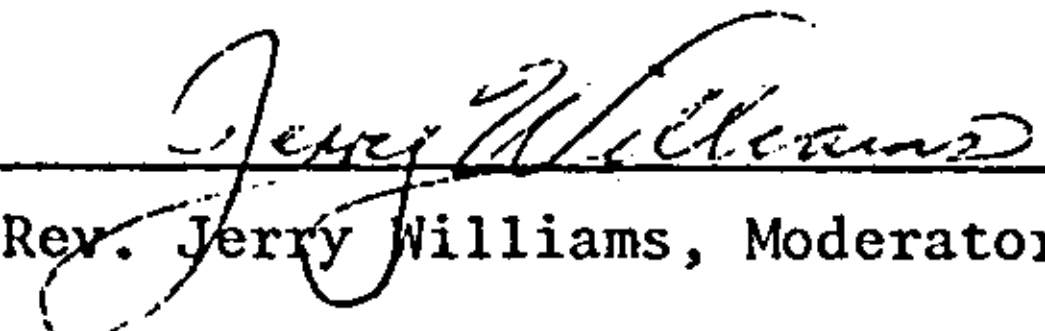
M/S/C for association to pay for flowers sent to the funeral of Rev. John Cannon. M/S/C to remove Liberty Chapel Mission from our roll on their request. M/S/C for association to purchase typewriter for clerk at the price of \$250.00 plus tax. M/S/C to give Warner Robins Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

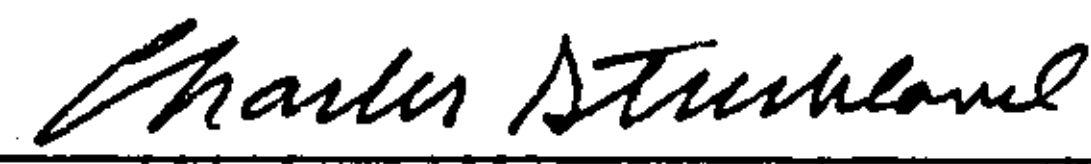
Rev. Jerry Williams submitted his resignation as Moderator because he has accepted a church in Ashville, North Carolina. M/S/C to accept his resignation with regrets and for the clerk to write him a letter of appreciation for his efforts in this association.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominees for vacant offices and each was elected:

Board of Retirement and Insurance: Allen Williams
Moderator: Rev. Billy Sharpston
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Larry Williams

M/S/C to adjourn.


Rev. Jerry Williams, Moderator


Charles Strickland, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

APRIL SESSION

The second quarter session of the Georgia Union Association convened at White Oaks Church in Macon on April 12, 1980. Singing was led by Brother Shine Collins. Welcome was extended by Rev. Billy Sharpston, host Pastor.

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Bob Roberts using Col. 2:4 as scripture text. The Church Covenant was read by Rev. Willie Martin. By-laws were read by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

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

The following committee appointments were made by moderator:
Finance: Leonard Emerson, Jack Jones. State of Churches: Jerry Hobbs (replacing Kenneth Powell). Digest: Don Reed.

M/S/C to adopt minutes as read by clerk. Clerk read the following Executive Board recommendations: (1) We recommend this association grant Rev. Emmett McDuffie a letter of good standing to the South Georgia Association. M/S/C to adopt. (2) All members of the Christian Education Board are presently elected each year. Because of the need for continuity of ongoing programs, we recommend a one year extension of all present board members and for this board to study this matter and recommend a more workable plan to elect their members to assure continuity. M/S/C to adopt. (3) We recommend the following change in our constitution in Article III, Section 1 to be effective in October, 1980: "They shall serve two year terms, with tenure beginning immediately at the close of the October session." M/S/C to table until afternoon. (4) We recommend the following change in our constitution in Article IV, Section 1, to be effective immediately: "The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairmen of the Trustee Board, Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Ordaining Council, State of Churches Committee, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and one member elected at large." M/S/C to table until afternoon.

Rev. Damon Dodd (State Moderator) spoke on state activities. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. James Potter brought the morning message using John 4:35-39 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Bro. Shine Collins. Devotion brought by Bro. Allen Williams using Lev. 19:17-18 as scripture text.

M/S/C to accept the following Christian Education Board report:

We are presently involved with making a mobile book store available, making camp plans, and planning a Sunday School seminar

in August. Rev. Billy Brown has been elected Camp Director, and May 10 has been selected as work day. Plans for summer camp are nearing completion, and we are still promoting plans for a swimming pool. We have \$271.62 in our treasury.

Submitted by: Rev. Billy Brown

The Mission Board gave an oral report. Rev. Ronnie Lawson gave a report of good progress at the Perry Mission. Rev. James Miller gave a report of good progress at the Dublin Mission. M/S/C to receive as information.

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

Churches represented	17
Members received	42 (Baptized 31)
Members lost	16
Offerings	\$54,608.08
Disbursements	\$47,999.00

Submitted by: Rev. Jimmy Smith, Rev. Howard Faircloth.

M/S/C to accept the following Finance report:

Balance 3/1/80	\$479.13
Typewriter	257.50
Mission Board	75.00
Christian Education Board	75.00
Camp Mt. Bethel	50.00
Received this session	258.00
Paid clerk and moderator	60.14
Balance on hand	219.49

Submitted by: Leonard Emerson, Jack Jones, and Ernest Barker.

Clerk appealed to members for any copies of old minutes, and asked the churches founded prior to 1900 to write church histories for inclusion in the minutes.

The Ordaining Council submitted the following report: (1) We recommend that Rev. Thomas J. Barnard be received as a licensed minister pending a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association, and that he be ordained upon receiving the letter. M/S/C to adopt. (2) We recommend Rev. James Miller be ordained as soon as we receive his letter from his previous association. M/S/C to adopt. (3) We recommend this association purchase bibles to present during ordination services. M/S/C to adopt.

The State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee submitted the following report:

We find Richard McFadden, Jr. to be out of order. He has not attended his church nor this association for some time, and has been visited by his church and this committee. M/S/C to remove him from ministerial roll.

We have received a letter from Rev. J. M. Herrald requesting a letter of good standing. He states he is planning a new work and he has been active. We recommend clerk write and advise him to join a local association and then request his letter. M/S/C to adopt.

M/S/C to remove items tabled for consideration. M/S/C to adopt change in Article III, Section 1 (two-year terms for officers). M/S/C to adopt change in Article IV, Section 1 adding additional members to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board had appointed a committee of three to visit Rev. Joe Owens as a result of a letter he wrote criticizing association activities. This committee submitted the following report:

In speaking with Bro. Joe Owens, the findings of this committee are: He feels the demands of the association are too rigid in demanding ministers to attend at least two meetings per year and not making the same demands on deacons. Bro. Owens stated he had no intentions of attending any meetings at the present time. He feels the association is taking too much authority away from the local church. We do not find any reasons (other than attending meetings) to request any further action against Bro. Owens at this time. We (this committee) question the wisdom of withdrawing fellowship from a fellow minister without solid biblical grounds.

Submitted by: Rev. James Roland, Rev. Larry Williams, Rev. Billy Brown. M/S/C to receive as information.

M/S/C to adjourn.



Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Charles Strickland, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

JULY SESSION

The third quarter session convened at Wilson Chapel Church on July 12, 1980. Singing was led by Rev. Larry Williams and prayer by Bro. Walter Hightower. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. L. S. Anthony.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Willie Martin using Psalms 85:8 as scripture text. The church covenant was read by Rev. L. S. Anthony. The by-laws were read by Rev. Jackie Barnard.

M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide. M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk. Moderator appointed the following committees: Rev. Larry Williams and Rev. L. S. Anthony to serve on Ordaining Council; Bro. Johnny Howell and Bro. Jack Jones to serve on Finance Committee; Rev. Jimmy Miller, Rev. Ronnie Lawson, and Bro. Walter Hightower to serve on Digest Committee; Bro. Jake Floyd and Bro. Emory Nobles to serve on State of Churches Committee.

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

The Executive Board submitted the following report: The Executive Board met at White Oaks Church on July 5, 1980, and the following action was taken: M/S/C to reinstate Rev. David Scott (Warner Robins Church) to our ministerial roll. He has furnished proof of his ordination on 7/14/74 by this body, and we have been unable to determine why he was omitted from the roll. The clerk is instructed to write Rev. Scott informing him of the requirements of this association. M/S/C to accept Bro. E. L. Collins' resignation from the State of Churches Committee because of illness. The executive board recommends the following changes in our constitution: (1) Article II, Section 7. The association fee for each meeting shall be:

Members	Fee	Members	Fee
1 - 25	\$15	151 - 175	\$45
26 - 50	20	176 - 200	50
51 - 75	25	201 - 225	55
76 - 100	30	226 - 250	60
101 - 125	35	Over 250	(\$60 plus \$5
126 - 150	40		for each 25
			members

(2) Article II, Section 6 (addition). The officers and board members shall be reimbursed for all special meetings they attend at the rate of \$.12 per mile.

M/S/C to table (1) and (2) until afternoon session.

The Christian Education Board reported the Youth Camp had 45 in attendance from seven (7) different churches. Rev. Herbert Waid (former missionary) was the evangelist. One person was saved and the camp was considered a success. Future plans include a Sunday School Seminar at First Eastman Church on August 15 and 16. Dr. and Mrs. Rogers Reeds will be in charge. The mobile book store has been well accepted. The board gives a big "thank you" to all who participated in the work day held at Camp

Mt. Bethel on May 10. Because of your efforts, a lot of needed work was done. We presently have \$407.42 in our treasury. Submitted by: Rev. Billy Brown. M/S/C to accept as information.

The clerk appealed to the body for old minutes. This is the 85th year of this association and we only have minutes of seventeen (17) in the association files.

Rev. Billy McKinney spoke on behalf of state work and asked for prayer and support as he begins a mission work in Gainesville, Georgia.

M/S/C to adjourn business and enter worship service. Morning message was brought by Rev. Jimmy Miller using Matthew 9:28-29 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a congregational song, prayer was offered by Bro. Sherman Jones. Special music was rendered by Bro. and Sister Robert Garrett.

Rev. Eugene McCloud gave a report on the Griffin Mission. They have petitioned the Chattahoochie Association for membership and they are looking for a new pastor since he is leaving.

The Mission Board reports the Perry Mission is doing well with seven (7) new members this quarter. They have installed central air conditioning. The board further reports Warner Robins has changed to mission-church status and has asked for help. The board has agreed to give them \$200 a month for an indefinite period, but the resources are limited. The board spent \$1,015 this quarter while receiving only \$379.93 and appeals to the churches to increase their support. M/S/C to receive as information.

The Ordaining Council submitted the following report: We recommend Rev. Jerry Williams be granted a letter of good standing to the Blue Ridge Association of North Carolina. M/S/C to adopt. We recommend Rev. Leroy Lightfoot be accepted in full fellowship as an ordained minister. M/S/C to adopt. We recommend that in the Rules for Calling Pastors, Item 3-A the word "transfer" be deleted. M/S/C to adopt. Submitted by Rev. Larry Williams, Rev. L. S. Anthony and Rev. James E. Bruce.

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

Churches Represented	14	Offerings	\$55,199.77
Members Received	48	Disbursements	47,737.49
Members Lost	12		
Baptized	34		

Submitted by Rev. Ronnie Lawson and Bro. Walter Hightower.

M/S/C to receive the following finance report:

Balance forward	\$219.49
Two (2) Bibles purchased (for ordination)	(50.00)
Paid clerk and moderator	(63.92)
Received this session	213.00
Balance on hand	318.57

Submitted by Bro. Jack Jones, Bro. Johnny Howell, and Bro. E. J. Barker.

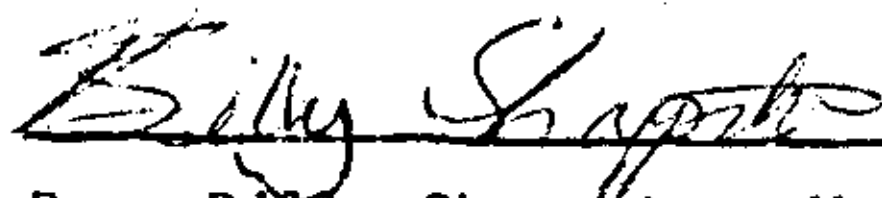
M/S/C to remove items from table for consideration. (See executive board recommendation.) #1 - Change in association fee, Article II, Section 7. M/S/C to adopt. #2 - Reimbursement for mileage, Article III, Section 6. M/S/C to adopt.

M/S/C for Bro. N. C. Perry to replace Bro. Leonard Emerson (recently passed away) on the executive board.

M/S/C for Bro. Jimmy Collins to replace Bro. E. L. Collins on State of Churches Committee.

Rev. L. S. Anthony gave an oral report on state mission work. M/S/C to receive as information.

M/S/C to give Wilson Chapel a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. M/S/C to adjourn.



Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Charles Strickland, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER SESSION

The October (annual) session of the Georgia Union Association convened at the Perry Mission on October 11, 1980. Singing was led by Rev. Ed Bruce and the session was opened with prayer by Rev. Larry Williams. Welcome was extended by host Pastor, Rev. Ronnie Lawson.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Ed Bruce, using Daniel 2:43 as scripture text.

The business session opened with prayer by Rev. Billy Brown. Church Covenant was read by Rev. Ronnie Lawson and By-laws were read by Rev. Billy Brown.

M/S/C to adopt program as a guide. Clerk called roll of ministers and delegates. M/S/C to seat delegates. M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session. The following committee appointments were made: State of Churches - Bob Roberts and Jerry Dunaway. Nominating - Rev. James Potter. Digest - Rev. Howard Faircloth, Rev. Ronnie Lawson. Finance - Rev. Leroy Lightfoot, Clyde Martin.

Clerk read the following Executive Board's recommendations:

1. Your Executive Board believes that if this body intends to enforce the motion passed during the January session regarding ministers' attendance, then this motion should be a by-law so it will be read in open session each meeting. We recommend it be inserted as #4 (other by-laws to be renumbered) in our by-laws as:
 4. All ministers on roll shall attend at least two meetings a year or send a letter explaining their absence in order to remain in good standing with this association.
2. We recommend ministers not meeting the attendance requirements be listed in our minutes as "Not in full fellowship."
3. Since almost all matters of dealing from the State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee is directed to, or comes through, the executive board, we believe this committee should be abolished. We recommend the clerk be authorized to delete references to the State of Churches Committee and assign their responsibilities to the Executive Board in our constitution.
4. Since this body seldom has any legal papers, property, etc., we believe the Trustee Board should be abolished and their responsibilities should be assigned to the Mission Board. We recommend the following constitutional changes:

Article IV, Section 2 - Delete

Article IV, Section 4 -

(A) (remain as is)

(B) When necessary, the Mission Board shall also serve as the Trustee Board and 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.

(C) Clerk is authorized to renumber sections as needed.

5. We recommend the first sentence in Article IV, Section 3 be changed to: "The Ordaining Council shall consist of three ministers and two alternates, in good standing, elected to three-year terms on a staggered basis."

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

M/S/C that this association invite the state association to convene at White Oaks Church during the November, 1982 Session.

After a short recess, special music was brought by Perry Mission. The morning message was brought by Rev. T. J. Barnard, using I Kings 19:19-21 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Larry Williams with prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth. Special music by Perry Mission. Devotion was brought by Johnny Roland using John 3:14-17 as scripture text.

M/S/C to remove items from table from morning session.

- #1 - (addition of by-law #4) M/S/C to adopt.
- #2 - (Ministerial Roll) M/S/C to adopt.
- #3 - (abolish State of Churches Committee) M/S/C to adopt.
- #4 - (Abolish Trustee Board) Motion failed to pass.
- #5 - (add two alternates to Ordaining Council) This motion was amended to read: "The Ordaining Council shall consist of five ministers, in good standing, elected to five-year terms on a staggered basis. Three members shall be a quorum." M/S/C to adopt amended version.

M/S/C to receive the following Mission Board Report: Warner Robins and Perry are reporting some growth. With the \$200 a month support to each work, our treasury has been reduced to \$78.56, and it appears this board will have to discontinue some support if there is no increase in support by our churches.

We appeal to our churches for more support. We met with Warner Robins and mutually agreed to a reduction in support to \$100 a month. (Submitted by Hollis Smith).

M/S/C to receive Ordaining Council's report:

- #1 - We recommend this body grant Rev. Eugene McLeod and the Griffin Mission a letter of good standing to the Chattahoochie Association. M/S/C
- #2 - We recommend Rev. Milton Adams turn in his Missionary Baptist Credentials and be given Free Will Baptist Ordination papers. M/S/C
- #3 - We were unable to obtain a letter of good standing on Rev. Leroy Lightfoot because the church he was pastoring withdrew from the Chattahoochie Association. We recommend Rev. Lightfoot be received in full fellowship but under the watchcare of this body for three months. M/S/C

M/S/C to receive the following State of Churches Committee Report: This committee finds the following ministers out of order with this association because of non-attendance or reporting in writing. This committee recommends these ministers be listed as not in full fellowship on our ministerial roll: Rev. C. B. Duckworth, Rev. Henry Bridges, Rev. E. E. Kelley, Rev. R. B. McFaddin, Sr., and Rev. Joe Owens. M/S/C to adopt amendment to By-Law No. 4 to establish an Honor Roll for aged or disabled ministers and to exempt these from the requirement. M/S/C that Rev. C. B. Duckworth and Rev. Henry E. Bridges be added to Honor Roll and Rev. E. E. Kelley, Rev. R. B. McFaddin, Sr., and Rev. Joe Owens be listed as not in full fellowship.

M/S/C to receive the following Digest Report:

Churches and Missions reporting	16
Auxiliaries	57
Members received	95
Members baptized	86
Members lost	118
Total Membership	1,359
Offerings	\$236,636
Expenditures	199,521

Submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth, Rev. Ronnie Lawson, Rev. Jimmy Smith.

M/S/C to receive the following Christian Education Board Report: We have had a very good year. We hosted a Youth Camp, held a Sunday School training seminar, and opened a Christian Book Store which sells FWB books at a 10% discount. We presently have a \$213.53 cash balance. We recommend the clerk include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the presidents and secretaries of the Sunday School Convention, CTS Convention, and Youth for Christ Fellowship in the minutes. Submitted by Rev. Billy Brown. M/S/C to adopt.

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

Received from one church since last report	\$ 15.00
October 1 balance	333.57
Received this session	412.00
Paid clerk and moderator	54.50
Balance on hand	691.07

Submitted by Rev. Leroy Lightfoot, Clyde Martin, and Ernest J. Barker.

Rev. Ed Bruce reported the Antioch Church has disbanded, and Bay Springs agreed to host the January session. Delegates appointed to the State Association were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bryant, Bob Roberts, Emmett Dunaway, and alternate Sue Roberts.

M/S/C for clerk to print 400 minutes.

M/S/C to receive the Nominating Committee Report and open floor for other nominations. The following were elected: Moderator - Rev. Billy Sharpston; Assistant Moderator - Rev. Larry Williams; Clerk - Charles Strickland; Assistant Clerk - Rev. Ronnie Lawson; Treasurer - Ernest Barker; Assistant Treasurer - Emory Nobles; Executive Board - H. E. Dunaway; Trustee Board - Jerry Dunaway, Bob Roberts; Ordaining Council - Rev. James E. Bruce, Rev. James Potter, Rev. Ronnie Lawson; Digest Committee - Rev. Ronnie Moore; Board of Retirement -- Rev. Leroy Lightfoot; Mission Board - James E. Bryant, Hollis Smith, Rev. W. L. Amerson; Christian Education Board - Rev. T. J. Barnard to replace Danny Gay.

Bro. N. C. Perry resigned from Trustee Board. M/S/C to elect Bro. J. F. Register as replacement.

M/S/C to give Perry Mission a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Bro. Emmett Dunaway gave an oral report on the State Association's plans to build a swimming pool at Camp Mt. Bethel and the need for support. M/S/C to receive as information.

M/S/C to adjourn.



Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Charles Strickland, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 1980

The Ga. Union Sunday School Convention was held at White Oak Free Will Baptist Church on July 26, 1980 at 10:00 A. M. The convention was brought to order by congregational singing. Rev. Billy Sharpston welcomed everyone. The devotion was given by Rev. Edward Bruce.

Bro. Bruce appointed the nominating committee as follows: (1) Dick Jones (2) Allen Williams (3) Earl Bryant. Program judges appointed were: (1) Cathy Herron (2) Debra Selph (3) Margie Hobbs (4) Robert Garrett (5) Annie Ruth Selph.

The programs were presented as follows: (1) White Oaks (2) Cross-roads (3) Double Branch (4) Wilson Chapel. An offering was received after which Rev. Jackie Barnard presented the morning message. The convention was dismissed with the blessing for the noon meal.

The convention reconvened with special singing by the Gospel Sounds. The programs continued as follows: (5) Pine Level (6) Perry Mission (7) First Eastman (8) Bay Springs.

Bro. Bruce opened the business session and the minutes and treasurer report was read and adopted.

Report from the nominating committee: President - Phillip Faircloth, Vice-President - Gene Nutt, Sec.-Treas. - Harold Dunaway, Assistant Sec.-Treas. - Johnny Johnson.

There was no old business.

New business: M/S/C that the Sunday School Convention of the Ga. Union Assoc. dispense with the use of the present S.S. Standard since it is no longer used by the S.S. Dept. of the National Assoc. of F.W.B. M/S/C that we change the present format to having each S.S. compete against itself with the goal of a 10% increase in attendance over the next year.

M/S/C to have the next convention at Pine Level. Report from program judges: First Place - Perry Mission; Second Place - Pine Level. Standard's Plaque was presented to White Oaks. Attendance banner was presented to Perry Mission. M/S/C to give host church a rising vote of thanks. Bro. Bruce was given a hand of applause for his service to the convention. M/S/C to adjourn.

TREASURERS REPORT 1980

Expenses:

1980 Banners	\$ 31.78
Ice	5.00
Stamps, Paper, Supplies	3.00
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	\$ 39.78

INCOME:

Balance Forward	\$184.98
Special Offerings	
Mt. Ararat	10.00
Wilson Chapel	10.00
Double Branch	10.00
Perry Mission	11.70
Bethlehem	10.00
Convention Offering	52.50
Church Fees	50.00
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	\$339.18
	- 39.78
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	\$299.40 - 1980 Balance

C.T.S. MINUTES — 1980

Morning Session

The Georgia Union C.T.S. Convention was held April 26, 1980 at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church.

The service was opened with the congregation singing Calvalry. Bro. Miller from Dublin led in prayer.

The business session opened with the President making a call for the church letters and fees. A motion was carried to seat the delegates.

The minutes and treasury report was read and approved. The by-laws were read by Margie Collins. Committees were appointed.

Digest Committee - Linda Blount
Elizabeth Hearn

Finance - Pam Gay
Mrs. Hearn

Resolutions - Bro. Billy Sharpston
Doris Hearn
Catherine Brown

Placement - Audrey Hearn
Mattie Simmons

Nominating - Margie Collins
Tracy Brown

Activities:

There was only one church to have representatives. White Oaks had:

Tammy Rozier - 1st grade
Scott Gay - 2nd grade
Lisa Collins - 3rd grade
Neil Faircloth - Sword Drill

There was no Bible Bowl, Tic Tac Toe, or Music and Arts.

We then adjourned our business session for the morning service.

Rev. Jimmy Miller sang Amazing Grace backwards and, oh, what a surprise that was. He then brought a rewarding message and a talk on drugs to the young people.

We were then dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon session.

Service began with congregation singing "Power in the Blood".

Awards were given to the four children that participated in the activities.

Business session was then reopened. Report of committees were read and accepted.

Digest - No. of churches represented - 2
(Crossroads and White Oaks)

No. of delegates represented - 9

No. on roll - 188

Church with most new members: White Oaks

Resolutions: That we think and pray about the C.T.S. Convention for one more year and if next year the support is not any better than this time, that we discontinue the C.T.S. Convention.

Placement: Dublin Mission

Nominating: President - Marion Collins
Vice President - Jack Barnard
Secretary - Pam Gay
Assistant Secretary - Caroline Hightower
Sword Drill - Regina Barnard
Memorization - Gloria Johnson
Music & arts - Jimmy Collins

Finance:

Balance on hand	\$35.50	
Taken In	15.00	
Paid out	<u>15.14</u>	(medals)
	3.00	(stamps)
	<u>\$32.36</u>	

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

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
BAY SPRINGS	1884	Rev. Ronnie Moore	Hollis M. Smith, Rt. 5, Box 504 Eastman, Ga. 31023
BETHLEHEM (See Below) **	1917	Rev. Leory Lightfoot	Mrs. Jack Calhoun, Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordele, Ga. 31015
BEULAH SPRINGS	1926	Rev. James E. Bruce	James E. Bryant, Rt. 1 Montrose, Ga. 31065
CHRISTIAN HILL	1887	Rev. Joe Owens	Mary Frances Brown, Rt. 1, Box 194 Abbeville, Ga. 31001
CROSS ROADS	1910	Rev. T. J. Barnard	Cynthia C. Davis, Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014
DOUBLE BRANCH	1896	Rev. Willie C. Martin	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Rt. 1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091
FIRST EASTMAN	1961	Rev. Billy Brown	Mrs. Julia Smith, Rt. 6, Box 118 Eastman, Ga. 31023
LITTLE BETHEL	1915	Rev. Tony Howell	W. R. Rogers, Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012
MT. ARARAT	1885	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Mary Hardeman, Rt. 4 Eastman, Ga. 31023
NEW HOPE	1967	Rev. Charles Hardeman	Jessie H. Greene, Rt. 2, Box 212 Cochran, Ga. 31014
PINE LEVEL	1924	Rev. Larry Williams	Moniece Moore, Rt. 6, Box 195 Eastman, Ga. 31023
PLEASANT HILL	1898	Rev. James Roland	Viola H. Hunt, 713 13th Ave. Cordele, Ga. 31015
WARNER ROBINS	1965	Rev. Jimmy Smith	Jack Griffin, 119 Ravenwood Way Warner Robins, Ga. 31093
WHITE OAKS	1953	Rev. Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins, 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, Ga. 31206
WILSON CHAPEL	1960	Rev. L. S. Anthony	Clara Wilson, 512 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston, Ga. 30286
DUBLIN MISSION	*	Rev. Tim Hutchinson	Mrs. Frances Jones, 107 Helen Drive Dublin, Ga. 31021
PERRY MISSION	1974	Rev. Ronnie Lawson	Brenda Lawson, Rt. 5, Box 166 Tifton, Ga. 31794
			TOTALS

** Bethlehem has services on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays only.

Received	Members	Total	Average Attendance		Expenditures		Offerings	Assoc. Fee
	Lost		S. S.	C.T.S.	Local	Outside Causes		
6	3	81	31	None	\$ 6,389	\$ 447	\$ 8,906	\$25
4	5	64	23	None	4,040	0	3,914	25
4	4	33	*	None	2,799	220	3,580	20
13	9	87	25	None	*	*	6,233	*
3	8	64	*	*	17,311	743	19,520	25
5	5	91	59	45	14,969	1,649	31,531	30
2	2	70	*	*	10,764	107	11,134	*
2	3	113	42	None	12,260	433	13,808	35
0	7	38	16	*	7,382	851	6,721	*
23	5	71	45	35	9,298	*	9,160	25
4	2	97	43	33	23,791	665	26,399	30
2	8	109	28	18	11,919	1,144	12,313	35
9	0	31	*	*	12,990	*	9,264	*
68	16	271	137	105	53,674	2,700	53,876	*
13	28	99	28	8	7,764	150	8,067	30
9	*	21	25	None	6,311	*	9,464	12
11	7	40	33	24	6,199	32	9,424	20
178	112	1,380	535	268	\$207,860	\$9,141	\$ 243,314	312

* incomplete Data or No Report

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

SEPTEMBER 20, 1980

The annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met September 29, 1980 at White Oaks Church. The meeting was opened by scripture and prayer by our president, Pam Gay. Our theme was "Blessed to be a Blessing". Our pianist was Gloria Johnson and chorister Fay Eason. Fay lead the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance" after which Shirley Sharpston welcomed everyone to the meeting. The congregation sang "Blessed Be The Name". Rachel Anthony gave an inspiring devotion on "Blessed to be a Blessing", using scripture from Deuteronomy 28:1 - 15, and Galatians 3:13 - 14, 29.

Several of the ladies gave testimonies on how Christ had blessed their lives.

Appointment of committees:

Registration - Cathy Herron
Credentials - Betty Williams, Dorothy Williams
Finance - Gloria Johnson, Bessie Simmons
Resolutions - Caroline Hightower, Mary Dunaway.

The congregation sang "The Regions Beyond" after which Gloria Johnson and Betty Williams sang "Make Me A Channel of Blessing". Mrs. Laura Belle Barnard brought our morning message on "Blessed to be a Blessing". She gave an inspiring message using 3 scriptural characters: Abraham, Vashti, and Esther. Some of the scriptures used were Genesis 3:15, Galatians 3:16, and Esther chapters 8 and 9. We dismissed for lunch.

After lunch we assembled back to the singing of "Count Your Blessings". Fay Eason sang "Pass It On".

Reports of Committees:

Registration - 4 churches represented, 20 present.

Credentials - Read and accepted, all reports were in order.

Finance - Read and accepted, all reports were in order.

Resolutions:

1. Whereas the two Ugandan students originally chosen for sponsorship by the Woman's Auxiliary and the Master's Men found sponsorship on their own, and whereas there have been no further applications since the overthrow of the dictatorship in Uganda, be it resolved that all other funds be placed in a special account to be used in training nationals from our foreign mission fields in their own native tongues.

2. That continued emphasis on enlistment of active membership through special enlistment efforts in the months of January and August, and that recognition be given to the Auxiliaries with the highest percent increase.

3. That the Save Old Stamps Project be continued and that emphasis be placed on combating high postage rates by shipping in large quantities via UPS.

4. That the following missions action project as worthy:

a. New Eyes for Needy (fills order placed by medical mission).
Send old eyeglasses, watches, and jewelry to New Eyes for the Needy,
549 Milburn Ave., Short Hills, N. J. 07078.

b. Spare Used Bibles (distribute them throughout the world).
The World Home Bible League, 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, IL 60473.

5. Since we have not met our goal for the District for the State Project for this year (Bishops and land at Marietta) that we continue this goal until our goal is met and that any excess be given to the account of the Gainesville Mission.

6. Whereas the State plans to recommend the Crowsons as our State Project for next year that we support this project.

7. That we change the by-laws Article V to read that - Meetings
Two meetings shall be held annually. The meeting on the Saturday before the third Sunday in September shall be for the transaction of business and the election of officers and that a meeting, a workshop, be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in March.

8. That we have the next regular meeting at Pleasant Hill.

9. That we have the workshop at Double Branch and have a study of the local and district manual.

10. That we give the White Oaks Auxiliary a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Caroline Hightower
Mary Dunaway

A recommendation was made that a special invitation be sent to each church encouraging them to come join us at our meetings.

Caroline Hightower was selected as Georgia Union's Nominee for the Woman of the Year.

Caroline Hightower was in charge of the installation service of our new officers.

The congregation sang "Bless Be The Tie" and Shirley Sharpston closed our meeting in prayer.

Pam Gay, President
Betty Williams, Secretary

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
(Revised 1980)

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 Executive Board 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 or
fraction thereof

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1 - 25	\$15.00	151 - 175	\$45.00
26 - 50	20.00	176 - 200	50.00
51 - 75	25.00	201 - 225	55.00
76 - 100	30.00	226 - 250	60.00
101 - 125	35.00	Over 250	(\$60 plus \$5 for every 25 members)
126 - 150	40.00		

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 two 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.

Section 6. The officers and board members shall be reimbursed for all special meetings they attend at the rate of \$.12 per mile.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. (A) The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairmen of the Trustee Board, Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Ordaining Council, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and one member elected at large. These above boards will meet immediately after the October sessions 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 judgement of this board, should not be delayed until the next session. The moderator shall be chairman of this board.

(B) All churches or missions applying for membership in this body will be investigated by this board before the vote can be taken. This board shall have the right to investigate any church or mission belonging to this association concerning their doctrinal views. Matters submitted to this board should be in writing and signed.

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 five ministers in good standing, elected to 5 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 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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

Addition 1980

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. All members on roll shall attend at least two meetings a year or send a letter explaining their absence in order to remain in good standing with this association. Ministers on honor roll are exempt from this requirement.
5. The minutes of the association shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.
6. The association shall always adjourn by vote.
7. There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with Treasurer, and report to the association.
8. The association shall always open and close with prayer and praise of God.
9. The moderator shall read or have read, the by-laws and church covenant at each session.
10. 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.
11. 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

(Revised 1980)

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 or ordination. 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 Executive Board 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.

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 1 - 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 or 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 Leaguers (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.

HISTORY OF DOUBLE BRANCH

Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church was organized around the late 1800's. The first Pastor was Brother Sinclair who was blind. In the minutes of the early conferences, the church was called "The United Free Will Baptist Double Branch Church." The name was later shortened although it is not known when.

Reverend A. L. Davidson is recorded as being the Pastor from around 1924 until 1928. A. L. Dunaway served as clerk. Also, J. P. Nobles and G.A. Nobles served as clerk during various periods from 1924 until 1929. With the encouragement of Mrs. Sally Crosby, prayer meeting services were started in 1937.

Further records are not found until the early 1940's. Reverend C. H. Moore was the Pastor in 1942. The clerk was J. A. Crosby until 1949 when Marion Stokes took over this responsibility. In 1951, Mrs. T. M. Sangster was appointed to serve as the clerk. During the early fifties the actual details of church business are more explicit. It is recorded that the farmers at one time planted an acre for the Lord. All profit from this acre was donated to the church. Those who did not farm often matched the maximum profit from an acre. It is recorded that \$113.00 was once the highest yield from an acre.

Mance Cason was called to serve as Pastor in October of 1951. He served until August of 1953 when Paul Irvin became the Pastor. In November of 1953, a motion was made and passed that Sunday School rooms be added to the church. Herman Sullivan became the clerk in October of 1954. W. L. Amerson became the Pastor in October of 1956. In November of 1959, Howard Faircloth took over the responsibility of Pastor. Mrs. Hubert Williams became the clerk in November of 1960. In August of 1961, Larry Williams was called as Pastor. He served until September of 1962 when W. L. Amerson again served as Pastor.

In September of 1963, E. D. Franks came to Double Branch as Pastor. Marvin Hartsfield was called to serve as Pastor in August of 1965. A front porch was added to the church in 1966. Joe Owens was elected as Pastor in March of 1967. Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Sr. was elected to serve as clerk. She is presently serving in this capacity.

Under the leadership of Joe Owens, a Social Hall was built at the church site. Everett Kelley was called to pastor the church in July of 1970. During 1971 much needed renovation was done to the church. Carpet, air-conditioning, and new benches were a few of the improvements made to the interior of the church.

In December of 1974, James Osborn was elected to serve as Pastor. He and his wife, Carmin, and their two children are presently residing at the Parsonage that was built at the church site during the first months of 1975. Rev. Willie Martin was elected to serve as pastor in 1978 and is the current pastor.

Church services are held every Sunday morning, night, and Wednesday night. The church has organizations such as Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, and Youth oriented programs. The church membership is 91. Presently, the members are working on a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign entitled "Free Indeed." The campaign is to be finalized with a Revival and an Old Fashion Day. A recent Sunday School record of 81 in attendance was set.

The Deacons are: H. E. Dunaway, Sr., Harold Dunaway, William G. Dunaway, Covie Langford, and J. C. Langford.

A History of Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church would not be complete without mentioning the name of Mr. T. B. Etheridge. Although the church has had many faithful members, Mr. T. B. (Brink) Etheridge will never be forgotten. Although deceased, he still stands out in the minds of the church members. He spent many hours praying and working for Double Branch Church. He and Mrs. Eula Dunaway were responsible for the beginning of a Sunday School program at the church. A memorial is being erected at the church in honor of him.

By William G. and Charline Dunaway

BRO. LEONARD EMERSON

A man makes his mark in many different ways in this world. Some have wealth, education, or high position. Then there are those who go quietly through this life, and in their own Christian way with love, kindness, and gentleness, leave a testimony that impresses all who knew them.

Bro. Leonard Emerson was that kind of man. For seventeen years he was a deacon and treasurer of White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon. Along with his delightful sense of humor, his Christian testimony was ever present.

Much of Bro. Leonard's work was done without anyone knowing about it. He served the Lord faithfully and joyfully, and his life was an example to all around him. It can be said of Bro. Leonard, "He fought a good fight, and kept the faith." Although he is absent from the body, he is present with the Lord.

Written by: Rev. Billy Sharpston

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.