

1989
Minutes
of the
Ninety-Fourth Annual Session
of the
Georgia Union Association
of the
Original Free Will Baptists
held with
The First Free Will Baptist Church of Dublin
Dublin, Georgia
Saturday, October 7, 1989

- OFFICERS -

MODERATOR..... Dr. Billy Sharpston
ASSISTANT MODERATOR..... Rev. Howard Faircloth
CLERK..... Rev. Charles McNeese
ASSISTANT CLERK..... Brother Richard Hodges
TREASURER..... Rev. Donald W. Moore
ASSISTANT TREASURER..... Brother Jerry Dunaway

Dates and places to remember

1st Quarterly Session January 13, 1990.....First-Eastman
2nd Quarterly Session April 7, 1990.....Little Bethel
3rd Quarterly Session July 7, 1990.....Mt. Ararat
Annual Session October 13, 1990.....New Hope

Sunday School Convention September 8, 1990...Double Branch

Camp Meeting October 8-12, 1990.....Giddens School

Woman's Auxiliary September 15, 1990.....Double Branch

Speakers

January...Message- Rev. Dilmos Johnston..Devotion- Pro. Jerry Dunaway
April...Message - Rev. James Bryant.. Devotion - Bro. Maurice Bryant
July...Message - Rev. Jerry Wishum..Devotion - Bro. Gerald Smith
October...Message - Rev. Charles McNeese..Devotion - Bro. Warren Holt
Camp Meeting Speaker - Rev. Larry Powell

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 Committes
8. Unfinished Business
9. Miscellaneous Business
10. New Business
11. Appointment of Committees
12. Adjourn

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Officers and Boards.....	1
Ministers on Roll.....	3
Georgia Union Association (January Session).....	4
Georgia Union Association (April Session).....	8
Georgia Union Association (July Session).....	11
Georgia Union Association (Annual Session).....	14
Sunday School Convention.....	18
Women's Auxiliary.....	19
Constitution of Georgia Union Association.....	21
By-Laws.....	24
Church Statistics.....	26
Rules for Licensing of Ministers.....	28
Rules for Calling Pastors.....	29
Rules for Ordination of Ministers.....	30
Constitution of the Georgia Union Mission Board.....	31
By-Laws and Duties of the Officers.....	33
Constitution of the Christian Education Board.....	35
Obituary.....	37

General Officers

Moderator-----	Dr. Billy Sharpston 5310 Bloomfield Rd. Macon, GA. 31206 912-781-1846
Assistant Moderator-----	Rev. Howard Faircloth 131 Lawndale Dr. Eastman, GA. 31023 912-374-3017
Clerk-----	Rev. Charles McNeese Route 3 Box 87-2 Cochran, GA. 31014 912-934-4566
Assistant Clerk-----	Bro. Richard Hodges 1512-J South Pecan St. Cordele, GA. 31015 912-273-2518
Treasurer-----	Rev. Donald W. Moore 4040 Lafayette Dr. Macon, GA. 31204 912-788-8260
Assistant Treasurer-----	Bro. Jerry Dunaway Route 3 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036 912-892-9880

Executive Board

(90) Dr. Billy Sharpston	5310 Bloomfield Rd. Macon, GA. 31206	912-781-1846
Rev. Howard Faircloth	131 Lawndale Dr. Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-3017
Rev. Charles McNeese	Route 3 Box 87-2 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-4566
Rev. Donald Moore	4040 Lafayette Dr. Macon, GA. 31204	912-788-8260
(90) Bro. Emmett Dunaway	Route 1 Box 77 Unadilla, GA. 31091	912-892-9380
Bro. Jerry Dunaway	Route 3 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036	912-892-9880
Rev. James Bryant	Route 5 Box 19-1 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-0000
Rev. Paul Smith	Route 3 Box 339 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036	912-892-9470
Rev. James Bruce	Route 1 Box 165 Pineview, GA. 31071	912-624-2470

Trustee Board

(90) Bro. Jerry Dunaway	Route 3 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036	912-892-9880
(91) Bro. Bob Roberts	5823 Leone Dr. Macon, GA. 31206	912-788-9570
(92) Bro. J.F. Register	Route 1 Chester, GA. 31012	912-358-4410
(93) Bro. Ross Bennett	Route 6 Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-3800
(94) Bro. Dewey Evans	2329 Donald Ave. Macon, GA. 31201	912-745-2640

Ordaining Council

(90) Rev. Tony Howell	Route 4 Box 213-A Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-3350
(91) Rev. W.L. Amerson	Route 1 Chester, GA. 31012	912-358-4410
(92) Rev. James Bruce	Route 1 Box 165 Pineview, GA. 31071	912-624-2470
(93) Rev. Elbert Powell	Route 1 Box 114 Chester, GA. 31012	912-934-4340
(94) Rev. Owen Ganey	816 6th. Ave. NE Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-2530

Digest Committee

(90) Bro. Donald Self	Route 6 Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-4544
(91) Rev. James Dixon	WPA Rd. Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-5219
(92) Rev. Howard Faircloth	131 Lawndale Dr. Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-3017

Mission Board

(90) Rev. James Bryant	Route 5 Box 19-1 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-0004
(90) Bro. Grover Jewell	7758 Hawkinsville Rd. Macon, GA. 31206	912-781-4407
(91) Bro. Wayne Moore	Route 6 Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-5302
(91) Bro. Maurice J. Bryant	Route 2 Box 35 Montrose, GA. 31065	912-934-6140
(91) Bro. Jerry Dunaway	Route 3 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036	912-892-9880

Christian Education Board

(90) Rev. Paul Smith	Route 3 Box 339 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036	912-892-9474
(90) Bro. Marvin Joiner	Route 1 18B Unadilla, GA. 31091	912-783-1273
(90) Bro. Shine Collins	1567 Hurley Circle Macon, GA. 31206	912-788-8530
(91) Bro. Philip Laney	Route 3 Box 180A Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-4431
(92) Bro. Warren Holt	Route Box 107-A Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-7492

Nominating Committee

*Rev. Paul Smith	Route 3 Box 339 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036	912-892-9474
Rev. Buddy Henry	123 Country Club Rd. Dublin, GA. 31021	912-272-0337
Bro. Grover Jewell	7758 Hawkinsville Rd. Macon, GA. 31206	912-781-4407

State Mission Board

Rev. James Bryant	Route 5 Box 19-1 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-0004
-------------------	-------------------------------------	--------------

State Trustee Board

Bro. Emmett Dunaway	Route 1 Box 77 Unadilla, GA. 31091	912-892-9388
---------------------	------------------------------------	--------------

State Resolution Committee

(89) Rev. Charles McNeese	Route 3 Box 87-2 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-4566
---------------------------	-------------------------------------	--------------

(*) Denotes Board Chairman

MINISTERS ON ROLL

HONOR ROLL: (Exempt from reporting)

Bridges, Rev. Henry E.	Route 1 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-3369
Haynes, Rev. Morgan J.	Route 4 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-7019
McDuffie, Rev. Emmett	Route 2 Box 46 Rochele, GA. 31079	912-365-7488
Potter, Rev. James W.	3449 Riggins Mill Rd. Macon, GA. 31206	912-724-1862

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Amerson, Rev. W.L.	Route 1 Chester, GA. 31012	912-358-4430
*Anthony, Rev. L.S.	530 Ellerbeetown Rd. Thomaston, GA. 30286	404-647-3885
*Bruce, Rev. James	Route 1 Box 165 Pineview, GA. 31071	912-624-2479
*Bryant, Rev. James E.	Route 5 Box 19-1 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-0004
Dixon, Rev. James	WPA Rd. Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-5219
*Faircloth, Rev. Howard	131 Lawndale Dr. Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-3017
*Findley, Rev. Hoyt	100 Elenor Circle Warner Robins, GA. 31088	912-922-5601
*Ganey, Rev. Owen	816th. Ave. NE Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-2533
*Howell, Rev. Tony	Route 4 Box 213-A Eastman, GA. 31023	912-374-3356
*Johnston, Rev. Dilmos	Route 1 Chester, GA. 31012	912-358-4477
Lafferty, Rev. Leroy	Route 3 Box 5014 247 Connector Byron, GA. 31008	912-956-2057
*McNeese, Rev. Charles	Route 3 Box 87-2 Cochran, GA. 31014	912-934-4566
Moore, Rev. Donald W.	4040 Lafayette Dr. Macon, GA. 31204	912-788-8260
Powell, Rev. Elbert	Route 1 Box 114 Chester, GA. 31012	912-934-4348
*Sharpston, Rev. Billy	5310 Bloomfield Rd. Macon, GA. 31206	912-781-1846
*Skipper, Rev. E.V.	P.O. Box 488 Thomaston, GA. 30286	404-647-3683
*Sumner, Rev. William J.	Route 3 Vienna, GA. 31092	912-268-8746
*Smith, Rev. Paul	Route 3 Box 339 Hawkinsville, GA. 31036	912-892-9474
*Wishum, Rev. Jerry	Route 4 Tifton, GA. 31794	912-382-0334

LICENSED MINISTERS:

Lysaker, Rev. Charles	3606 West End Ave. P.O. Box 50117 Nashville, TN. 37205	615-383-1340
*Lafferty, Rev. Bennie	P.O. Box 1554 Byron, GA. 31008-1554	912-956-4660

(*) Denotes Pastors

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 7, 1989 at the Christian Hills Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting began with Brother Wayne Moore leading in the singing and Brother Owen Ganey leading in prayer. Host pastor Brother Jerome McNeese welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The devotional was given by Brother Charles McNeese using as his text Romans 12:1,2.

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 visiting brethren.

Moderator appointed Sister Betty Williams and Sister Bessie Bryant to serve with Brother Leonard Graham on the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to accept the Executive Board report and to adopt item by item.

M/S/C to adopt item # 1 which reads as follows:

Since Allen and Larue Crowson, Missionaries to France, account is in the red and had to return to the states and have not been able to go back and since Larue is from the Pleasant Hill Church. We recommend that the Georgia Union Association began taking an offering at its sessions for them, also that the churches of the association think about doing something individually.

M/S/C to table item # 2 till the afternoon session the recommendation of the Executive Board to change the Constitution of the Georgia Union Association Article IV Section 7 line 5 and following to be changed to read:

They should meet as a Committee and contact each nominee , if possible, for their approval prior to placing their names in nomination. Additional nominees may be submitted by any delegate, except members of the Nominating Committee, during this session.

Brother Herbert Waid shared with us concerning the State office.

Ministers & Wives Retreat February 24,25

Minister's Retreat April 18,19

Youth Conferance May 12,13

The Christian Education Board have decided to start giving to all Georgia Students who attend Free Will Baptist Bible College 10.00 monthly.

Women's Auxillary March 17,18.

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

We had a short recess.

In the morning service Brother Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Brother Tim Hutchinson leading in prayer. Brother Jack Lysaker rendered a special in song. Brother Hoyt Findley brought the morning message using as his text II Timothy 4:1-5.

Brother Jerome McNeese gave instructions concerning the noon meal and asked the Lord's blessing on the food.

Afternoon Session

In the afternoon service Brother Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Brother Paul Smith leading in prayer.

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

Churches reporting	16
Members received	25
Members lost	17
Members gained	8
Offering received	\$89,064.26

We noticed that we had a good number of ministers present. Glad for this. We feel like the Deacon's should be recognized as well, and that more of the Laity of our churches be given things to do in our association. We have noticed that some letters were written on plain paper. We recommend that church letter forms be forwarded to all churches, and that they be used. (Clerk's note, Forms were mailed to all Churches. When Churches change Clerk's, the forms need to be given to the new Clerk).

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

There will be a Youth Rally March 18, at Double Branch.

We are working on the Sunday School Convention. Also Camp Board report given by Brother Jack Lysaker as follows:

This years will be the last week in July. Bought a new storage building. Have 8,000 toward air conditioning the girls and boys dorms. Need 8,000 more to complete the job. M/S/C

M/S/C to accept Camp Meeting Committee report given by Brother Charles McNeese as follows:

We had a good Camp Meeting last year and are looking forward to this year's Camp Meeting. Brother Richard Adams, from Elizabethton, Tennessee, has agreed to come and preach this years Camp Meeting. The Committee would like for the Churches to turn in their money (50.00 if at all possible) by July so we can know what we have to work with. We are going to try more advertizing this year. We are already looking toward 1990 in lining up our speaker.

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

Perry Church

Sunday Morning 15

Sunday Evening 15

Prayer Meeting 13

We have around \$10,000 in the Mission Board treasury.

State report

Looking into starting a church in Rome, Georgia.

The Atlanta Church is progressing in their building.

Several people have committed to go and help with the building.

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

M/S/C to table item # 1 for further study, the statement of the Ordaining Council that reads as follows:

We, the Ordaining Council of Georgia Union Association, from now on will request from any minister when he and his wife separates, his credentials to be given to the clerk of Georgia Union Association and the clerk keep them until they be reconciled back together.

M/S/C to send a letter of good standing for Brother John Amburgey to the South Georgia Association.

M/S/C to accept Brother Owen Ganey into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Coastal Association of North Carolina.

M/S/C to adopt the recommendation that Brother Lee Lafferty Jr. be given license under the watch care of the Warner Robins Church.

M/S/C to bring from the table the item that was tabled in the Morning Session.

M/S/C to accept the Executive Board's recommendation to change Article IV Section 7 line 5 and following to read (see Morning Session).

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

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

General fund balance	1/7/89	1445.17
----------------------	--------	---------

Received today	1/7/89	570.00
----------------	--------	--------

Grand Total		2,015.17
-------------	--	----------

Expenses today:

Moderator fee & other expense

60.00

Clerk & expense 28.62

J&J Printing 300.00

Total expense 388.62

Balance general fund		1,626.55
----------------------	--	----------

Association fund		815.53
------------------	--	--------

Retirement fund		811.02
-----------------	--	--------

Balance all funds	1/7/89	1,626.55
-------------------	--------	----------

Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Herbert Waid.

Moderator

Billy Sharpston
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Charles McNeese
Rev. Charles McNeese

Second Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church on April 8, 1989. The meeting opened with Brother Wilbon Knighton leading in the singing and Brother Allen Crowson leading in prayer.

Host Pastor Brother Charles McNeese welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brother William Sumner brought the morning devotional from Isaiah 1:18-20.

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

Roll call of minister's showed there were 18 out of 26 present.

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

Moderator recognized visitors from other Associations.

Moderator appointed Brother Daryle Raley and Sister Bessie Bryant to serve with Brother Donald Moore on the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to table the Executive Board's recommendations till the afternoon session as follows:

1. Recommend to raise the association fee of Georgia Union Association 10.00 per church and this 10.00 to go to the Christian Board.
2. Recommend that the rules for ordination of ministers section 2 be changed to read:
 2. Be called as pastor or assistant pastor to a local Free Will Baptist Church, except that evidence be shown whereas the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.
3. Recommend a do not pass vote on the resolution that was tabled last session from the Ordaining Council.
4. Recommend to change the word should to shall on section 6 of rules for ordination of ministers.

We had a short recess.

We began the morning service with Brother Wilbon Knighton leading in the singing with Brother Robert Stiles leading in prayer. Brother and Sister Jewell rendered a special in song. Brother James Bruce brought the morning message using as his text Eph. 4:30.

Brother Charles McNeese gave instructions concerning the noon meal and asked the Lord's blessing on the food.

Afternoon Session

In the afternoon session Brother Wilbon led in the singing with Brother L.S. Anthony leading in prayer. Brother and Sister Jewell gave us a special in song.

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

We met on January 14th and set the schedule for this year.

The youth rally on March the 25th with the Alabama Children Home was well attended with 144. 500.00 was given to them and we had six churches represented.

June undecided activity, place Eastman.

August 12 hayride and weiner roast, 3:30, Pine Level.

November 11 Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College at Cross Roads at 7:30.

Sunday School Convention September 9 at Double Branch. Sunday School workshops- two groups youth and adults. Possible speakers Dr. Ken Riggs and Neal Gililand.

Set up a scholarship of 50.00 per semester for all students from the Georgia Union Association who attend Free Will Baptist Bible College with a full load. This program will be revised annually. The State C.E. Board has already started a scholarship for Georgia students going to Bible College 10.00 a month per student with plans for future increase.

We also made a request from the Executive Board to raise the quarterly representation fee 10.00 per church with this 10.00 going to the C.E. Board.

Challenge the association to do something for

Brother Charles Lysaker who has lost some of his support.

Brother Jack Lysaker gave the Camp Board report: There Will be a clean-up day in May for the camp. We still need a Camp Director for the last week of July. Need volunteers, only one so far. Brother Chuck Lysaker will be Camp Evangelist and life guard.

Brother Allen Crowson gave report on the prospect of getting back to the field of France in July. They have already applied for their visa. An offering was taken for the Crowson's in the amount of 202.64.

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

Perry Church

Sunday School	34
Sermons preached	22
Prayer meetings held	13
Visits made	527
Professions	14
Baptisms	14
New Members	15
Members dismissed	12
Average attendance	
Sunday School	17-25
Preaching	18-25
Sunday Nights	17-22
Prayer meeting	11-18
Total offering	\$1,222.00

10,000 balance in treasury. We gave 900.00 to the Perry Church this quarter. The Atlanta Mission has a nice building. The Dublin Mission is looking for a pastor.

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

Churches reporting	15
Members received	40

Members lost	21
Total gain	19
Total offerings	\$85,030.87
Ministers attending	16

M/S/C to remove from the table the items that was tabled in the morning session.

M/S/C to vote on the recommendations item by item.

M/S/C to adopt item # 1 (see morning session).

M/S/C to table item # 2 to the Executive Committee.

M/S/C to recend item # 1 because the Ordaining Council was not present.

We had a second vote on item # 1 and it passed.

M/S/C to adopt item # 3 (see morning session).

M/S/C to recend item #3 because of lack of understanding of some.

We had a second vote and it passed.

M/S/C to adopt item # 4 (see morning session).

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's report given by Brother Donald Moore as follows:

Camp Meeting	54.63
Retirement Fund	976.02
Association Fund	468.54
Total	\$1,499.19
Received for Crowson's	\$202.64

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

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

M/S/C to give Brother Gerald Brown a letter of recommendation to the Union Association.

M/S/C to request Brother Jack Lysaker to turn in his credentials since he has remarried.

M/S/C for clerk to notify the State office and put in the Promotional Bulliten.

M/S/C to reinstate Brother E.V. Skipper to the Georgia Union Association as a minister of the Gospel.

M/S/C to accept the ordination papers of Brother Jerome McNeese who went back to the Church of God.

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

Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Webb Pervis.

Moderator


Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk


Rev. Charles McNeese

Third Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church July 8, 1989.

Brother Bruce Kimbrell led in the singing with Brother Bill Amerson leading in prayer.

Host Pastor Brother Paul Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and also gave the morning devotional using as his text Acts 1:8.

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 25 present.

Moderator recognized visitors from other associations;

Brother Bruce Kimbrell from the Midway Association who is serving as Music and Youth Pastor at the Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church for the summer. He is a student from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Also Brother Dale Bishop and a member from his Church in Japan, where Dale and Sandra is Missionaries.

Moderator appointed Sister Bissie Bryant and Sister Donna Jewell to serve on Finance Committee with Brother Moore.

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

M/S/C to remove from the table the item that was referred to the Executive Committee last session that concerned rule change for ordination of ministers which reads:

2. Be called as pastor or assistant pastor to a local Free Will Baptist Church, except that evidence be shown whereas the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.

M/S/C to table indefinite item # 2.

Brother Dale Bishop gave greeting from Japan.

Brother Herbert Waid gave report from the State office.

We had a short recess.

In the worship service Brother Bruce Kimbrell led in the singing with Brother Robert Stiles leading in prayer.

Brother Dale Bishop and his friend gave us a special in song. Also Brother Bruce Kimbrell gave a special in song.

The new pastor at Dublin, Brother Buddy Henry, brought the morning message. He used as his text I Peter 4:17.

Host pastor Brother Paul Smith gave instruction concerning the noon meal. Brother James Bryant prayed the blessing on the food.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with a song and prayer.

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

- June 17 Rally was a good meeting with Deputy Dog. Encouragement was given for increased support in attendance at future rallies.
- Next Rally, August 12th hayride and refreshments place to be announced.
- September 9 Annual Sunday School Convention at Pine Level Church - will have new format.
- November 11th Bible College Drama Team will be with us.

Brother Billy Sharpston gave information concerning a special day honoring Brother James Potter. This special day will be August 6th at White Oaks, previous pastorates was encouraged to participate.

M/S/C to accept the Digest Committee report given by Brother James Dixon as follows:

Churches reporting	16
Members received	10
Members lost	11
Offerings received	\$84,955.73

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's report given by Brother Donald Moore as follows:

Recieved today	
Retirement	105.00
Camp Meeting	225.00
Associational fees	535.00
National fee	10.00
Total received	875.00
Total in treasury all accounts	2,022.44

Brother Moore encouraged us to give to the Retirement Account as we have two receiving some help.

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

Perry Mission	
Sunday School	19
Preaching	20
Sunday Night Service	15
Prayer meeting	11
Total offerings	\$424.00

voted to give the funds for the Perry's Revival and Home Coming.

The Dublin Church now has a new pastor, Brother Buddy Henry.

Brother Burns pastor of the Atlanta Mission hopes to be in the building by August.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council report given by Brother James Bruce and to adopt item by item.

1. M/S/C to accept Brother Owen Ganey in full fellowship as we have received his letter of good standing from the Coastal Association of N.C.
2. M/S/C to request Brother Leonard Graham to turn in his Ordination Credentials, as he has recently divorced his wife and have remarried and also have left the Free Will Baptists.

We request that this information be published in the Promotional Bulletin and if he fails to turn in his credentials, we will publish this information in the local News Paper.

3. M/S/C to recommend that Brother Carson Weaver be asked to turn in his credentials as a minister since he has left the Free Will Baptists and has united with a church of another denomination and for this information be published in the Promotional Bulletin.

4. M/S/C to accept Brother Buddy Henry into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Jasper Association of Alabama.

M/S/C to accept the Executive Board recommendation to go on record favoring the moving the State Office from Moultrie Georgia to Macon Georgia.

M/S/C to accept the Camp Meeting Committee report given by Brother Charles McNeese as follows:

This years Camp Meeting will be October 2nd - 6th.
Brother Richard Adams will be our evangelist.
Brother Shine Collins will be the music coordinator.
Brother James Bryant will be prayer coordinator.
Brother Donald Self will secure piano and sign.
Brother Donald Moore will be in charge of the finances.

Brother Collins asked for a show of hands of those pastors who will get their churches to participate in the music.

M/S/C to give the Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting and for the fine meal.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer.

Moderator

Billy Sharpston
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Charles McNeese
Rev. Charles McNeese

Annual Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists annual session was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dublin on October 7, 1989.

The meeting opened with Brother Jack Lysaker leading in the singing with Brother James Bryant leading in prayer.

Host pastor Brother Buddy Henry gave the welcome.

Brother Grover Jewell gave the morning devotion using as his Text Matt. 24:27.

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 14 out of 25 present.

Moderator appointed Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Faye Bryant to serve on the Finance Committee with Brother Donald Moore.

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

M/S/C to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board to get behind the moving of the State Office to Macon and to go to the State Meeting and give our support.

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

Next Youth Rally Nov. 11th. at Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church with the drama team from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Brother Tim Hutchinson resigned from the C.E. Board, his term is up in 1990.

Youth was held over 50 decisions were made - 14 from the Georgia Union attended.

Brother Lee Lafferty resigned from C.E. Board, his term is up this year.

Sunday School Convention was held Sept. 9th. at Pine Level: Brother Waid, Brother Billy McKinney, Brother Chuck Scorbrough were on the program. One of the best for those who attended.

M/S/C to accept this report.

We had a short recess.

In the morning service Brother Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Brother Paul Smith leading in prayer. Brother Jack Lysaker and Brother Curtis Lysaker rendered a special in song.

The morning message was brought by Brother Owen Ganey using as his Text Psalm 85:6.

Brother Buddy Henry gave instruction concerning the noon meal. We were dismissed in prayer.

Afternoon Session

In the evening session Brother Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Brother Paul Smith leading in prayer.

Brother Jack Lysaker rendered a special in song.

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

Churches reporting	16
Members received	86
Members lost	33
Total gain	53
Total offering	\$342,719.06

We had 14 minister's who answered roll call.

Submitted by: Howard Faircloth
Donald Self
James Dixon

An offering of \$182.68 was taken for the mission work in Puerto Rico who lost everything in hurricane hugo.

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

Perry Mission	
Sunday School	15
Worship Service	15
Sunday Evening	13
Prayer meeting	12.5
Total offering for Month	\$518.20
Dublin Mission	
Sunday School	24
Worship Service	35
Sunday Evening	23
Prayer meeting	26

Atlanta Mission

Brother Luther Burns is trying to be in the new church by November. There has been a lot of problems getting everything according to Architect drawings.

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

Camp Meeting	
Offering & Church contributions	\$1,119.63
Expenses	1,092.71
Balance in fund	26.92
Association Fund	
Received today 10/7/89	70.00
Association dues	525.00
Retirement	105.00
Balance on hand as of 10/7/89 is as following:	
National Association fee's	80.00
Camp meeting	26.92
Retirement fund	926.02
Association fund	855.83
Total	\$1,889.77

Submitted by: Sister Faye Bryant
Sister Bessie Bryant
Brother Donald Moore

M/S/C to accept, as information, the Camp Meeting Committee report given by Brother Charles McNeese.

We had 12 Churches participating in giving. We had an average attendance of 111 which was 30 per cent

increase over last year. We recommend to have another as long as there is interest (a show of hands indicated that people wanted to continue). Our next Camp meeting will be October 8-12, 1990. Rev. Larry Powell from Nashville, Tennessee will be our evangelist.

M/S/C to accept Camp Board report given by Brother Jack Lysaker as follows:

Campers for all sessions	357
First time decisions	50
Rededications	53
visitors	17

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council recommendations given by Brother James Bruce and to adopt item by item.

1. We recommend Brother Dilmos Johnston be accepted in our association pending a letter of good standing from the Coastal Association of North Carolina. M/S/C
2. We recommend that Brother Buddy Henry be accepted into our association in full fellowship as we have received his letter of good standing. M/S/C
3. We recommend that Brother Charles Lysaker's license be renewed for one year. M/S/C
4. We recommend that Brother Richard McFadden finish filling out the questionnaires and come back before the Council next session. M/S/C

Delegates selected for the Georgia State Association are as follows: Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Mary Dunaway, Sister Gennette McNeese, Sister Shirley Sharpston and Sister Donna Jewell, with Sister Christine Ganey, Sister Shirley Johnston and Sister Faye Bryant serving as alternate delegates.

M/S/C to accept Nomination Committee recommendations given by Brother Paul Smith as follows and to adopt item by item.

1. M/S/C for Brother Dewey Evans to replace himself on Trustee Board (94).
2. Brother Owen Ganey was elected to replace Brother James Bruce on Ordaining Council (94).
Brother Hoyt Findley was nominated to replace Brother Robert Stiles. Brother James was nominated from the floor. Brother James Bruce was elected (92).
3. M/S/C for Brother Howard Faircloth to succeed himself on the Digest Committee (92).
4. M/S/C for Brother Wayne Moore, Brother Maurice Bryant and Brother Jerry Dunaway to succeed themselves on the Mission Board (91).
5. M/S/C for Brother Warren Holt to replace Brother Lee Lafferty (92) and Brother Shine Collins to replace Brother Tim Hutchinson (90) on the Christian Education Board.
6. M/S/C for Brother James Bryant to succeed himself on the State Mission Board.
7. M/S/C for Brother Emmett Dunaway to succeed himself on the State Trustee Board.
8. M/S/C for Brother Charles McNeese to serve on the Resolution Committee at the State meeting.

The Nominating Committee was nominated from the floor.

M/S/C to elect Brother Paul Smith, Brother Buddy Henry and Brother Grover Jewell to Nominating Committee.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Bill Amerson.

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 Pine Level Freewill Baptist Church on September 9th, 1989. The convention was opened with singing. Bro. Billy Sharpston led in prayer. Bro. Paul Smith gave a devotional based on scripture from Acts 2:41-47. He welcomed the churches represented and the visitors. There were five churches represented.

Bro. Herbert Waid conducted a seminar on church growth pointing out various methods of church growth.

Bro. Charles McNease led the convention in a song after which Benny and Billy McKinney sang two specials.

Bro. Billy McKinney brought the morning message. The message centered around church growth.

The afternoon session was opened with singing.

Bro. Paul Smith conducted another seminar on church growth stressing growth through campaigns. Bro. Chuck Scarborough concluded the convention with one final seminar concerning church growth.

The convention was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Dunaway
Sec.-Treas.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETING

The Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary met Sept. 16, 1989 at Wilson's Chapel. The meeting was opened by the President, Kathy Douglas. Eudine Pitts led in prayer. The song, "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." was sung. The welcome was given by Rosie Howington. A special song was brought by Ruby Cochran. She sang, "Who Is On The Lord's Side?" The devotional was brought by Eudine Pitts. She used Proverbs 2:1-6 as her scripture. She said we should hide God's Word in our hearts.

The delegates were seated by the President. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. Committees appointed were: Registration, Eudine Pitts, Credentials, Nita Hobbs, Mary Dunaway; Finance, Bessie Simmons, Ernestine Purvis; Resolutions, Shirley Sharpston, Ruby Cochran; Nominating, Viola Hunt, Rosie Howington. Field Worker is Mary Dunaway. Delegates to the State Convention are: Shirley Sharpston, Nita Hobbs, Bessie Simmons, Viola Hunt, Stella Ray, Gail Ray with others to be added later. A report was read from State President Martha Everson. Suggestion was made by the treasurer that an assistant treasurer be appointed. The business meeting was adjourned. The song "I Want To Be A Worker." was sung. The morning message was brought by Kathy Douglas. Her scripture was Neh. 2:18. She said we should do worthwhile things for God even though someone may laugh at us. Nehemiah did what he could, with what he had, where he was. She said we should get involved in a work that we can take pride in. She closed her talk with a song, "I Will Do What's Right." using a puppet. She then led in prayer. We were dismissed for lunch. The blessing on the food was given by Mary Dunaway.

The afternoon session was opened with reports from the committees: Registration: 28 registered, 7 visitors, Credentials: 53 members 4 churches, 9 visitors, Finance: offering of \$32.07, Balance \$127.93. Resolutions: 1. That we read the resolutions made at the National Convention. The theme for 1991 is "Until He Comes", Scripture, Titus 2:11-13, Hymn- "Jesus Is Coming Again", The Rules and Regulations for the WNAC Memorial Student Loan Fund were revised. Erica Diaz, Panamanian student at FWBCC will receive the 1991 Foreign Student Scholarship. 2. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks. "The Longer I Serve Him The Sweeter He Grows" was sung by Shirley Sharpston and Betty Williams. Each auxiliary then shared some ideas they used in their local auxiliary. Double Branch will be hosts for the District meeting Sept. 15, 1990. M/S/C to dismiss. We were led in prayer by Viola Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,
Nita Hobbs, Ga. Union Dist. Sec.

GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

1988 Balance.....	\$	75.36
Income:		
Pre-Thanksgiving.....		98.44
Pre-Easter.....		101.15
Lora Shutes State Project.....		905.00
Crowson Account.....		480.00
Printing Nat'l Minutes.....		2.00
Eunice Edwards Fund.....		23.00
Laura Belle Barnard Account.....		50.00
Co-Laborer.....		35.00
Student Loan Fund.....		24.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund.....		12.00
WNAC.....		24.00
WNAC Emphasis Month.....		65.00
Membership Fee, 50 Members.....		137.50
Registration Fee.....		8.00
	\$	2040.45
Offering , District Meeting.....		32.12
Total.....	\$	2072.57
Sent to the State.....		1944.59
September 30, 1989, Balance.....	\$	127.98

Other Activities:

Church Activities.....	\$	540.00
Missionary Provision Closet.....		218.00
Alabama Children's Home.....		360.00
General Funds.....		50.00
Honoring Rev. Potter.....		25.00
Bibles.....		78.00
Fruit Baskets.....	\$	14.00
Total.....	\$	1,285.00

Money Sent Direct:

Christmas Gift to Crowson's.....	\$	125.00
Local Student at FWBBC.....		100.00
Love Offering.....		170.00
Debbie Griffin.....		60.00
Board of Retirement.....		10.00
Total.....	\$	465.00
Grand Total.....	\$	3,822.57

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

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
(Revised, 1980, 1/81, 4/82, 10/87, 4/89)

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 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	\$25.00	151 - 175	\$55.00
26 - 50	30.00	176 - 200	60.00
51 - 75	35.00	201 - 225	65.00
76 - 100	40.00	226 - 250	70.00
101 - 125	45.00	Over 250	(\$70 Plus \$5 for every 25 members)

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 meet as a Committee and contact each nominee, if possible, for their approval prior to placing their names in nomination. Additional nominees may be submitted by any delegate, except members of the Nominating Committee, 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 131 Lawndale Dr. Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3017	Hollis Smith 912-374-2143 Rt.5, Box 504 Eastman, GA 31023
Bethlehem	1917	Rev. Jerry Wishum Route 4 Tifton, GA 31974 912-382-0334	Mrs. Jack Calhoun 912-273-3947 Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordele, GA 31015
Christian Hill	1887	Rev. E.V. Skipper P.O. Box 488 Thomaston, GA 30286 404-647-3683	Mary Frances Brown 912-365-7488 Rt. 1 Abbeville, GA 31001
Cross Roads	1910	Rev. Charles McNeese Route 3 Box 87-2 Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-4566	Willie Ruth Rogers 912-934-2532 Rt. 3 Cochran, GA 31014
Double Branch	1896	Rev. Paul Smith Route 3 Box 339 Hawkinsville, GA 31016 912-892-9474	Mrs. H.E. Dunaway 912-892-9388 Rt. 1, Box 77 Unadilla, GA 31091
Dublin Mission	1966	N/A	Sue R. Lindsey 912-358-4860 P.O. Box 1882 Dublin, GA 31040
First Eastman	1961	Rev. Owen Ganey 816 6th Ave. NE Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-2533	Janice Beck 912-374-7190 Rt. 2, Box 22 Eastman, GA 31023
Little Bethel	1915	Rev. Hoyt Findley 100 Elenor Circle Warner Robins, GA 31088 912-922-5601	Tommy Parker 912-934-6048 Rt. 3 Cochran, GA 31014
Mt. Arafat	1885	Rev. James Bryant Route 5 Box 19-1 Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-0004	Ila Mae Johnson 912-374-3031 Rt. 3, Box 110 Eastman, GA 31023
New Hope	1967	Rev. Tony Howell Route 4 Box 213-A Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3356	Myrtle Howell 912-934-6870 Rt. 5 Cochran, GA 31014
Perry Mission	1974	Rev. James Bruce Rt. 1 Box 165 Pineview, GA 31071 912-624-2479	Sue Downs 912-922-6637 117 Beaver Creek Rd. Kathleen, GA 31047
Pine Level	1924	Rev. Dilmos Johnston Route 1 Chester, GA 31012 912-358-4477	Monice Moore 912-374-3217 Rt. 6, Box 195 Eastman, GA 31023
Pleasant Hill	1898	Rev. William Sumner Route 3 Vienna, GA 31092 912-268-8746	Viola Hunt 912-273-3081 713 13th Ave. E. Cordele, GA 31015
Warner Robins	1964	Rev. Bennie Lafferty P.O. 1554 Byron, GA 31088-1554 912-956-4660	Jack Griffin 912-923-8855 119 Raven Woodway Warner Robins, GA 31093
White Oak	1953	Dr. Billy Sharpston 5310 Bloomfield Rd. Macon, GA 31206 912-781-1846	Margie Collins 912-788-8530 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, GA 31206
Wilson Chapel	1960	Rev. L.S. Anthony 530 Ellerbeetown Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286 404-647-3885	Eudene Pitts 404-647-7262 2537 Barnesville Highway Thomaston, GA 30286

Members		Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc. Dues
Rec'd	Lost					
0	2	71	40	No	\$10,115.00	N/A
6	1	85	40	No	\$19,814.00	\$30.00
0	0	85	17	No	\$6,173.30	\$30.00
3	2	54	49	35	\$27,151.19	\$35.00
12	2	138	76	50	\$50,366.15	\$40.00
5	3	44	32	28	\$16,242.40	N/A
2	5	78	36	No	\$24,351.66	\$35.00
0	0	119	45	No	\$6,309.69	\$35.00
3	1	57	34	29	\$14,551.54	\$30.00
4	1	51	N/A	No	\$22,714.56	\$25.00
20	13	36	15	No	\$5,931.75	N/A
12	2	86	48	45	\$29,527.98	N/A
5	2	114	45	30	\$26,862.78	\$35.00
6	2	33	N/A	0	\$3,282.33	\$15.00
10	N/A	131	110	25	\$68,653.72	N/A
2	0	71	29	6	\$10,671.01	\$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, 4/89)

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 shall 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.

*Pastor & family admonished - uphold
be faithful to services on the Lord's Day.*

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 mileages shall be reimbursed at the discretion of the board.

OBITUARY

Cecil C. Hearn

On February 18, 1989, a precious Christian lady went to be with the Lord. Sister Cecil Hearn was a faithful member of the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church for many, many years. Even in her declining years she was faithful to come, by the help of her walker. To me as her pastor, Sister Hearn was a real inspiration, which I told her many times.

Sister Hearn was borned March 10, 1899 in Pike County, Georgia, but lived the most of her life in Bleckley County. She was 89 years old.

Sister Hearn is survived by five sons: Sidney, Herman, Marvin, Johnny and William Hearn; three daughters: Laura Bolden, Ruby Meeks and Myrna Hearn; twenty-seven grandchildren; and twenty one great grand-children.

Myrna Hearn

On March 20, 1989, Sister Myrna Hearn went to be with the Lord. She was a member of the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church and was faithful to her church.

Sister Myrna was borned July 3, 1916, a native of Bleckley County and was seventy-two at the time of her death.

Sister Myrna was survived by five brothers: Sidney, Herman, Marvin, Johnny and William Hearn; two sisters: Laura Bolden and Ruby Meeks; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Rev. Earl Bailey Duckworth

The Rev. Earl Bailey Duckworth, 84, of 406 Story Road, Warner Robins died Wednesday in a local hospital.

A native of Emanuel County, the Rev. Duckworth lived in Warner Robins for the past 26 years. He was a charter member and retired minister of First Free Will Baptist Church. He was a retired civil service employee of Robins Air Force Base.

Survivors include his wife, Nannie L. Duckworth; five daughters: Kathlyn Bullock, Vivian Farmer, Nell Fordham, Evelyn Collins and Sandra McLemore; two sons: Emory Duckworth Sr. and Bernard Duckworth; a brother, John Edward Duckworth; four sisters: Vashte Cliett, Frances Gill, Rebecca Van Dyke and Gladys Duckworth; seventeen grandchildren; and twenty-four great-grand-children.

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 homest 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, to 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.