

# 1985 Minutes

OF THE  
NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

*GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION*

OF THE  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
HELD WITH  
CROSS ROADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEAR COCHRAN, GEORGIA  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1985

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— OFFICERS —

*Dr. Billy Sharpston.....Moderator*  
*Rev. Howard Faircloth.....Assistant Moderator*  
*Rev. Donald W. Moore.....Clerk*  
*Rev. John Amburgey.....Assistant Clerk*  
*Carlton Edward Moore.....Treasurer*  
*Kim Kelly.....Assistant Treasurer*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session-January 11, 1986-----Double Branch  
2nd Quarterly Session-April 12, 1986-----First Eastman  
3rd Quarterly Session-July 12, 1986-----Little Bethel  
Annual Session October 11, 1986-----Mt. Ararat  
Woman Auxiliary September 20, 1986-----Double Branch

### Recommend 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. Miscellaneous business
10. New business
11. Appointment of committees
12. Adjourn

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## General Officers

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Assitant Clerk -----	Rev. John Amburgey Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012 912-358-4477
Treasurer -----	Edward Moore Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023 Phone
Assitant Treasurer -----	Kim Kelly 316 McLendon St. Ashburn, Ga. 31714 912-567-9546

## Excutive Board

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Rev. Howard Faircloth 408 Page St. Eastman Ga. 31023	374-3017
Rev. Donald W. Moore 4040 Lafayette DR. Macon, Ga. 31204	788-8260
Bro. Edward Moore Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023	unkown
Bro. Emmett Dunaway Rt. 1 Unadilla, Ga. 31091	892-9388
Bro. Jerry Dunaway Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-9880
Rev. James Bryant 214 Brady Dr. Warner Robins Ga. 31093	929-0491
Rev. Wayne Wilson Rt. 3 Hawkinsville Ga. 31036	892-9474
Rev. W. L. Amerson Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4430

## Trustee Board

* Bob Roberts 5823 Leone Dr. Macon, Ga. 31206	788-9571
J. F. Register Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4419
Ross Bennett Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3808
Dewey Evans 2329 Donald Ave. Macon, Ga. 31201	745-2647
1 Jerry Dunaway Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-9880

## Ordaining Council

1* Rev. W. L. Amerson Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4430
Rev. Jack Lysaker P.O. Box 1882 Rt. 7 Buckeye Rd. Dublin, Ga. 31021	275-3676
Rev. William Sumner Rt. 3 Vienna, Ga. 31092	268-8746
Rev. James Bruce Rt. 1 Box 165 Pineview, Ga. 31001	No Phone
Rev. John Amburgey Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4477

# Digest Committee

*Rev. Howard Faircloth	408 Page St. Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3017
Donald Self	Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-4544
Alton Fleming	Rt. 1 Box 179B Chauncey, Ga.	362-4553

## Mission Board

1*Rev. James Bryant	406 Story Rd. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	929-0491
*Sherman Jones	Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7432
Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-2949
Rev. Kary Shumate	207 Ogden St. Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-4275
Wayne Moore	Rt. 6 Eastman, Ga. 31023	unknown

## Christain Education Board

*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
1*Rev. Wayne Wilson	Rt. 3 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-9474
Jack Griffin	119 Ravenwood Way Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	923-8855
Rev. John Freeman	Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-4566

## Nomination Committee

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

\*Board members to be retained or replaced at Annual Session.  
All General Officers are to be relected or replaced at the 1986 Annual Session.

# MINISTERS ON ROLL

## MINISTERS ON HONOR ROLL (Exempt from reporting)

Bridges, Rev. Henry E.	Rt. 1 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-3369
Duckworth, Rev. E. B.	406 Story Rd. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	923-6882
Haynes, Rev. Morgan J.	Rt. 4 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-7019
Potter, Rev. James W.	3449 Riggin Mill Rd. Macon, Ga. 31206	

## MINISTERS NOT ON HONOR ROLL

Amerson, Rev. W. L.	Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4430
Anthony, Rev. L. S.	530 Ellerbee Town Rd. Thomaston, Ga. 30286	(404) 647-3885
Amburgey, Rev. John	Rt. 1 Box 236, Chester, Ga. 31012	358-4477
Bryant, Rev. James E.	214 Brady Dr. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	929-0491
Bruce, Rev. James E.	Rt. 1 Box 165 Pineview, Ga. 31071	No Phone
Coursey, Rev. Jimmy	Rt. 5 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-6870
Faircloth, Rev. Howard	408 Page St. Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3017
Freeman, Rev. John	Rt. 3 Box 87-2 Cochran, Ga. 31014	934-4566
Hardeman, Rev. Charles	Rt. 2 Box 137 Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3618
Howell, Rev. Tony	Rt. 4 Box 213-A Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-3356
Hutchinson, Rev. Tim	409 Sunny Lane Dublin, Ga. 31021	272-3387
Lafferty, Rev. Leroy	Address unknown	unknown
Lysaker, Rev. Jack	P.O. Box 1882 Doblin, Ga. 31021	275-3676
McDuffie, Rev. Emmett	Rt. 2 Box 46 Rochelle, Ga. 31079	365-7488
Moore, Rev. Donald W.	4040 Lafayette Dr. Macon, Ga. 31204	788-8260
Nix, Rev. Harris	Rt. 4 Box 100 Jesup, Ga. 31545	Unknown
Powell, Rev. Elbert	Rt. 1 Box 106 Chester, Ga. 31012	934-4348
Sharpston, Dr. Billy	5310 Bloomfield Rd. Macon, Ga. 31206	781-1846
Shumate, Rev. Kary	207 Ogden St. Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-4275
Sumner, Rev. William	Rt. 3 Box 108 Vienna, Ga. 31092	268-8746
Weaver, Rev. Carson	3165 Bloomfield Dr. Macon, Ga. 31206	781-5708
Wilson, Rev. Wayne	Rt. 3 Box 226 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	892-9474

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Dixon, Rev. James	Rt. 4 Box 233 Eastman, Ga. 31023	374-5219
Stonecypher, Rev. Terron	P.O. Box 7144 Tifton, Ga. 31793	882-7118



GEORGIA UNION. ASSOCIATION

JANUARY SESSION

The January session convened at Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church on January 12, 1985. Singing was led by Bro. Hollis Smith and prayer by Bro. Kim Kelley. Welcome was extended by Host Pastor, Rev. Howard Faircloth. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. LeRoy Lafferty using Isaiah Chapter 6 as scripture text. The church Covenant was read by Sis. Betty Williams and By-Laws were read by Sis. LaDonna Freeman.

M/S/C to adopt program as guide.

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by Clerk and them to be seated as they arrive.

Roll call of Ministers indicated 18%.

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

M/S/C to adopt recommendation from Executive Board to plan to have an Old Fashion Camp Meeting in the fall. Moderator was given power to appoint a committee to plan this. The committee was appointed in the afternoon session as follows: Bro. Wayne Wilson, Chairman; Bro. Elbert Powell; Bro. Emmett Dunaway; Bro. James Bryant; Bro. Sherman Jones; Bro. Wayne Hayes; and Bro. Donald Moore.

The morning message was brought by Bro. James Bruce using various scriptures.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Bro. Jack Lysaker, prayer by Bro. John Freeman.

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

Churches reporting	-	17
Offerings	-	\$84,038.15
Disbursements	-	\$85,334.53
Members received	-	19
Members lost	-	9
Members gained	-	10

M/S/C to accept oral report on Home Mission report given by Bro. Sherman Jones.

M/S/C to accept oral report given on State report given by Bro. James Bryant.

Since Bro. Donald Moore could not be at session due to sickness, only the amount received at session could be given in Treasury Report which was as follows: \$590.00 Association Fees and Retirement.

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

  
Moderator

  
Asst. Clerk

## Second Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association convened at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church near Cordele, Georgia for its second session with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Rev. Harris Nix.

Welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Charles Hardman.

Morning Devotion was delivered by Rev. John Amburgey, scripture was taken from I John Chapter 1.

M/S/C to adopt outline as a guide and make any changes necessary.

Church covenant was read by Bro. Chuck Lysaker; by-laws were read by Rev. Kary Shumate.

Roll call of delegates by clerk. M/S/C to seat those that were present and any that may come in later.

Moderator appointed Bro. Herschel Johnson and Bro. Tony Lafferty to serve on finance committee with assistant treasurer.

M/S/C to accept minutes of 1st session as read by clerk with changes made in amount of money received. Amount received was \$590.00.

Executive Board made the following recommendations:

Board recommended that the association send Rev. Luther Burns \$150.00 to help purchase approx 25 folding chairs, M/S/C.

Recommended to association to find out how each church feels about supporting Perry Mission in the amount of \$500.00 per month. M/S/C to put item on floor for discussion. M/S/C for each church to carry this information back to each local church and to report to clerk of mission board.

Recommended that item 9 be deleted from by-laws. M/S/C to table item until afternoon session.

Recommended to change item 3 to read as follows: (a) In the absence of the appointed speaker for devotions and message of each session, the moderator shall appoint said individual. (b) In the absence of moderator and assistant moderator, the clerk shall call session to order and elect moderator protem for that session. M/S/C to table item until afternoon session.

Morning message was brought by Rev. James Bryant using scripture from Joshua 6: 18-24; inspiring message.



### Afternoon Session

Afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Bro. Lysaker.

M/S/C to receive Digest Committee report submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth, Bro. Alton Fleming, Bro. Donald Self as follows:

Churches represented:	16
Offerings:	\$81,291.18
Disbursement:	\$79,001.99
Members received:	19
Baptized:	6
Lost:	12
Gained	7

M/S/C to receive oral report of Christian Education Board by Rev. Wayne Wilson. Encouragement needed.

Rev. John Amburgey and Bro. Chuck Lysaker gave a report of camp session to be held this year.

M/S/C to accept oral report of Mission Board by Bro. Sherman Jones in treasury - \$1,090.19.

Oral report of State Mission Board about the work in South Atlanta was given by Rev. James Bryant.

Ordaining Council report as follows:

In that Rev. Wayne Hayes has resigned his church and returned his Credential of Ordination to the association, the Ordaining Council recommended that his resignation be accepted. M/S/C.

Recommended that a letter of good standing be forwarded to the Union Association for Rev. Walter C. Scarborough. M/S/C. A letter has been forwarded.

Requested that the clerk write to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee to obtain a letter of good standing for Rev. Tim Hutchinson. M/S/C. Clerk has received his letter.

Recommended that Rev. Carson Weaver be ordained at White Oak Church on 28 April 1985 at 3 P.M. M/S/C.

M/S/C to receive treasurer's report as follows:

Balance as of 8 Jan 1985 Assoc. fund	\$1,087.25
Retirement fund	\$1,070.07
Received Jan session Assoc. fund	\$ 403.75
Total Assoc. fund	\$1,491.00
Retirement fund received	\$ 186.25
Total Retirement fund	\$1,256.32

## Disbursement as follows:

Moderator and expenses	\$ 41.52
Clerk	\$ 25.00
J & J Printing	\$ 300.00
Camp Mt. Bethel	\$ 243.50
Ga. Union Mission Board	\$ 365.25
Ga. Union C.E.B.	\$ 365.25
Total paid out	\$1,340.52
Balance in Assoc. fund	\$ 150.48

Received from State Assoc for retirement fund	\$ 10.00
Brought forward in retirement fund	\$1,256.32
Total in retirement fund	\$1,266.32

Total in treasury	\$1,416.80
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The following officers were elected to fill the unexpired terms:

Clerk: Rev. Donald W. Moore  
 Treasurer: Rev. Harris Nix  
 Assistant Clerk: Rev. John Amburgey  
 Christian Education Board: Rev. John Freeman

M/S/C to remove by-laws recommendation from table for action.

M/S/C to adopt by-laws change as recommended in morning session.

M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

Moderator

Clerk

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The top signature is for the Moderator, Billy Shaples, and the bottom signature is for the Clerk, Donald W. Moore. Both signatures are written in dark ink and are placed over horizontal lines.

### Third Quarter Session

The third quarter session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Christian Hill Church near Rochelle Georgia, with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Rev. Howard Faircloth.

Welcome was extended to body by Interim Pastor Rev. Emmette McDuffie.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Howard Faircloth using Hebrews chapter 6 verse 9 as scripture text.

M/S/C to adopt program outline as guide and make changes as necessary.

Roll call of delegates by Clerk M/S/C to seat delegates that are present and any that come in later.

Roll call of Ministers found 17 present.

Minutes of second quarter was read by Clerk M/S/C to adopt minutes as read.

Moderator appointed the following to serve on Board, Rev. John Amburger to Mission board, Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Willie Ruth Rogers to serve on finance committee.

A recommendation that the Executive Board be in charge of disbursement of the retirement fund for retired Ministers be added to the By-Laws. M/S/C to table until afternoon session.

After break singing was led by Rev. Jack Lysaker with Prayer by Bro. Emmette Dunaway. Special singing by Rev. Jack Lysaker. Special Prayer for our President was offered by Rev. Tim Hutchinson.

Rev. Tony Howell delivered the morning message using Scripture from Acts chapter 20 verses 16 thru 35.

### Afternoon Session

Afternoon session begin with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and Prayer by Rev. Wayne Wilson.

Oral report of Missionboard was given by Rev. James Bryant M/S/C to accept.

M/S/C to accept First Free Will Baptist Church of Warner Robin back to Church status as the Church had voted to come out from under Mission status.

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report as following,

Churches reporting	15
Members received	28
Members lost	19
Offering	\$75,675.57
Disbursements	\$69,888.50

We notice some letters form listed Rev. Billy Sharpston as Moderator, the Pastor or the person that moderate should be listed as Moderator. Submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth, Bro. Alton Fleming and Bro. Donald Self.

M/S/C to accept oral report of C.E. board by Rev. Wayne Wilson.

Committee gave a report on brush harbor Meeting site, the site that was selected was at New Hope Church.

M/S/C to pay for brief case for Clerks.

M/S/C to accept Treasury report as listed below,

On hand May 5 1985 \$1740.52

	Assoc. fund	Retirement fund
	\$285.00	\$1455.52
Received from Bro. Waid		\$ 15.00
Paid for two Bibles	\$ 81.90	
Balance on hand as of July 1985		\$1673.52
Rec. from Churches July 13 1985	\$395.50	\$ 189.50
Paid out		
Bro. Moore		
Attache case & Clerk fee	\$ 71.28	

Bro. Sharpston

Mileage

\$ 5.28

Postage for program

\$ 5.08

Moderator fee

\$ 15.00

Total paid out

\$ 96.64

Assoc. fund

Retirement fund

\$ 501.96

\$1645.02

Total in treasury

\$2146.98

Submitted by Sisters Rogers, Bryant and Rev. Harris Nix Treasury.

M/S/C to receive Ordaining Council report as following,

In that Reganol Pulliam has left this Denomination, we recommend that his name be deleted from the roll of Ministers in the Georgia Union Association. M/S/C.

Having received a letter of good standing from the Southern Quarterly Conference we recommend that Rev. Tim Hutchinson be placed on Ministers roll of the Georgia Union Association. M/S/C/.

M/S/C take item concerning the disbursement of Retirement fund by the Executive board off table for action. M/S/C. to insert item into By-Laws.

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

Time given for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourn with Prayer by Rev. Jack Lysaker.

Clerk

Rev. Donald W. Moore  
Rev. Donald W. Moore

Moderator

Dr. Billy Sharpston  
Dr. Billy Sharpston



## ANNUAL SESSION

The ninety Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Cross Roads Church October 12 1985 with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker with Prayer by Rev. James Bryant. Welcome was extended to the body by host Pastor Rev. John Freeman. The morning Devotion was brought by Rev. Jack Lysaker using Scripture from Mark chapter 6 verse 34.

The following were appointed by Moderator to serve on committees, Sister Virginia Clark, Sister Bonnie Amburgey to Digest committee, Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Evelyn Collins to finance committee.

Roll call of Ministers by Clerk indicated that 14 were present, also read the names of the delegates from each Church, there were 33 present.

M/S/C to accept action of the Executive Board while Association was not in session as following, the Executive Board had a special called meeting August 3rd 1985 in Dublin Ga. with the Ordaining Council for the purpose of discussing the Ordination of Rev. Kary Shumate, since no action was taken at the July Session. Moderator read Scripture from Proverbs chapter 8 verses 1 thru 13 with Prayer by Rev. Elbert Powell. After a general discussing the Ordaining Council ask to be excuse to make a recommendation. The Ordaining Council came back in with a recommendation to Ordain Bro. Shumate. The Executive Board voted to accept their recommendation. Also, action was taken by the Board concerning the Property at the Church of Warner Robins. An easement of 30 feet by 35 feet was granted to Southern Bell for \$1,000.00. The Pastor and two Deacons was authorize to sign the necessary documents.

M/S/C to table recommendation to change the date of Sunday School convention until afternoon session.

M/S/C to accept oral report of State Executive Secretary. Rev. Herbert Waid put special emphasis on Missionarys, mission, Georgia Bible Institute and Historical Society.

M/S/C to accept oral report of Christian Education Board and financial report.

Worship hour began with singing led by Bro. Wayne Moore with Prayer by Bro. Donald Self. Morning message was delivered by Rev. Wayne Wilson using Scripture from 2 Corinthians verses 1, 8 thru 18 a very inspiring message.

### Afternoon Session

Afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker with Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Coursey.

M/S/C to remove item concerning changing of date for Sunday School convention for action. M/S/C to date of Sunday School convention from last Saturday in July to Saturday before second Sunday in September.

M/S/C to accept oral report of Georgia Union Mission and State Mission Board as given by Rev. James Bryant. Bro. Sherman Jones stated that the Georgia Union Mission Board has \$4,603.47 in the Mission Board treasury.

M/S/C to adopt report of Digest Committee as listed below,

Churches reporting	16
Members received	64
Members lost	45
Members gain	19
Total offering	\$307,785.37

Submitted by Bro. Donald Self, Sis. Virginia Clark, Sis. Bonnie Amburgey.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report and adopt item by item, Item 1 Recommend that Rev. Emmett McDuffie be reinstated as a Pastor in good standing with Georgia Union Association M/S/C.

Item 2 Request for a letter of good standing from First Free Will Baptist of Tifton for Rev. Terron Stonecypher was ruled out of order M/S/C.

Item 3 Recommend that Rev. Tony Tilley be granted a letter of good standing as a Minister of the Gospel to the Midway Association M/S/C.  
Item 4 Recommend we accept Rev. Jimmy Coursey in full fellowship as Pastor New Hope Free Will Baptist Church pending receipt of his credentials from His Association.

M/S/C to adopt Treasury report as listed below.

Retirement fund	\$1,811.02
Association fund	---\$ 875.96---

Total in Treasury \$2,686.98

Submitted by Rev. Harris Nix, Sis. Bessie Bryant And Sis. Evelyn Collins.

M/S/C to give host Church a rising vote of thanks for there fine hospitality.

The following Officers were elected.

Excutive Board at large

Bro. Emmett Dunaway

Trustee Board

Bro. Jerry Dunaway

Ordaining Council

Rev. John Amburgey

To replace Rev. James Potter due to health

Rev. William Sumner

Mission Board

Bro. Harold Dunaway

Bro. Wayne Moore

Rev. Kary Shumate

Bro. Edward Moore

Treasury

M/S/C that the following be recommended to serve on the following State Boards Rev. James Bryant Mission Board, Bro. Emmett Dunaway to State Trustee Board.

Delegates to State Association were selected as following, Sis. Bessie Bryant, Bro. Chuck Lysaker, Sis. John Freman, Sis. Shirley Sharpston and Sis. Diann Coursey.

Nomination Committee appointed by Moderator for next year are Bro. Buddy Register, Rev. Wayne Wilson and Bro. Kim Kelly.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with Prayer by Rev. Herbert Waid.

  
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Moderator

Dr. Billy Sharpston

  
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Clerk

Rev. Donald W. Moore



## GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at White Oak Free Will Baptist Church on July 27, 1985 at 10:00 A.M.

Dick Jones welcomed everyone to the convention. Congregational singing was led by Faye Eason. Musicians were Elaine Langford and O.B. Eason.

M/S/C for Bro. Jones to appoint the program judges. Those appointed were: Chuck Lysaker, Virginia Clark, and Peggy Moore.

M/S/C for the president to appoint a nominating committee. Those appointed were: Rev. Wayne Wilson, Rev. James Bruce, Rev. John Freeman and Rev. John Amburgey. Crossroads and Double Branch presented their Sunday School Programs before the noon meal.

After these programs were presented the business session was opened.

M/S/C to delete Rule#3 on the Program judging sheet and for the officers to consider and re-evaluate the other judging rules.

M/S/C for the officers to consider another date for the convention and if a change is to be made then it should be announced at the Associational meeting.

Bro. Jones presented a devotion on one of God's greatest gifts to us "Our Children" using various scriptures from the Bible.

Bro. Purvis dismissed the convention with prayer for the noon meal.

The convention reconvened with congregational singing led by Wayne Moore. Mrs. Amburgey and O.B. Eason were the musicians. After the singing Pine Level presented their program.

The business session continued with a M/S/C to try again to

obtain Standard Sheets. Pine Level was chosen to host the 1986 convention. M/S/C to accept the following officers: Pres.-Rev. Edward Bruce; Vice-Pres.-Chuck Lysaker; Sec.-Treas.-Harold Dunaway; Assist. sec.-Treas.- O.B. Eason. M/S/C to give Bro. Jones a rising vote of thanks for his service to the convention. The Attendance Plaque was presented to Dublin Mission with a 9.1% member increase. First place program plaque was presented to Double Branch and second place was presented to Pine Level. M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to adjourn.

Churches Represented: ( \* denotes program)

Crossroads \*

Wilson Chapel

Double Branch \*

Dublin

Bay Springs

Pine Level \*

White Oaks

Perry Mission

Respectfully submitted,

*Harold Dunaway*

Harold Dunaway  
Sec.-Treas.

GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION  
1985 Treasurer's Report

EXPENSES

1985 Plaques	\$ 32.00
Stamps	1.36
Plates and Cups	13.64
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	\$ 47.00

INCOME

Balance Forward 1984	\$ 121.58
Special Offering	
Bethlehem	15.00
Christian Hill	10.00
Registration Fees	45.00
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	\$191.58
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	\$144.58

Respectfully submitted,

*Harold Dunaway*

Harold Dunaway  
Sec.-Treas.

# GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

September 21, 1985

The annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Auxiliary Convention was held September 21, 1985 at White Oaks Church. The theme was "Missions: Home, State, and Foreign."

The meeting was opened with singing, "Bring Them In" led by Betty Williams with Gloria Johnson at the piano. Mary Dunaway led in prayer. The song "Untold Millions" was sung by the group, after which a very inspiring devotion was brought by Jane Sumner. Her topic was "Ready to go" with scripture taken from Matt. 28:20, Mark 16: 15-16, and Luke 24: 47-48. Bessie Simmons led in prayer.

President Shirley Sharpston presided over the business session. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. The following committees were appointed: Credentials: Nita Hobbs, Mary Holden Dunaway. Resolutions: Viola Hunt, Betty Williams, Jane Sumner. Finance: Bessie Simmons, Mary Dunaway, Kathy Douglas. Nominations: Mary Dunaway, Kathy Douglas, Viola Hunt.

Business discussed was the district retreat to be at White Oaks next year. Time and speaker to be announced later. Delegates to the State Convention appointed were: Doris Evens, Kathy Douglas, Bessie Simmons, Jane Sumner, Jeanette Wilson, Myrtis Langford, Mary Dunaway, Stella Horne and Stella Ray.

A special song "Set My Soul Afire" was brought by Betty Williams with everyone joining in on the chorus. A film was viewed entitled "Defying The Gods", the true story of Victor and his wife Josephine in the Ivory Coast. We adjourned for the noon meal.

The afternoon session opened with a song, "Untold Millions." Viola Hunt led in prayer. Kathy Douglas led in a prayer band, at which time we discussed our State and Foreign missionaries and those who work in the Missions Departments.

Reports from the committees were as follows:  
Credentials: 3 churches, 37 members, 5 visitors, 11 average attendance  
Resolutions: Be it resolved: 1. That we adopt the resolutions of the 1985 WNAC Convention. 2. That we set aside Saturday October 5, 1985 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. as a day of prayer with each auxiliary given a set time to pray. 3. That we support the State Project to be adopted in November. 4. That we change the district retreat to one day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday March 8, 1986. It is suggested that we spend this time reviewing the book, "Reaching the Untouchables" by Laura Belle Barnard.

Several prayer requests were given after which a chain of prayer was held led by Mary Holden Dunaway and closed by Gloria Johnson. Arising vote of thanks was given to the host church. M/S/8 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Hobbs, Ga. Union Dist. Sec.

GEORGIA UNION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT  
1984\*1985

Balance in treasury Oct 1, 1984	\$58.18
Membership Fees (37 members)	74.00
Thanksgiving - Home Missions	46.25
Pre-Easter- Foreign Missions	61.00
Printing National Minutes	3.00
State Project	254.00
Crowson Account - Pleasant Hill Special Project	300.00
Word Processor	63.40
Mrs. Purcell	60.00
Student Loan Fund	36.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	12.00
WNAC	54.00
Retired Ministers	10.00
Registration Fee (1985)	6.00
Dist. Meeting Offering	21.00
	\$1058.83
Auxiliary Literature & Supplies	\$277.55
Local Church Activities	86.00
Dist. Retreat Breakfast	15.00
	\$378.55
Monies sent to Nashville:	
Crowson's Christmas Gift (Pleasant Hill)	87.10
Missionary Provision Closet (Pleasant Hill)	49.95
Bishop's Account (White Oaks)	111.75
Burn's Account (White Oaks)	132.16
	\$380.96
Monies sent to State:	
Membership Fees	\$ 64.75
Thanksgiving - Home Missions	46.25
Pre-Easter - Foreign Missions	61.00
Printing National Minutes	3.00
State Project	254.00
Crowson's Account	300.00
Word Processor	63.40
Mrs. Purcell	60.00
Student Loan Fund	36.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	12.00
WNAC	54.00
	\$954.40
Other Monies Spent	
Film for District Meeting	\$25.00
Balance in Treasury Oct 1, 1985	\$70.43

Respectfully submitted,

Bessie Simmons, Ga. Union Dist. Treas.



## GEORGIA UNION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY

The C.E. Board sponsored the Youth Rallies as follows for the year 1985:

- 1) February-Sweetheart Banquet at New Hope with approximately 75 people in attendance.
- 2) May-Outside Activities Day at Dublin Mission with approximately 80 in attendance.
- 3) August-Skating Party in Cochran with approximately 100 people in attendance.
- 4) November-Delbert Wood will present a "Magic Show" at Double Branch Church.

We encourage each church to become more involved in participation at our Youth Rallies since the primary objective of the youth rally is to provide good wholesome Christian fellowship for our youth.

### CAMP MT. BETHEL

Rev. Amburgey directed our camp session this past summer beginning on July 7th and ended on July 12th. Campers numbered 54 in attendance. Thirteen decisions were made. Rev. Roger Spivey was the camp evangelist. Financially, the camp session supported itself through registration fees of \$1755.00. Expenses were \$1552.00. There is a balance of \$203.00 in the treasury.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Of major concern to the C.E. Board officers is the fact that the attendance and the participation from the churches in our association has drastically been decreasing. We encourage our churches to participate and promote the convention more. During the last convention we discussed changing the convention date to see if that would help increase attendance. There was a M/S/C for the officers to meet and review possible dates for the convention to be changed to. The officers met on Sept. 8th at Double Branch Church. The officers recommend to keep the present day-the last Saturday in July or the first Sat. in August. At the Ga. Union Association meeting on Oct. 12 there was a M/S/C to have the Sunday School Convention on the second Sat. in September.

The Convention sponsored a Teacher Training Course in June with Dr. Roger Reeds conducting the session.



C.E. BOARD TREAS. REPORT

INCOME

Balance Forward	\$ 925.43
Camp Pre-Registration	345.00
Registration Fees(Camp)	<u>1207.00</u>
	\$ 2477.43

EXPENSES

Dr. Roger Reeds	\$ 75.00
John Amburgey(camp supplies)	23.50
Piggly Wiggly(camp food)	72.92
Camp Evangelist	200.00
Christian Supply Store	63.56
Randall Book Store	56.21
Unadilla Wholesale	<u>771.39</u>
	\$ 1262.38

BALANCE FORWARD

\$ 1215.05

Respectively submitted,

*Harold E. Dunaway, Jr.*

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Sec.-Treas. C.E. Board

Churches	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
Bay Spring	1884	Rev.Howard Faircloth	Hollis Smith Rt.5 Box 504 374-2143 Eastman,Ga 31023
Bethlehem	1917	Rev.Charles Hardeman	Shirley Calhoun Rt.1 Box 102A 273-3947 Cordele,Ga. 31015
Christain Hill	1887	Rev.Emmett McDuffie	Mary Frances Brown Rt.1 Abbeville,Ga.
Cross Reads	1910	Rev.John Freeman	Not Listed
Double Branch	1896	Rev.Wayne Wilson	Mary H.Dunaway Rt.1 892-9388 Unadilla,Ga. 31091
First Eastman	1961	Unknown	Julia Smith Rt.6 Box 118 374-3677 Eastman,Ga. 31023
Little Bethel	1915	Rev.Tony Howell	Tommy G.Parker Rt.3 Box 19A Cochran,Ga. 31014
Mt.Ararat	1885	Rev.Kary Shumate	Mary Hardeman Rt 4 Box 50 374-5731 Eastman,Ga. 31023
New Hope	1967	Rev.Jimmy Coursey	Myrtle Howell Rt.5 934-6870 Cochran,Ga. 31014
Pine Level	1924	Rev.John Amburgey	Monice M.Moore Rt.6 Box 195 374-3217 Eastman,Ga. 31023
Pleasant Hill	1898	Rev.William J.Sumner	Viola H.Hunt 713 13th Ave. 273-3081 Cordele,Ga. 31015
Warner Robins	1964	Rev.James E.Bryant	Jack Griffin 923-8855 119 Ravenwood Way Warner,Robins,Ga. 31093
White Oak	1953	Dr.Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins 788-8530 1567 Hurley Circle Macon,Ga. 31206
Wilson Chapel	1960	Rev.L.S.Anthony	Clara Wilson 404-648-3576 512 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston,Ga. 30286
Dublin Mission	Approx. 1966	Rev.Jack Lysaker	Tammy Baggett P.O.Box 1882 Diblin,Ga. 31021
Perry Mission	1974	Rev.James E.Bruce	Shirley Kelly 567-9546 316 McLendon St. Ashburn,Ga 31714

Membership

Sunday  
School

C.T.S

Rec'd	Lost	Total	Avg.	Avg.	Income	Assoc. Fee
2	0	80	20	none	Not listed	\$30.00
5	3	71	29	none	\$16,555.85	\$25.00
7	1	90	25	none	\$ 6,622.52	\$30.00
0	0	45	40	14	\$23,300.08	\$20.00
3	6	124	62	56	\$69,248.81	\$35.00
0	0	88	N.L	N.L	N.L	\$#0.00
4	1	120	40	none	\$18,782.23	\$35.00
1	0	50	23	10	\$10,986.71	\$20.00
10	5	58	35	none	\$12,832.35	\$25.00
2	6	68	40	29	\$18,880.46	\$ 25.00
4	1	109	30	20	\$18,556.63	\$30.00
3	4	33	12	none	\$17,500.00	\$20.00
9	11	172	85	none	\$71,722.84	\$45.00
2	1	96	26	10	\$ 8,797.58	\$30.00
7	10	41	26	16	\$14,655.35	\$20.00
2	5	32	12	7	\$ 5,708.42	\$20.00

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 1985)

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. In the absence of the appointed speaker for devotions and message of each session, the moderator shall appoint said individual. Also in the absence of moderator and assistant moderator, the clerk shall call session to order and elect moderator pro-tem for that session.
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 and prayer.
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 executive board shall be in charge of disbursement of the retirement fund for retired ministers.
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 divided equally 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 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.

## **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.