

**1990**  
**Minutes**  
of the  
Ninety-Fifth Annual Session  
of the  
**Georgia Union Association**  
of the Original Free Will Baptists  
held with

The New Hope Free Will Baptist Church  
Empire, Georgia  
Saturday, October 13, 1990

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ASSISTANT CLERK.....Brother Richard Hodges  
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### Dates and places to remember

1st Quarterly Session January 12, 1991.....Pleasant Hill  
2nd Quarterly Session April 13, 1991.....Perry Mission  
3rd Quarterly Session July 13, 1991.....Pine Level  
Annual Session October 12, 1991.....Warner Robins  
Sunday School Convention September 7, 1991....Double Branch  
Camp Meeting October 7-11, 1991.....Broad St. Gym  
Woman's Auxiliary September 21, 1991.....First Eastman

### Speakers

January...Message - Rev. Bill Amerson..Devotion - Bro. Mike Hart  
April...Message - Rev. L.S. Anthony..Devotion - Bro. Harold Dunaway  
July...Message - Rev. James Bruce...Devotion - Bro. Wayne Moore  
October...Message - Rev. James Bryant ..Devotion - Bro. Jack Griffin  
Camp Meeting Speaker - Rev. Len Blanchard

### 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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(\*) Denotes Pastors



## First Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 13, 1990 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eastman.

The meeting began with Brother Edison Smith leading in the singing and Brother Billy Brown leading in prayer. Brother Ganey host Pastor gave welcome to those in attendance.

Brother Jerry Dunaway brought the morning devotional on the subject of Spiritual Growth.

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 23 present.

It was brought to our attention that Brother Morgan J. Haynes passed away in December of last year.

Moderator recognized visitors from other associations. Brother Billy Brown from Randal House Publications gave report on the Sunday School Department.

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

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

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

M/S/C to adopt item #1 of the Executive Board report that reads as follows:

1. Recommend to add to item #4 of Rules for Ordination of Ministers page 30 this statement: The Pastor and his family are strongly admonished to uphold the standards of the Word of God by being faithful in attendance on the Lord's Day.

M/S/C to table item #2 till the afternoon session which reads:

2. Recommend to add Section 8 on Article II of the Constitution of Georgia Union Association to read:  
Section 8. The 10.00 National Fee is due from each church on or before the Annual meeting.

The floor was opened for nominations for someone to replace Brother Buddy Henry on the Nominating Committee. Brother Earnest Barker was nominated and elected by acclamation.

We had a short recess.

In the morning Service Brother Jack Lysaker lead in the singing with Brother Charles McNeese leading in prayer.

Brother Dilmos Johnston brought the morning message using as his text Daniel 9:25, his subject, God's Command.

We were dismissed for lunch and the blessing was asked on the food.

### Afternoon Session

In the afternoon session Brother Edison Smith lead in the singing with Brother Anthony leading in prayer.

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

Bal. brought forward	\$1,469.26
Received today:	
Association fees	480.00
Retirement fund	105.00
Total available	\$2,054.26

Expenditures:	
Moderator & expense	\$55.00
Clerk & expense	64.35
Clerk Camp meeting	6.39
James Bryant Mileage	9.60
Howard Faircloth	12.80
Total expenditures	\$148.14

Bal. on January 13, 1990	\$1,906.12
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Submitted by: Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Faye Bryant and Brother Donald Moore, Treasurer.

An offering was taken for the Bishop's in the amount of \$137.44.

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

Churches reporting	16
Members received	22
Members lost	6
Net gain	16
Offerings received	\$94,550.11
Number ordained ministers	22
License	1
Number of deacons	52

They requested churches please use standard forms to report.

Submitted by: Brother Howard Faircloth, Brother James Dixon and Brother Donald Self.

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

The C.E. Board will meet next Saturday 1/20/90 at Double Branch to consider programs for the coming year.

At the last meeting Brother Harold Dunaway was to be replaced or retained but was left off.

Brother Harold Dunaway was elected by acclamation to replace himself.

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

The Mission Board plan to enhance the appearance of the Perry Mission in three stages, install a nice sign, do some landscaping and adding a steeple to the church.

The Board expressed thanks to those who are supporting the Mission Board with regular giving and encouraged the others to give as well.

There is a 12,000 balance in the Mission Board fund.



## State report

They still do not have a pastor at Dublin, Brother Elbert Powell is filling in presently.

Didn't have up to date information on the Atlanta work as Brother Burns has been busy trying to get into the building.

Brother Paul Smith gave the Nominating Committee report. They had two names submitted to be on the Committee to seek out site for new state office. Brother Grover Jewell and Brother Arnold Williams. Brother Grover Jewell was elected to this position. Brother Arnold Williams was selected as proxy.

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

Moderator gave time for announcements.

Brother Paul Smith encouraged Churches to give to missions.

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

Our next camp meeting will be October 8-12, Brother Larry Powell pastor of the Cofers Chapel Free Will Baptist in Nashville, Tennessee will be our speaker. We are considering the Hawkinsville area for this years camp meeting site.

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

1. We have received the letter of good standing from association clerk of the West Florida Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist for Brother Dilmos Johnston and we recommend him to be received in full fellowship with Georgia Union Association. M/S/C
2. We recommend Brother Robert Stiles be given a letter of good standing to the Green River Association of Free Will Baptists of Kentucky. M/S/C
3. we recommend that the Church license Brother Richard McFadden for one year. M/S/C
4. We recommend that Brother Bennie Lafferty be license for one year. M/S/C

M/S/C to remove from the table item #2 of the Executive Board report. See morning session.

M/S/C to adopt this recommendation.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Owen Ganey.

Moderator Billy Sharpston  
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk Charles McNeese  
Rev. Charles McNeese

## Second Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 7, 1990 at the Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Maurice Bryant led the singing with Brother Owen Ganey leading in prayer.

Host Pastor Brother Hoyt Findley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The devotional was given by Brother Maurice Bryant using as his Text, (Daniel 3:15-26).

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

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

Roll call of ministers showed that there were 17 out of 23 present.

Moderator recognized visitors from other associations.

Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Donna Jewell was appointed by Moderator to serve with Brother Donald Moore on the Finance Committee.

Recess

In the morning service Brother Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Brother Dilmos Johnston leading in prayer.

We had prayer for Brother Kenneth Faison, Brother E.V. Skipper, Brother Elbert Powell and Sister Faye Bryant.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Albert Rollins, new pastor of the Dublin Church. Brother Rollins used as his text John 1.

Host Pastor Brother Hoyt Findley gave instruction concerning the noon meal. Brother Emmett McDuffie asked the blessing on the food.

### Afternoon Session

In the afternoon session Brother Maurice Bryant led in the singing with Brother Charles McNeese leading in prayer.

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

M/S/C to adopt Digest Committee report given by Brother Howard Faircloth as follows:

Churches reporting	16
Members received	22
Members lost	5
Total gain	17
Offerings received	\$86.528.66
All churches reporting full time churches.	
All reporting Sunday Schools & prayer meeting.	
We welcome our new pastors.	
Respectfully submitted Howard Faircloth and Donald Self.	

The Christian Education Board report was given by Brother Paul Smith as follows:

May 19 quarterly youth rally at Ocmulgee State Park.  
August 18 lockin and skating.

November Bible College group.

Sept 8 Sunday School Convention.

State Youth Camp July 22-27.

Brother Jack Lysaker gave Camp Board report as follows:  
There has been 9, 330.85 raised for the Master's Men  
Project to air-condition Boys and Girls dorms.

Had a great teen camp March 30-April 1, Neil Gilliland  
was the speaker.

Water drains in boys dorm being fixed.

Several new mattresses for this session.

New cafeteria roof in place by the Midway Association.  
Canteen will be roofed soon.

Cleanup day will be June 2.

Brother Marvin Joiner was replaced on the Christian  
Education Board. M/S/C to elect Brother Grover Jewell by  
acclamation.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board report given by Brother  
Grover Jewell as follows:

Brother James Bryant was sick and could not attend.  
There is a balance of \$12,664.65 in the Mission Board  
Treasury.

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

Our next Camp Meeting will be October 8-12. Rev.  
Larry Powell from Nashville Tennessee will be our  
evangelist. This year we will meet at the Old Baker  
Academy Gym in Hawkinsville. We look forward to a  
great meeting.

An offering was received for the Bishop's in the  
amount of \$147.60.

Brother James Bruce gave the Ordaining Council report.

M/S/C to accept Rev. Jerry Wishum into the Georgia  
Union pending a letter of good standing from the Union  
Association.

M/S/C to reinstate Rev. Richard E. McFadden as a  
minister of the Gospel in our association.

M/S/C to receive Rev. Albert Rollins into the Georgia  
Union pending a letter of good standing from the Greater  
St. Johns River Association of Florida.

Brother Bennie Lafferty appealed to the voting body  
on behalf of his ordination.

There was a motion and a second to reconsider the  
body decision on January 7, 1990 at Eastman, to not ordain  
Brother Bennie Lafferty but license him for another year.  
This was a recommendation from the Ordaining Council. This  
came as Brother Bennie wife was working Sunday Evenings  
and missing the evening service. Also there was other  
questions that he didn't not answer satisfactorily.

Brother Sharpston asked some to respond both for  
and against. Some spoke against the motion and some spoke  
for the motion. The vote was taken and it passed by a  
majority vote.

M/S/C for the Ordaining Council to ordain Brother  
Bennie Lafferty.

Brother Owen Ganey spoke and encouraged the body to write letters to the FCC about bad programing on tv. These letters need to be in before April 19, 1990.

Brother Grover Jewell spoke for the Committee to relocate the State Office. The Lord is working in putting things together. The committee is working well together.

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

M/S/C for churches to get information in to the Committes and Boards one month before the association meets.

The Boards are to meet at 9:00 to take care of this business.

M/S/C to pay Brother Grover Jewell's expenses on the site Committee to relocate the State Office.

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

Bal on hand 4/7/90	\$971.55
Camp Meeting	20.53
Retirement fund	681.02
Association fund	270.00

Received today	
Association fee	570.00
Retirement fund	105.00
Total available 4/7/90	1.646.55

Expenses	
Moderator	43.00
Clerk	57.03
Howard Faircloth	7.20
Paul Smith	12.00
James Bruce	36.80
Total expense	156.03
Balance after expense	1,490.52

Submitted by Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Donna Jewell and Brother Donald Moore Treasury.

Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother L.S. Anthony.

Moderator

Billy Sharpston  
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Charles McNeese  
Rev. Charles McNeese



### Third Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Mt. Ararat Free Will Baptist Church on July 7, 1990.

Brother Warren Holt led in the singing with Brother Larry Williams leading in prayer. Host Pastor Brother James Bryant welcomed everyone to the association.

The morning devotional was given by Brother Gerald Smith from the Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church. His subject, The Coming of the Lord.

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 Rev. Larry Williams from the Spring Grove Free Will Baptist Church of the South Georgia Association who was visiting the meeting.

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

We had a short recess.

The morning service began with Brother Jack Lysaker leading in the singing with Brother Hoyt Findley leading in prayer. Brother Jack Lysaker gave a special in song.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Jerry Wishum using as his text (Galatians 6:1-10).

Brother Sharpston shared with us the need of Brother Ken Faison. An offering was taken by the body in the amount of \$191.00.

The Mission Board report was given by Brother James Bryant as follows:

The Perry Church is not growing, but they have some good people attending.

#### State Report

The Fayette Mission in Atlanta had its dedication service in May. They are average 35 in attendance.

Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church is doing good. Rev. William Smith is the pastor. They are averaging 30 in attendance.

The Dublin Mission is averaging 35 in attendance.

The Athen's Church is averaging 16 and still doesn't have a pastor.

Brother Rex Lynn is going to Rome, Georgia to start a new Free Will Baptist Church. He is to start in August. M/S/C to receive as information.

Brother James Bryant gave instruction concerning the noon meal. The blessing was asked on the food.

### Afternoon Session

In the afternoon service Brother Jack Lysaker led in the singing with Brother Donald Moore leading in prayer.

Brother Owen Ganey made a presentation to Brother Bennie Lafferty (an official Certificate of Ordination and a nice Bible).

Brother Larry Williams of the Spring Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Jesup, Georgia shared some information concerning Sister Lara Belle Barnard and her brother who is dying of cancer. Also some information concerning Brother Ken Faison. We had special prayer for these led by Brother Howard Faircloth.

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

M/S/C to accept Digest Committee report given by Brother Donald Self. (One church statistics was added by clerk to totals).

Churches reporting	16
Ministers present	18
Members received	20
Members lost	10
Total Membership	1,235
Sunday School membership	634
CTS membership	207
Total offerings	\$91,462.84

Submitted by Brother Donald Self and Brother Howard Faircloth - Chairman.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Brother Paul Smith as follows:

Our Youth Rally at Ocmulgee State Park was well attended.

Youth Camp will be July 22-27.

Our next Youth Rally - August 18 skating.

Our November Rally will be at Cross Roads - Group from Free Will Baptist Bible College will be responsible for the program.

Sunday School Convention will be September 8 at Double Branch.

Brother Jack Lysaker gave Camp Board report.

25 new mattresses in place, bunk bottoms repaired, canteen roof replaced, air conditioning work almost completed, camp fee \$45.00, need for tractor to keep grass cut. We have a new ice machine and some new sports equipment. M/S/C to accept as information.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Brother James Bruce as follows:

1. We received from Greater St. Johns River Association of Florida a letter concerning Brother Albert Rollins of very good standing and we recommend him as a Minister in good standing to Georgia Union. M/S/C.

2. Concerning Brother Jerry Wishum, we wrote the Union Association for a letter, they had sent it to the Little River Association. So we recommend that we write Little River Association for a letter of good standing for Brother Jerry Wishum. M/S/C.

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



Balance on hand 7/7/90	
Camp Meeting	20.53
Retirement fund	611.02
Association fund	462.20
Total	\$1,093.75
Received 7/7/90	
Camp Meeting	450.00
Retirement fund	105.00
Association fund	570.00
Balance on hand	
Camp Meeting	470.53
Retirement fund	716.02
Association fund	1,032.20
Special offering for Brother Ken Faison	191.00
Total on hand	\$2,409.75

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

The speaker for the 1991 Camp Meeting will be Brother Len Blanchard pastor of the Lyons Free Will Baptist Church in Lyons, Georgia.

This years Camp Meeting will be at the "Old Baker Academy Gym". Our speaker will be Rev. Larry Powell pastor of the Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Shine Collins will be our Music Coordinator. Brother Collins asked for a show of hands who would be participating in the music. Several churches responded.

M/S/C to give the Mt. Ararat Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting and preparing a very good meal.

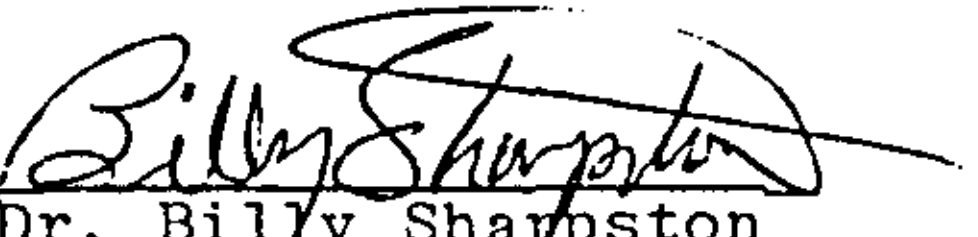
Moderator gave time for announcements.

The sad news was shared with the body about the murder of Brother Richard Adams son.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother James Bruce.

Moderator

  
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

  
Rev. Charles McNeese

## Annual Session

The Georgia Union Association met at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church October 13, 1990 for their annual meeting.

We began with singing led by Brother James Jordon with Brother James Bruce leading in prayer.

Host Pastor Brother Tony Howell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Brother Warren Holt from the Mt Ararat Free Will Baptist Church brought the morning devotional using as his text Matthew 22:34-40.

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 19 out of 26 present.

Moderator recognized Sister Debbie Griffin and her mother who was visiting from the Midway Association.

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

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

M/S/C to receive the recommendation of the Executive Board which was ammended to read: Item 2 page 29 Rules for Calling Pastors: 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. Any candidate coming to this association from another denomination shall be placed under the watchcare of this denomination and the church he is pastoring for twelve (12) months. 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.

In the morning service Brother James Jordon led in the singing with Brother Billy Sumner leading in prayer.

Brother Charles McNeese brought the morning message using as his text Haggai 1:1-15.

Brother Sharpston gave an opportunity for the body to have time of prayer and personal evaluation. Brother Howard Faircloth led in the dedication prayer.

Brother Tony Howell gave instruction concerning the noon meal. The blessing was asked on the food.

## Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with Brother Jack Lysaker leading in the singing and a prayer was offered for the session.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Brother Paul Smith as follows:

We had low attendance at the last Youth Rally and also the Sunday School Convention.

The November Youth Rally has been postponed to January 12 at the Cross Roads Church, a group from the Bible College will be with us.

M/S/C to accept this report.

Brother Jack Lysaker gave the Camp Board report:

Camp maintenance going good. We had a good Camp Session. 312 campers, 37 salvation decisions, 49 rededications. Camp has a grounds director, expressed thanks for support, camp went through a safety review and needs improvement.

M/S/C to accept as information.

Brother James Bruce gave the Ordaining Council report as follows:

We received letter for Brother Jerry Wishum. Brother Wishum is in good standing with the Little River Association.

Recommend to accept Brother Wishum into our association. M/S/C.

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

Churches reporting (Bethlehem did not report)	15
Members gained	60
Members lost	44
Total offerings	\$325,325.98
Churches with cts	7
Master's Men	1
Ladies Auxiliary	7
Ministers present	19

Submitted by Brother James Dixon, Brother Donald Self and Brother Howard Faircloth.

The Mission Board report was given by Brother James Bryant as follows:

Perry Mission	
Sunday School	10
Preaching	14
Prayer Meeting	9
Visitors (September)	41

#### Dublin

Church is improving , averaging 40 during September.

#### Athens

They do not have a pastor yet. They are considering Brother Laxton from Florida.

#### Rome

Brother Rex Lynn has moved to Rome to start a mission and has started his itinerate for his support. The Mission Board have not promised him anything. He will raise his support from the churches.

### Atlanta

Brother Burns has almost completed the North Fayette Church. They are about 4,000.00 short. They have about 40 in attendance. The bond program is taking all their income.

### Tifton

Brother William Smith has about 30 attending and needs our prayers. M/S/C.

An offering was taken for State Missions in the amount of \$170.88.

The Camp Meeting report was given by Brother Charles McNeese as follows:

Attendance was not as good as expected, but overall had a good Camp Meeting. We have a balance of around \$300.00 after expenses.

Recommendation to consider whether to continue the Camp Meeting. Several spoke in favor of continuing the meeting.

There was a unamously vote to continue.

Recommendation to send a letter of appreciation to the Broad Street Baptist Church for letting us use their building. M/S/C.

Moderator appointed State Delegates as follows: Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Donna Jewell, Sister Mary Dunaway, Sister Shirley Johnston, Sister Gennette with Sister Shirley Sharpston and Sister Jane Sumner serving as alternates.

M/S/C to accept Brother Grover Jewell's report of the Committee of Ten on moving the State Office.

The Treasurer report was given by Brother Donald Moore as follows:

Camp Meeting beg. bal.	20.53
Received from churches	725.00
Offering at meeting	403.45
Total	1,148.98
Expenses	830.42
Bal. on hand	318.56
Retirement fund	646.02
National fee	90.00
Assoc. expense	234.10
Assoc. fund bal.	1,445.05
Total in treasury	\$2,294.63

Submitted by Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Faye Bryant and Brother Donald Moore Treasurer.

M/S/C to accept as information.

M/S/C to accept Nominating Committee report given by Brother Paul Smith and to elect office by office.

Executive Board member (92) Brother Emmett Dunaway  
Trustee Board - (95) Brother Gerry Dunaway, (91) Brother Allen William.

Ordaining Council - (95) Brother Dilmos Johnston

Digest Committee - (93) Brother Donald Self

Mission Board - (92) Brother James Bryant  
(92) Brother Paul Smith

Christian Education Board - (93) Brother David Starr  
(93) Brother Grover Jewell, (93) Brother Shine Collins  
(92) Gary Rucker.

General Officers:

Moderator

Dr. Billy Sharpston

Assistant Moderator

Brother Howard Faircloth

Clerk

Brother Charles McNeese

Assistant Clerk

Brother Richard Hodges

Treasurer

Brother Donald Moore

Assistant Treasurer

Brother Gerry Dunaway

The Nominating Committee was nominated from the floor:

Brother Maurice Bryant, Brother Paul Smith and Brother  
Harold Dunaway.

M/S/C to elect these by acclamation.

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

Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Howard Faircloth.

Moderator

  
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

  
Rev. Charles McNeese



## THE GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETING

The Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary met Sept. 15, 1990 at Double Branch Church. The meeting was opened with the song, "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing." Mary Dunaway led in prayer. President Kathy Douglas presided.

The welcome was given by Mary Holden Dunaway. A special song was brought by Betty Mullis, "Consider The Lilies." The devotion was given by Christine Ganey. She used 3 points to bring out her message. 1. The great invitation by God, Rev. 22:17. 2. The great invitation by Bible characters, as Philip, Acts 8:25. 3. The great invitation by people of the past, as D.L. Moody. We were led in prayer by Rev. Dilmos Johnston.

The president seated the delegates for our business. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Committees appointed were: Registration, Mary Holden Dunaway; Credentials, Nita Hobbs; Resolutions, Shirley Sharpston, Jane Sumner, Gail Smith; Finance, Bessie Simmons, Ernestine Purvis; Field Worker, Mary Dunaway. The business was closed.

Brenda Humphrey brought a special song, "When He Was On The Cross I Was On His Mind." Our speaker for the day was Barbara Fletcher. Her subject was "Love." She said we do not put our love for the Lord first. He will be Lord of all, or He will not be Lord at all. Her scripture was 2Chron. 16:9. She said that our love for Christ has lost its joy. We do not spend time with the Lord as we should. Ernestine Purvis led in prayer and gave the blessing on the meal.

The afternoon session opened with the song, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." The reports from the committees were as follows: Registration, 16 members present, 6 visitors. Credentials, 5 auxiliaries and 57 members. Finance, offering \$25.50, Bal. \$95.73. Resolutions, 1. To adopt the Nat'l WNAC resolutions, 2. That we meet on the 3rd. Sat. in Sept. rotating among the churches alphabetically, meeting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at noon. No lunch will be served by the hosts. That committees be appointed prior to the meeting and that they meet on this same day at 9:00 a.m. 3. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Officers for the next 2 years were elected as follows: Pres. Kathy Douglas, V. Pres. Christine Ganey, Sec. Nita Hobbs, Treas. Bessie Simmons, Asst. Treas. Freda Hodges, Field Worker, Mary Dunaway, Missions Action Stella Ray, Missions Prayer Eudine Pitts, Mission Study Charlene Williams. Delegates to the State meeting are: Mary Dunaway, Shirley Sharpston, Bessie Simmons, Christine Ganey, Nita Hobbs. Appointed to the State Nominating Committee was Stella Ray. Prayer was offered by Rev. Owen Ganey. 1st. Eastman Church will be host Sept. 21, 1991. M/S/C/ to dismiss. Jane Sumner led in prayer.

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



# GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept, 30, 1989 Balance.....	\$ 127.98
Income:	
Pre-Thanksgiving.....	88.00
Pre-Easter, Laura Belle Barnard.....	55.00
" " Paul & Rhoda Chreech.....	109.45
Laura Belle Barnard, Personal Acct.....	50.00
Allen & LaRue Crowson Acct.....	480.00
Debbie Griffin Acct.....	100.00
Earl & Bernice Hanna Acct.....	50.00
Lora Shutes, State Project.....	461.00
Eunice Edwards Fund.....	13.00
Co-Laborer Fund.....	173.00
Student Loan Fund.....	22.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund.....	11.00
Emphasis Month.....	65.00
ST. Croix, San Juan Church.....	100.00
Printing Nat'l minutes.....	3.00
Membership fees.....	156.75
Registration fees.....	8.00
	<u>Total \$ 2073.18</u>
Sept. 15, 1990 Dist. meeting offering	25.50
Sent to State.....	1922.95
Stamps.....	5.00
Guest speaker , District.....	75.00
Sept. 30, 1990 Balance.....	95.73

## Money sent direct from individual auxiliaries:

Alabama Children's Home.....	210.00
Crowson's Christmas Gift.....	125.00
Debbie Griffin's Christmas Gift.....	25.00
Christy Dixon, ill kidney patient.....	100.00
Benevolent Fund.....	50.00
Board of Retirement.....	10.00
Stephanie Dossett, Bible College student...	300.00
	<u>Total \$ 820.00</u>

Co-Laborer Magazines.....	310.00
Church Projects.....	314.21
	<u>Total \$ 624.21</u>

Grand Total \$ 3542.89

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

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

### Youth Rally:

2/17/90

Hay Ride - Weiner Roast  
80 present  
Devotion: Rev. Paul Smith

5/19/90

Picnic at Little Ocmulgee State Park  
65 present  
Devotion: Rev. Rex Lynn

8/19/90

Shating Activity - Jay Bird Springs  
30 present

### Sunday School Convention:

The convention was held at Double Branch Church on September 8, 1990. Rev. Terry Pierce conducted a Seminar on Sunday School enlargement through visitation. There were 35 people in attendance.

The Board urges more involvement and support from the associational churches during the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted  
Harold E. Dunaway, Jr.

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Sec.-Treas.

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
(Revised, 1980, 1/81, 4/82, 10/87, 4/89, 1/90)

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 :

<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>
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)
126 - 150	50.00		

Section 8. The 10.00 National Fee is due from each church on or before the Annual meeting.

### 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 216 Perry Rd. 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	Wille 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	Rev. Albert Rollins 306 Lassiter Dr. Dublin, GA 31021	Jack Lysaker 912-272-5663 102 Prince St. Dublin, GA 31021
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. Elbert Powell Route 1 Box 114 Chester, GA 31012 912-934-4348	Tommy Parker 912-934-6048 Rt. 3 Cochran, GA 31014
Mt. Ararat	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 1110 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 Ellerbetown Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286 404-647-3885	Eudene Pitts 404-647-7262 2537 Barnesville Highway Thomaston, GA 30286

Members Rec'd	Members Lost	Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc. Dues
4	5	71	31	No	\$11,928.00	N/A
1	3	83	42	No	\$17,494.00	N/A
0	1	85	17	No	\$ 6,973.77	\$40.00
1	3	51	49	35	\$20,838.11	\$35.00
13	1	150	76	50	\$60,295.39	\$50.00
5	5	44	30	15	\$13,585.47	\$30.00
2	1	83	42	No	\$21,647.64	\$35.00
0	0	119	N/A	No	\$ 6,941.16	\$45.00
5	0	62	35	26	\$16,928.98	N/A
11	1	61	30	No	\$21,965.96	\$35.00
0	18	19	10	No	\$ 6,996.87	N/A
0	0	90	48	45	\$37,735.43	\$40.00
2	2	114	45	30	\$30,765.98	\$45.00
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	\$ 3,900.50	N/A
16	4	135	95	40	\$74,915.94	\$60.00
1	3	70	29	No	\$11,867.78	\$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 uo 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, 10/90)

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. Any candidate coming to this association from another denomination shall be placed under the watchcare of this denomination and the church he is pastoring for twelve (12) months. 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, 77, 78, 1/81, 4/89, 1/90)

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 this 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 scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Measure up to the Standards of Free Will Baptists and our Church Covenant, of which have adopted by this body. The Pastor and his family are strongly admonished to uphold the standards of the Word of God by being faithful in attendance on the Lord's Day.

5. No applicant for ordination 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.



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 milage to called meetings, other milages shall be reimbursed at the discretion of the board.

## **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

**We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things 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.**