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OF THE
NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
BETHLEHEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEAR CORDELE, GEORGIA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1988

- OFFICERS -

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ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. Howard Faircloth
CLERK Rev. Charles McNeese
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Dates and places to remember

1st Quarterly Session January 7, 1989.....Christian Hills
 2nd Quarterly Session April 8, 1989.....Cross Roads
 3rd Quarterly Session July 8, 1989.....Double Branch
 Annual Session October 7, 1989.....Dublin Mission

Sunday School Convention September 9, 1989..Pine Level

Camp Meeting October 2-6 1989.....Giddens School

Woman's Auxiliary September 16, 1989.....Wilson Chapel

Speakers

January....Message-Rev. Hoyt Findley- Devotion- Rev. Jack Lysaker
 April ...Message- Rev. James Bruce- Devotion- Rev. Charles McNeese
 JulyMessage- Rev. James Bryant- Devotion- Rev. Paul Smith
 October..Message- Rev. Jerome McNeese- Devotion- Bro. Grover Jewell
 Camp Meeting Speaker- Rev. Richard Adams

Recommended Order of Church Business Meeting

1. Call to order by Moderator
2. Open meeting with Prayer
3. Invite visiting Brethren 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

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First Quarterly Session

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(*) Denotes Pastors

The first session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 16, 1988 at the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia.

The moderator, Dr. Billy Sharpston brought the meeting to order. Rev. Carson Weaver led in the singing with Rev. James Bruce leading in prayer. Rev. Bill Amerson brought the morning devotion from Luke 6:45-49 and Rev. John Amburgey rendering a special in song.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary change.

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

Roll call of ministers showed there were 20 out of 29 present.

Moderator recognized those visiting with us.

Moderator appointed Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Faye Bryant to serve with Bro. Leonard Graham on Finance Committee.

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

M/S/C to accept Executive Committee recommendation to revise Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution of the Georgia Union Association to read as follows:

Section 3. (A) The Ordaining Council shall consist of five ministers in good standing, elected to 5 year terms on a staggered basis.

(B) They shall be paid \$.20 a mile for work done between associations.

(C) They shall investigate and question prospective candidates for licensing or ordination as they deem necessary and as outlined by other regulations adopted by this assembly.

(D) No candidate for licensing or ordination may come to this body for a vote until the recommendation of this council has been submitted.

M/S/C to table this recommendation till the afternoon session.

Dismissed for break.

We reassembled with Rev. Paul Smith leading the singing and Rev. Hoyt Findley leading in prayer. Bro. Al Carrington brought the special music. Dr. Billy Sharpston brought the morning message in the place of Rev. Jack Lysaker who was in the hospital from a heart attack. Bro. Sharpston used as his text Matt. 28:19-20 entitled "The Good Life".

We had a session of prayer for Bro. Jack Lysaker.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on the food was given by Rev. Tony Howell.

Afternoon Session

The evening session began with Rev. John Amburgey leading in the singing with Rev. Gerald Brown leading in prayer. Special music was given by Bro. Al Carrington.

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report as follows:

Churches reporting	16
Members received	23
Members lost	10
Net gain	13

Church offering recieved 89,990.96
 M/S/C to accept Mission Board Treasury report by Bro. Jones. The Georgia Union Mission Board has a balance of 4,906.50. The Perry Mission is sending 10% of their income to the Mission Board.

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

Perry Mission	
Sunday morning Service	22
Sunday evening Service	18
Wednesday night Service	13

State report

The property they looked at in Milledgeville was \$95,000 an acre, unable to handle. Someone was doing a survey in Milledgeville to see how many Free Will Baptists was in that area. They should have the findings soon.

Atlanta Mission	
\$110,000	paid on property
Sell bonds	\$125,000
327.00 Week for bond payment	
35 people meeting	

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

Youth Camp June 26-July 1

Bro. Paul said we may go in with another association because of low attendance last year. Will announce Youth activities very soon.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report as follows:

M/S/C to accept Rev. Gerald Brown into our association. We have a letter of good standing from the Chattahoochee Association.

M/S/C to grant Rev. David Young a letter of good standing, when we receive the request from the clerk of the Little River Association.

M/S/C to take off the table the recommendation of the Executive Board concerning the Constitution change.

M/S/C to adopt this change (see morning session).

M/S/C to accept the Camp Meeting report as follows:

Bro. Fred Warner will be our Camp Meeting evangelist October 3-7. We are looking into the possibility of using the old Giddens school building on the Eastman Chester road. M/S/C to give host church a rising vote of thanks for the good meal and hospitality.

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

Bal 1/6/88	
Retirement Fund	526.02
Association Fund	654.04
Beginning Total	1,180.06
Received today 1/16/88	
Association Fee's	450.00
Retirement Fund	105.00
Total received	555.00
Paid out today 1/16/88	76.88
Net bal received	478.12
Brought forward	1,180.06
Grand Total	1,658.18
Retirement Fund	631.02
Association Fund	1,027.16

M/S/C to accept Nominating Committee report as follows:
 Rev. Lee Lafferty to fill the term on the Christian Education Board in place of Rev. James Bruce who resigned. Re-election date will be (89).

Bro. Morris Bryant to fill the place left by Rev. Kary Shumate (89).

Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Robert Stiles.

Moderator *Billy Sharpston*
 Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk *Charles McNeese*
 Rev. Charles McNeese

Second Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association met on April 9, 1988 with the Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Thomaston, Georgia. Brother John Amburgey led in the singing with Brother Robert Stiles leading in prayer.

Host Pastor Brother L.S. Anthony welcomed everyone present. Brother Anthony brought the morning devotion on John 20:19-31.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary change.

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

Roll call of minister's showed there were 15 out of 28 present. Rev. Roscoe Pitts deceased during the last quarter. Moderator recognized visiting pastor Rev. Gerald Blaxley of the Chattahoochee Association.

Moderator appointed Brother Billy Atkins to serve on Digest Committee. He also appointed Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Gennette McNeese to serve on Finance Committee.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of last session as read by Clerk. Dismissed for break.

We reassembled with a Brother from the Thomaston Church leading in the singing with Brother Gerald Blaxley leading in prayer. Brother Jack Lysaker brought the morning message using as his text Mark 2:1-12.

Brother L.S. Anthony gave instructions concerning the noon meal and asked the Lord's blessing on the food.

Afternoon Session

Brother John Amburgey opened with leading in singing with Brother Gerald Brown leading in prayer.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board report given by Brother James Bryant as follows:

Mission Board Treasury \$5,908.14

The Mission Church in Atlanta is on hold.

Brother Howard Faircloth gave the digest report as follows:

Churches reporting	16
Members received	10
Members lost	14
Offering received	89,407.00
Church Deacon's	57
Preachers	26

Brother Paul Smith gave the Christian Education Board report as follows:

We had 106 present at last meeting with 8 churches represented. The next meeting will be

May 14 at Double Branch a hay ride is planned. M/S/C.

M/S/C to accept Brother John Amburgey's report on the camp as follows:

Georgia Union Camp Session will be July 24-29 in association with the Chattahoochee and the Twin Cities Associations.

Parking lot paved between girls dorm and the kitchen.

Girls dorm ready for air Conditioning. The boy's dorm is being prepared for air. Brother Jeff Calhoun resigned from the Christian Education Board because of his health.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report as follows:

We have received the letter from the Little River Association for Rev. David Young and recommend a letter of good standing be sent to said association.

We have received a letter of good standing for Rev. Robert Stiles from the Greater St. John's Association of Florida.

M/S/C to adopt the Treasurer's report given by Bro.

Leonard Graham:

Beginning bal. 4/9/88	699.68
Received today	540.00
Sub Total	1,239.68
Expenses today	100.10
Total in Treasury	1,139.58
Divided thusly	
Retirement fund	476.02
Association fund	463.56
Grand Total	\$1,139.58

M/S/C to have a moment of silent prayer in memory of Rev. Roscoe Pitts.

Brother Jack Lysaker reported that the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dublin will have a note burning Saturday April 2 at 2:00 P.M.

Brother James Bruce spoke concerning a minister starting a church and the problem of losing his credentials. This matter was cleared up.

Brother Donald Moore brought up the idea of having a Senior Citizen group for the Association. Each Pastor was to check with his church to see who was interested.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Howard Faircloth.

Moderator

Billy Sharpston
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Charles McNeese
Rev. Charles McNeese

Third Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church on July 9, 1988.

Brother Jack Lysaker opened the meeting by leading in the singing with Brother Paul Smith leading in prayer.

Host Pastor Brother Howard Faircloth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Brother Elbert Powell gave the morning devotional on Believing the Word and doing what it says. He used scripture from Jonah and Acts.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary change.

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

Roll Call of ministers showed there were 15 out of 26 present.

Moderator appointed Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Faye Bryant to assist Brother Graham on the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to adopt minutes as read by Clerk.

We had a short recess.

We began the morning service with Brother Jack Lysaker leading in the singing with Brother L.S. Anthony leading in prayer. The Bay Springs Choir brought a special in song.

Brother and Sister Jewell also rendered a special in song.

Brother Tony Howell brought the morning message using as his text Rev. 2. Several responded by going to the altar for prayer.

Brother Howard Faircloth gave instruction concerning the noon meal. Brother Hollis Smith prayed the blessing on the meal.

Afternoon Session

In the evening session Brother Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Brother Jerome McNeese leading in prayer.

M/S/C to accept the digest report given by Brother Donald Self as follows:

Churches reporting	16
Members recieved	17
Members lost	6
Gain of	11
Offering recieved	\$62,125.66

M/S/C to accept Executive Board recommendation to purchase liability insurance to cover associational activities. 1,000,000 coverage for 220.00 annually, from Church Mutual.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report given by Brother Paul Smith as follows:

Sunday School Convention will be September 10, 1988.

Camp date will be July 24-29.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report and adopt item by item.

M/S/C to recommend sending a letter of good standing to the Little River Association for Rev. Charles Hardeman.

M/S/C to recommend Rev. Jerome McNeese to be accepted by faith, as a licensed minister, pending a letter of recommendation from the Little River Association.

Brother Billy Sharpston shared some information concerning the Target 90 Program.

M/S/C to accept Finance Committee report given by Brother Graham as follows:

Balance 7/9/88	1,041.78
Received today 7/9/88	570.00
Total	1,611.78
Disbursements 7/9/88	
Clerk fee & expense	32.39
Moderator fee & expense	27.00
Total expense	59.39
Balance all funds	1,552.39
Retirement fund	716.02
Association fund	836.37

M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting and for a very fine meal.

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

Brother Leroy Lafferty resigned from the Perry Mission July 3, 1988.

Brother J.D. Bryant will serve as the new Mission Board Treasurer.

Mission in Atlanta is selling 165,000 church bonds.

Recommend a moment of silent prayer in memory of

Brother Dick Jones and to have his obituary in the yearly minutes.

M/S/C to accept Camp meeting report as follows:

Brother Fred Warner will be our Camp meeting speaker October 3-7.

The Giddens School building is secured for the meeting.

a room has been reserved at the Carriage Inn for Brother Warner.

Brother Donald Moore will serve as our Camp meeting Prayer Coordinator.

Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Robert Stiles.

Moderator

Billy Sharpston
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Charles McNeese
Rev. Charles McNeese

Annual Session

The Georgia Union Association met with the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church for its annual meeting October 8, 1988.

Bro. Jack Lysaker began the meeting by leading in the singing with Bro. Hoyt Findley leading in prayer.

Bro. Marvin Wade of the Bethlehem Church gave the welcome.

Bro. Donald Self gave the devotional from John 3:14-17.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary change.

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

Roll call of ministers showed there were 18 out of 26 present.

Moderator recognized some visitors from the Little River Association.

M/S/C to elect the Mission Board members so they can meet during the noon hour.

M/S/C to elect by acclamation, Bro. James Bryant, Bro. Grover Jewell and Bro. Jerry Dunaway as the Nominating Committee recommends.

Moderator appointed Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Willie Ruth Rodgers to assist Bro. Leonard Graham on the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to adopt minutes as read by Clerk.

We had a short recess.

We began the morning service with Bro. Jack Lysaker leading in the singing. Bro. Howard Faircloth brought the morning message using as his text Eph. 5:1-14; 6:10-17.

Bro. Bennie Lafferty dismissed the morning service and asked the blessing on the food.

Afternoon Session

Bro. Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Bro. James Bryant leading in prayer.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board report given by Bro. James Bryant as follows:

Perry Mission

Sunday School	12
Morning Worship	14
Midweek Prayer	12
The Perry Church hopes to become self supporting this year.	

State report

The Atlanta Mission has sold all of its bonds.

Sunday School	17
Morning Worship	20
Evening Worship	17
Prayer Meeting	16

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report given by Bro. Donald Self as follows:

Churches reporting	15
Members received	64
Members lost	29
Total gain	35
Tithes & Offerings	\$297,293.15
Total Membership	1,202

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report given by Bro. Paul Smith as follows:

Two Youth rallies had over 100 in each meeting. November 19 meeting will be at Cross Roads. The Children Home from Eldridge Alabama will present a program. A good Sunday School Convention, Pine Level was first place with Pleasant Hill being second. The next convention will be at the Pine Level Church. The Christian Education Board treasury has a balance of \$1,070.56.

M/S/C to accept Camp Meeting Committee's report given by Bro. Charles McNeese as follows:

We had a very good meeting and there were several who went to the altar. We had good attendance as follows: 85,75,87,79 and 89. We had total offerings for the week of \$322.68. We had 9 Churches giving \$50.00 toward the meeting. The Camp Meeting Committee agreed to try to get Bro. Richard Adams from Elizabethton, Tennessee for our next Camp Meeting speaker.

Treasury report	
Churches giving	\$450.00
Offerings	322.68
Total available	772.68

Disbursements:

Giddens Community House	75.00
Christian Book Store (moving piano)	50.00
Lodging for Evangelist	178.05
Rev. Fred Warner	400.00
Giddens Community House (light bulbs & etc.)	15.00
Total expense	718.05
Balance	54.63

M/S/C to commend the Camp Meeting Committee for the work and success of the Camp Meeting.

M/S/C to give Host Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting and the fine meal.

Moderator appointed Bro. Donald Self to the Camp Meeting Committee.

Moderator appointed State delegates: Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Faye Bryant, Sister Mary Dunaway, Sister Gennette McNeese and Sister Shirley Sharpston.

Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to accept the Ordaining Council report given by Bro. Elbert Powell as follows:

1. Recommend that Rev. Jerome McNeese be ordained.
2. Recommend that Bro. Charles Lysaker be licensed to

preach for one year.

3. Recommend that Rev. Billy Sumner be accepted into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Little River Association.

M/S/C to accept Treasurer report given by Bro. Leonard Graham as follows:

Bal. October 8, 1988	\$1,352.83
Received today	
Association fees	425.00
National Association dues	60.00
Total received	580.00
Treasury sub-total	1,932.83
Expense today	
Moderator & expense	35.00
Clerk & expense	54.35
Total bal.	1,843.48
Retirement fund	761.02
Associational fund	1,072.46

M/S/C to accept Nominating Committee report and to elect office by office.

The following were elected to office.

Moderator	Dr. Billy Sharpston
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Howard Faircloth
Clerk	Rev. Charles McNeese
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Richard Hodges
Treasurer	Rev. Donald Moore
Assistant Treasurer	Bro. Jerry Dunaway
Exec. Board member at large	(90) Bro. Emmett Dunaway
Trustee Board	Bro. Ross Bennett
Ordaining Council	

Digest Committee
Mission Board

(93) Rev. Elbert Powell
(90) Rev. Tony Howell
(91) Rev. James Dixon

Christian Education Board
Nominating Committee

(90) Rev. James Bryant
(90) Bro. Grover Jewell
(89) Bro. Jerry Dunaway
(91) Bro. Philip Laney

Rev. Paul Smith
Rev. Donald Moore
Rev. Tim Hutchinson

State Board Members:

Board of Camping

Board of Christian Education

Rev. Jack Lysaker
Rev. Paul Smith

M/S/C to order 300 minutes of the association.

M/S/C to place Rev. Emmett McDuffie on the honor roll.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Gerald Brown.

Moderator

Billy Sharpston
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Charles McNeese
Rev. Charles McNeese

Georgia Union Sunday School Convention

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at First Eastman Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, September 10, 1988 at 10:00 A.M.

The convention was called to order with congregational singing and with prayer offered by Rev. McNeese. Rev. Paul Smith welcomed everyone to the convention. Rev. Jack Lysaker presented the devotion.

Program judges were appointed as follows: Arnold Williams, Warren Holt, Edward Moore, Rev. James Dixon, and Willie Ruth Rogers.

The programs were presented as follows:

- (1) Double Branch
- (2) Perry Mission
- (3) Pine Level

Rev. Billy Hanna brought an inspiring message on the importance of Sunday School and its growth.

An offering was received and the convention was dismissed for the noon meal.

The convention resumed with special singing by the Moore family.

The programs continued as follows:

- (4) Pleasant Hill
- (5) Bay Springs

The business session was opened with prayer by Rev. Robert Stiles. The minutes were read and accepted.

The attendance banner was presented to Bay Springs having a 16.5% increase. Rev. Smith recognized everyone present at the convention with perfect attendance by each particular number of years.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

First place program presentation went to Pine Level with second place going to Pleasant Hill. Crossroads Church received the Sunday School Standards plaque.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Edward Bruce. The motion recieved a second and was carried.

The 1989 convention will be held at Pine Level.

OFFERING RECEIVED	\$60.00
CHURCH FEES	\$40.00
SPECIAL OFFERING	
Bethlehem	\$15.00
CHURCHES PRESENT	8
PROGRAMS PRESENTED	5

Respectfully submitted,
Harold E. Dunaway, Jr.
 Harold E. Dunaway, Jr.
 Sec.-Treas.

GEORGIA UNION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

1987-1988		
Oct. 15, 1987 Balance Forwarded		\$ 61.86
Pre-Thanksgiving (Home Missions)	\$120.45	
Pre-Easter (Foreign Missions)	86.00	
Lora Shutes State Project (Bishops)	362.00	
Crowson Account	598.00	
Griffin Account	110.00	
Eunice Edwards Fund	14.00	
Laura Belle Barnard Retirement Fund	25.00	
Student Loan Fund	34.00	
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	11.00	
WNAC	22.00	
WNAC Emphasis Month	45.00	
Printing Nat'l Minutes	3.00	
Membership Fees	116.00	
Registration Fees	10.00	
District Meeting Offering 9-17-88	44.00	
Total	\$ 1625.45	
Balance		\$ 1687.31
Sent Direct:		
Board of Retirement	60.00	
Missionary Provision Closet	43.50	
Debbie Griffin	60.00	
Gary Labor (Nat'l Convention)	100.00	
Janice Banks	15.00	
Children's Home	60.00	
Local Auxiliary Activities	738.91	
Auxiliary Literature & Supplies	285.00	
Total	\$ 1362.41	
Grand Total		\$ 3049.72
Disbursements:		
Total Received		\$ 1687.31
Pre-Thanksgiving	120.45	
Pre-Easter	86.00	
Lora Shutes State Project	362.00	
Crowson Account	598.00	
Griffin Account	110.00	
Eunice Edwards Fund	14.00	
Laura Belle Barnard Retirement Fund	25.00	
Student Loan Fund	34.00	
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	11.00	
WNAC	22.00	
WNAC Emphasis Month	45.00	
Printing Nat'l Minutes	3.00	
Membership Fees	87.00	
Co-Laborer	25.00	
Book of stamps for Treasurer	5.00	
Laura Belle Barnard (District Meeting)	50.00	
Total	\$ 1597.45	
Balance Sept. 20, 1988		\$ 89.86

Respectfully submitted,
 Bessie Simmons, Ga. Union Aux. Treas.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Georgia Union Woman's Auxiliary met Sept. 17, 1988 at White Oaks church. The meeting was opened by the Pres., Shirley Sharpston. The song, "Bring Them In" was sung. Kathy Douglas led in prayer. The welcome was given by Doris Evans. The Georgia Auxiliary Secretary, Rachel Horne was a welcome visitor. The devotion was brought by Freda Hodges. Scripture used was Prov.16:3, and Prov.25:24. She spoke on relationships in the home. She said that man is the head of the home and the wife is the heart. She stated that we need to have a genuine relationship with God that will spread out to our family and others. She closed with prayer.

The business session was opened. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Committees appointed were: Nominating: Mary Dunaway, Kathy Douglas, Freda Hodges. Finance: Bessie Simmons, June Mercer, Clara Wilson. Credentials: Nita Hobbs, Betty Williams, Naomi Rucker. Resolutions: Jane Sumner, Inez Parks, Rosie Howington. A letter was read from State Pres. Martha Everson. Delegates appointed to the State were: Shirley Sharpston, Nita Hobbs, Bessie Simmons, Stella Ray, Suzan Hutchinson, Jane Sumner and Gail Ray. The business session was closed. The song, "Praise the Lord" was sung after which the program was introduced by Shirley Sharpston. She used John 10:16 as her scripture. Her subject was Them Also I Must Bring. Each participant offered ideas in different areas that we might reach out to others through our church work. Kathy Douglas spoke on children and how we need to reach them. Suzan Hutchinson spoke on reaching other nationalities. Betty Williams spoke on reaching those at the Rescue Mission. Donna Jewell spoke on reaching those in the Nursing Homes. Naomi Rucker spoke on the great need of reaching the youth. The program was closed in prayer by Dot Williams. We dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with the song, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Prayer was led by Bessie Simmons. A report on the Nat'l Retreat at Ridgecrest was given by Gail Ray. Committee reports were as follows: Credentials: 5 churches, 58 members, 2 visitors, 9 ave. attendance. Resolutions: 1. That we adopt the resolutions of the Nat'l Convention. 2. That every local auxiliary send a minimum of \$1. per member to the missionary gift to be given at the State meeting. 3. That each auxiliary send \$10. for expenses to the state. 4. That we discuss new forms be drawn up for secretary and treasurer reports. 5. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks. Finance: Balance in treasury, \$95.86. Nominating: Pres. Kathy Douglas, V.Pres. Suzan Hutchinson, Sec. Nita Hobbs, Treas. Bessie Simmons, Field Worker, Mary Dunaway. M/S/C to send \$50. to the Laura Belle Barnard Retirement Fund. Our next meeting will be Sat., Sept. 16, 1989 at Wilson Chapel. M/S/C to dismiss. Closing prayer was brought by Jane Sumner.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Hobbs, Ga. Union Dist. Sec.

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS (Revised, 1980, 1/81, 4/82, 10/87)

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as ~~The~~ Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 2. This association and its member churches adopt the Treatise of faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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 faith and practices and adopt the doctrines established by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and any further requirements established by this association.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall investigate and submit their recommendation to this association 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:

Members	Fee	Members	Fee
1 - 25	\$15.00	151 - 175	\$45.00
26 - 50	20.00	176 - 200	50.00
51 - 75	25.00	201 - 225	55.00
76 - 100	30.00	226 - 250	60.00
101 - 125	35.00	Over 250	(\$60 Plus \$5 for every 25 members)
126 - 150	40.00		

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, a clerk, assistant clerk, a treasurer, and assistant treasurer. They shall serve two year terms, with tenure beginning immediately at the close of the October session.

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 board 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 association. 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 executive committee shall be reimbursed for all special and called meetings they attend at the rate of \$.20 per mile.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. (A) The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairman of 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 session 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. (A) The Ordaining Council shall consist of five ministers in good standing, elected to five year terms on a staggered basis.

(B) They shall be paid \$.20 a mile for work done between associations.

(C) They shall investigate and question prospective candidates for licensing or ordination as they deem necessary and as outlined by other regulations adopted by this assembly.

(D) 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 three 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 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 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, 10/87)

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 messages 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 equally between the Georgia Union Mission and Christian Education Boards.
11. Each church or mission shall furnish the clerk of the association with three copies of their letter at the October session.

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
Bay Springs	1884	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Hollis Smith 912-374-2143 Rt. 5, Box 504 Eastman, Ga. 31023
Behtlehem	1917		Mrs. Jack Calhoun 912-273-3947 Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordoba, Ga. 31015
Christian Hill	1887	Rev. Jerome McNeese	Mary Frances Brown 912-365-7488 Rt. 1 Abbeville, Ga. 31001
Cross Road	1910	Rev. Charles McNeese	Willie Ruth Rogers 912-934-2532 Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014
Double Branch	1896	Rev. Paul Smith	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. Owen Ganey	Janice Beck 912-374-7190 Rt. 2, Box 22 Eastman, Ga. 31023
Little Bethel	1915	Rev. Hoyte Findley	Tommy Parker 912-934-6048 Rt. 3 Cochran, Ga. 31014
Mt. Ararat	1885	Rev. James Bryant	Ila Mae Johnson 912-374-3031 Rt. 3, Box 110 Eastman, Ga. 31023
New Hope	1967	Rev. Tony Howell	Myrtle Howell 912-934-6870 Rt. 5 Cochran, Ga. 31014
Perry Mission	1974	Rev. James Bruce	Julia M. Creer 912-987-0856 705 Pine Ridge St. Perry, Ga. 31069
Pine Level	1924	Rev. Robert Stiles	Monica Moore 912-374-3217 Rt. 6, Box 195 Eastman, Ga. 31023
Pleasant Hill	1898	Rev. William J. Sumner	Viola Hunt 912-273-3061 713 13th Ave. E. Cordoba, Ga. 31015
Warner Robins	1964	Rev. Leroy Lafferty	Jack Griffin 912-923-8855 119 Raven Woodway Warner Robins, Ga. 31093
White Oak	1953	Dr. Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins 912-788-8530 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, Ga. 31206
Wilson Chapel	1980	Rev. L. S. Anthony	Eudene Pitts 2537 Barnesville Highway Thomaston, Ga. 30286

Members		Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc. Dues
Rec'd	Lost					
3	4	73	50	No	\$10,266.00	\$25.00
0	0	66	33	No	\$21,686.00	\$25.00
2	2	86	25	No	\$5,506.74	\$30.00
7	2	49	50	21	\$27,826.49	\$25.00
4	2	127	76	50	\$48,459.94	\$35.00
7	0	44	32	0	\$13,979.73	\$20.00
0	0	81	39	No	\$21,306.08	\$35.00
4	1	128	35	No	\$28,802.30	\$35.00
1	2	54	30	27	\$11,599.29	\$20.00
2	0	48	30	No	NA	\$20.00
0	0	29	17	No	\$1,408.00	\$15.00
7	5	76	48	45	\$21,412.09	\$35.00
5	4	108	45	30	\$22,933.29	\$35.00
0	0	23	0	0	NA	\$15.00
11	2	223	90	35	\$74,276.47	\$55.00
6	5	68	29	8	\$9,144.31	\$35.00

RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS

(Revised 1977, 10/81,10/87)

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 receiveing 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 scriptures 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 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. Upon receipt of a ministers license, which is renewable annually, it is recommended that each licensee complete the following items which is to be considered a part of the examining criteria as indicated in paragraph 2:

A. Read, The Preacher and His Preaching and Faith for Today by O'Donnell provided by the association.

B. Read, A Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists...with current revisions.

C. Be prepared to discuss personal habits and concern for:

1. Church and Personal Visitation
2. Soul Winning efforts and results
3. Personal Bible Study
4. Sermon Preparation.

7. 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 candidate 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 whereas the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.

3. Applicant shall be examined by the ordaining council, who having been duly elected by the association to which they hold membership. Examination shall be held at the discretion of the ordaining council.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualification as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testaments. Measure up to the Standards of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant, of which have been adopted by this body.

5. No applicant for ordaining into the ministry will be eligible for ordination if he or his wife has more than one living husband or wife.

6. The ordaining council should submit a minority report on all recommendations that are not unanimous.

7. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-third (2/3) majority of those voting for a change, by the Georgia Union Association. The same shall be carried in the minutes of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD
(Adopted 1975, Revised 1979, 7/81, 10/87)

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 this board.

(B) This board shall have 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 thereto affixed and belonging, shall revert to

the Board of Missions of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

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

Signed

Mission Pastor

Mission Clerk

Chairman

Board Clerk

(C) 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.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. STATUS: When the congregation has reached a stage where they desire to organize into a church, it shall request said status upon completion of an examination by the Georgia Union Association Executive Board using guidelines as set forth by the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for mission churches.

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, 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 the amendment was tabled in the morning session.

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

OBITUARY

Sherman (Dick) Jones

Brother Sherman (Dick) Jones of Cochran, Georgia a Farmer went to be with the Lord July 2, 1988.

Brother Jones was a man who was loved and appreciated by those that knew him. Brother Jones was a very active Free Will Baptists, having his beginning at the Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church around 1953 being an active Sunday School Teacher.

Brother Jones came to Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church in 1957. While at Cross Roads, he held many positions: Sunday School Teacher, CTS Teacher, Song Leader and Treasurer which he held at his death.

Brother Jones was very active in the Georgia Union Association having served twenty eight years on the Mission Board. He served in different areas on the board such as Chairman, Clerk and Treasurer. He served as Clerk of the Association. Brother Jones was Sunday School Convention President for several years and was a great promoter of Sunday School.

Brother Jones also served as Clerk of the State Association one year, State Christian Education Board eight years. He served on the "Pastor Tensure Committee" for two years.

Brother Jones is survived by his wife Mavis Jones, two daughters, three brothers and six grandchildren.

Rev. William Roscoe Pitts

Rev. Roscoe Pitts was on the Minister's Honor Roll of Georgia Union Association at the time of his death.

I had known Brother Pitts since 1951.

In 1952 I organized First Free Will Baptist Church. He joined and was a charter member. Later, God called him to preach.

In 1959 he rented a store building and held services; In 1960 he organized Wilson Chapel- across the road from the store building- and was called as the first Pastor; He pastored New Bethel in Worth Co.; Bethany in Marion Co.; and supplied at the Metter Church in Metter, Georgia.

He loved the Lord. Although he had no car, at this time, he rode the bus to his appointments- would get home around 4:00 A.M.- sleep some- and go to work at 3:00 P.M..

His health failed, but until his final illness, he was faithful to attend every church service- and to tithe.

He visited in the homes of shut-ins, and preached God's Word to them.

Brother Pitts loved the Free Will Baptist Denomination. He loved his family, but most of all he loved Jesus.

Funeral Services were held February 18, 1988, at Coggins Funeral Home chapel, for Rev. William Roscoe Pitts.

Ministers in charge were his brother-in-law, Rev. Bob Howard, and his pastor, Rev. L.S. Anthony. Interment was in Southview Cemetery in Thomaston.

Brother Pitts was born April 15, 1924.

There's something in "The parting Hour" that chills the warmest heart- tis Jesus- and they who are happier than those they leave behind.

That tender hand in dark, Gethsemane raised in the prayer, "Thy will, not mine, be done."

So many times I heard Brother Pitts voice this desire.

My good friend, and Brother in Christ, has gone to rest and is out of his pain.

By his Pastor - L.S. Anthony

Mattie Simmons

On August the sixth of this year, a dear Christian lady departed this life to be in the presence of her Lord. Sister Mattie Simmons was a faithful and loving member of White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. When her health permitted, she was at church--and was always an encouragement to her pastor and everyone else. She loved her Lord, her pastor, and her church, and she was a great prayer warrior.

Someone said, "When saving for old age, be sure to put away a few pleasant memories." The memory of "Granny" Simmons is in our hearts.

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.