

**1983**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
***GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION***  
**OF THE**  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**HELD WITH**  
**PLEASANT HILL CHURCH**  
**VIENNA, GEORGIA**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1983**

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**— OFFICERS —**

Dr. Billy Sharpston ..... Moderator  
Rev. Howard Faircloth ..... Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Wayne Hayes ..... Clerk  
Rev. Donald Moore ..... Assistant Clerk  
Rev. Donald Moore ..... Treasurer  
Kim Kelley ..... Assistant Treasurer

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**1st Quarterly Session - January 7, 1984 ..... Warner Robins**  
**2nd Quarterly Session - April 7, 1984 ..... White Oaks**  
**3rd Quarterly Session - July 7, 1984 ..... Wilson Chapel**  
**Annual Session - October 6, 1984 ..... Perry Mission**  
**Woman's Auxiliary ..... White Oaks**

## **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**

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Buck Evans		

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Rev. W. L. Amerson	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4430
Rev. Jack Lysaker	Rt. 7, Box 139 Buckeye Rd., Dublin, Ga. 31021	272-1268
Rev. James Potter	Rt. 4, Box 2654, Alfred Bond Drive Macon, Ga. 31201	742-1862

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(1)Rev. James E. Bryant Sherman Jones Harold Dunaway Hollis Smith Rev. Kary Shumate	Rt. 1, Montrose, Ga. 31065 Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga. 31014 Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036 Rt. 5, Box 504, Eastman, Ga. 31023 207 Ogden St., Eastman, Ga. 31023	934-7940 934-7432 892-2949 374-2143 374-4275
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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

(1)Rev. Walter Scarborough Rev. Wayne Wilson Jack Griffin Rev. Tony Tilly Harold Dunaway Johnny Howell James Jordon	Rt. 1, Box 8, Sylvester, Ga. 31791 Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036  214 Brady Drive, Warner Robins, Ga. 31093 Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036 Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga. 31014	776-5270 892-1474  929-0491 892-2949 934-7390
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Charles Hardeman	J. F. Register	Kim Kelley
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(1) Board Chairman

# 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
Haynes, Rev. Morgan J.	Rt. 4, Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7019

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*Bryant, Rev. James E.	Rt.1, Montrose, Ga. 31065	934-7940
*Bruce, Rev. James E.	Rt.1, Box 165, Pineview, Ga. 31071	No Phone
*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. J. Wayne	Rt. 5, Box 326, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3025
*Howell, Rev. Tony	Rt. 4, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3356
*Lysaker, Rev. Jack	Rt. 7, Box 139 Buckeye Road Dublin, Ga. 31021	272-1268
Moore, Rev. Donald	4040 LaLafayette Dr., Macon, Ga. 31204	788-8260
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Potter, Rev. James	2654 Alfred Bond Dr., Macon, Ga. 31201	742-1862
Powell, Rev. Elbert	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga. 31012	934-4348
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*Sumner, Rev. William	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga. 31092	268-8746
*Wilson, Rev. Wayne	Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-1474

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*Pulliam, Rev. Reganol	Rt. 5, Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7178
Shumate, Rev. Kary	207 Ogden St., Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-4275
Stonecypher, Rev. Teron	Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga. 31023	
*Tilly, Rev. Tony	214 Brady Dr. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	929-0491

\*Pastors

# GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

## January Session

The first quarter session convened at Mt. Ararat Church near Eastman on January 8, 1983. Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Brother Jones. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Howard Faircloth. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Billy Sharpston, using St. John 11:1 as scripture text. Rev. Charles Hardeman read the By-laws and Bro. Charles Strickland read the church covenant.

M/S/C to adopt program as guide.

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

Roll call of ministers indicated 19 ministers present with two (2) reporting by letter.

Moderator appointed the following committees: Finance: Rev. Barry Hedrick; Resolutions: Rev. Tim Hutchinson, Rev. Jackie Barnard, and Brother Jack Johnson.

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

The executive board submitted the following recommendations: (1) That Rev. Willie Martin, Rev. Donald Moore, and Rev. James Bryant serve as members of a committee to study ways to raise money and set guidelines for new retirement and annuity board. M/S/C. (2) We recommend that the total membership of a church that is shown in minutes from January to December be used that year to determine the amount each church is to pay for Association Fees. M/S/C.

Rev. Donald Moore gave a partial report from the committee on annuity and insurance board. In order to re-establish a fund for retired ministers it is recommended: (1) To take 15% of association dues for 1 year and put into a savings account. M/S/C. (2) Recommend that each church send a minimum of \$5.00 per month to treasurer of association to help establish this fund and that the money received from said churches be put in the savings account and that churches continue to send this contribution thereafter. M/S/C. (3) That treasurer of association keep this fund until annual association meeting, at which time said association shall elect a board of retirement and said fund held by treasurer in savings account be turned over to this board. M/S/C.

Rev. Willie Martin gave Christian Education report. Camp dates are to be June 19-24, 1983. Youth rally dates were as follows: February 12, 1983; May 21, 1983; August 13, 1983; and November 12, 1983. At the February meeting a drama group will have the program. In May, competitive group activities. M/S/C.

After special music by Regina Barnard, the morning message was brought by Rev. Jack Lysaker, using Col. 2:6&7 as scripture text.



## AFTERNOON SESSION

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

Ladies from White Oaks Church presented a puppet skit on Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. Malone Cobb gave oral report on Foreign Missions. M/S/C to accept as information.

Bro. James Bryant gave oral report on State Missions. M/S/C to accept as information.

M/S/C to receive the following Digest Committee report: Churches represented 17; members received - 23; members lost - 9; baptised - 6; offerings - \$69,522.57; Disbursements - \$71,446.05.

M/S/C to accept following resolutions committee report: Recommendation #1: Concerning new college in Virginia we propose that the clerk write a letter to the registor of the newly establised college stating the following sentiments; (1) We are deeply concerned and saddended over the diveriness fathered and fostered by your founders and promoters. (2) We are saddened and concerned over these attacks and we will not tolerate these kinds of efforts in our association. (3) We further support FWBBC and our national denominational leaders, and we would recommend no efforts of these kinds be made on behalf of your college in our association. (4) We believe we need to take a stand against the efforts that many of your supporters to divide us and promote legalistic beliefs that they try to push on us. (5) We believe in the purpose and ministry of FWBBC, our national works, and the uniqueness of our Free Will Baptist beliefs, and that these best represent Christ amoung us as Free Will Baptist. (6) We recommend to you that you promote unity and love among us instead of diveriseness, for we all serve under the bonds of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. Recommendation #2 Concerning board members. We recommend that each association board take their jobs seriously and be more faithful in meeting and more willing to work for the cause of Christ among us.

M/S/C to accept following Ordaining Council's report: We the Ordaining Council recommend to the association (1) That we grant Rev. Ropie Lawson a letter of recommendation to the Union Association. M/S/C. (2) We recommend that the association license Bro. James Dixon to be licensed for a period of one year under the watchcare of his church and association. M/S/C. (3) We recommend that Bro. Kary Shumate be licensed for a period of one year under the watchcare of his church and association. M/S/C. (4) We recommend that Bro. Terron Stonecypher be licensed for a year under the watchcare of his church and association. M/S/C.



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

Balance at end of annual session	\$1,123.63
Received this session	460.00
Received from churches for meat	252.25
Paid postage for clerk	2.62
Paid State & National	245.00
Paid Timberlake Gro. & Meat	286.86
Paid Christian Book Store	38.47
Paid Clerk	47.60
Paid Moderator	15.00
Balance	<u>\$1,200.33</u>

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

M/S/C to leave \$150.00 in treasury.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Billy Sharpston

Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator

Rev. Wayne Hayes

Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk

## GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

### April Session

The second quarter session convened at New Hope Church near Cochran, on April 9, 1983. Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Rev. Jack Lysaker. Welcome was extended by host pastor Rev. Tim Hutchinson. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Billy Sharpston, using I Peter 2:24 as scripture text. The church covenant was read by Rev. Terron Stonecypher, and by-laws were read by Rev. Jack Lysaker.

M/S/C to adopt program as guide.

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

Roll call of ministers indicated nineteen present with two reporting by letter.

Moderator appointed Jerry West and Clyde Martin to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session with correction of name from Jack Johnson to Jack Jones.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a report on state activities. He also gave dates of National Convention to be held July 17-22 at Columbus, Ohio. M/S/C to accept this as information.

After special singing by Rev. Jack Lysaker and son Curtis, the morning message was brought by Rev. Wayne Hayes, using Neh. 2:1-5 as scripture text.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Willie Martin and prayer by Rev. Charles Hardeman. Special singing by Regina Barnard.

M/S/C to receive the following Digest Committee report: Churches represented 16; members received 27; members lost 8; members baptised 15; gain of 19 new members; offerings \$57,009.98; disbursements \$59,339.45

Rev. Willie Martin gave report of Bible Conference that was held at White Oaks Church, he also gave information concerning Summer Camp. M/S/C to receive this as information.

Brother James Bryant gave oral report on state missions. Brother Barry Hedrick discussed need to have a mission conference with pastors in association. There was a discussion about debts Mission Board has, and asks that each try to support mission program better. Brother Bryant gave report on Perry Mission. M/S/C to accept this as information.

Brother James Bryant then read letter from State Board concerning the need to buy a lawn mower for the Dublin Mission to keep grass cut. Board asked that the association give \$100 to help with this need. M/S/C. Bro. Tim Hutchinson then made motion that an offering be received at this association meeting and given in addition to \$100 requested by Board. M/S/C.

Offering was received by Rev. Willie Martin and Rev. Jackie Barnard.  
The amount of offering was \$91.01.

The Ordaining Council submitted the following recommendations:  
(1) Rev. Malone Cobb be received in full fellowship since letter from his past association, (Northeast Mississippi Association) had sent letter to clerk stating he was in good standing. M/S/C. (2) Brother David Scott be dropped from our minister roll because he belongs to a church in another association. M/S/C. (3) That Brother Randy Sloan be removed from our roll. After some discussion about this recommendation, it was M/S/C to table this recommendation for 90 days.

M/S/C to accept following treasurer's report:

Balance as of first quarter session	\$1200.33
Paid J.&J. Printing for minutes	(400.00)
State Association Camp Board	(145.33)
Georgia Union Mission Board	(218.00)
Georgia Union Christian Education Board	(218.00)
Balance in treasure	219.00
Fifteen percent of quarter Association dues for retirement	(69.00)
Balance on Hand	150.00
Money received since January session for Bible Conference:	
Little Bethel	50.00
Dublin Mission	50.00
White Oaks	60.00
Double Branch	50.00
First Eastman	50.00
Pleasant Hill Church & Women's Auxiliary	50.00
Pine Level	35.00
Brother J.F. Register	15.00
Total received for Bible Conference	360.00
Paid Christian Education Board	(360.00)
Cross Roads gave \$50 for Bible Conference to CEB	
On hand including retirement fund	219.00
Received this session	420.00
Total	\$ 639.00
Paid Clerk	(35.56)
Paid Moderator	(15.00)
Balance	\$ 588.44

Rev. Willie Martin gave oral report on Retirement and Insurance Board. They again stress need for each church to give \$5.00 a month to this fund. Bro. Herbert Waid stressed need for local church to be involved in National Program for Pastor. M/S/C to accept this information.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.



Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk

## GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

### July Session

The third quarter session convened at Pine Level Church on July 9, 1983. Singing was led by Edison Smith and prayer by Brother Chuch Lysaker. Welcome from host church was extended by Rev. Bill Amerson. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Jackie Barnard using Psalm 1:12 as scripture text. The church covenant was read by Regina Barnard and by-laws were read by Mary Dunaway.

M/S/C to adopt program as guide.

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

Roll call of ministers indicated 19 present with one reporting by letter.

Moderator appointed Rev. Terron Stonecypher and Bro. Charles Strickland to Finance Committee.

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

The Executive Board submitted the following recommendations: (1) We, the Executive Board recommend that the guidelines that have been set up by the Retirement and Insurance Board be accepted at this Association Meeting. Guidelines were read, motion was made and carried to increase minimum amount churches are asked to give to \$10. M/S/C. (2) We recommend that the Association send a letter to our Senate to support Bill #1262. M/S/C

After special singing by Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Hayes, the morning message was brought by Rev. Donald Moore, using Hebrew 2:3 as scripture.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Marion Collins and prayer by Bro. Buck Evans.

Rev. James Bryant gave an oral report on State Missions. Rev. Bryant gave a report on the need for prayer as there has been an effort to start new missions in Twiggs and Telfair Counties. M/S/C to accept this as information.

The Ordaining Council submitted the following recommendations: (1) That Bro. Randy Sloan be reinstated since New Hope Church states he has paid his debts, and asks he be reinstated. M/S/C. (2) We also recommend that clerk write Bro. Milton Adams asking for his FWB credentials. M/S/C.

M/S/C to accept following Digest Committee Report: Churches reporting 16; members received 40; members lost 8; gain of 36 new members; offerings \$53,082.65; disbursements \$49,310.70.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave oral report for Christian Education Board. Gave information about the results of our camp. Rev. Willie Martin has moved out of our Association and Rev. Tim recommends we send a letter to Bro. Willie for past service on Christian Education. M/S/C/

M/S/C to accept following treasurer's report:

Balance as of July	\$485.02
Received this session	438.02
Paid Moderator	15.00
Paid Clerk	39.40
Balance	\$883.62

\$132.00 belongs to retirement fund plus what was received today.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson made motion that the Association set up a committee to study ways of helping prepare our young ministers for the ministry. After some discussion, Bro. Charles Strickland made a motion that this issue be tabled until our October Association Meeting, during time between Association Meetings, the Executive Committee meet and discuss this matter. M/S/C to table.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.



Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk

## GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

### October Session

The October annual session convened at Pleasant Hill Church on October 8, 1983. Singing was led by Rev. Jackie Barnard and prayer by Rev. Elbert Powell. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. William J. Sumner. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Wayne Wilson, using Psalm 23 as scripture. The church covenant was read by Rev. Jackie Barnard and by-laws were read by Rev. James Bruce.

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 report from 1 minister.

Moderator appointed Rev. Jackie Barnard to Digest Committee, Bro. Martin, and Rev. Jack Lysaker to Nominating Committee and Rev. Douglas Ferguson and Rev. Kary Shumate to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to receive oral report from Rev. Jackie Barnard on Christian Education Board.

M/S/C to receive oral report from Rev. James E. Bryant on State Missions and Rev. Jack Lysaker on Dublin Mission.

After special singing by Regina Barnard, the morning message was brought by Dr. Billy Sharpston, using Eph.2:21 as scripture text.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Jackie Barnard.

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

Churches Reporting - 17  
Members Received - 63  
Members Lost - 75  
Offerings - \$139,225  
Disbursements - \$140,207

Bro. Victor from the book store gave a short talk about us using our book store and he would be available to us.

Bro. Jackie Barnard brought suggestion to floor that the association in the future make it easier for parents to send more than one child to camp. It was suggested that a discount on fee be given to every child over one. After some discussion, a motion was made that the Christian Education board come up with a proposal on this matter to be offered at the next association meeting. M/S/C.

Bro. Jack Lysaker made a motion that a book of maps with directions to each church be put together to help people travel to churches without problems. Each church was to draw a map to their church and to mail to Bro. Jack and he would put a book together.

M/S/C.



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

Balance of 10-7-83	\$ 939.49
Received this session	535.00
Received for National Assoc.	130.00
Expenses (Clerk, Moderator)	67.12
Balance	<u>\$1,537.37</u>

\$433.82 of balance belongs to Retirement Fund. \$1,103.55 belongs to Association. Association is to send \$170.00 for National Convention. We had received \$130.00 as of today. M/S/C to give Bro. Donald authority to mail the \$170.00 until we received other monies.

M/S/C to receive the Nominating Committees recommendations. The following were elected.

Moderator- Dr. Billy Sharpston  
Clerk- Rev. Wayne Hayes  
Assistant Moderator- Rev. Howard Faircloth  
Assistant Clerk- Rev. Donald Moore  
Treasurer- Rev. Donald Moore  
Assistant Treasurer- Kim Kelley

Executive Board - Rev. Willie Martin replaced by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

Trustee Board - Buck Evans replaced Charlie Lord.

Ordaining Council - Rev. James Roland replaced by Rev. Jack Lysaker.

Digest Committee - Retain Rev. Howard Faircloth; Jimmy Smith replaced Donald Self.

Mission Board - Rev. Barry Hedrick replaced by Rev. Kary Shumate; Rev. J.M. Cobb replaced by Hollis Smith; Harold Dunaway replaced Donald Self.

Christian Education - Rev. Jack Lysaker, Rev. Walter Scarborough, Rev. Wayne Wilson, Rev. Douglas Fergerson, Jack Griffin.

State Boards - Bro. Sherman Jones be retained on Christian Education Board; Rev. Walter Scarborough be elected to Camp Mt. Bethel Board in place of Rev. Willie Martin.

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

1. Bro. Regeanol Pulliam be licensed to preach for 12 months. M/S/C.
2. Bro. William Sumner be accepted in full fellowship pending recommendation from Little River Association. M/S/C.
3. Bro. Tony Tilly be under the watch care of the association for 3 months and that we get a recommendation by the association he came from. M/S/C.

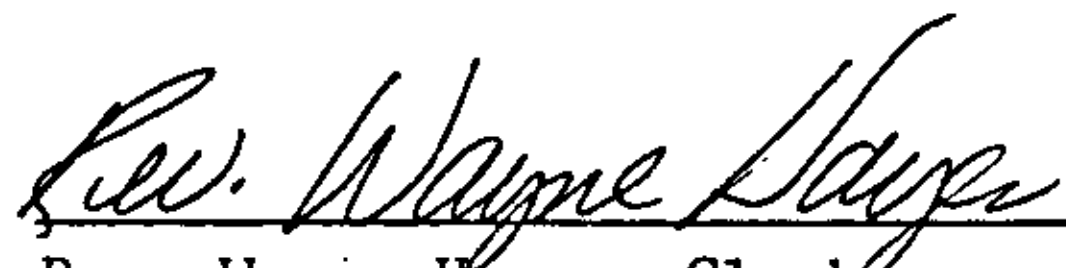
Between this meeting and January Association meeting the Ordaining Council is to meet with Rev. Tony Tilly, Rev. Wayne Wilson, Rev. Douglas Fergerson to make recommendation to the association.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.



Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk



## 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 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 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.

## GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at Double Branch FWB Church on July 30, 1983 at 10:00 A.M. Rev. Bill Amerson welcomed everyone to the convention. Rev. Edward Bruce gave a devotion. The president appointed the program judges as follows: Chuck Lysaker, Donald Self, Rev. Wayne Hayes, Chuck Scarborough and Rev. Terron Stonecypher. Nominating committee members appointed were Rev. Edward Bruce, Rev. Jackie Barnard and Rev. Doug Fergusson. Programs presented were Cross Roads, Double Branch, Bay Springs. An offering and song followed the first three programs. The morning message was presented by Rev. Jackie Barnard after which the convention dismissed for the noon meal. The convention reconvened with songs and special music. Pine Level presented their program and the program judges were dismissed to decide on the winning programs. The business session was opened with prayer. The minutes and treasurer's report was read and adopted. There was no old business. The nominating committee nominated the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President-	Dick Jones
Vice-Pres.-	Gene Nutt
Sec.-Treas.-	Harold Dunaway
Assist. Sec.-	
Treas.-	Rev. Terron Stonecypher

M/S/C to accept the nominations by acclamation. Harold Dunaway then presented the attendance banner to Double Branch with an 11% increase over the previous Sunday School year. Bay Springs was recognized with having a 5% increase. Double Branch presented their perfect attendance pins to their members earning such pins at this time. The program judges presented 1 st place program banner to Pine Level and 2nd place program banner to Double Branch. Concerning new

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
BAY SPRINGS	1884	Rev. Wayne Hayes	Hollis M. Smith, Rt.5, Box 504 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-2143
BETHLEHEM	1917	Rev. Charles Hardeman	Mrs. Jack Calhoun, Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordele Ga. 31015 273-3947
BEULAH SPRINGS	1926	Rev. James E. Bryant	Bessie Bryant, Rt. 2, Box 36 Montrose, Ga. 31065 934-7940
CHRISTIAN HILL	1887	Rev. James E. Bruce	Mary Frances Brown, Rt. 1 Abbeville, Ga. 31001 365-7488
CROSS ROADS	1910	Rev. Jackie Barnard	Cynthia C. Davis, Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-7653
DOUBLE BRANCH	1896	Rev. Wayne Wilson	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Rt. 1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091 892-9388
FIRST EASTMAN	1961	Rev. Harris Nix	Julia Smith, Rt. 6, Box 118 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-3677
LITTLE BETHEL.	1915	Rev. Tony Howell	Tommy G. Parker, Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-6048
MT. ARARAT	1885'	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Mary Hardeman, Rt. 4, Box 50 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-5731
NEW HOPE	1967	Rev. Regeanol H. Pulliam	Evie Howell, Rt. 5 Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-6870
PINE LEVEL	1924	Rev. Douglas Ferguson	Moniece M. Moore, Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-3217
PLEASANT HILL	1898	Rev. William J. Sumner	Viola H. Hunt, 713 13th Ave., E. Cordele, Ga. 31015 273-3081
WARNER ROBINS	1964	Rev. Tony Tilly	Jack Griffin, 119 Ravenwood Way Warner Robins, Ga. 31093 923-8855
WHITE OAKS	1953	Dr. Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins, 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, Ga. 31206 788-8530
WILSON CHAPEL	1960	Rev. L. S. Anthony	Clara Wilson, 512 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston, Ga. 30286 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	Margie Hobbs, 846 Oakridge Drive Perry, Ga. 31069 987-5941
TOTALS			

\* Incomplete Data or No Report

Members			Average Attendance		Expenditures		Income	Assoc. Fee
Received	Lost	Total	S.S.	C. T. S.	Local	Outside Causes		
5	3	84	34	None	\$ 9,243.00	\$ 252.00	\$10,365.00	\$25.00
7	1	70	42	None	10,484.00	- 0 -	13,420.00	25.00
1	8	25	*	None	*	*	*	20.00
0	5	79	34	None	5,542.12	*	5,093.75	30.00
2	3	69	*	*	*	*	*	*
5	4	110	66	55	47,926.99	2,904.20	50,038.82	35.00
14	7	88	*	*	18,931.63	*	19,791.86	35.00
0	3	119	41	None	*	*	*	35.00
4	0	45	*	None	*	*	*	30.00
0	5	63	35	None	*	*	*	25.00
2	2	72	46	34	*	*	*	25.00
0	1	107	28	16	13,860.46	1,076.85	14,622.99	\$35.00
0	0	29	20	None	11,230.00	*	11,885.00	10.00
11	7	150	83	42	*	*	*	50.00
3	0	77	21	9	3,257.00	200.00	8,646.00	40.00
11	26	23	16	15	9,782.90	795.46	*	20.00
0	0	35	18	18	4,299.00	58.00	5,362.00	20.00
63	75	1,245	484	189	\$134,921.10	\$5,286.51	\$139,225.42	\$460.00

business, visitation to each church by the convention president and vice-president was discussed. It was decided by the convention to continue this practice. M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to give the outgoing officers a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to adjourn.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED: ( a "\*" denotes program presented)

1. Cross Roads \*
2. Double Branch\*
3. Bay Springs \*
4. Christian Hill
5. Pine Level \*
6. Perry Mission \*

#### 1983 TREASURER'S REPORT

##### Expenses

Printing of minutes	\$ 10.00
Mileage-Gene Nutt	54.00
Ice, postage, etc.	8.00
Rev. Jackie Barnard	20.00
	<u>\$ 92.00</u>

##### Income

Special Offerings:	
Wilson Chapel	.\$ 10.00
Christian Hill	9.00
Bethlehem	15.00
Church Fees	30.00
Convention Offering	62.31
Bal. F'wd.	365.34
	<u>\$ 491.65</u>
	- 92.00
	<u>\$ 399.65</u> BALANCE

Respectfully submitted,

*Harold E. Dunaway, Jr.*

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Sec.-Treas.



## GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Auxiliary Convention was held September 17, 1983 at White Oaks Church. The theme was "Enriched by Knowledge." The scripture verses came from I Corinthians 1:5. Registration began at 9:30 A.M. with Betty Williams and Mrs. Collins presiding. Three auxiliaries were represented with twenty-three members and four visitors. The meeting opened with the congregation singing "We Have the Bible" which was led by Shirley Sharpston and it was followed by prayer. All were welcomed by Kathy Douglas. Betty Williams sang "Wonderful Words of Life." Mary Holden Dunaway presented a devotion taken from II Timothy 2:15 and I Corinthians 1:5.

President Cahty Heron appointed the following committees:

Credentials-Mary Dunaway, Dot Williams and Melinda Blount;  
Resolutions-Shirley Sharpston, Viola Hunt, and Sue Roberts;  
Finance-Gloria Johnson, Nita Hobbs, and Mary Holden Dunaway;  
Nomination-Faye Easom(Chairman).

Miss Laura Bell Barnard brought a challenging message, "Enriched by Knowledge," which was taken from I Corinthians 1:5 and Acts 15. She gave an inspirational speech about what she encountered on her recent trip back to India and the missionary need there. The meeting was dismissed for lunch.

After lunch we assembled back with singing and prayer. Regina Barnard of Crossroads Church gave a devotional from I Corinthians 1:5 and Phillipians 3:8. The president presided over the business with reports from the committees which were as follows: Credentials-three auxiliaries, thirty-seven members with an average of thirty-six attendants, and seven visitors. A motion was carried to accept this report; Finance-see bottom of minutes; Resolutions-1. That we have a District retreat on February 3, & 4th., 1984 at Double Branch Church. All women from other churches to be invited. 2. That each auxiliary send letter to their Congressman and the President expressing support for the President's stand on abortion, ERA, and women's rights. 3. That each auxiliary do something

special for the Lysakers in Dublin for thanksgiving. A food snower or offering was suggested. 4. That we encourage each auxiliary member to remember Beverly Lysaker in cards and prayers. 5. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. A motion was carried to accept these resolutions. A motion was carried to elect Mary Holden Dunaway to fill Dianne Martin's unexpired term as Mission Study Chairman. Betty Williams gave some ideas on things we can do in Mission Action.

Delegate were appointed to attend the State Convention. They are as follows: Betty Williams, Mary Dunaway, Faye Eason, Bessie Simmons, and Melinda Blount. A motion was carried to accept these and for the president to appoint others at meeting. Miss Barnard ask for all auxiliary meembers to pray that the book she has written will be published. A motion was carried to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Dunaway  
Secretary

Finance Report:



Finance: Offering at White Oaks February 5, 1983 \$46.73

Income:	State Project	\$360.00
	Membership Dues	74.00
	Registration	6.00
	Thanksgiving, Christmas, & Easter Offerings	85.00
	Offering (9-17-83)	22.75
	National Student Loan F	12.00
	Student Loan F	12.00
	Dot Harvey	12.00
	WNAC	23.00
	Balance 1982	<u>134.70</u>
		\$788.18

Expenses:	State Project	\$360.00
	Membership Dues	64.75
	WNAC	23.00
	National Student Loan F	12.00
	Student Loan F	12.00
	Dot Harvey	12.00
	District Speakers (Mrs. Edith Shivers, Mrs. Geraldine Waid)	90.00
	Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving	85.00
	Speaker 9-17-83 (Mrs. Laura Belle Barnard)	<u>50.00</u>
		\$708.75

Balance left in treasury \$79.43

Monies sent direct to Nashville:

Pre Easter Offering	\$ 25.00
Student Loan F	12.00
WNAC	30.00
Retired Ministers	5.00
Crowson Account	300.00
Most Deficient Missionary a/c	121.24
Mark Daniel a/c	<u>70.00</u>
	\$563.24

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 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 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.

## 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.



## **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.

## **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.



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.

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 there-  
to 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 guide-  
lines.

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.

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

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

## BY - LAWS DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. CHAIRMAN: He shall preside over each 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 & 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.

#### 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.

## BROTHER WILMER HOWELL

In his short life as a Christian, "Bro. Wilmer" grew to love the Lord and his Church. Trying to make up for lost time is sometimes very hard, but Bro. Wilmer put that behind him and became a testimony for the Lord.

He was faithful to his Church, and was president of his CTS Class. One of the things he looked forward to every quarter was the quarterly meetings.

As his pastor, I watched him grow as a Christian and try to be faithful in what he was asked to do. As a friend and a brother in the Lord, he is missed. The Bible says, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Another saint has climbed the steps to his eternal resting place with Jesus. Bro. Wilmer, "See you in the morning."

Submitted by:

His Pastor

Billy Sharpston, Ph. D.



## 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.