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Minutes of The

**One-Hundred First** Annual Session  
of the

Georgia Union Association

held with

**BETHLEHEM**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Cordele, Georgia

**Saturday, October 12, 1996**

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Assistant Moderator	Dilmos Johnston
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Assistant Clerk	Edward Moore
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## DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session	January 11, 1997	Christian Hill
2nd Quarterly Session	April 12, 1997	Cross Roads
3rd Quarterly Session	July 12, 1997	Double Branch
102nd Annual Session	October 11, 1997	Dublin

Missions Conference to be announced

Womens Auxiliary to be announced

Speakers for each session at the 11:00 A. M. Session

January	Rev. Gene Cross
April	Rev. Howard Faircloth
July	Rev. Ledgel Ferguson
October	Rev. Charles Hardeman

Devotional Speakers will normally be a lay speaker from the host church.

## RECOMMENDED ORDER OF OUR CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS

1. Call to order by the Moderator
2. Open the meeting with Prayer
3. Invite visiting brethren to sit
4. Read and adopt minutes of the last meeting
5. Call for acknowledgements in matters of dealing
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7. Report of Committees
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 (97) Camp Board Bro. Jack Lysaker 272-5663  
 (97) Christian Ed Board Rev. Tim Hutchinson 272-6830

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Sister Besie Bryant, Sister Faye Bryant, Association Treasurer



## MINISTERS ON ROLL

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Liscened Ministers:

None

+ denotes ministers currently pastoring churches in the association.

## FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 13, 1996 at the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia for our first quarterly meeting. Moderator Rev. Howard Faircloth called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with Kevin Rogers from Bay Springs at the piano, Grover Jewell led us in singing "At Calvary" and Rev. Jimmy Smith led us in opening prayer.

Rev. Charles Barnard, the host pastor, gave us greeting and several instructions. Brother Shine Collins gave our morning devotion from Luke 17:11 entitled "One Came Back."

We adopted our program with necessary changes.

The clerk called the roll call of ministers, 17 present; the roll call of delegates, 39 present.

Our moderator recognized the deacons, 15 present, and also the visitors to our meeting, Rev. and Mrs. Waid and one who was guest of Brother Knighton.

The moderator appointed the following people to committees for the day: Donald Self to the Nominating Committee and Ledge Ferguson to the Mission Board.

The minutes of the 1995 Annual Session were read and approved and then Rev. Waid gave us greeting from the State Office mentioning several events including our Day of Prayer on January 21, the Ministers retreat, Youth Conference, the new Missionary to North Fayette, Rev. Paul Smith, Brother Dowdney's illness, the Snows support requirements for Japan and other items of interest. Rev. Ferguson led us in prayer and then we recessed.

## MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

Our Morning Worship Hour began with the singing of "Until Then" led by Grover Jewell. We received an offering for Associations needs and then heard special music by Grover Jewell and J. L. Holt entitled "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

Jack Lysaker gave the executive Board report which included the disbursement of funds of \$500 each to the Christian Education Board and the Mission Board; a report of the delay in the printing of the Annual Minutes because of the death of Mr. Bell at Bell Printing and a recommendation for a Constitutional change to Article III Section 6 and Article IV Section 3B to reflect a new mileage rate for board members. The recommendation was tabled until the afternoon session. We concluded our morning business and Rev. Gerald Brown preached from Matthew 25:14 "What We Could Do." Rev. Barnard closed in prayer and gave instructions for the noon meal.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

We opened the afternoon session singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Grover Jewell, prayer by Rev. McFadden. Brother Jewell and Brother Holt then gave another guitar duet singing "I Can't Even Walk Without You" and "Because He Lives" after which the Moderator had us give a moment of silence in remembrance of Rev. James Bruce.

The following Committee reports were then given.

Digest Committee by James Dixon: 17 churches reported, 17 new members, lost 7, baptized 9 and a total membership of 1192.

Mission Board by Gerry Dunaway. He talked of the Perry Mission and support for Rev. Brown. Rev. Brown then talked of the work and progress of the mission. Christian Education Board by Grover Jewell: He spoke of the good activities in 1995 and the intent to continue those type activities this year. Their current efforts were centered around getting Camp in order for this year. They encouraged the Teens to go to the State Teen Camp 7-12 July at Camp Tattnal. Our Youth Camp this year will cost \$50.00 and we will finalize a camp site soon. He also reminded us of the Youth Conference and the Ministers Retreat.

Ordaining Council by Dilmos Johnston. He indicated that Rev. Leon Gibson of Cross Roads Church had departed.

Treasurers report by Gerry Dunaway: we currently have \$714.55 in the Old Camp Meeting Fund, \$1577.73 in the Retirement Fund, \$500.00 in the Camp Fund, \$1326.73 in the Associational Fund and \$3410.98 in the Free Will Baptist Foundation. Today's receipts were: Quarterly Dues \$1386.48 and Ministers Retirement \$25.00 and disbursed \$705.60 this quarter.

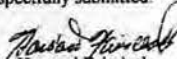
Camping Report by Jack Lysaker: Camp Mt. Bethel sold for \$55,000 and we are now carefully looking for a replacement site. Until that is done, we will be having a State Wide Teen Camp and several Associational camps this coming year.

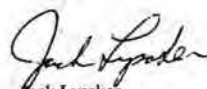
Our Nominating Committee was chaired by Rev. Charles Barnard and the following nominations were provided and confirmed: Shine Collins to replace Emmett Dunaway on the Executive Board, Rev. Barnard to replace Rev. Smith on the Mission Board and Rev. Ferguson to be placed also on that board. The Nominating Committee members were changed to reflect a new group of men, Gene McCard, Gene Cross and Wayne Moore.

The Constitutional Change recommendation was brought back to the floor. Rev. Tim Hutchinson modified the original motion so that the current one reads that the board members will receive a mileage rate that reflects the current IRS specified rate. The change was accepted, voted upon and passed.

We gave the host church a rising vote of thanks, heard several announcements and the first session of 1996 was closed in prayer by James Bryant.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Rev. Howard Faircloth  
Moderator

  
Jack Lysaker  
Clerk

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 13, 1996 at Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for our second quarterly meeting of the year. Moderator Howard Faircloth called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M. and we sang "I Have a Friend in Jesus" accompanied by the church ensemble. We were led in prayer by Rev. Charles Barnard. We then sang "When We all get to Heaven." We were given greetings from the host pastor, Rev. L. S. Anthony.

Rev. Jason Cable, pastor of the Cross Roads church gave the devotion from Psalms 46: God; a place of Security.

We adopted the program with necessary changes, then the Clerk called the roll call of ministers, 16 present. He called the roll call of delegates, 34 present. The moderator called all deacons, 12 were present. We recognized several visitors from the local area and two from the state of North Carolina.

The Moderator checked on the committees, all present and ready for business. The clerk then read the minutes of the last association meeting. They were approved as read.

Jack Lysaker gave the Executive Board report; Our offering is to go for the youth competition at the National. He also noted that our Roll Call Sunday saw 825 people in our churches, an increase of 100 over our 1993 totals.

We say "I'll Fly Away" and received the offering, \$82.00. Prayer was given by Rev. Gene Cross and then we recessed.

## MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

Our Morning Worship Hour began with special music: Amazing Grace by the congregation and then "A Talking Miracle" and "Someone is Praying Tonight" by the group. Brother Tony Howell led us in Prayer.

We recognized Georgia Union Members that have been with us over 50 years, Viola Hunt from Pleasant Hill, 70 years a member in Georgia Union and Donald Self from Pine Level with us since 1942.

We were reminded of the Ministerial Fellowship meeting in Perry, then Rev. Barnard gave the mission report with Rev. Brown filling in details of the Perry Mission. The Mission board met three times, worked on Perry and the Annual Missions Conference which will be held the week of 18 November. He then asked for our continual prayer and financial support.

Brother Grover Jewell gave the Christian Education report: concerning youth Camps, cost for the youth is \$50. Details are being given to each church. On the state CE level, the senior saints retreat was cancelled, youth competition will commence in Albany on May 17. The ministers retreat will be on April 22 and he encouraged us to support the state wide Teen Camp on July 7 at Camp Tattnal.

The Ordaining Council had no report for today.

Brother Lawrence Taylor from North Carolina sang and Rev. Charles Barnard preached from Numbers 30:2. His topic was "The Agency of a Covenant, Our Covenant." We recessed for lunch with Rev. Gene McCard leading us in prayer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

We started the afternoon session singing "Traveling On." Brother Taylor then sang "Ship of Zion" for us.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self. We had 16 churches reporting. We received 6 members, lost 10, baptized 3 and recorded \$109,453.38 in monies received during the quarter.

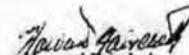
Brother Gerry Dunaway gave the Treasurers report. Balance on hand \$3326.69. funds paid out, \$715.00. Monies received today were \$777 and monies in the Free Will Baptist Foundation totalled \$3513.31.

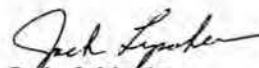
The Nominating Committee recommended that Johnie Conner from Pine Level Church replace Rodney Peavey on the mission board. Rodney Peavey asked to be replaced. The nomination was accepted by a vote of the body.

We gave Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks.

After several announcements, we closed the session with Rev. Jimmy Smith leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Rev. Howard Faircloth  
Moderator

  
Brother Jack Lysaker  
Clerk

#### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 13, 1996 at the Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M. for our Third Quarterly Meeting. Moderator Faircloth called the session to order and Chad Smith led us in singing "Hear the Blessed Savior." Rev. Dilmos Johnston led us in opening prayer.

Deacon Giddens of the host church gave us welcome and daily instructions. and Gerald Smith provided our morning devotion on edification from I Corth 12, 13 and 14.

We adopted the program of the session with necessary changes.

The clerk call the roll call of ministers, 15 present. He then called the roll call of delegates, 38 present. We also recognized the presence of 18 deacons.

We recognized several visitors which included Nathan Snow, missionary to Japan, Rev Carl Miller who is entering the Association today and Brother Peacock from the Beulah Springs Church. The Moderator recognized all boards and committees to be present.

The clerk read the minutes of the Second Quarterly Session. They were approved as read.

Brother Jack Lysaker gave the Executive Board report. Our offering for the day is to go to help expenses for our children going to the National Competition in Fort Worth, Texas. \$166.00.

Nathan Snow presented his work of Japan to the body, then Tim Hutchinson recessed us with prayer.

#### MORNING WORSHIP TIME

We reconvened with the singing of "The Soul Never Dies." Beverly McCranie from the host church sang "Never Look Back. and the church quartet sang "At Calvary." The moderator gave special recognition to Jewel Smith as a long term member present for the meeting.

Grover Jewell reported for the Christian Education Board; CAMP 96 was a great success. Six campers were saved and many rededicated their lives to the Lord. The camp focused on the topic of authority. On the state level, the Youth Conference went well and the White Oak youth will represent us at the National in 9 categories. There is a senior saint retreat planned for October. We received several prayer requests for pastors and churches and Rev. Gene Cross led us in prayer for these items.

Moderator Faircloth gave us some background on the pending transfer of the Beulah Church to another denomination that is presently holding services on that property. We had our last services there in 1986 and then the church was turned over to the Georgia Union Mission Board.

At present, the Congregational Holiness Church led by a brother Peacock as using the church. Our morning message was given by Rev James Bryan from John 4 on Living Water. At the end of the message, Rev Ferguson led us in prayer for our noon meal and we were dismissed.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was begun with the singing of "He Set Me Free," prayer by Rev. Charles Barnard and the Bay Springs Group sang "I Heard of a City," followed by Chad Smith singing "Jesus died for my Transgressions."

There were a few announcements; the Ministers Fellowship on July 16th, the upcoming Missions Conference to be in November, and Dilmos Johnston thanked the body for support in response to the burglary of his home.

The following Committee reports were given in the afternoon session:

Digest Committee by Donald Self. 16 churches reported 19 members received, 42 lost.

The Cross roads church asked for prayer for their church and for a pastor.

Mission Board report by Rev. Charles Barnard: Rev. Brown has resigned the Perry Mission effective in August 96. They brought three recommendations:

1. that the Georgia Union Association relinquish all rights and responsibilities to the Beulah Springs Church and that a letter to that effect be given to the Congregational Holiness Church that is presently using the facility. Their lawyer will draw up the necessary paper work and they will bear all expense of the transfer. Motion made, seconded and carried.
2. That each of our churches be made aware of and support the upcoming mission conference.
3. That the Georgia Union give Rev Brown a rising vote of thanks for his work at the Perry Mission. Each item was acted upon and passed individually.

Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Dilmos Johnston: four items were discussed.

1. That we give Rev. Johnny Lewis a letter of good standing to the Cumberland Association.
2. That we council write Rev. Albert Rollins, he is out of fellowship not having reported to the Association in over 9 months. We will ask for a response in 90 days.
3. That we write a similar letter to Rev. Wishum for the same reasons.
4. That we accept Rev. Carl Miller into the Association pending a letter of good standing from his previous association. All items were discussed and passed.

Treasurers report by Gerry Dunaway: Our balance on hand as of 7-9-96 was \$3366.43. Disbursements were \$545.36. Monies received today; Association fees \$575, Ministers Retirement fund \$115, National Association Offering \$166. Totals in the Treasury as of today are as follows: Ministers Retirement 1559.44, Missions Conference 714.55, youth camp 250.00 the Associational Fund 1532.44 and the FWB Foundation fund 3513.31

State Camp Board report by Jack Lysaker: we had 55 campers and 55 rededication for our camp session this year.

After all reports were received, Rev. Peacock from Beulah Springs thanked us for the work that we had done on their behalf in the transfer of the church.


We gave the Bay Springs Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting this session.


Sue Lindsey rose to thank the association for allowing Tori Lindsey to represent us at "Truth and Peace" group this year at the National Association.

Rev. James Dixon provided our closing prayer for the session.

Our Annual session will be held at Bethlehem Church in October.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Rev. Howard Faircloth  
Moderator

  
Brother Jack Lysaker  
Clerk

## ANNUAL SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on the 12th of October at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist church at 10:00 A. M. for their annual session. Moderator Faircloth called the meeting to order and Jack Lysaker led in singing "In the Sweet By and By." Rev. Dilmos Johnston led in prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Ronnie Lawson gave us greeting and our morning devotion was given by Tommy Baker, reading from I Peter 4.

We adopted the program with necessary changes.

The roll call of ministers was called by the clerk, 16 present.

The roll call of delegates was called by the clerk, 37 present as were 12 deacons.

We recognized visitors to our association including Rev. and Mrs. Wade, Janette Edge and Rev. Jimmy Rozier. The Moderator appointed Donna Jewel to help on the finance committee.

The clerk read the minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting and they were approved as read.

The Executive Board report was given by Jack Lysaker. We determined that the morning offering would go to the mission board to help with current expenses.

Rev. Wade gave us greetings from the State Office and updated us on several items of concern including the Free Will Baptist Bible College, our state Senior Retreat, the upcoming state meetings, changes in the Promotional Bulletin mailings and the Georgia Union History Book. We prayed, sang a congregational hymn led by Jack Lysaker and received our morning offering for the board of missions which totalled \$1052.45. We recessed.

## Morning Worship Service

Our Morning Worship Session began with singing "At Calvary" which was followed by a special by Mrs. Lawson entitled "It's not to Late for a Miracle." Wynelle Smith then sang "Shepherd of My Valley." Notice was taken that Rev. Gerald Brown was in Mexico on a preaching trip.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Grover Jewell. He reported that we will be having a hayride and wiener roast at Double Branch on October 26th, with Rev. Carl Miller the evening speaker. The CE board has \$548.82 in their treasury. He also spoke about the senior saints retreat later this month at St. Simons Island.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Dilmos Johnston. He requested that we send Rev. Albert Rollins a letter of good standing to the Pamlico Association in NC via his address, that a letter of request be sent to Rev. Jerry Wishum requesting his credentials as he has failed to show just cause for him to retain his credentials, being out of fellowship with the association and third that we place a note in the Promotional Bulletin to that effect. All items were dealt with individually and all were accepted by the association.

Rev. James Dixon provided the morning message from Luke 8:22ff entitled "A Little Bit of Faith." At the close of the message, Rev. Lawson closed the session in prayer, gave us instructions concerning the noon meal and we were dismissed.

## Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was begun with the singing of "I'll Fly Away" led by Jack Lysaker and



opening prayer by Grover Jewell. The host church provided us with another special "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings."

The Ladies Auxiliary update was given to us by Sharon Ferguson. She mentioned their projects and financial status of giving for this year.

The Mission Board Report was given by Rev. Charles Barnard. He gave an indepth report of the work of the board, and the new direction of the Perry Mission which included a new working agreement for the missionary, a detailed set of instructions for the upcoming missionary conference, closing comments on the Beulah Springs Church and other items of interest. At the close of his report, Rev Gene Cross, the new missionary to Perry and his wife came forward, signed their new working agreement along with other members present and then we had an altar of prayer for their work in Perry.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self. 17 churches reporting, Members received 55, Members lost 73; Total church finances reported, \$412,912.18.

The Treasurer was absent so the clerk noted the following: As of Oct 5, 1996 the checkbook had \$4022.05. Paid out this quarter \$190. Free Will Baptist Foundation \$3618.71. Dues collected today \$1070 and the offering for missions, \$1052.45.

The nominating committee report was given to the moderator. He took each nominee in turn and the body voted to elect the following to the positions indicated.

#### GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator - Grover Jewell Assistant Moderator - Dilmos Johnston

Clerk - Jack Lysaker Assistant Clerk - Edward Moore

Treasurer - Gerry Dunaway Assistant Treasurer - Terry Dossett

One member at large - Shine Collins

Trustee Board, replace Tom Douglas with Carl Miller

Ordaining Council, replace Dilmos Johnston with Gene Cross

Digest Committee: retain Donald Self

Mission Board, retain Charles Barnard and Johnie Conner

Christian Education Board, replace Grover Jewell with Carl Miller until 1998

retain James Dixon until 1998 and Tom Douglas until 1999

add Terry Dossett and Tim Hutchinson until 1999.

The Nominating Committee was retained, Gene McCard, Gene Cross and Wayne Moore.

Grover Jewell resigned from the state CE Board, replaced by Tim Hutchinson.


Our state representatives are Suzan Hutchinson, Bessie Bryant, Ross Cross and Mary Miller.

We gave the host church a rising vote of thanks and after several announcements from the various church organizations, the new Moderator, Grover Jewell took the podium. He gave some instructions for our direction to work for the Lord.

We gave Rev Howard Faircloth a rising vote of thanks for the years of service he gave. we declared our annual session complete and closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Howard Faircloth  
Moderator

  
Jack Lysaker  
Clerk

## GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary met on September 21, 1996 at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. A Welcome was extended to all by Sharon Ferguson and Mary Miller gave our devotion from Matthew 10:8 and Genesis 12:2. She spoke of a need for us to give as well as receive so that we do not become stagnant like the Dead Sea.

Following the devotion we made our appointment of committees and then recessed for brunch.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurers report was also read and approved.

We noted that our registration held 23 members from 4 auxiliaries.

The delegates appointed to the state meeting included: Jackie Barnard, Sharon Ferguson, Nita Hobbs, Lula Holt, Mary Miller and Stella Ray.

Our resolutions committee adopted all the resolutions from our last state meeting.

We determined to compile a list of all auxiliary members and their auxiliaries.

We also determined to have a second auxiliary fellowship meeting time.

Our morning message was given by Sharon Ferguson speaking from 1 Corinthians

2:12-16. She spoke of the Christian Life as a growing process.

Following the morning message we had our Installation of Officers.

We noted that presently we have 45 members from 4 auxiliaries.

Our next meeting will be conducted at White Oaks church on the 20th of September, 1997.

Respectfully submitted

Gloria Johnson  
secretary

**GEORGIA UNION WNAC DISTRICT MEETING  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Auxiliary met September 21, 1996 at the Pleasant Hill Church.

Auxiliary Disbursements:	
Dues	257.75
WMAC:	329.00
Co-Laborer Offering	144.00
Emphasis Month Offering	50.00
Foreign Student Scholarship	50.00
Memorial Student Loan	24.00
Dot Harvey	27.00
State Auxiliary:	
State Project	298.00

Total Auxiliary Disbursements: 1179.75

Mission Endeavors:	
Bible College	
Total FWBBC Gifts	50.00
Children Home:	
AL FWWB Children's Home	160.00
Foreign Missions	
Debbie Griffin	326.00
Crowson	35.00
Bishop	570.00
Hanna	30.00
Creech	75.00
Snows	280.00

Home Missions:	
Lizzie McAdams Offering	50.00
Perry Mission	243.00
North Fayette	90.00

Total Missionary Disbursements: 1909.00

Grand Total 3088.75

**CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
(Revised 1980, 1/81, 4/82, 10/87, 4/89, 1/90, 6/91, 10/92, 10/93, 10/95)**

**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 recommendations to this association before any church or mission can be accepted into this body.

Section 3. This association may discipline member churches or missions, if labor proves unsuccessful, by exclusion or withdrawing fellowship. However, in no case can this association reverse the church or missions decisions, nor interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Section 4. A two-thirds 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	\$70.00 plus \$5 for every 25 members over.
126 - 150	\$50.00		

Section 8. The \$25.00 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 boards as needed. He shall be the official representative of this association.

Section 3. The clerk shall keep accurate minutes of each association and executive board meeting. He shall prepare the minutes for publication and see that they are printed and available for distribution at the January session. He is responsible for the correspondence and records of this association.

Section 4. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds as directed by this 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 receive a mileage rate that reflects the current IRS specified rate.

#### ARTICLE IV

Section 1. (A). The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairman of the Trustee Board, Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Ordaining Council, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and one member elected at large. These above boards shall 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.

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Section 2. The Trustee Board shall consist of five members, each elected to five year terms on a staggered basis. This board shall over see 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 the current IRS mileage rate 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.

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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, boards, 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 the session.

Section 8. The Finance Committee is to consist of three members in good standing that have knowledge of financial matters. They shall function at each quarterly meeting to count all monies and report to the treasurer the results of each financial tally, using appropriately prepared forms for such reports. These members will be elected yearly.

Section 9. Temporary committees (such as a Resolutions Committee) 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 or ordaining council should be in writing and submitted to the clerk.

Section 3. This association shall have the power to adopt any regulation or by laws, not consistent with the constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of this assembly.

Section 4. This association shall act upon such questions as 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 in this meeting shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

#### ARTICLE VI

Section 1. This constitution and by-laws shall not be changed or altered except by two-thirds majority of all members present at a regular session. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be read in open session during the morning, then tabled until afternoon. The amendment can then be removed from the 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, 6/91)

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 the moderator and assistant moderator, the clerk shall call the session to order and elect a 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 the clerk.
6. The association shall always adjourn by vote and prayer.
7. There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with the 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 between the Georgia Union Mission and Christian Education Boards as directed by the Executive Board.
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 Drive Eastman, Ga. 31023 912-374-3017 (Odelle)	Kenneth G. Giddens 104 Lawndale Drive Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-4610
Bethlehem	1917	Rev. Ronnie Lawson Rt 5 Box 392 Tifton, Ga. 31974 1-912-382-8149 (Brenda)	Shirley Calhoun 216 Perry Road Cordele, Ga. 31015 1-912-273-3947
Christian Hill	1887	Rev. James Bryant Rt 2 Box 181-AB Cochran, Ga. 31014 1-912-934-0004 (Bessie)	Mary Frances Brown Rt 1 Box 194 Abbeville, Ga. 31001 1-912-365-7488
Cross Roads	1910	Rev. Gene McCard Rt 3 Box 87-2 Cochran, Ga. 31014 1-912-934-4566 (Ramona)	Willie Ruth Rogers Rt 3 Box 82A Cochran, Ga. 31014 1-912-934-2532
Double Branch	1896	Rev. Carl Miller Rt 3 Box 3500 Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036 1-912-892-9474 (Mary)	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway 3011 Williams Road Unadilla, Ga. 31091 1-912-892-9388
Dublin	1966	Rev. Tim Hutchinson 226 Hobbins Drive Dublin, Ga. 31021 1-912-272-6830 (Suzan)	Jack Lysaker 102 Prince Street Dublin, Ga. 31021 1-912-272-5663
Faith	1993	unknown	Sue Downs 117 Beaver Creek Road Kathleen, Ga. 31047 1-912-922-6637
First Eastman	1961	Rev. Charles Hardeman Rt 2 Box 137 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-3618 (Bobbie)	Shirley Jones Rt 3 Box 181-A2 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-4408
Little Bethel	1915	Rev. James Dixon Rt 4 Box 260 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-5219 (Frances)	Tommy G. Parker Rt 6 Box 350 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-934-6048

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Mt. Ararat	1885	Rev. Jimmy Smith Rt 2 Box 245 D Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-934-3777 (Joan)	Ila Mae Johnson Rt 3 box 110 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-3031
New Hope	1967	Rev. Tony Howell Rt 4 Box 262 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-3356 (Jewell)	Myrtle Howell Rt 5 Box 108 N Cochran, Ga. 31014 1-912-934-6870
Perry Mission	1974	Rev. Gene Cross PO Box 1451 Perry, Ga. 31069 1-912-987-8068 (Rose)	Ruth Moss 2837 Hwy 41 North Fort Valley, Ga. 31030 1-912-953-5433
Pine Level	1924	Rev. Dilmos Johnston Rt 1 Box 236 Chester, Ga. 31012 1-912-358-4477 (Shirley)	Moniece M. Moore Rt 6 Box 195 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-3217
Pleasant Hill	1898	Rev. Ledger Ferguson 540 Parker Road Vienna, Ga. 31092 1-912-268-8746 (Sharon)	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, Ga. 31092 1-912-268-6211
Warner Robins	1964	Rev. Jimmy Rozier 3222 Maynard Mill Road Forsyth, Ga. 31029	Nell D. Fordham 117 Sudan Road Byron, Ga. 31008
White Oaks	1953	Rev. Charles Barnard 5310 Bloomfield Drive Macon, Ga. 31206 1-912-781-1846 (Jackie)	Donna Jewell 2916 Markingham Drive Macon, Ga. 31206 1-912-781-4407
Wilson Chapel	1960	Rev. L. S. Anthony 315 Ellerbeetown Road Thomaston, Ga. 30286 1-706-647-3885 (Rachel)	Eudene Pitts 2537 Barnsville Hwy. Thomaston, Ga. 30286 1-706-647-7262

Members Rec'd	Members Lost	Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc Dues
Bay Springs 3	1	75	32	no	23,216	35.00
Bethlehem 0	45	50	20	no	41,272	30.00
Christian Hill 1	0	70	17	no	11,723	35.00
Cross Roads unk	1	63	45	no	24,326	35.00
Double Branch 0	2	170	80	no	114,170	55.00
Dublin 13	2	49	35	25	17,329	30.00
Faith 0	0	18	8	9	5,349	25.00
First, Eastman 4	1	50	45	no	17,625	30.00
Little Bethel 0	0	43	23	no	5,959	30.00
Mt. Ararat 1	2	67	19	17	16,837	35.00
New Hope 2	12	57	30	no	unkown	35.00
Perry Mission 1	1	19	14	no	13,151	25.00
Pine Level 6	5	100	55	45	39,458	40.00
Pleasant Hill 0	0	84	40	30	29,222	40.00
Warner Robins 6	4	32	22	no	15,033	20.00
White Oaks 0	0	118	unk	no	50,220	45.00
Wilson Chapel 4	0	76	35	no	18,023	40.00

# 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 that 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 watch care of this denomination and the church he is pastoring for twelve (12) months. All other license or ordinations papers must be turned over to this association and the clerk may destroy them or return them 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's 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 watch care of this body until a letter of good standing is received from his previous association.

E. It is the responsibility of the church or mission calling a pastor to inform him of the requirements of this association.

4. Any church or mission petitioning this association for membership shall be investigated by the Executive Board before the vote can be taken.

RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS  
(Revised 1960, 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 qualifications as laid down in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and measure up to the standards of Free Will Baptists and our Church Covenant; which have been 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-thirds (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.

RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS  
(Revised 1977, 10/81, 10/87)

1. Applicant must be a member of the church recommending him, and if applicant is coming from another denomination or association, he shall be a member of the church recommending him for not less than three (3) months from the date of the receiving letter stating that he is in good standing with the church, denomination and association that 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 the standards of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant which have been adopted by this body
5. No applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he or his wife has more than one living husband or wife.
6. Upon receipt of a ministers license, which is renewable annually, it is recommended that each licensee complete the following items which are 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.

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 alternating by electing two (2) one year and three (3) the ext year so as not to have an 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 are 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 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 of 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 any time title will be transferred to the church, said title to retain a revision 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."

7. 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

Board 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 2. 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 3. 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 4. EX-OFFICI MEMBERS: The Chairman shall be an ex-offici member of all committee.

#### Article I

Voting is restrict 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 AND BY-LAWS OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD  
(Revised 1/82, 4/94, 7/95)

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 activities for the Association and its youth as deemed necessary throughout the year

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 and by a 2/3 majority vote provided that the amendment was tabled in the morning session.

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

## CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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.