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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

OF THE

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH

Near Chester, Georgia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1982

- OFFICERS -

Rev. Billy Sharpston	Moderator
Rev. Willie Martin	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Wayne Hayes	Clerk
Rev. Tim Hutchinson	Assistant Clerk
Rev. Donald Moore	Treasurer
Kim Kelley	Assistant Treasurer

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Charles Hardeman J. F. Register, Kim Kelley

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

(1) Board Chairman

875.23
 150.00
 725.23 to be paid
 after exp of members

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GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
January Session

The first quarter session convened with Christian Hill Church near Rochelle on January 9, 1982. Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Rev. Tony Howell. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Ed Bruce. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Donald Moore, using II Timothy 4:2 as scripture text. Rev. Tim Hutchinson read the church covenant and Rev. Charles Hardeman read the By-Laws.

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

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk.

Roll call of ministers indicated 25 ministers present with three (3) reporting by letter.

Moderator appointed the following to serve on committees: Finance: Rev. Donald Moore, Jack Jones; Digest: Kim Kelley, Alton Fleming, Ray Martin.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session.

The Christian Education Board submitted their new constitution that eliminates the constitutions of the Sunday School Convention, CTS Convention, and Youth for Christ Rally. These activities will now be under the direct supervision of the Christian Education Board. M/S/C to table until afternoon session.

After prayer by Harold Dunaway, the morning message was brought by Rev. L. S. Anthony using Acts 16:22-34 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer was offered by Rev. Elbert Powell and special music was rendered by members of Beulah Springs Church.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a report on state activities and encouraged our churches to better support state and national Freewill Baptist ministries. His goal is to visit every church in the state.

M/S/C to remove from table the proposed Christian Education Board Constitution change. M/S/C to adopt new constitution.

Sherman Jones gave an oral Mission Board report and reminded our churches of the need for support. M/S/C to receive as information.

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
APRIL SESSION

The second quarter session convened at Double Branches Church on April 10, 1982. Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Donald Self. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Willie Martin. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Randy Sloan, using Luke 19:11-27 as scripture text. The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Donald Moore. The church covenant and by-laws were read by Rev. T. J. Barnard and Sherman Jones.

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

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk.

Roll call of ministers indicated 20 present with two (2) reporting by letter.

Moderator appointed the following committees: Finance: Rev. Donald Moore, Clyde Martin; Resolutions: Rev. Larry Williams, Rev. T. J. Barnard, Rev. Willie Martin.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session.

The executive board submitted the following recommendations: (1) We recommend this association eliminate the Board of Retirement and Insurance from our constitution. M/S/C to table until afternoon session. (2) We recommend clerk have 300 pages of letterhead stationery printed. M/S/C to adopt and pay \$25 costs. (3) We recommend each church give whatever support it can to the cooperative plan through the state office. M/S/C to recommend.

Rev. T. J. Barnard gave an oral report from the Christian Education Board. Senior camp will be June 20 - 25 and Junior camp will be July 4 - 9. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Earl Bryant gave a report on state missions. M/S/C to receive as information.

The Double Branches Church Ladies Auxiliary gave a presentation on the blessings they have received from their activities and retreats. M/S/C to receive as information.

After special music by Rev. Wayne Hayes, the morning message was brought by Rev. W. L. Amerson using John 10:24-30 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

M/S/C to receive the following Digest report: Churches represented - 16 (Perry not represented by letter); Members received - 14; Members lost - 10; Offerings - \$60,659; Disbursements - \$75,905.

(3) (a). Be it resolved that the treasurer of this association be instructed to send \$100.00 to the B. H. Parrish medical fund via the state office. M/S/C to adopt. (b) We recommend each church in this association respond to this need if they have not already. M/S/C to recommend. (4) Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to Double Branches Church for their wonderful hospitality today. M/S/C.

Rev. Willie Martin gave an oral report on the state camp board. M/S/C to receive as information.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Billy Sharpston
Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator

Charles Strickland
Charles Strickland, Clerk

AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing and prayer, the ordaining council held the ordination service for Rev. James E. Bryant.

M/S/C to remove executive board report item No. 2 from table.

M/S/C to adopt item No. 2 to change the wording of the By-Law No. 4 by inserting "or oral message."

The Ordaining Council submitted the following recommendations: (1) Rev. Barry Hedrick be received as an ordained minister in good standing. M/S/C. (2) Rev. Wayne Hayes be received as an ordained minister in good standing. M/S/C. (3) Brother Walter C. Scarborough be ordained after September 5, 1982. M/S/C. (4) We recommend Section 3A in Rules for Calling Pastors be changed to "Be recommended to this association in writing by one of our member churches or missions. The Completed ordaining questionnaire shall be submitted with the recommendations on all candidates (except ordained ministers transferring from Georgia Free Will Baptist Associations) for licensing or ordination." M/S/C to adopt.

The nominating committee nominated Rev. Donald Moore as treasurer for the remainder of this year. M/S/C.

M/S/C to receive the following treasurer's report:

Received Bro. Barker	\$379.75
Received this session	375.00
We owe: Clerk	(36.20)
Moderator	(15.00)
Book Store (Bibles)	(73.90)
Balance	\$629.65

Bro. Sherman Jones gave an oral mission board report. M/S/C to receive as information.

M/S/C that the \$306.83 balance in Superannuation funds be divided between our three retired ministers.

Bro. Gene Nutt encouraged our churches to support the upcoming Sunday School Convention to be held at First Eastman Church on July 31.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

Charles Strickland
Charles Strickland, Clerk

Billy Sharpston
Rev. Billy Sharpston, moderator

M/S/C to retain Rev. Charles Hardeman, Buddy Register, and Kim Kelly to serve as 1983 nominating committee.

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

Balance from last session	\$754.75
Board of Retirement	306.83
Late Church Fee	35.00
Paid Clerk (2 sessions)	(86.69)
Paid Moderator (2 sessions)	(30.00)
Paid Retired Ministers	(306.00)
Bibles for Ordaining Services	(112.35)
Printing Church Letter forms	(29.00)
Supplies (certificates, checks, etc)	(18.91)
Received this session	610.00
Balance	<u>1,123.63</u>

M/S/C to receive the following Ordaining Council report and act on each item:

(1) We find Randy Sloan out of fellowship and recommend the Clerk strive to contact him to respond to the charge of bad debts - after which we ask for his credentials if no response. M/S/C to amend this to list him as not in full fellowship on our ministerial roll. M/S/C to adopt as amended.

(2) We recommend we notify Rev. David Scott that he has 90 days to contact our Clerk of his present standing and inform him he should unite with the association of which his church belongs or he will be removed from our roll. M/S/C.

(3) We recommend Bro. Jack Lysaker be ordained at the Dublin Church on the first Sunday of November pending a letter of recommendation from Hyde Park F.W.B. Church. M/S/C.

(4) We recommend Bro. Kary Shumate come back to this body at the next meeting because he has not been in our denomination long enough at this time. M/S/C.

(5) We recommend we grant Rev. Ronnie Moore a letter of good standing to the Little River Association. M/S/C.

(6) We recommend Bro. Terron Stonecypher return questionnaire to this body at our next meeting. M/S/C.

(7) We recommend we grant Rev. Larry Williams a letter of good standing to the South Georgia Association. M/S/C.

(8) We recommend we grant Rev. Billy Brown a letter of good standing to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee. M/S/C.

(9) We recommend we receive Rev. J. M. Cobb as an ordained minister pending a letter of good standing from the North Mississippi Association. M/S/C.

M/S/C to receive an oral Mission Board report from Rev. James E. Bryant.

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

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, (except ordained ministers transferring from Georgia Free Will Baptist Associations) whether for licensing or ordination. The questionnaires 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.

Members			Average Attendance		Expenditures			
Received	Lost	Total	S. S.	C.T.S.	Local	Outside Causes	Income	Assoc. Fee
5	7	83	33	None	*	*	*	\$25 30.00
8	2	64	36	None	\$ 9,844	- 0 -	\$ 10,375	✓ \$25 25.00
1	1	31	*	None	*	*	*	✓ \$20 20.00
*	2	84	26	None	5,836	*	*	✓ \$25 30.00
0	1	68	*	*	*	*	23,213	*
14	4	107	*	50	186,711	1,591	133,134	✓ \$35 35.00
6	2	74	30	None	*	*	*	*
2	0	122	*	None	*	*	*	\$45 35.00
1	0	41	18	*	7,343	379	7,473	\$20 20.00
1	6	65	35	None	*	*	*	✓ \$25 25.00
5	45 **	70	49	35	*	*	*	\$35 25.00
2	2	107	27	21	18,762	964	19,954	\$35 35.00
1	2	25	18	None	13,530	*	13,248	✓ \$10 15.00
4	102 **	192	98	55	*	*	*	30 60.00
4	22	71	28	10	8,145	152	8,376	\$25 25.00
4	10	27	*	None	10,492	350	9,343	✓ 20 20.00
3	2	23	20	20	7,987	140	7,109	✓ \$20 15.00
61	210	1,254	4 18	191	\$268,650	\$3,576	\$232,225	\$345

** Includes Revision of Roll

TREAS. REPORT 1982:

EXPENSES

Printing of minutes	\$10.00
Mileage	43.40
Banners	40.48
Plates, Cups, etc.	5.70
Ice	4.00
	<u>\$103.58</u>

INCOME

Bal. F'wd	\$316.97
Special Offering	
Mt. Ararat	10.00
Bay Springs	10.00
Christian Hill	14.30
Wilson Chapel	20.00
Bethlehem	15.00
Convention Offering	47.65
Church Fees	35.00
	<u>\$468.92</u>
	<u>103.58</u>
	\$365.34

BALANCE

8 churches represented
6 programs presented

- (2) That each auxiliary send at least one magazine subscription to missionary stationed in Africa with the exception of Reader's Digest and Good Housekeeping.
- (3) That we support the state project for the coming year.
- (4) That we have 1983 meeting at White Oak.
- (5) That we give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to accept these resolutions.

M/S/C that we supplement any money that we get from District Association with money from our treasury not to exceed \$90.00.

Finance:	Balance brought forward from Sept. 1981	\$186.02
Income:	State Project	\$335.00
	Registration	6.00
	Membership Dues	78.00
	State speaker	15.00
	Offering	33.21
	Balance 1981	186.02
		<u>653.23</u>

Expenses:	State Project	385.00
	Membership Dues	61.25
	State Speaker	15.00
	Notebook and stamps	5.03
		<u>466.28</u>

These figures leave a balance in the treasury of \$186.95.

New officers installed were:

President - Cathy Heron
 Vice-President - Faye Easom
 Secretary - Mary Dunaway
 Treasurer - Bessie Simmons
 Mission Action Chairman - Betty Williams
 Mission Prayer Chairman - Viola Hunt
 Mission Study Chairman - Diane Martin

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.

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

(Revised 1980, 7/82)

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 ministers on roll shall attend at least two meetings a year or send a letter or oral message 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.

Maintain \$150⁰⁰ bal.

RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

(Revised 1960, Addition 1977, Addition 1978, 1/81)

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 discretion of the ordaining council.
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 recom- mendations 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.

3. Neither the mission church nor the missionary shall involve themselves in site location or land purchase until the board has first been notified of such intentions and has inspected and approved the proposed site or land purchase.

4. Any real estate of whatsoever type or style available and to be purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise contracted for must first be approved by the board. If any transaction be made, it must be by and in the name of the board, with any contingent title, deed, or lease agreement to be made in favor of the board and to be retained by the board.

5. Land purchases authorized by the board and made in the name of the board shall be financed in a manner approved by the board. Any appeals for funds with which to make such purchase shall be under the auspices and in the name of the board for and in behalf of the mission church.

6. Title to any real property purchased for a mission church under the sponsorship of the board shall be retained by the board until such time as the mission church is organized into a bona-fide Free Will Baptist Church and is operating on a self-sustaining basis. At that time title will be transferred to the church, said title to contain a reversion clause as follows:

If _____ Free Will Baptist Church, located at _____ ever ceases for any reason(s) whatsoever to operate and function as a Free Will Baptist Church or pull themselves out of the Georgia Union Association, this property with all the appurtenances thereto affixed and belonging, shall revert to the Board of Missions of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

All missions must comply with Section 1, Article VIII, Sub-section A, and signed by the pastor and clerk: We agree to abide by these guidelines.

Signed

Mission Pastor _____

Mission Clerk _____

Chairman _____

Board Clerk _____

(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.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
of
THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
(Revised 1/82)

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this board shall be the Christian Education Board of the Georgia Union Association.

Section 2: 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 II: MEMBERS

Section 1: This board shall consist of seven members. Four of which may serve to be a quorum. Three or four shall be laymen.

Section 2: A board member may serve for either two or three years depending on when elected. The first year of the cycle the terms of two shall expire, the second year the terms of two more shall expire, and the third year the terms of three shall expire. The cycle will then be repeated.

Section 3: Each member of this board shall be elected by the Georgia Union Association.

Section 4: Each member of this board shall show an interest in promoting Christian Education. He shall attend as many meetings as possible and as many functions sponsored by this board as is possible. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the board and a replacement sought immediately.

Section 5: This board shall be responsible for election of its own officers and directors for each of its activities.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this board shall be a chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary/treasurer to be elected annually by the board.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be: (A) The chairman shall preside over each meeting according to established parliamentary procedures and appoint all committees. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. (B) The vice-chairman shall serve in the full capacity of the chairman when the chairman is unable to serve. (C) The secretary/treasurer shall keep the minutes of board meetings, notes of other activities and is responsible for receiving and disbursing all finances as directed by this board. He shall also make the reports as outlined in Article V.

SISTER JEWEL PATRIDGE

He was born in 1746, near Rome and died in Georgia, and was made Crisp County
in honor of him. There is a monument to him in the Hillier church.

SEYMOUR, 1922. Choir member and served in several offices in church and society.

At the time of her fatal accidental death, she was Missions Prayer Chairman, Bible Study, and member of Sunday School and CTS for the church.

Her husband preceded her in death several years ago. She had two children, one son and one daughter, and four grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was 72 years old.

1966-1967 ready with a devotional, or whatever she was called on
 1966-1967 Camp, Mt. Bethel Retreat, State or home meetings. Always witnessing
 1966-1967 the way.

the Lord will, back to us all and we'll miss her laughter and friendly smiles. But we will carry her with us always - one way, her daughters come and spent the holidays with her. God had it all planned out.

"I remember a Bible Book we used several years ago, and in it she understood there was just one commandment to live by, which would it be?"

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...the one he had underscored was "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

My dear friend and neighbor here on earth, but some day in that
glorious hereafter you will have the joy of being her neighbor and friend

By **Mr. (Frank) Bernie Simmons**

BROTHER ALVIN M. McDUFFIE, SR.

(1) 10-11-67: "Somebody hidden go and sit down in the lowest room.
 (2) 10-11-67: Somebody may say unto thee, friend, go up higher.

He was a man who describes the life of our dear Bro. Alvin McDuffie. He was a man who lived his life in humility among us but on September 22, 1982 Jesus called him home.

His death is a tragedy for the city, but his memory is forever etched on the hearts of its people.

He was an active member of Carleton Hill Church for about 60 years. He died on March 9, 1969 and at the time of his death was 86 years of age. He was a member of the Carleton Hill Church.

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Submitted by:
Mary Frances Brown

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1: This board shall meet often enough to see that its work is carried out effectively.

Section 2: The board chairman may call special meetings when necessary.

ARTICLE V: REPORTS

This board shall present a written report at each session of the association, outlining the board's immediate activities and future plans.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

This board shall be supported by the quota of finances allotted to it by the Georgia Union Association, gifts from churches, registration fees from workshops, etc. and personal gifts.

ARTICLE VII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1: This board shall sponsor the Sunday School Convention the last Saturday of each July. The CTS Convention the fourth Saturday of each April. The Youth For Christ Rally quarterly (February, May, August and November).

Section 2: These activities shall be financed with registration fees, offerings or other feasible means.

Section 3: This board shall sponsor other activities such as retreats, youth camps, workshops, seminars, teacher training courses, etc., at its discretion.

BY-LAWS

1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended in any regular session of the Georgia Union Association by a 2/3 majority vote provided that it has been tabled in a previous session.
2. Board members shall be reimbursed for their mileage to called meetings. Other mileage shall be reimbursed at the discretion of the board.

Section 2. CHURCHES: (A) Any Church receiving financial aid must accept such on conditions agreed upon by the board and the Church.

(B) Any Church finding itself unable to operate as such, may request mission status, or mission church status.

BY - LAWS
DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section I. 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 GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD
(ADOPTED 1975, REVISED 1979, 7/81)

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.

1. The board reserves the right, in consultation with the Mission, to regulate and reconcile the financial disbursements of any and all of the mission churches under its sponsorship with a view to helping these groups to remain financially solvent.

2. Neither the mission church nor the missionary shall incur any major indebtedness requiring monthly payments involving the work other than ordinary accounts, such as utilities, church supplies (literature, cleaning supplies, etc.) without written consent of the board.

RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS

(Revised 1977, 10/81)

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 questions from the Standard and Doctrinal Examination for licensing and ordaining Free Will Baptist ministers in Georgia by the ordaining council duly elected by the association.
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.

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 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 8. 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. (A) The Executive Board shall be the Program Committee and shall be responsible for the speakers and program outline. (B) 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.

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
(Revised, 1980, 1/81, 4/82)

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as The Georgia Union Association 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 actices 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 its body.

Section 3. This Association may discipline member churches or missions, labor proves unsuccessful, by exclusion or withdrawing fellowship. However, 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 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:

Members	Fee	Members	Fee
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.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 18, 1982

The Annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Auxiliary Convention was held Sept. 18, 1982 at Double Branch Church. The registration began at 9:30 a.m. with Diane Martin presiding.

The theme for the day was "Give Thyself Away" based on scripture from II Corinthians 8:5b.

The meeting opened with congregational singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," followed with prayer by Mrs. Hunt. Faye Easom welcomed everyone to the meeting. Shirley Sharpston sang a special entitled "I Could Never Out Love The Lord."

Cathy Heron gave a devotion on Women Working for the Lord using Acts 9:36-39 and Ruth 1:4-16 as references. Caroline Hightower then opened the business session and appointed the following committees:
Credentials - Mary Dunaway and Inez Parks
Finance - Gloria Johnson and Gladys Neighbors
Resolution - Shirley Sharpston, Bessie Simmons and Myrtis Langford
Nominating - Cathy Heron, Faye Easom and Viola Hunt
Faye Easom was appointed as a representative on the State Nominating Committee. Delegates appointed to the State Convention include Viola Hunt, Cathy Heron, Myrtis Langford, Frances Mullis, Mary Dunaway, Bessie Simmons, Diane Martin, Dot Williams, Dorothy Mackey and Betty Williams.

Plans were made on entertaining the State Convention at White Oak in November.

Shirley Sharpston gave several ideas on how we could have a better auxiliary. The ladies all joined in together and sang "Give of Your Best To The Master," followed with Faye Easom singing "Search Me O God." Linda Colson brought an inspiring message on Scripture taken from II Corinthians 8:5 and 5:17 and Matthew 25:35-45. The ladies dismissed for lunch.

After lunch we assembled back to the singing of "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing." Prayer was offered by Frances Mullis.

A devotion was brought by Mrs. Simmons from Mark 8.

Business was opened with committee reports.

Registration: 3 churches represented with 18 members and 6 visitors present.
Credentials: Read and accepted with all reports in order.

Resolutions: (1) Be it resolved that we send a message to the state meeting stating that unless our checks are deposited within a reasonable length of time, we will no longer send checks to state treasurer but will send directly to the national office.

GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Ga. Union Sunday School Convention was held at First Eastman Free Will Baptist Church on July 31, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone was welcomed to the convention by Pres. Gene Nutt after which everyone joined in congregational singing. The devotion was presented by Waldo Cook.

The president appointed the judging committee as follows: (1) Mrs. Cobb (2) Burnice Jones (3) Josephine Moore (4) Herschel Johnson (5) Donna Taylor. The president appointed a nominating committee as follows: (1) Dick Jones (2) Rev. Billy Sharpston (3) Rev. Edward Bruce.

Programs were presented as follows: (1) White Oak (2) Bay Springs (3) Double Branch (4) Crossroads.

The offering was received after which the convention recessed for 10 minutes.

Rev. Wayne Haynes presented a most inspirational morning message.

Congregational singing followed the message while the noon meal was prepared.

The convention reconvened after lunch with special singing by Covie and Elaine Langford and Faye and Bernard Easom.

The programs continued as follows: (5) Perry Mission (6) Pine Level.

The business session was opened with prayer and the minutes and treasurer report was read and accepted.

The nominating committee returned with the same slate of officers as the previous year. They were: Pres. - Gene Nutt, Vice-Pres. - Waldo Cook, Sec. - Treas. - Harold Dunaway, Assist. Sec. - Treas. - Johnny Johnson. The officers were re-elected.

Harold Dunaway presented the attendance banner to Christian Hill having a 15% increase in Sunday School attendance. Pleasant Hill was recognized with a 12% increase.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

The program judges gave the report. First Place Banner - Pine Level, Second Place Banner - Double Branch.

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

M/S/C to give the officers a rising vote of thanks.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
BAY SPRINGS	1884	Rev. Wayne Hayes	Hollis M. Smith, Rt. 5, Box 504 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-2143
BETHLEHEM (Services only on 1st 3rd & 5th Sundays)	1917	Rev. Charles Hardeman	Mrs. Jack Calhoun, Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordele, Ga. 31015 273-3947
BEULAH SPRINGS	1926	Rev. James E. Bryant	Sharon Roberson, Route 2 Montrose, Ga. 31065 934-9423
CHRISTIAN HILL	1887	Rev. James E. Bruce	Mary Frances Brown, Rt. 1, Box 194 Abbeville, Ga. 31001 365-7488
CROSS ROADS	1910	Rev. Jackie Barnard	Cynthia Davis, Route 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-7653
DOUBLE BRANCH	1896	Rev. Willie C. Martin	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Route 1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091 892-9388
FIRST EASTMAN	1961	Rev. Malone Cobb	Julia Smith, Route 6, Box 118 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-3677
LITTLE BETHEL	1915	Rev. Tony Howell	Tommy Parker, Route 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-6048
MT. ARARAT	1885	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Mary Hardeman, Route 4 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-5731
NEW HOPE	1967	Rev. Tim Hutchinson	Evie Howell, Route 5 Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-6870
PINE LEVEL	1924	Rev. Barry Hedrick	Moniece Moore, Rt. 6, Box 195 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-3217
PLEASANT HILL	1898	Rev. James Roland	Viola H. Hunt, 713 3rd Ave. E. Cordele, Ga. 31015 273-3081
WARNER ROBINS	1964	Rev. Jimmy Smith	Jack Griffin, 119 Ravenwood Way, Warner Robins, Ga. 31093 923-8855
WHITE OAKS	1953	Rev. Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins, 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, Ga. 31206 788-8530
WILSON CHAPEL 3000 7th 10th Ave.	1960	Rev. L. S. Anthony	Clara Wilson, 512 Cobb town Road Thomaston, Ga. 30286 404/648-3526
DUBLIN MISSION	*	Rev. Jack Lysaker	Mrs. Frances Jones, 107 Helen Drive Dublin, Ga. 31021 272-6288
PERRY MISSION	1974	Rev. Walter C. Scarborough	Mrs. Margie Hobbs, 816 Oakridge Dr. Perry, Ga. 31069 987-5941
TOTALS			

* Incomplete Data or No Report

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

M/S/C to receive the nominating committees recommendations and vote on each nominee. All of the following were elected:

Moderator - Rev. Billy Sharpston
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Willie Martin
Clerk - Rev. Wayne Hayes
Assistant Clerk - Rev. Tim Hutchinson
Treasurer - Rev. Donald Moore
Assistant Treasurer - Kim Kelly
Ordaining Council - Rev. Bill Amerson replaced Rev. Ronnie Lawson
Rev. James Roland, retained
Digest Committee: Alton Fleming replaced Rev. Ronnie Moore
Rev. Jimmy Smith retained
Mission Board - Rev. J. M. Cobb replaced Hollis Smith
Rev. Barry Hedrick replaced Rev. W. L. Amerson
Rev. Earl Bryant retained
C. E. Board - W. R. Rogers replaced Emory Nobles
Johnny Howell replaced Rev. Tony Howell
Executive Board - H. E. Dunaway be retained
Trustee Board - Charlie Lord be retained.

M/S/C to give clerk a rising vote of thanks for his service.

M/S/C for the following to serve as delegates to the state association.
Regina Barnard, Clara Cobb, Jean Hedrick, Jerry West and Kary Shumate.

M/S/C to adjourn.


Billy Sharpston, moderator


Charles Strickland, clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

October Session

The October (annual) session convened at Little Bethel Church near Chester on October 9, 1982. Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Rev. Elbert Powell. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Tony Howell. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Walter Scarborough using II Kings 5:13 as scripture text. The church covenant was read by Rev. Tim Hutchinson and the by-laws were read by Rev. Willie Martin.

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

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk.

Roll call of ministers indicated 22 present with oral reports from 4 ministers.

Moderator appointed Rev. Roger Dorris to Digest and M. E. Fleming and Clyde Martin to Finance Committees.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session.

The Executive Board recommended this association purchase meats for the Thursday noon meal at the state association (approximately \$175) and ask our churches to take a special offering for same and mail to treasurer. M/S/C to adopt.

M/S/C to receive oral reports from Rev. James E. Bryant on state missions and Rev. Jack Lysaker on Dublin Mission.

M/S/C to receive oral report from Rev. Willie Martin on camp Mt. Bethel.

White Oaks Church presented a puppet skit on the Womans Auxiliary.

Morning message was brought by Rev. Malone Cobb using II Kings 6:1-6 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

M/S/C to receive the following C.E. Board Report: Our board will begin giving books on theology, preaching, and F.W.B. Doctrine to our new ministers. We plan to meet with representatives of the Little River Association and make early plans on next years camp session. We are still considering sponsoring a bible conference. We will have a board meeting later this month. We have \$675.12 finance balance at this time.

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

Churches represented	17
Members added	54
Members lost	(59)
Revision of roll	(147)
Offerings	\$139,012
Expenditures	268,649

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
JULY SESSION

The third quarter session convened at First Eastman Church on July 10, 1982. Singing was led by Edison Smith and prayer by Rev. Charles Hardeman. Welcome from host church was extended by Edison Smith. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Howard Faircloth, using Hebrews 6:9 as scripture text. The church covenant was read by Rev. Barry Hedrick and by-laws were read by Rev. Earl Bryant.

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

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk.

Roll call of ministers indicated 19 present with three (3) reporting by letter.

Moderator appointed Rev. Donald Moore and Rev. Randy Sloan to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session.

M/S/C to receive executive board report and table No. 2 until afternoon: Your executive board met on June 25 and took the following action: (1) M/S/C to have clerk immediately print more church letter forms since we are almost out. (2) The executive board recommends By-Law No. 4 be changed to read: "All ministers on roll shall attend at least two meetings a year or send a letter or oral message explaining their absence in order to remain in good standing with this association. Ministers on honor roll are exempt from this requirement." (3) The executive board discussed the matter of requiring ordained ministers transferring to this association complete the questionnaire. It is the belief of your executive board that when this body voted to drop the word "transfer" from 3A in Rules for Calling Pastors (July, 1980 session), the intent of this body was to exclude transferring ordained ministers from this requirement.

M/S/C to accept Ernest Barkers resignation as treasurer for health reasons with regret and for clerk to write him a letter of commendation for his service.

M/S/C to accept Rev. Larry Williams resignation as assistant moderator because of his move to Waycross.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a report on state activities. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Willie Martin gave a report on the camp session and Christian Education Board plans. M/S/C to receive as information.

M/S/C to receive the following Digest report: Churches represented - 16; Members received - 20; Members lost - 4; offerings - \$61,323; disbursements - \$62,574.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Herbert Waid, using I John 4:15, 5:5 as scripture text.

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

Received this session	\$430.00
Owed moderator and clerk	95.15
(incomplete because of absence of treasurer)	

M/S/C to receive the following Ordaining Council's report and act on each item. (1) We have received a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association on Rev. Barry Hedricks, but failed to receive his questionnaire. We recommend he complete the questionnaire and return next session to be received in full fellowship. M/S/C. (2) Re recommend Rev. Wayne Hayes complete the correct questionnaire and return next session and that he be under the watchcare of this association until that time. It is our understanding that Bro. Hayes has turned in his credentials to the Congregational Methodist Association. M/S/C. (3) We recommend that Bro. Randy Sloan be ordained on May 30, 2:30 p.m., at New Hope Church. M/S/C. (4) We recommend that Bro. Walter C. Scarborough be under the watchcare of this association until we receive a letter of good standing as a licensed minister from his church and that after one year from his license date he come back to his body for consideration to ordain. M/S/C.

M/S/C to receive an oral report from Sherman Jones on the State Christian Education Board.

Rev. Earl Bryant gave a mission board report on the Perry Mission. They plan to sell the land on their present site and move the building to the new property. They have obtained an interest free \$2,000 loan from the State Mission Board to help and everyone feels the mission will grow when relocated. M/S/C to receive.

M/S/C to remove the No. 1 executive board recommendation from table.
M/S/C to eliminate this board.

M/S/C to receive the following as presented by the Resolutions Committee: (1) Whereas, a representative of each department of the national association has been present at the Georgia State Association to make his report, and whereas, the expense of these representatives must be paid from their department funds, we make the following recommendations for your consideration: That the national executive secretary be given the reports from all national departments and that he represent each (all) department(s) at our state convention. We feel this will cut the overhead expense of each department and the money can be put to more profitable use by the department. M/S/C to adopt and mail to national executive secretary. (2) Be it resolved that the Georgia Union Association in writing fully endorse the standards and policies of Free Will Baptist Bible College. We further resolve to uphold the said standards and policies of FWBBC in conversation and prayer. M/S/C to adopt and mail to FWBBC board members.

The Ordaining Council submitted the following report: (1) We recommend we receive Rev. Barry Hedrick as an ordained minister under our watchcare pending his letter and questionnaire from the South Georgia Association. M/S/C. (2) We recommend clerk write the Union Association that Rev. Leroy Lightfoot was granted a letter of dismissal at his request from Bethlehem Church in September, 1981, and therefore was removed from our Ministerial Roll in October, 1981. Prior to this action, he was in good standing with this association. M/S/C. (3) We recommend we receive Rev. Randy Lee Sloan as licensed minister pending a letter from Macedonia Church and for him to be under the watchcare of this association until his licensed year is up at which time he should come back before the Ordaining Council for consideration of being ordained. M/S/C.

M/S/C for clerk to write letter to Rev. Elbert Powell stating he is in good standing with this association.

M/S/C to receive the following Digest report: Members received - 15; Members lost - 18; Baptized - 4; Offerings - \$67,763; Disbursements - \$183,122; Churches represented - 16 (Warner Robins did not report).

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

October Balance	\$1,075.08
Received S. S. Board	10.00
Received this session	510.00
Paid moderator and clerk	(52.18)
January 9 Balance	\$1,542.90

M/S/C to exclude Perry Mission from the \$10.00 National Association fee.

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

M/S/C to elect Kim Kelley, Buddy Register, and Rev. Charles Hardeman as nominating committee.

M/S/C for clerk to write the Bleckley County Commissioner voicing our opposition to the granting of a beer license to a store adjacent to Little Bethel Church.

M/S/C to adjourn.


Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator


Charles Strickland, Clerk

Chapman
MINISTERS ON ROLL

HONOR ROLL: (Exempt from reporting)

Bridges, Rev. Henry E. Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-2369
Duckworth, Rev. E. B. 406 Story Rd., Warner Robins	923-6882
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ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Adams, Rev. Milton	3810 Stacy Dr., Macon, Ga. 31206	474-0832
Amerson, Rev. W. L.	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4430
*Anthony, Rev. L. S.	530 Ellerbee Town Rd., Thomaston, Ga. 30286	647-3885
*Barnard, Rev. J. C.	Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-4566
*Bryant, Rev. James E.	Rt. 2, Montrose, Ga. 31065	934-7940
*Bruce, Rev. James E.	Rt. 1, Box 165, Pineview, Ga.	(No phone)
*Cobb, Rev. J. M.	816 6th Ave., Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-2533
*Faircloth, Rev. Howard	408 Page St., Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3017
*Hardeman, Rev. Charles	Rt. 2, Box 187, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3618
*Hayes, Rev. Wayne	Rt. 5, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3025
*Hedrick, Rev. Barry	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4477
*Howell, Rev. Tony	Rt. 4, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3356
*Hutchinson, Rev. Tim	Rt. 2, Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7178
Lawson, Rev. Ronnie	Rt. 5, Box 166, Tifton, Ga. 31794	382-8149
*Martin, Rev. Willie	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-9474
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Potter, Rev. James	2654 Alfred Bond Dr. Macon, Ga.	742-1862
Powell, Rev. Elbert	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	934-4348
*Roland, Rev. James	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga. 31092	268-8746
*Scarborough, Rev. Walter C.	Rt. 1, Box 8 Sylvester, Ga. 31791	776-5270
*Sharpston, Rev. Billy	5310 Bloomfield, Rd. Macon, Ga.	781-1846
*Smith, Rev. Jimmy	214 Brady Dr., W. Robins 31093	929-0491

LICENSED MINISTERS:

*Lysaker, Rev. Jack	101 Helen Dr., Dublin, Ga. 31021	272-1268
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MINISTERS NOT IN FULL FELLOWSHIP:

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Sloan, Rev. Randy	(Address Unknown)

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*Jerry Dunaway	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-9880
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J. F. Register	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4419
Ross Bennett	Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3808
Charlie Lord	Rt. 1, Dudley, Ga. 31022	358-4428

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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.