

1984

MINUTES

OF THE
EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF DUBLIN
DUBLIN, GEORGIA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1984

— 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 12, 1985 Bay Springs
2nd Quarterly Session - April 13, 1985 Bethlehem
3rd Quarterly Session - July 13, 1985 Beulah Springs
Annual Session - October 12, 1985 Christian Hill
Women's Auxiliary

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 acknowledgements 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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Rev. Wayne Wilson	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	268-8746
Rev. Elbert Powell	Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	934-2655

TRUSTEE BOARD

(1) Jerry Dunaway	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-9880
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J. F. Register	Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4419
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Buck Evans		

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*(1) Rev. Elbert Powell	Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	934-2655
*Rev. W. L. Amerson	Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4430
Rev. Jack Lysaker	Rt. 7 Box 139 Buckeye Rd. Dublin, Ga.	272-1268
Rev. James Potter	Rt. 4 Box 2654 Alfred Bond Dr. Macon, Ga.	742-1862
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* Alton Fleming	Rt. 1 Box 179B Chauncey, Ga. 31011	362-4553
Donald Selph	Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-4544

MISSION BOARD

(1)Rev. James E. Bryant	Rt. 2 Box 36, Montrose, Ga. 31065	934-7940
Sherman Jones	Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7432
Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-2949
* Hollis Smith	Rt. 5 Box 504, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-2143
* Rev. Kary Shumate	207 Ogden Street, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-4275

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

*(1)Rev. Wayne Wilson	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-1474
* Jack Griffin		
* Rev. Tony Tilley	214 Brady Dr. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	929-0491
Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-2949
Johnny Howell	Rt. 5 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7390
Rev. Carson Weaver	3165 Bloomfield Dr. Macon, Ga. 31206	781-5708

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Wilson	J. F. Register	Kim Kelly
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(1) Board Chairman

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

MINISTERS ON ROLL

HONOR ROLL: (Exempt from reporting)

Bridges, Rev. Henry E.	Rt. 1 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-2369
Duckworth, Rev. E. B. 406	Story Rd. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	923-6882
Haynes, Rev. Morgan J.	Rt. 4 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7019

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*Bruce, Rev. James E.	Rt. 1 Box 165 Pineview, Ga. 31071	No Phone
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*Hardeman, Rev. Charles	Rt. 2 Box 187 Eastmna, Ga. 31023	374-3618
*Hayes, Rev. 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 Lafayette Dr. Macon, Ga. 31204	788-8260
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*Wilson, Rev. Wayne	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-1474
*Freeman, Rev. John	Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-4566
*Tilley, Rev. Tony	214 Brady Drive, Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	929-0491
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Pulliam, Rev. Regeanol	Rt. 5, Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3648
Shumate, Rev. Kary	207 Ogden St. Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-4275
Stonecypher, Rev. Terron	Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga. 31023	
Weaver, Rev. Carson	3165 Bloomfield Drive, Macon Ga. 31206	781-5708

* Pastors

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

January Session

The January session convened at Warner Robins Free Will Baptist Church on January 7, 1984. Singing was led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth. Welcome was extended by host pastor Rev. Tony Tilley. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Tony Tilley. He used Rev. 12:7 as scripture. The church covenant was read by Rev. Wayne Wilson and by-laws were read by Rev. Bill Amerson.

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.

Moderator appointed Bro. Clark to serve on finance committee.

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

M/S/C to have 350 minutes printed.

M/S/C to accept partial report from mission board.

Bro. Sherman Jones gave report expressing need for churches to begin supporting local mission board or else we would not be able to continue a board.

Morning message was brought by Rev. Billy Sumner using Matthew 28:18-20 as scripture.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Kim Kelley.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Wayne Wilson with prayer by Bro. Emmett Dunaway.

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

Churches reporting - 16
Members received - 34
Members lost - 26
Offerings - \$60,850.09
Disbursements - \$62,429.71

M/S/C to accept local Mission Board report given by Rev. James Bryant.

M/S/C to accept State Mission Board report given by Rev. James Bryant.

Offering was taken for local Mission Board. Amount received was \$84.81.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

M/S/C to accept following Nominating Committee report for Christian Education Board:

1. Bro. James Jordon to replace Rev. Doug Ferguson.
2. Bro. Tony Tilley to replace Rev. Jack Lysaker.

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's report as follows:

Balance on hand at end of annual session	\$1,113.55
Retirement Fund	\$ 443.82
Received since last session from Beulah Springs for retirement	\$ 10.00
Pine Level Association Fee	\$ 25.00
Pine Level National Association Expense	\$ 10.00
Total on hand after receipts:	
Association Fund	\$1,148.55
Retirement Fund	\$ 453.82
Expenses:	
State Association fee	\$ 75.00
National Association Expense Fee	\$ 170.00
Powell Drugs for stamps	\$ 4.00
Total Expense	\$ 249.00
Balance as of January 6, 1984	
Association Fund	\$ 899.55
Retirement Fund	\$ 453.82
Total	\$1,353.37
Received this session	\$ 475.00
Fees	\$ 110.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 899.55
Association Fund this session	\$ 403.75
	\$1,303.30
Paid Moderator and Clerk	\$ 40.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 453.82
Received this session and 15% of Association Fees	\$ 181.25
Total in treasure	\$1,898.37

M/S/C to give local church rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to accept following Ordaining Council report:

We your Ordaining Council after careful questioning Bro. Harris Nix Sr. recommend him to be received in this association as an ordained minister, under the watch care of this association pending letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association.

We recommend that Bro. Tony Tilley be licensed immediately as pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Warner Robins until the April session. If still in order, he will be ordained.

The Ordaining Council met on December 17, 1983 at the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church and has the following recommendation to make to the body at this time.

1. That Rev. Wayne Wilson be accepted in full fellowship as the pastor of the Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church pending recommendation from his association.

2. That a letter be granted in the case of Rev. Jimmy Smith from the Warner Robins Church in this association to the Ogeechee Association and the Lower Corinth Church.

3. That a letter be granted in the case of Malone Cobb from this association to the South Georgia Association.

4. We recommend that due to the responsibilities and work load placed upon the Ordaining Council, churches are highly encouraged to ensure that new pastors are directed to complete the necessary paperwork (exam and letter of recommendation from the church), and send it to the clerk of the association; to arrive at least one month prior to a stated association meeting. This will allow the council to act carefully and prayerfully on each request. Due process is complex and cannot be adequately done in a hurry.

5. Bro. Billy Sumner be received in full fellowship.

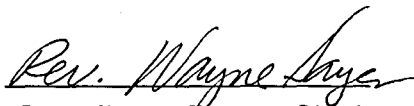
Respectfully submitted,

James E. Bruce, Chairman
W. L. Amerson
Elbert Powell

M/S/C to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. L. S. Anthony.



Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

April Session

The second quarter session convened at White Oaks Church in Macon on April 7, 1984. Singing was led by Rev. Carson Weaver and prayer by Rev. Tony Howell. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Dr. Billy Sharpston. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Harris Nix, using II Kings chapter 6 as scripture. The church covenant was read by Bro. Kim Kelley, and by-laws were read by Rev. Regeanol Pulliam.

M/S/C to adopt program as guide.

M/S/C to seat delegates as read.

Roll call of ministers indicated 18 present with one reporting by letter.

Moderator appointed Rev. Harris Nix to Ordaining Council and Bro. Terron Stonecypher to Finance Committee.

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

Discussion on floor to develop plan to help finance local Home Mission Board. M/S/C for delegates to go back to local churches and discuss and bring back to July session what the local churches desire to do.

M/S/C to give Rev. Emmett McDuffie \$100 out of retirement fund.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Walter Scarborough.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Carson Weaver and prayer by Rev. Jack Lysaker.

Ordination service was held for Rev. Tony Tilley. Rev. Jack Lysaker brought the ordination message, using II Timothy 2 as scripture.

After Rev. Tilley answered questions asked by Rev. James Bruce, Rev. Bruce gave a charge to Rev. Tilley. Rev. Harris Nix led in prayer as the ordained ministers and deacons gathered around the altar and laid hands upon Rev. Tilley.

Rev. James Bryant gave oral report for State Mission Board.

M/S/C to accept Home Mission Board report given by Bro. Sherman Jones. A balance of \$763.09 was in the bank.

M/S/C to accept Digest Report:

Members received - 17

Members lost - 8

Gain of - 9

Churches present 17

Offerings received - \$72,711.76

Disbursements - \$69,523.12

Submitted by,
Donald Selph
Howard Faircloth

M/S/C to accept Christian Education report as given by Rev. Tony Tilley.

M/S/C to receive as information oral report given by Rev. Walter Scarborough about camp.

M/S/C to accept item by item the following Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Jack Lysaker:

The Ordaining Council of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on March 17, 1984 to consider the items placed before it. The following items of business were conducted. A determination to provide guidance to candidates for licensing, ordination, and transfer credentials as follows:

1. Recommendation to renew the license of Terron Stonecypher from the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church based upon their letter of request dated March 12, 1984 and review of his progress.

2. Recommendation to renew the license of Kary Shumate from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eastman based upon a letter to the association dated January 7, 1984.

3. Recommendation to renew the license of James Dixon from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eastman based upon a letter dated January 7, 1984.

4. Recommend that Rev. Tony Tilley be ordained based upon written request. The board recommends that he be ordained on or after April 7, 1984.

5. Notice is taken that the credentials of Wayne Wilson have been received into the Georgia Union Association.

6. Recommend we grant a letter of good standing to North East Mississippi Association in the case of Rev. Jackie Barnard.

7. Recommend that we grant a letter of good standing in the case of Rev. Barry Hedrick to the Little River Association.

8. Recommend that we grant a letter of recommendation for Rev. James Roland to the Martin Association.

9. Recommend that Carson Weaver be licensed to preach for 12 months.

M/S/C to accept treasure report given by Rev. Donald Moore:

Balance as of 1st quarter:	
Association Fund-	\$1,263.30
Retirement Fund -	\$635.07
Expenses: Typewriter	\$209.00
Bible Conf.	<u>200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$409.00</u>
Balance	\$854.30

Received:

Bible Conference Refund-	\$61.93
Retirement Fund -	\$30.00

Expense For Minutes -	\$300.00
Balance in Treasure -	\$616.23

Distribution as Follows:

State Camp -	\$114.50
Christian Education Board -	\$175.86
Mission Board -	\$175.86

Balance Association Fund -	\$150.01
Received Today -	<u>\$395.25</u>
Total	<u>\$545.26</u>

Balance Retirement Fund -	\$665.07
Received Today -	<u>\$144.75</u>
Total -	<u>\$809.82</u>

Expense: Clerk -	\$33.16
Moderator-	\$15.00
Bible -	<u>\$32.00</u>
Total -	<u>\$80.16</u>

Balance in Treasure:

Association Fund -	\$465.10
Retirement Fund -	\$809.82

Submitted by:
Robert B. Clark
Terron Stonecypher
Donald W. Moore, Treasurer

Rev. Herbert Waid gave information of upcoming events in the State.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dr. Billy Sharpston", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Wayne Hayes", written over a horizontal line.

Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

July Session

The third quarter session convened at Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on July 7, 1984. Singing was led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Bro. Buck Evans. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. L. S. Anthony. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. John Freeman. He used Phillipians 3:12 as his scripture. The church covenant was read by Bro. Terron Stonecypher and by-laws were read by Rev. Harris Nix.

M/S/C to adopt program as guide.

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk and for others to be seated as they arrive.

Roll call of ministers indicated 15 present.

Moderator appointed Rev. John Amburgey to Digest Committee and Bro. Robert B. Clark to Finance Committee.

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

The Executive Board submitted the following recommendations:

(1) That a percentage of co-operative giving for Mission Board to be tabled to October session. M/S/C. (2) That Randall House Study Bible be given to those ministers that are ordained in the Georgia Union Association and that 3 bibles be ordered and kept on hand by clerk. M/S/C.

Bro. Sherman Jones gave Finance Report on Home Mission Board as of 7-8-84, there was a balance of \$865.39. M/S/C to accept this as information.

M/S/C to accept the following Ordaining Council report: (1) That we accept Rev. John M. Freeman, currently the pastor of Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church in Cochran. He is ordained and coming to us from the South Highland Free Will Baptist Church and the Progressive Association, Alabama. (2) That we accept Rev. John Amburgey currently pastor of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church of Chester, Georgia. He is coming to us from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sneads, Florida and the Salem Association. Rev. Amburgey is ordained. Both men are recommended to the body pending receipt of letters from their respective association. M/S/C to accept Rev. John M. Freeman's letter that he had with him.

Rev. Jack Lysaker led singing for morning service. Special singing was by Rev. Jack Lysaker. The morning message was brought by Rev. Howard Faircloth, using St. Luke 5:1-11 as scripture.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Rev. Donald Moore.

Rev. Walter Scarborough gave a report on Christian Education Board. M/S/C to accept as information.

M/S/C to accept following Digest Report: Number of churches reporting 14; Members received 25; Members lost 13; Gain of 12 new members; Offering \$67,578.34; Disbursements \$58,582.68.

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

Balance as of July 1, Association Fund	\$ 476.10
Received this session, Association Fund	361.25
Total	<u>\$ 837.35</u>
 Retirement Fund	 \$ 694.82
Received from State	10.00
Received this Session	173.75
Total	<u>\$ 878.57</u>
 Paid Moderator	 \$ 22.20
Paid Clerk	25.00
Rev. Scarborough	10.80
 Balance Association Fund	 \$ 779.35
Balance Retirement Fund	878.57
Total	<u>\$1,657.92</u>

M/S/C to give Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church a vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn.



Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator



Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

October Session

The October annual session convened at First Free Will Baptist Church in Dublin on October 13, 1984. Singing was led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Rev. Herbert Waid. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Jack Lysaker. The morning devotion was brought by Dr. Billy Sharpston. The church covenant was read by Rev. John Freeman and by-laws were read by Rev. John Amburgey.

M/S/C to adopt program as guide.

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

Roll call of ministers indicated 21 present.

Moderator appointed Rev. Wayne Wilson and Bro. Charlie Helms to Finance Committee.

M/S/C to accept minutes of last session as read by clerk.

Oral information was given by Rev. Herbert Waid on the State Association Meeting in November.

M/S/C to have 350 minutes printed for the association.

After special singing, the morning message was brought by Rev. Herbert Waid. He used St. John 3 as scripture text.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. Jack Lysaker, prayer by Rev. Wayne Wilson.

Home Mission Board Report was given orally by Rev. James Bryant. M/S/C to accept as information.

M/S/C to accept the following Digest Committee Report: Churches reporting 17; offerings received \$292,111.55; church property value \$847,500.00; members received 103; members lost 84; baptized 57; total membership gained 19. Digest Committee made motion that a letter sent by Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church concerning their 100 year celebration be printed in the minutes. M/S/C.

Christian Education Board report was given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. M/S/C to accept report.

Ordaining Council Report was given as follows: (1) Rev. Leroy Lafferty presently pastor of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church at Empire, Georgia be recommended to the Georgia Union Association. (2) Letter for Rev. John Amburgey has been received from his previous association.

Rev. Donald Moore gave Finance Report as follows:

As of October 12, 1984 Association Fund	\$ 814.85
As of October 12, 1984 Retirement Fund	\$ 908.07
Received for Association Fund	\$ 433.00
Total Association	<u>\$1,247.85</u>
Retirement Fund	132.00
Total Retirement Fund	\$1,040.07
National Association Fund	\$ 150.00
Retirement Fund	\$1,040.07
Association Fund	<u>\$1,247.85</u>
Total	<u>\$2,437.92</u>
Expenses:	
Clerk	\$ 28.40
Moderator	<u>\$ 32.20</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 60.60</u>
Balance in treasury	\$2,377.32

M/S/C to allow treasurer for forward \$170.00 on to the National for local association fees until all churches have paid their \$10.00 fee.

M/S/C to elect following delegates to State from the local association with right to add others. Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Shirley Sharpston, and Sister LaDonna Freeman.

Following Nominating Committee Report given:

M/S/C for Executive Board to remain same.
M/S/C for Trustee Board to remain same.
M/S/C for Ordaining Council to remain same.
M/S/C for Digest Committee to remain same.
M/S/C for Mission Board to remain same.
M/S/C for Rev. Carson Weaver to replace Rev. Chuck Scarborough on C. E. Board.
M/S/C for Bro. Kim Kelley to replace Rev. Chuck Scarborough on State Mt. Bethel Board.
M/S/C for Rev. Wayne Wilson to replace Rev. Charles Hardeman on Nominating Committee.

M/S/C to give Rev. Chuck Scarborough vote of rising thanks for his work in the association since he would be leaving before the next meeting.

M/S/C to give the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dublin a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn.


Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator


Rev. Wayne Hayes, Clerk

1984 GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at Double Branch Church on July 28, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Wayne Wilson welcomed everyone to the convention.

President Dick Jones appointed the program judges as follows: Dr. Ken Riggs, Rev. John Amburgey, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Tommy Clark, and Mrs. Tilley. Nominating committee members appointed were: Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rev. Moore, and Rev. Weaver. Programs presented were: Dublin Mission, Double Branch, and White Oaks. The morning message was presented by Dr. Ken Riggs after which we dismissed for the noon meal. The convention reconvened with songs and music. Pine Level and Crossroads presented their programs.

Bro. Jones discussed the teacher's workshop held in June at Crossroads with a reported 35 in attendance. Dr. Roger Reeds conducted the session sponsored by the Sunday School Convention.

The business session was opened with prayer by Rev. James Bruce. The minutes and treasurer's report was read and adopted. The report from the nominating committee was given. Those nominated were: President - Dick Jones; Vice-President - Gene Nutt; Secretary-Treasurer - Harold Dunaway; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - Terrone Stonecypher. The president opened the floor for nominations and there were none. The officers were voted in as nominated.

The Attendance Award was presented as follows:

1st Place - Dublin - 26% increase

2nd Place - Warner Robins - 16% increase.

The president brought up for discussion the possibility of the convention discontinuing the presentation of banners as awards.

M/S/C to award plaques instead of banners.

Dr. Riggs presented the program banners as follows: 1st place - Double Branch; 2nd place - Pine Level.

Dr. Sharpston requested that White Oaks host the 1985 convention. M/S/C to accept.

M/S/C to adjourn.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED (* Denotes Program Presented)

Dublin Mission*

Double Branch*

White Oaks*

Wilson Chapel

Bay Springs

Pine Level*

Crossroads*

Christian Hill

Warner Robins*

1984 TREASURE REPORT

EXPENSES:

1983 Banners	\$ 42.01
Printing of minutes	10.00
Dr. Roger Reeds	75.00
Workshop Meal	48.68
Ice and plates for workshop	10.00
1984 Banners	46.80
S. S. Convention Plates & Cups	39.58
Travel expense - Gene Nutt	106.00
Dr. Riggs	50.00
	<u>\$428.07</u>

INCOME:

Balance Forward	\$399.65
Special Offerings:	
Mt. Ararat	10.00
Bethlehem	15.00
Double Branch	10.00
C. E. Board Reinbursement	70.00
Church Convention Fees	45.00
	<u>\$549.65</u>

1984 Balance:	\$121.58
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Respectfully submitted,

Harold Dunaway
Sec. - Treas.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

September 1984

The annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Auxiliary Convention was held September 15, 1984 at Pleasant Hill Church. The theme was "Ask of Me" using scripture Psalms 2:8. Betty Williams opened the session with everyone singing "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" with Gloria Johnson at the piano. Kathy Douglas led in prayer. The welcome and devotion was given by Jane Summers with scripture taken from Luke 11:9-13 based on asking and receiving.

President Faye Easom presided over the meeting and appointed the following committees: Registration - Thelma Culpepper and Lee Ann Hobbs; Credentials - Mary Dunaway; Resolutions - Kathy Douglas and Anita Hobbs; Finance - Bessie Simmons and Jeanette Wilson; Nominations - Viola Hunt, Gloria Johnson, and Stella Horne.

Mary Dunaway gave a report on the District Retreat held at Double Branch Church in February. Bessie Simmons reported on the National Retreat held at Ridgecrest in September.

Betty Williams rendered a special song. Jane Summers introduced the speaker Wanda Cooper from Corinth Church. She brought an inspiring message on "Asking through Prayer" with scripture taken from Ephesians 6:18 and John 16:24.

Everyone was dismissed for the noon meal.

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Stella Ray and congregational singing. Wanda Cooper sang a special "If I Ask".

The business began with the president calling for the reports:

REGISTRATION: 4 churches represented with a total of 19 present
CREDENTIALS: 3 churches, 34 members, 10 visitors, 29 average attend.
RESOLUTIONS: Be it resolved:

1. Adopt resolutions of the 1984 WNAC Convention
2. Support the State Project to be adopted in November
3. Whereas the WNAC theme for the coming year is on prayer, we offer the following suggestions:
 - a. local monthly or quarterly prayer projects
 - b. in-depth study on prayer
 - c. fasting a 24 hour day with a prayer partner
 - d. conduct a prayer chain
 - e. adopt a missionary to hold up in prayer weekly or monthly
 - f. conduct prayer sharing groups
 - g. encourage members to receive Heartbeat
 - h. on a District level conduct a prayer retreat with the intention of each person developing a more intense and consistent prayer life.

Nominating: The following officers were nominated and elected

President - Shirley Sharpston
5310 Bloomfield Road
Macon, Ga. 31206

Vice President - Jane Summers
Route 3
Vienna, Ga. 31092

Secretary - Anita Hobbs
Route 3
Vienna, Ga. 31092 Phone 268-6211

Treasurer - Bessie Simmons
Route 2 Box 245
Cordele, Ga. 31015 Phone 273-0995

Mission Action - Stella Ray
Route 2
Cordele, Ga. 31015 Phone 273-3342

Mission Prayer - Viola Hunt
713 E. 13th Ave.
Cordele, Ga. 31015 Phone 273-3081

Mission Study - Kathy Douglas

Song Leader - Faye Easom

Pianist - Gloria Johnson

Delegates to the State Convention were appointed as follows:
Viola Hunt, Bessie Simmons, Stella Ray, Mary Dunaway, Jane Summers,
Faye Easom, Jeanette Wilson, Mary Holden Dunaway, and Myrtis Langford.

M/S/C to have retreat February 8 and 9, 1985 at Double Branch
Church with Pleasant Hill in charge. Faye Easom conducted an
impressive installation service. A rising vote of thanks was given
to the host church and to the outgoing officers. M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dunaway
District Secretary, WA

GEORGIA UNION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

1983- 1984

INCOME:

Offering - Double Branch Retreat	\$ 27.00
State Project	251.50
Membership Fees	68.00
Registration Fee (9-15-84)	6.00
Easter Offering-Foreign Missions	26.00
Offering (9-15-84)	41.50
National Student Loan Fee	12.00
Student Loan Fund	36.00
Dot Harvey	12.00
WNAC	54.00
Word Processor (Bible College)	78.70
Balance Sept. 30, 1983	71.68
TOTAL	<u>\$684.38</u>

EXPENSES:

State Project	\$251.50
Membership Fee	51.00
WNAC	54.00
Student Loan Fund	36.00
National Student Loan Fund	12.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	12.00
Pre-Easter Offering F.M.	26.00
Word Processor (Bible College)	78.70
Retreat Speaker February 1984	75.00
District Speaker	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$646.20</u>

BALANCE IN TREASURE, SEPTEMBER 30, 1984

\$38.18

MONIES SENT DIRECT TO NASHVILLE

Retired Ministers	\$ 10.00
Crowson a/c (Special)	300.00
Foreign Missions	50.00
Home Missions	30.00
Bible College Word Processor	20.00
WNAC Emphasis Month	42.88
TOTAL SENT DIRECT TO NASHVILLE	<u>\$452.88</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Bessie Simmons
District Treasurer WA

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
BAY SPRINGS	1884	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Hollis 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. John Freeman	Cynthia C. Davis, Rt. 3 Airport Road Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-7653
DOUBLE BRANCH	1896	Rev. Wayne Wilson	Mrs. H.E. Dunaway, Rt. 1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091 892-9388
FIRST DUBLIN	*	Rev. Jack Lysaker	Tammy Baggett, Rt. 7 Box 2F Dublin, Ga. 31021 272-6949
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. Wayne Hayes	Mary Hardeman, Rt. 4 Box 50 Eastman, Ga. 31023 374-5731
NEW HOPE	1967	Rev. Leroy Lafferty	Myrtle Howell, Rt. 5 Cochran, Ga. 31014 934-6870
PERRY MISSION	1974		Margie Hobbs, Oakridge Drive Perry, Ga. 31069 987-5941
PINE LEVEL	1924	Rev. John Amburgey	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 Tilley	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 Road Thomaston, Ga. 30286 648-3526
			TOTALS

* Incomplete Data or No Report

Received	Members		Average Attendance		Income	Association Fee
	Lost	Total	S.S.	C. T. S.		
0	4	80	28	*	\$ 9,933.00	\$ 25.00
3	2	71	32	*	\$15,295.00	25.00
1	4	22	8	*	*	15.00
4	5	82	21	*	\$ 5,526.47	30.00
2	4	66	28	13	*	30.00
19	5	125	68	54	\$56,374.00	35.00
23	12	55	*	22	\$13,179.08	*
0	11	88	35	*	*	30.00
2	4	117	38	*	\$23,580.73	45.00
2	2	49	23	12	\$11,332.38	20.00
6	6	52	35	*	\$ 9,803.03	25.00
4	*	4	17	14	\$ 5,507.98	20.00
8	8	72	36	28	\$17,421.80	35.00
3	8	106	14	7	\$17,268.45	35.00
9	4	34	19	10	\$16,495.88	20.00
16	3	172	70	30	\$67,728.00	45.00
1	2	76	21	9	\$ 8,958.13	30.00
103	84	1,271	493	199	\$278,403.58	\$465.00

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 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 church's 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 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.

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 recommendations that are not unanimous.
7. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-third (2/3) majority of those voting for a change, by the Georgia Union Association. The same shall be carried in the minutes of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD

(ADOPTED 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, Dooley, 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.

BAY SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church of Christ celebrated their 100th anniversary July 8, 1984, with homecoming, dinner at the church, and revival the following week. Rev. Emmett McDuffie was the guest speaker for the Homecoming Service. Former pastors of the church was the speakers for the revival.

Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church was organized in 1884. A log cabin near a spring served as a church until the present church was built, about 1890, by Joseph G. Jones. He also donated the land for the building at present location. The original pulpit, still in use, was made and handcarved by Mr. Jones and some helpers. Rev. Billy Miles did the first preaching.

The earliest available record of the church is in Deed Record F of Dodge County, page 743, where a parcel of land is deeded to Joseph G. Jones and C.M. Powell as trustees, the 11th day of April 1884, and recorded June 7, 1884. Later in years Mr. Billy Woodard and Mr. Ben F. Horne donated land to the church.

PASTORS WHO SERVED DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Billy Miles - Officiated
W. T. Wright
Will Holmes - 8 Years
Zeah Nobles
George Nobles
Ben F. Horne, Sr.
A.J. Parker
Newt Powell
L.S. Yates
W.C. Coleman
Jeff R. Smith - 8 Years
Jim R. Dunn
J.L. Postum
O.L. Lyles
Joe Frank Smith - 16 Years
Emmett McDuffie
J.B. Langford
Hoyt Findley
Nick Rozar
James Stroup
H.D. Faircloth - 8 Years
Elbert Powell
Richard McFadden
Ronnie Moore
W.L. Amerson
Wayne Hayes
H.D. Faircloth - Present Pastor

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.