

1986

MINUTES

OF THE
NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

MT. ARARAT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEAR EASTMAN, GEORGIA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1986

— OFFICERS —

MODERATOR.....	Dr. Billy Sharpston
ASSISTANT MODERATOR.....	Rev. Howard Faircloth
CLERK.....	Rev. Charles McNease
ASSISTANT CLERK.....	Rev. John Amburgey
TREASURER.....	Brother Leonard Graham
ASSISTANT TREASURER.....	Brother Jerry Dunaway

Dates and places to remember

1st Quarterly Session	January 10 1987	-----	New Hope
2nd Quarterly Session	April 11 1987	-----	Pine Level
3rd Quarterly Session	July 11 1987	-----	Pleasant Hill
Annual Session	October 10 1987	-----	Warner Robin
Sunday School Convention	September 12 1987	-----	Double Branchs
Woman Auxilliary	September 19 1987	-----	Pleasant Hill

Recommended Order Of Church Business Meeting

- 1.Call to order by Moderator
- 2.Open meeting with Prayer
- 3.Invite visiting Brethers to sit
- 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

General Officers

Moderator -----	Dr. Billy Sharpston 5310 Bloomfield Rd Macon, Ga. 31206 912-781-1846
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Assitant Clerk -----	Rev. John Amburgey Rt. 1 Box 236 Chester, Ga. 31012 912-358-4477
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Assitant Treasurer -----	Bro. Jerry Dunaway Rt. 9 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036 912-892-9880

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Rev. David Young	816 6th Ave. N.E. Eastman, Ga. 31023	912-374-2533
Rev. Jack Lysaker	822 North Church St. Dublin, Ga. 31021	912-272-6685

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Rev. James Bruce	Rt. 1 Box 165 Pineview, Ga. 31001	No Phone
Rev. John Amburgey	Rt. 1 Box 236 Chester, Ga. 31012	912-358-4477
Rev. W.L. Amerson	Rt. 1 Chester, Ga. 31012	912-358-4430

Ministerial Roll

Ministers On Honor Roll (Exempt from reporting)

Bridges, Rev. Henry E.	Rt. 1 Cochran, Ga. 31014	912-934-3365
Duckworth, Rev. E. B.	406 Story Rd. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093	912-923-6882
Haynes, Rev. Morgan J.	Rt. 4 Cochran, Ga. 31014	912-934-7015
Potter, Rev. James W.	3449 Riggins mill Rd. Macon, Ga. 31206	912-742-1862

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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 137 Eastman, Ga. 31023	912-374-3618
Howell, Rev. Tony	Rt. 4 Box 213-A Eastman, Ga. 31023	912-374-3356
Hutchinson, Rev. Tim	409 Sunny Lane Dublin, Ga. 31021	912-272-3387
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Lysaker, Rev. Jack	822 North St. Dublin, Ga. 31040	912-272-6685
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*	Bro.Jack Griffin 119 Ravenwood Way Warner Robins,Ga 31093	912-923-8855
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	Bro.Harold Dunaway Rt.3 Hawkinsville,Ga.31036	912-892-2949
	Bro.Curtis Lysaker 822 North Church St.Dublin,Ga. 31021	912-272-6685

Nomination Committee

*	Rev.John Amburgey Rt.1 Chester,Ga.31012	912-358-4477
	Rev.James Bruce Rt.1Box 165 Pineview,Ga.31001	No Phone
	Rev.Jack Lysaker 822 North Church St.Dublin,Ga. 31021	912-272-6685

(1) Denotes Board Chairman

(*) Board members to be retained or replace at Annual Session.
All General Officers are to be retained or replace at the
1987 Annual Session

First Quarter Session

First Quarter Session of the Georgia Union Association convened at Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church with all 16 churches reporting. The morning session began with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker with prayer by Rev. John Freeman.

Welcome was extended to body by host Pastor Rev. Wayne Wilson.

Rev. Jimmy Coursey brought the morning devotion using scripture from Matthew 5:8.

M/S/C to adopt program outline and make any changes that are necessary.

Roll call of delegates from the various churches by the Clerk, M/S/C to seat delegates. Roll call of ministers by Clerk found 18 present.

Moderator recognized the visitors; those present were Debbie Griffin from the Midway Association and Allan Crowsan Missionary to France, who is on furlough.

Moderator appointed Sister Bessie May Bryant and Sister Betty Williams to serve on finance committee.

M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the annual session as ready by Clerk.

M/S/C to table recommendation of Executive Board to add sub section B to article VIII (8) of the Georgia Union Mission Board Constitution to read as follows: Mission Board shall have authority over said missions in all matters of calling a Pastor and overseeing the mission work until such mission becomes a church.

After break, we reassembled for the morning message with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker and special singing by Girls Trio from Double Branch Church. The morning message was brought by Rev. Elbert Powell using scripture from Acts 26:15-22; his theme was To Use the Power of God.

Blessing upon the Noon Day meal was offered by Rev. Jack Lysaker.

Afternoon Session

Afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. Lee Lafferty and prayer by Bro. Donald Self.

Sister Debbie Griffin of Bellview Church in the Midway Association, who is making preparation to go to Japan for mission work, told us about her desire to do mission work. Rev. Allan Crowsan told of his work in France.

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

Churches reporting	16
Offering	\$73,396.96
Disbursements	\$73,858.26
Members received	23
Members lost	7

Report was submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth and Bro. Donald Self.

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

M/S/C to adopt new letter form for quarterly meeting.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board report as follows: As Chairman of the Mission Board, I attended as a member of the Executive Board, in a board meeting at Double Branch Church Jan. 4, 1986. I asked the Board for some input concerning the Perry Mission. From information I received, the main thing we need at the present is a full time minister. After taking this into consideration, I called all members of the Mission Board and we all agreed unanimously that we should formulate this plan.

We would like to express our thanks for the input and the cooperation we received from the Executive Board, the ministers, lay people, and especially the churches in their giving. In approximately eight (8) months, you have given somewhere near \$5,000.00. We appreciate this very much and pray you continue giving to this worthy cause.

In Mission Board treasury at present time is a balance of \$6,888.73 submitted by Rev. James E. Bryant, Chairman.

M/S/C to remove item from table for action. Item was amended to read as follows: Mission Board shall have authority over said missions in all matters of calling a pastor and overseeing the missions work until such mission becomes a local church and that the Mission Board shall visit each mission periodically.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report as follows: Bro. Obie Coleman is recommended to the Georgia Union Association to be licensed to preach the gospel under the watch care of this Association for one year.

M/S/C to adopt Treasury Report as listed below:

Association fund as of Jan. 10, 1986	\$752.41
Received this session	<u>\$505.00</u>
Association fund total	\$1257.42

Expenses

this session

1985 Minutes	\$300.00
Moderator fee & expenses	\$ 36.40
Clerk & expenses	\$ 35.00
Total expenses	<u>\$371.40</u>
Balance as of Jan 11, 1986	\$886.02
Retirement fund as of Jan 10, 1986	\$1831.02
Received this session	\$ 70.00
Total	<u>\$1901.02</u>
Received for conference	\$150.00

Total in Treasury \$2937.04

Submitted by Sis. Bryant, Sis. Betty Williams, and Bro. Edward Moore.

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

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wayne Wilson.

Moderator

Dr. Billy Sharpston
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Rev. Donald W. Moore

Second Quarter

On April 12, 1986, the Georgia Union Association convened at the First Church of Eastman, Ga. with singing led by Bro. Edison Smith and prayer by Bro. Kim Kelly. Moderator introduced Rev. David Young as the new Pastor of First Eastman Church and also extended welcome to those that were present. Rev. Tim Hutchinson delivered the morning devotion using scripture from Luke 10:25-37, using as his text "Whom Are you Willing to be Neighbor to."

M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide and to make any changes that are necessary. Roll call of delegates by Clerk, M/S/C to seat delegates that were present and any that may come in later. Roll call of Ministers by Clerk found 19 of 24 present. Moderator appointed Sis. Bessie Bryant and Sis. Evelyn Collins to serve on finance committee.

M/S/C to adopt minutes as read by Clerk. State Executive Secretary, Rev. Herbert Waid, gave the body an oral report on the financial needs for Debbie Griffin and Allan Crowson and the need to reroof the girls dormitory.

M/S/C to table proposed change in Article four (4) Section eight (8) of the Constitution, remove the word elect and insert the word appoint.

After fellowship period, we reassembled for the worship hour with singing led by Bro. Edison Smith and prayer by Rev. David Young and special singing by Rev. Jack Lysaker. The morning message was brought by Rev. John Amburgey using scripture from Numbers 16: 41-50, text "A Plague was Saved. Dismissed from morning session with prayer and the blessing upon the food that had been prepared for the body by Moderator, Dr. Billy Sharpston.

Afternoon Session

Afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. Edison Smith, prayer by Rev. Wayne Wilson. M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report as listed:

Members received	17
Members lost	8
Members baptized	8
Offering	\$73,528.45
Disbursements	\$19,203.31

We found that our new church letters do not have a place for disbursements. Submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth, Bro. Alton Fleming and Bro. Donald Self.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report as follows: Youth Rally is set for Saturday, May 10 at 4 P.M., Warner Robins FWB Church. To play Putt Putt Golf will cost \$1.00 per person if 100 or more plays. If less than 100, it will cost \$1.50 per person. Submitted by Rev. Wayne Wilson, Chairman.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board report. M/S/C to adopt recommendation as follows:

(1) We the Mission Board have come up with a plan to build a church at Perry. The plan calls for a building 24'x60' that will seat 120 people, with two Sunday School rooms and two handicap restrooms. We received the price of this building of [1] \$49,500.00, [2] \$35,000.00.

Bro. Lee Lafferty and myself got the price of all the material and labor that we cannot do or don't have time to do, and it came to near \$20,000.00. We are ready to build this church as soon as money is available. We have about \$8,000.00 in the Mission board treasurer, \$1,000.00 in Perry Building Fund. I have an application for \$10,000.00 filed with the State Board of Missions to be borrowed from the Living Memorial Fund, which has been approved by the board. We can receive this fund as soon as the Georgia Union gives the Mission Board permission to borrow this amount. I need a letter of approval from the association signed by the Clerk of the Georgia Union Association.

(2) A letter of intent has been filed with the State Board that we will start paying this amount back with no interest on July 10, 1986 with the approval of the Association. The payment will be 10% per month that the board and Mission Church receives. In addition, our intent is to apply all proceeds from the sale of the old church and land to the loan.

Bro. Moderator, I move that this report be received and acted upon.

James. E. Bryant, Chairman

Mission Board

M/S/C to ask the churches that did not send the \$75.00 to support Evangelistic Conferences, please do this if possible and that 40% of quarter fee be applied to pay money back to Retirement Funds.

M/S/C to take table item off table for action.

M/S/C to delete word elected from Constitution, Article IV, Section 8 and add word appointed.

M/S/C to accept the Mission Board Treasury report. In Treasure \$7581.75.
M/S/C to accept treasure report as follows:

Association Fund

Beginning Balance 1-10-86	\$1257.42
Receipts	<u>525.00</u>
	1782.42
Todays Receipts	<u>500.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$2282.42

Expenses:

Rev. Donald Moore	335.00
Rev. Billy Sharpston	29.40
White Oaks FWB Church	7.00
Harold Dunaway (Camp Mt. Bethel)	180.26
Sherman Jones (GU Mission Board)	270.38
Rev. Wayne Wilson (Christian Ed Bd)	270.38
Evangelistic Conference	925.00
Total Expenses	\$2017.42

Ending Balance 4-12-86	\$ 265.00
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Retirement Fund

Beginning Balance 1-10-86	\$1910.02
Receipts	<u>20.00</u>
	\$1921.02

Expenses:	00
None	

Ending Balance 4-12-86	\$1921.02
Todays Receipt	<u>70.00</u>
	\$1991.02

Balance in Treasure as of April 12, 1986	\$1686.02
Todays Receipts	<u>570.00</u>
	\$2256.02

This treasure report was submitted by Bro. Edward Moore.

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

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jack Lysaker.


Moderator

Clerk

Third Quarter Session

The Georgia Union Association held its Third Quarter Session at Bethel F.W.B Church near Chester, Ga. on July 12, 1986. Session began singing with Rev. Jack Lysaker as Music Director, prayer by Rev. John Amburgey.

Rev. Tony Howell, Host Pastor, extended a welcome to the Association body. Morning devotion was delivered by Rev. David Young. Scripture was taken from Matthew 5:13-16. M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide and make changes as necessary. Appointed to serve with Treasurer on Finance Committee were Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers and Sis. Rose Cannon. M/S/C to accept minutes of Second Quarter as read by Clerk. M/S/C to accept action by the Executive Board while Association was not in session. Executive Board recommended that Mission Board increase their loan application from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Moderator granted a recess for fellowship. After fellowship period, Rev. Jack Lysaker led the body in singing with prayer by Rev. Jimmy Coursey, special singing by Rev. Jack Lysaker. Rev. Leroy Lafferty delivered the morning message using scripture from Acts 26:13-18, his theme "Obedience". Dismissal prayer and blessing upon the food by Rev. Donald Moore.

Afternoon Session

Bro. Wayne Moore led the body in singing to begin the afternoon session with prayer by Rev. Webster Purvis. M/S/C to adopt Digest Committee Report as follows:

Churches attending	16
Offering	\$81,459.37
Disbursements	\$ 8,919.01
Members received	32
Members lost	8
Total gain	24

Submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth, Bro. Alton Fleming, and Bro. Donald Self.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report as listed. We are planning to go bowling at a bowling alley in Warner Robins. I do not have it finalized at this time, but when I do I will send out a letter of information. Submitted by Rev. Wayne Wilson, Chairman. M/S/C to replace Rev. John Freeman with Rev. John Amburgey as our representative on state camp board. Oral report from Mission Board concerning progress of New Church building at Perry. Bro. Bryant said every effort was being made to have dedication services the first Sunday in August.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report and act on each item. Recommend we accept Rev. David Young in full fellowship and as Pastor of First Eastman Church pending receipt of his letter from Green River Association of Kentucky.

M/S/C to accept treasure report as follows:

Balance as of April 12	\$250.00
Paid White Oak Church	13.00
Paid Moderator	42.18
Paid Clerk	30.46
Total expense	\$ 85.64
Received	\$536.00
Balance	\$700.36

Retirement fund as of April 12	\$2001.02
Received during quarter	15.00

Expenses

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Today's receipts

\$30.00

Balance in Treasure

\$2056.02

Submitted by Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers, Sis. Rose Cannon ad Bro. Edward Moore. M/S/C that the Association buy cups, plates and ice for Sunday School Convention. M/S/C to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality. Rev. John Amburgey gave oral report of progress at camp. Time given for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Tony Howell.


Moderator, Dr. Billy Sharpston

Chairman, Rev. Donald W. Moore

Annual Session

The Georgia Union Association annual session was held at Mt. Ararat Oct. 11, 1986. Rev. Jack Lysaker led the congregation in singing and the session was open with prayer by Rev. Tony Howell.

Welcome was extended by Hosp Pastor, Rev. Kary Shumate. Moderator, Dr. Billy Sharpston delivered the devotion. Dr. Sharpston chose II Peter 3:12 for his scripture, his topic "A Challenge to Grow."

M/S/C to adopt program outline as a guide and make any changes as may be necessary. Clerk ready the delegates name from church letters. M/S/C to seat the delegates. All call of ministers was read by Clerk. Moderator recognized visitors. Moderator appointed Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers and Sis. Bessie Mae Bryant to serve on the Finance Committee. Rev. Jack Lysaker and Rev. Charles Hardeman to serve on nominating committee. M/S/C to adopt third quarter minutes as read by Clerk.

Executive Secretary, the Rev. Herbert "aid, an oral report of progress being made in the state. recessed for about ten 10 minutes for fellowship. reconvened for worship hour with singing directed by Rev. Jack Lysaker and prayer by Rev. Wayne Wilson. Rev. Herman Hersey from National Association, who is director of board of retirement delivered the morning message. His text was taken from I Thess 2:13. Pray the ruth. Rev. John Amburgey rendered the dismissal prayer and blessing upon the food that was prepared for lunch. Afternoon session begin with singing led by Rev. Herbert "aid and prayer by Rev. David Young.

Rev. Herman Hersey gave the body oral information about the National Board of Retirement.

M/S/C to accept financial of Mission board as listed below, and that the Mission Board be allowed to give \$1,000.00 to Little Bethel Church to help them to rebuild their Church.

Expenses

Perry Mission	\$26,173.74
State Mission Board	492.18
Bal. in Treasury	3,199.25

M/S/C to give Bro. Bryant a rising vote of thanks for his dedication toward Perry Mission and its work.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board yearly report as follows:

Youth Activities

1. Skating party at Perry
2. Putt Putt Golf at Perry
3. Bowling at Perry

Sunday School Convention

We had four (4) churches with programs, attendance was fair, but could have been better. Mt. Ararat won first place. Double Branch placed second. Submitted by Rev. Wayne Wilson, Chairman.

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report as listed below.

We your Digest Committee found the following information:

Offering	\$296,261.54
Members received	78
Members lost	31
Total members gained	47
Churches attending	16

Submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth, Bro. Alton Fleming and Bro. Donald Self.

M/S/C to receive Ordaining Council report as a recommendation and acted on each item recommended that we provide The Little River Association a letter of good standing for Rev. William Sumner. M/S/C recommended that we grant Rev. John Freeman a letter of good standing to Polk Bayou Association. M/S/C recommended Rev. Charles McNease be accepted as a member of this Association pending a letter of good standing from West Tennessee Association of Free Will Baptists. Recommended that Rev. Obie Coleman's name be deleted from Minister's roll as he has united with another denomination. M/S/C. We have received a letter concerning Rev. Hoyt Findley. We recommend that he be placed under the watch care of the Warner Robins F.W.B. Church for a period of 90 days and thence come before the Ordaining Council for licensing procedure, M/S/C. Clerk notes Bro. Findley came to be re-instated, not for licensing or ordination.

Rev. John Amburgey, Rev. Charles McNease and Rev. David Young were appointed as a committee to study the feasibility of having a radio program.

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

M/S/C to accept treasure report as listed:

Balance as of July 12, 1986	\$579.36
Expenses October 11, 1986	
Rev. Billy Sharpston	35.99
Rev. Donald Moore	38.60
Rev. Herman Hersey	75.00
White Oak F.W.B. Church	7.50
Total Expenses	154.10
Ending Balance October 11, 1986	480.00
Today's receipts	60.00
National Association fee	965.26
Total in Association fund	2,091.02
Retirement Fund	15.00
Received during quarter	95.00
Balance in retirement fund	2,201.02
Total of both departments less exp.	3,166.28


Submitted by Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers, Sis. Bessie Bryant and Bro. Edward Moore.

The following were elected to office:

Moderator	Dr. Willy Sharpston
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Howard Faircloth
Clerk	Rev. Charles McNease
Assistant Clerk	Rev. John Amburgey
Treasure	Bro. Leonard Graham
Assistant Treasure	Bro. Jerry Dunaway
Mission Board	Rev. James E. Bryant and Bro. Sherman Jones
Christian Education Board	Rev. David Young, Bro. Harold Dunaway Bro. Marvin Joiner and Bro. Curtis Lysaker
Nominating Committee	Rev. John Amburgey, Rev. James E. Bruce and Rev. Jack Lysaker
Ordaining Council	Rev. W. L. Amerson and Rev. Elbert Powell.

Delegates to State Association were Sis. Purvis, Sis. Bryant and Sis. Sharpston.

M/S/C to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wayne Wilson.


Moderator, Rev. Billy Sharpston

Chairman, Rev. Donald Moore

A call conference was held at Beulah Springs Free Will Baptist Church on July 30, 1985

Meeting was called to order by the the Georgia Union Assistant Moderator Brother Howard Faircloth. Prayer was offered by Brother James Johnson.

Minutes of last meeting was read and adopted.

Bro, James Johnson reported that they had tried to get people to come but they would not, and we will just have to close the doors. It seems that the people in the community does not want a church here.

This is the last business conference that will be held at Beulah Springs Church. All property, buildings, and appurtenance thereto affixed and belongings shall from this day July 20, 1985 forward shall be the property of the Georgia Union Mission Board(working under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Union Association)

James & Bryant, Chairman

Hollis Smith, Vice chairman

Sherman Jones, Clerk

Brother James and Sister Johnnie Johnson wishes to express their heartfelt desire

that some of the assets of Beulah Springs Church be used in the future for the Glory and up-building of God in reaching lost souls.

The clerk and treasurer, Sister Johnnie of Beulah Springs has turned over to Brother Jones treasurer of the mission board the amount of \$482.81 for the purpose of use by the Georgia Union Mission Board.

The present members of Beulah Springs church business session request that the contents of this letter be printed in the Georgia Union Association 1985 Minutes.

This conference will be forwarded to the Georgia Union Mission board for their acceptance.

The Georgia Union Mission board has the responsibility to hold one meeting per year at this church in order to continue to use the land until property is used, sold or deleted.

If services at this church as per once per year ceases to exist the land will revert back to the original joint owners.

Meeting adjourned.

Acting Moderator Brother Howard Faircloth

Clerk Sister Johnnie Johnson

NOTES, THIS INFORMATION WASTO BE FURNISHED TO CLERK SO THAT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN IN 1985 MINUTES.

GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church on Sept. 13, 1986 at 10:00 A.M. Amy Eason and Stephanie Dossett from Double Branch Church provided special music before the convention was called to order. Rev. John Amburgey welcomed everyone to the convention. Rev. Wayne Wilson presented the morning devotion THE DANGERS OF ROCK MUSIC especially addressing the young people of the convention.

Rev. Edward Bruce appointed the following committees:

Nominations Committee: Wayne Moore, Rev. Donald Moore, Rev. Kerry Shumate and Rev. John Amburgey.

Judging Committee: Jeanette Williams, Rev. John Amburgey, Sherman Jones, Mrs. David Young and Mrs. Donald Self.

The Offertory Prayer was given by Rev. John Amburgey and an offering was received.

Mt. Ararat presented the first program. Pine Level was prepared to present their program second but due to a gragedy to one of their church families they were unable to present their program. Rev. David Young presented the morning message KNOWING GOD. Rev. Howard Faircloth dismissed the convention for the noon meal.

The convention reconvened with special music by Amy Eason and Stephanie Dossett. The program continued as follows: Double Branch with Little Bethel last. The judges were dismissed. Bro. Bruce recognized individuals who had perfect attendance in Sunday School

ranging from 1 year to as many as 17 years.

The business session was opened with prayer by Rev. David Young. The minutes and treasurer's report was read and adopted. There was no old business. The nominating committee recommended to keep the same officers. M/S/C to retain the same officers. M/S/C to have the 1987 convention at Double Branch Church. Perry Mission Church was presented the attendance plaque with a 30% increase in Sunday School Attendance. First place program plaque was presented to Mt. Ararat and second place plaque went to Double Branch. A love offering was taken at the convention for the family of Pine Level Church who lost their home in a fire earlier in the day. M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Dunaway

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Sec.-Treas.

TREASURER REPORT

INCOME

Balance Forward	\$ 154.58
Registration Fees	50.00
Special Offering	
Christian Hill	10.00
Little Bethel	25.00
Bethlehem	15.00
Convention Offering	57.42

\$ 312.00

EXPENSES

Plaques	\$ 28.00
Ice	5.00
Stamps	8.00

\$ 41.00

1986 BALANCE

\$ 271.00

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Dunaway

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Sec. - Treas.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Georgia Union District Woman's Aux. met at Double Branch Church. on Sept. 20, 1986. The theme was "Lively Stones."

The meeting was called to order by the President, Shirley Sharpston. The song, "Make Me A Channel Of Blessing," was sung. Viola Hunt led in prayer. The devotion was brought by Shirley Sharpston using 1 Peter 2:1-10. She pointed out that we are building stones upon which Christ can build His church.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The following committees were appointed: Credentials: Nita Hobbs, Betty Williams, Finance: Viola Hunt, Charlene Williams, Resolutions: Stella Ray, Dot Williams, Nominating: Mary Dunaway, Doris Evens, Viola Hunt.

Mary Holden Dunaway gave a report from the state meeting. She also read a letter from Ga. Woman's Auxiliary Pres. Martha Everson. She announced that the State Retreat will be held Mar. 20&21, 1987. A report from the State Treasurer was read concerning the State Project, also a report was given on the National Retreat. A song "I Would Be True" was sung. Mary Holden Dunaway led in prayer.

Our speaker for this meeting was Debbie Griffin, missionary appointee to Japan. Her subject was "Prayer". She used Eph. 1:15-17 and 1 Sam. 30:24 as her scripture. She pointed out that we don't pray as the early church did and that may be the reason we see so little results on the mission field. She asked that we pray especially for her departure on Dec. 1, for her family, for her study in language school, for her adjustment to the culture in Japan, and for her ministry to the Japanese people.

We adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with a program brought by several members using our theme. Those giving parts were: Charlene Williams, Stella Ray, Fonnnette Nutt, Viola Hunt, and Betty Williams.

Reports from the committees were given as follows:

Credentials: 3 churches, 36 members, 15 visitors, 11 ave. attendance

Resolutions: Be it resolved: 1. That we adopt the resolutions of the 1986 WNAC convention. 2. That we support the Eunice Edwards Fund to give \$50,000 in 5 years to help churches abroad. 3. That we make Ridgecrest our bi-annual site for National Retreat. 4. That we adopt the theme "Them also I must bring", the song, "Bring Them In", and the scripture, John 10:16. 5. That we support the goals for Target 90. 6. That we pray and give support to the Advance Celebration.

Nominating: Pres. Shirley Sharpston, Vice Pres. Betty Williams, Sec. Nita Hobbs, Treas. Bessie Simmons, Mission Action Stella Ray, Mission Prayer Viola Hunt, Mission Study Kathy Douglas, Song Leader Betty Williams.

We will meet Sept. 19, 1987 at Pleasant Hill Church, Vienna. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. Doris Evens dismissed the meeting in prayer. M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Hobbs, Ga. Union Dist. Sec.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

1985-86

INCOME

Balance 10-1-85	\$ 70.43
Pre-Thanksgiving offering	97.30
Pre-Easter offering	192.36
State Project	345.00
Crowson's Account	310.00
Printing National Minutes	2.00
Student Loan Fund	38.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	13.00
W.N.A.C.	26.00
W.N.A.C. Emphasis Month	45.65
Membership Fees	72.00
Registration Fees	2.00
District Meeting Offering	17.20
Total	\$ 1230.94

Auxiliary Supplies	\$ 261.54
Local Church Activities	\$ 128.28
	\$ 389.82

Sent to State Treasurer	
Pre-Thanksgiving offering	\$ 97.30
Pre-Easter offering	192.36
State Project	345.00
Crowson's Account	310.00
Printing National Minutes	3.00
Student Loan Fund	38.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	13.00
W.N.A.C.	26.00
W.N.A.C. Emphasis Month	45.65
Membership Fees	54.00
Debbie Griffin Account	5.00
Total	\$ 1079.31

Balance in treasury 10-1-86	\$ 56.63
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Money sent direct	
Retired Ministers	\$ 40.00
Children's Home	30.00
Youth Camp Project	8.28
Other special offerings	12.36
Foreign Missions	23.20
Speaker at district- D. Griffin	50.00
Total	\$ 226.44

Respectfully Submitted,

Bessie Simmons, Ga. Union Treas.

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
Bay Spring	1884	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Hollis Smith 912-374-2143 Rt. 5, Box 504 Eastman, GA 31023
Bethlehem	1917	Rev. Charles Hardeman	Mrs. Jack Calhoun 912-273-3947 Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordele, GA 31015
Christian Hill	1887		Mary Frances Brown 912-365-7488 Rt. 1 Abbeville, GA 31001
Cross Road	1910	Rev. Charles McNease	Willie Ruth Rogers 912-934-2532 Rt. 3 Cochran, GA 31014
Double Branch	1896	Rev. Wayne Wilson	Mrs. H.E. Dunaway 912-892-9388 Rt. 1, Box 77 Unadilla, GA 31091
Dublin Mission	1966	Rev. Jack Lysaker	Sue R. Lindsey 912-358-4860 P.O. Box 1882 Dublin, GA 31040
First Eastman	1961	Rev. David Young	Janice Beck 912-374-7190 Rt. 2, Box 22 Eastman, GA 31023
Little Bethel	1915	Rev. Tony Howell	Tommy Parker 912-934-6048 Rt. 3 Cochran, GA 31014
Mt. Ararat	1885	Rev. Kary Shumate	Mary Hardeman 912-374-5731 Rt. 4, Box 50 Eastman, GA 31023
New Hope	1967		Myrtle Howell 912-934-6870 Rt. 5 Cochran, GA 31014
Perry Mission	1974	Rev. Leroy Lafferty	Julia M. Greer 912-987-0856 705 Pine Ridge St. Perry, GA 31069
Pine Level	1924	Rev. John Amburgey	Monice Moore 912-374-3217 Rt. 6, Box 195 Eastman, GA 31023
Pleasant Hill	1898	Rev. Charles Stiles	Viola Hunt 912-273-3081 713 13th Ave. E. Cordele, GA 31015
Warner Robins	1964	Rev. James Bryant	Bessie Mae Bryant 912-929-0491 214 Brady Drive Warner Robins, GA 31093
White Oak	1953	Dr. Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins 912-788-8530 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, GA 31206
Wilson Chapel	1960	Rev. L.S. Anthony	Robert B. Clark 404-647-2489 Ellerbee Town Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286

Members		Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc. Dues
Rec'd	Lost					
0	2	78	15	No	\$10,063.00	\$30.00
6	3	73	39	No	\$22,311.00	\$25.00
1	1	84	22	No	\$6,981.63	\$30.00
2	0	45 Est.	33	10	\$4,557.09	\$20.00
8	1	129	75	44	\$51,545.14	\$40.00
4	2	49	18	12	\$12,615.17	\$20.00
5	4	89	26	No	\$17,377.91	\$30.00
3	2	119	34	No	\$21,893.40	\$35.00
5	0	55	29	24	\$13,764.62	\$25.00
0	0	54	35	No	\$3,779.65	\$25.00
6	3	20	14	No	\$2,298.58	\$15.00
7	3	72	38	29	\$19,870.86	\$25.00
1	5	105	30	20	\$17,098.94	\$35.00
2	0	25	10	No	\$3,000.00	\$15.00
30	4	198	92	20	\$82,779.87	\$50.00
2	1	72	21	7	\$9,236.68	\$25.00

**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.

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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 appointed 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.

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) Mission receiving help from this board must either be established or accepted by the board.

(B) Board shall authority over said mission in all matters in regard to calling a Pastor and overseeing the mission work until such mission becomes a Church.

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 2nd. Saturday of each September. 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, workshop, 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 the amendment was tabled in the morning session.

2. Board members shall be reimbursed for their mileage to called meetings, other mileages shall be reimbursed at the discretion of the board.

William Henry Nobles

Bro. William Henry Nobles of Chester Ga. a retired farmer and School bus driver went to be with the Lord 28 September 1986. He was 78 years old.

Bro. Nobles was a chartered member of Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, where he served as a Sunday School Teacher and Deacon. He also served on the Executive Board and Mission Board of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Henry was a man dedicated to serving the Lord, He was always there when you needed him at home or at Church.

Bro. Henry is survived by his wife Florene, three (3) daughter two (2) sons, nine (9) grandchildren and thirteen (13) great-grandchildren.

Bro. Nobles was buried in Pine Level Free Will Baptist Cemetery. He was a blessing to all that knew him and will surely be missed.

Rev. Larry Williams, Rev. Charles Clark and his Pastor Rev. John Amburgey officiated at the services.

Little Bethel Church

Little Bethel Church was destroyed by fire September 27 1986 the origin of the fire is not known at this time, they are holding services in fellowship hall at Salem Baptist Church on highway 26 east of Cochran Ga.

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.