

1997
Minutes of The
One-Hundred Second Annual Session
of the
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

held with
THE DUBLIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Dublin, Georgia

Saturday, October 11, 1997

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Officers

Moderator-----Grover Jewell

Assistant Moderator-----Carl Miller

Clerk-----Jack Lysaker

Assistant Clerk-----Edward Moore

Treasurer-----Gerry Dunaway

Assistant Treasurer-----Terry Dossett

DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session	January 10, 1998	Eastman, Georgia
2nd Quarterly Session	April 11, 1998	Little Bethel
3rd Quarterly Session	July, 11, 1998	Mt Ararat
103 Annual Session	October, 12, 1998	New Hope

Missions Conference to be announced

Womens Auxiliary to be announced

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

January	Rev. Charles Hardeman
April	Rev. Tony Howell
July	Rev. Tim Hutchinson
October	Rev. Bennie Lafferty

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.
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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Jack Lysaker	102 Prince Street	Dublin Ga	31021	272-5663
Gerry Dunaway	Rt 3 Box 4100	Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-9880
Tim Hutchinson	226 Hobbins Drive	Dublin Ga	31021	272-6830
Charles Barnard	5310 Bloomfield Drive	Macon Ga	31206	781-1846
Ledgel Ferguson	540 Parker Road	Vienna Ga	31092	268-8746
Shine Collins	1567 Hurley Drive	Macon, Ga	31206	788-8530

Trustee Board

(98) Ross Bennett	Rt 6	Eastman, Ga	31023	374-3804
(99) Dewey Evans	2329 Donald Avenue	Macon, Ga	31201	745-2647
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(01) Carl Miller	Rt 3 Box 3500	Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-9474
(02) Edward Moore	Rt 6 Box 195	Eastman Ga	31023	374-3217

Ordaining Council

(98) Rev. Ledgel Ferguson	540 Parker Road	Vienna Ga	31092	268-8746
(99) Rev. Jimmy Smith	Rt 2 Box 245D	Cochran Ga	31014	934-3777
(00) Rev. Charles Barnard	5310 Bloomfield Drive	Macon Ga	31206	781-1846
(01) Rev. Gene Cross	1964 Marshalville Rd	Perry Ga	31069	987-6021
(02) Rev. Carl Miller	Rt 3 Box 3500	Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-9474

Digest Committee

(98)	Rev. Ronnie Lawson	Rt 5 Box 392	Tifton, Ga	31794	382-8149
(99)	Bro. Donald Self	Rt 6	Eastman Ga	31023	374-4544
(00)	Rev. James Dixon	Rt 4 Box 260	Eastman, Ga	31023	374-5219

Mission Board

(98)	Rev. Charles Barnard	5310 Bloomfield Road	Macon Ga	31206	781-1846
(98)	Bro. Johnnie Carter	808 Winday Way	Eastman Ga	31023	374-2222
(99)	Bro. Gerry Dunaway	Rt 3 Box 4100	Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-9880
(99)	Bro Wayne Moore	Rt 6 Box 523	Eastman Ga	31023	374-5302
(99)	Rev. Ledgel Ferguson	540 Parker Road	Vienna Ga	31092	268-8746

Christian Education Board

(98)	Rev. Carl Miller	Rt 3 Box 3500	Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-9474
(98)	Rev. James Dixon	Rt 4 Box 260	Eastman Ga	31023	374-5219
(99)	Bro. Tom Douglas	132 Francs Drive	Macon Ga	31206	781-8631
(99)	Bro. Terry Dossett	PO Box 652	Unidilla Ga	31091	627-9050
(99)	Rev. Tim Hutchinson	226 Hobbins Drive	Dublin Ga	31021	272-6830
(00)	Bro. Gary Rucker	Rt 1 Box 4100	Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-2812
(00)	Bro Harold Dunaway	Rt 3 Box	Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-2949

Nominating Committee

Rev. Gene McCard	PO Box 587	Cochran Ga	31014	934-4566
Rev. Gene Cross	1964 Marshalville Road	Perry Ga	31069	987-6021
Bro. Wayne Moore	Rt 6 Box 523	Eastman Ga	31023	374-5302

State Boards

(99) Mission Board	Rev. Charles Barnard	781-1846
(99) Trustee Board	Bro. Jerru Dunaway	892-9880
(99) Camp Board	Bro. Jack Lysaker	272-5663
(99) Christian Ed Board	Rev. Tim Hutchinson	272-6830

Finance Committee

Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Faye Bryant, Association Treasurer

MINISTERS ON ROLL

Honor Roll (Exempt from reporting)

McDuffie, Rev. Emmett	Rt 2 Box 46, Rochele Ga.	31079	365-2669
McFadden, Rev. Richard	4662 Brookhaven Rd, Macon Ga	31206	474-9522
Moore, Rev. Donald	4040 Lafayette Drive, Macon Ga	31204	788-8260
Skipper, Rev. E. V.	Po Box 488 Thomaston Ga	30286	706-647-3683

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Anthony, Rev. L. S.	+ 530 Ellerbeetown Rd Thomaston	30286	706-647-3885
Barnard, Rev. Charles	+ 5310 Bloomfield Rd. Macon Ga	31206	781-1846
Barton, Rev. Michael	216 Anderson Ave. Fort Valley Ga	31030	825-3907
Bryant, Rev. James E.	+ Rt 2 Box 181-B Cochran Ga	31014	934-0004
Cross, Rev. Gene	+ 1964 Marshalville Rd Perry Ga	31069	987-6021
Dixon, Rev. James	+ Rt 4 Box 260 Eastman Ga	31023	374-5219,
Faircloth, Rev. Howard	+ 131 Lawndale Drive Eastman Ga	31023	374-3017
Ferguson, Rev. Ledgel	+ 540 Parker Road Vienna Ga	31092	268-8746
Hardeman, Rev. Charles	103 Golf Course Rd. Eastman Ga	31023	374-3618
Howell, Rev. Tony	+ Rt 4 Box 312-A Eastman Ga	31023	374-3356
Hutchinson, Rev. Tim	+ 226 Hobbins Drive Dublin Ga	31021	272-6830
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Miller, Rev. Carl	+ Rt 3 Box 3500 Hawkinsville Ga	31036	892-9474
Powell, Rev. Elbert	Rt 1 Box 114 Chester Ga	31012	934-4348
Rozier, Rev. Jimmy	+ 3222 Maynard Mill Rd Forsyth Ga	31088	953-4571
Smith, Rev. Jimmy	+ Rt 2 Box 245 D Cochran Ga	31014	934-3777
Williams, Rev. Larry E.	111 Oak Forest Drive Eastman Ga	31023	374-3014

Licensed Ministers:

None

+ denotes ministers currently pastoring churches in the association.

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 11, 1997 at the Christian Hill Free Will Baptist Church for our first quarterly meeting. Moderator Grover Jewell called the session to order and Gerald Brown led us in prayer, after which we joined in singing "Standing on the Promises." The pastor was sick so Rev. Emmett McDuffie gave us greetings and also led us in our morning devotions from Jeremiah 8:20. (He is now 88 years young.) His message shared the concept that the harvest is past.

The moderator recognized our visitors, the clerk gave a roll call of ministers, 18 present; a roll call of delegates with 34 seated and recognition of deacons, 15 present.

The clerk read the minutes of the 1996 Annual Session and they were approved.

Jack Lysaker gave the Executive Board report indicating that the board dispensed end of year monies of \$700.00 each to the Missions Board and the Board of Christian Education. He also gave a report that the board was considering a move to keep all the business in the morning session unless an afternoon session would be required.

We received an offering to be given to Rev Waid to help defray some costs incidental to his accident on New Years Day. The offering was \$170.00.

Rev Tim Hutchinson gave the Christian Education Report. He spoke about the great youth rally last October at Double Branch, the upcoming youth competition and gave us several dates to remember; a youth rally at Double Branch with the FWBBC Choir on March 22, Youth Competition on April 26th at 10:00 A.M., Youth Camp on June 22 at Camp Eunice. He also indicated that David Dollar and Willie Martin would lead this years camp.

The Ordaining Council report indicated that a letter was sent to Rev. Wlshum with no response, Rev. Rollins was given a letter and that both their names were removed from our rolls. They further reported that Rev. Jimmy Rozier will be ordained and placed under the watch care of the ordaining council for a period of 12 months.

Rev. Charles Barnard gave the Mission Board Report. Our First Annual Missions Conference saw 15 of our churches participate, averaging 215 in attendance each evening. The Perry Mission has seen a good growth pattern for the last three months with Rev Gene Cross as pastor. The boards finances are steady, but each church is encouraged to continue to give; and finally he shared a newsletter concept from the board, which will help keep our churches abreast of current mission work. At the end of these reports we recessed after Shine Collins led us in prayer.

MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

This session was led by Donna Jewell giving us a report of current Ladies Auxiliary activities.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self. 17 Churches reported, 44 members received, 13 lost for a church membership of 1196. Our local church

offerings totaled \$124,954.75.

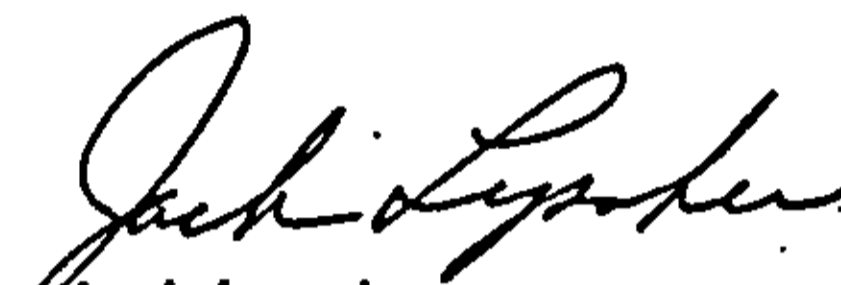
Our treasurer, Brother Gerry Dunaway indicated a January 11 Balance of \$2526.35 and youth camp monies of \$250.00 He disbursed funds to the Mission Board, CE Board and Minutes for the association. Receipts for today were \$590.00 and the offering for Rev Waid was \$170.00. Our FWB Foundation is now at \$3618.71.

Rev. Charles Barnard challenged us with some data from our Double in a Decade campaign and we gave the host church a rising vote of thanks.

Our worship service consisted of singing "Won't it be Wonderful There," prayer by Rev. Carl Miller, congregational singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and preaching by Rev. Gene Cross from Mark 10:46 on JESUS. Rev. Cross closed the session in prayer and we retired to the kitchen for lunch.

Respectfully submitted:


Grover Jewell
Moderator


Jack Lysaker
Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on 12 April, 1997 at the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church in Cochran at 10:00 A.M. for our second quarterly session. Moderator Grover Jewell called the meeting to order, Steve Fairfield led us in singing "He Set me Free" and Rev. Herbert Waid led in opening prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Gene McCard gave us welcome and Jimmy Ammerson led in a devotion on Faith from Mark 1.

We recognized three visitors, Rev. Johnny Lewis, Debbie Griffin, and the Waids. We adopted our program and Kristen Jewell, one of our young people, sang "People Need the Lord."

The clerk called the roll call of ministers, 17 present; the roll call of delegates, 41 present and we recognized 15 deacons. The clerk then read the minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting and with one correction, they were approved.

Geraldine Waid rose to thank the association for the concern we showed to Brother Herbert after his recent car accident and recovery period.

Jack Lysaker gave the Executive Board report; we are going to have our youth involved in our quarterly meetings each session to create interest for them.

Debbie Griffin gave us her missionary report from Japan and the needs there which included monthly support for their accounts.

Rev Johnny Lewis rose to say thank you for all the support we gave him during his academic work at FWBBC.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave the State report which included details of the couples retreat with Dr. Miley, work on the State Minutes, the upcoming youth conference and his health situation.

The Mission Report was given by Rev. Barnard. The Perry Church has 38 new members, we are planning another missions conference for the fall and some of the mission board were participating in Evangelism Explosion, a witnessing program.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave the CE Board report concerning competition for Georgia Union, the State and Nationals. Tom Douglas is to be our director of competition. He also talked about the couples retreat, state ministers retreat and upcoming Bible Camp

We received an offering for the youth competition of \$154.31; sang a hymn, "Unclouded Day" and then received the Digest report from Rev. James Dixon. 16 Churches reported, 30 members received, 5 lost.

The Camp report was given by Jack Lysaker concerning our youth and the two state teen camps we plan for this year.

Information about the North Fayette Mission work was discussed in which they plan to sell their present facilities and relocate to a more suitable site, pending a vote at the State Association.

Mrs. Fergusen gave the Womens Auxiliary report. She discussed getting more involved in mission work and a seminar by Dr. Laverne Miley.

We recessed for a few minutes and then entered the Worship Hour.

WORSHIP HOUR

We opened the session with singing "Victory in Jesus," led by Steve Fairfield, and prayer by Brother Harold Dunaway. We heard a special by the host church entitled "I Just Need to Please the Lord."

The morning message was brought to us by Rev. Johnny Lewis. He spoke to us of witnessing. Text: Eph 4:11-16 and the sermon entitled "Bought with a Price." He spoke of our attitudes, principles, practices and precepts.

We then continued and finished our daily business session.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Ledge Ferguson with three items of business to attend to:

a. That we receive Rev. Barton into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Midway Association.

b. That we grant Rev. Paul Smith a letter of good standing to the North Georgia Association, and

c. That we license two men from White Oaks that will be attending FWBBC this fall quarter; Patrick Taylor and Jeffrey Barnard.


Each item from the Ordaining Council was voted upon and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Gerry Dunaway; Retirement of \$1618.59
Camp fund \$150.00, Association funds \$1153.00 checking \$2921.58 and the FWB Foundation funds \$3618.71

After several announcements of local information, we gave the church a rising vote of thanks and closed the session in prayer.

Respectfully submitted;


Grover Jewell
Moderator


Jack Lysaker
Clerk

Third Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 12, 1997 at Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M. for our third quarterly meeting.

Moderator Grover Jewell called the session to order and Gary Rucker led us in singing "When we all get to Heaven." We then observed a moment of silence in memory of Rev. Charles McNeese who had recently passed. Rev. Gene Cross led us in our opening prayer and Rev. Carl Miller, the host pastor, gave us greeting.

Terry Dossett provided the devotion from Acts 27:9 entitled "Life is a Voyage." Then his pastor Rev. Carl Miller prayed.

We adopted our program with no needed changes.

The clerk read the roll call of ministers, 17 present, the roll call of delegates, 44 seated and we recognized 17 deacons present.

The moderator recognized our visitors and the clerk read the minutes of our second quarterly session which required one correction, they were then approved.

Jack Lysaker noted that the Executive Board had met but had nothing to report.

The Mission Board report was given by Rev. Charles Barnard; He told about the Evangelism Explosion classes that some of our pastors were attending and that as a result of it, they had led many people to the Lord. He spoke of other mission activities and then asked Rev. Gene Cross to give the report of the Perry Mission. Brother Gene indicated that they were having a great increase, had added and baptized several persons and he also indicated that they were now very active in youth activities, had a real good outreach through their V.B.S. and had started a Bus Ministry.

Brother Tim Hutchinson gave the Christian Education Report and spoke of several activities they were involved in and indicated they were planning some fall activities.

The Ordaining Council had nothing to report.

The Ladies Auxiliary update was given by Mrs. Sharon Fergusen. She reported on a recent family seminar and indicated that they were getting more involved with missions.

Rev. Herbert Waid reported on State and National activities including the National Association to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, our missionaries, the promotional bulletin, seniors retreat and other activities. We then recessed.

Morning Worship Session

We took an offering to help our youth in their competition expense at the National Association.

Gary Rucker led us in singing "Seek ye First," and then the host church provided us with special music.

Rev. Ledge Fergusen preached using Luke 1 as his text and the question "Do We have a Vital Place in the Church?"

We then continued to complete our normal committee and board reports.

The Ordaining council is to meet on the 2nd of August.

We indicated concern and prayer for five churches that are currently without pastors. They are Eastman, Mt Ararat, Pine Level, Faith, and Bethlehem.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self: 16 Churches reported having received 30 members and losing 9.

The Treasurers report was given by Gerry Dunaway. We have 2735.53 in our checking account, paid out \$450.00 received 797.00 today have \$1697.72 in our ministers retirement account and \$150.00 in the Camp account. Note was made that we are to have our National Dues paid by our October Annual meeting. That fee is \$25.00 per church.

Jack Lysaker gave the Bible Camp Report which included comments on our Associational Camp at Camp Eunice, and the Two State wide Teen Camps held at Camp Tatnall for the low teens and Camp Kirksey for the high Teens.

Rev. Howard Faircloth rose to ask the association to provide Janet McNeese \$200.00 to help defray the incidental costs of Rev. Charles McNeese death expenses. Motion accepted and carried, the clerk was to provide an appropriate expression from the association.

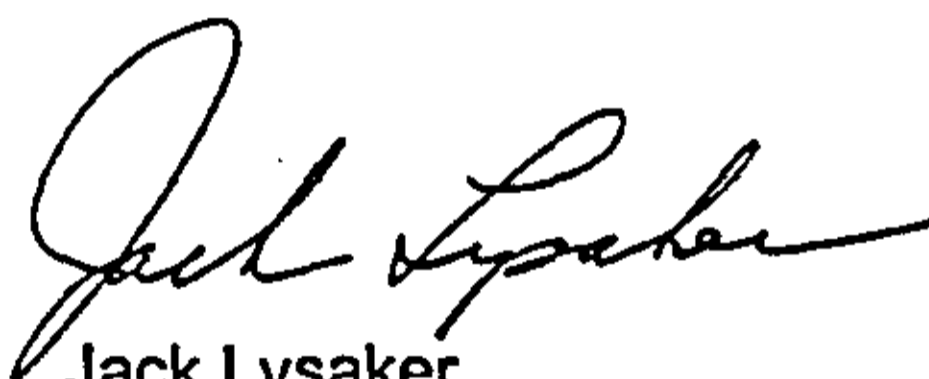
After several comments and announcements concerning revivals, we gave the host church a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. Carl Miller gave us directions concerning the noon meal activities and brother Jerry Dunaway closed the session in prayer.

Respectfully submitted



Grover Jewell
Moderator



Jack Lysaker
Clerk

ANNUAL SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on the 11th of October, 1997 at the Dublin Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A. M. for their annual session. Moderator Grover Jewell called the session to order and Jack Lysaker led us in singing "He Lives." Rev Carl Miller led us in prayer and host pastor Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave us greetings. Our morning devotion was given by Jack Lysaker from Psalms 14 "Wait on the Lord."

We adopted the program with necessary changes.

The clerk called the roll of ministers, 19 present. Their wives (10) were also recognized and Shine Collins led in prayer for our pastors wives.

The clerk called the roll of delegates, 48 were seated and 15 deacons recognized.

Visitors recognized, Leslie Skeens from Augusta, Georgia.

Jack Lysaker gave the Executive Board report; we affirmed that the "Rejoice Ministry Team" from FWBBC would have our morning program, sent a letter to Faith FWB church offering a helping hand, determined to have the morning offering be given to support FWBBC and set forth two constitutional changes which were tabled until the afternoon session. Article IV Section 3C an addition to read "The Ordaining Council shall have the authority to deal with and investigate discipline problems on a case basis" and Article IV Section 10 "The chairman of our Christian Education, Mission and Trustee boards shall normally be our state representative on the respective boards."

The Missions Board report was given by Rev. Charles Barnard; He indicated that the Perry Mission was doing well, that our Second Annual Missions Conference would be conducted on 17-21 November in four locations, that the Mission Board was underwriting a Finance Course at Perry and that Gene Cross was to be sent to the National Home Missions Missionary Conference in January, 1998. He then asked the conference to continue to support the Mission Board and their outreach.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Rev. Tim Hutchinson; He spoke of past activities and an upcoming hayride on November 8th. He directed attention to the summer camp program for our youth and asked Charles Barnard to address its planning concerns which included increased costs and better facilities. He indicated that the state CE Board had many diverse activities for youth and seniors planned for the fall.

Double Branch church presented a constitutional change proposal which was tabled until the afternoon session which read that we add the following to the Rules for Ordination and Rules for Licensing Ministers "That Pauls statement in I Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6 namely 'the husband of one wife,' be looked upon as making ineligible as ministers, anyone who has been divorced and remarried, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or the innocence of either partner...That said persons, whose martial state disqualifies them to be ministers..not be discouraged in

their Christian lives or Christian service but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him."

After a short recess the Rejoice Ministry Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College presented us with a wonderful program in Christian Music and testimonies and we received an offering for the college.

Rev Tim Hutchinson rose in support of the Georgia Acts 1:8 Missionary Support plan and asked us to adopt it. We voted to support this missionary financial plan.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self; 16 churches reported yearly offerings of \$494,874.75, a gain of 39 members and membership of 1094 persons.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave us directions for the noon meal and Tom Douglas prayed and we were dismissed to dinner to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Rejoice group sang for us to start our afternoon session.

Rev. Barnard gave the Ordaining Council report; that Rev. Barton be under the watch care of the Association for one year, that they were approached by the Warner Robins church to check on the watchcare of their pastor, suggested that we hold an Annual Pastor Appreciation Day the 2nd Sunday in September each year, recommended that all the pastors and their wives attend the National, agreed with he proposed constitutional changes, requested license William D. Campbell from Cross Roads, and indicated that Tony Howell be received of his council duties due to personal reasons. Each item, was taken in turn and adopted.

The Treasurers report indicated that we had \$3275.95 in our checking, received \$980 today in dues and our offering for FWBBC was \$231.10. We currently have \$3618.71 in the Free Will Baptist Foundation

The Nominating Committee Report which was acted upon for each office provided the following: Assistant Moderator Carl Miller; Trustee Board Edward Moore, Ordaining Council Carl Miller and Ledgel Ferguson to fill the term for Tony Howell. Digest Committee, James Dixon, Mission Board , Gerry Dunaway, Wayne Moore and Ledgel Ferguson; Christian Education Board Gary Rucker and Harold Dunaway;

In addition the following state board positions were filled: Missions, Charles Barnard; Trustee, Gerry Dunaway; Camp, Jack Lysaker and Christian Education, Tim Hutchinson.

Each of the three constitutional changes were removed from the table, discussed and voted upon, all three passing.

Brother Gene Cross read a resolution from the Chattahooche Association concerning Bible Camp and requested that we endorse it, the motion failed but we did write a letter of intent to ask the State to renew efforts to find us a camp site.

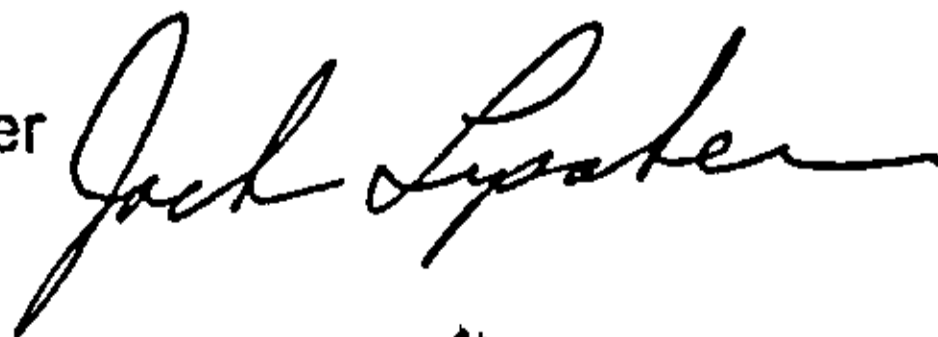
We gave the Dublin church a rising vote of thanks and Rev Barnard closed in prayer. Respectfully submitted:

Grover Jewell

Moderator

Jack Lysaker

Clerk



GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary met September 20, 1997 at White Oaks Church. The meeting was called to order by Sharon Ferguson. Gloria Johnson gave the welcome. The opening song, "Set My Soul Afire," was led by Donna Jewell. After taking prayer requests, Audrey Hobbs led in prayer.

An offering was taken after prayer by Lula Holt. Gloria Johnson and Donna Jewell sang "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Janice Wallace was the morning speaker. The scripture reference was Gen. 12:1-4. She brought out that the Lord may call when we least expect it. We need to be in tune with Him when He does call so that we may hear. We are the Lord's laborers. The field is ripe unto harvest. After the message, Janice gave us an overview of their mission field - Alaska.

Sharon then appointed the various committees:

Credentials - Gloria Johnson, Brenda Humpheries, and Gail Ray
Resolution - Donna Jewell, Sandy Hobbs, and Mary Miller
Registration - Lula Holt, Doris Evans, and Connie Heath

Jackie Barnard gave the blessing as we dismissed for brunch.

After brunch Sharon called the business session to order. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was received as given. The balance was \$206.75. The offering was \$76 with \$2 registration fee. The treasurer's report for next year will be for 11 months because the year was closed out through September.

Committee reports were given and accepted.

Registration: Three churches were present: Double Branch, Pleasant Hill, and White Oaks. Fourteen members were present and 3 guests with a total of 17.

Credentials: There are four churches with auxiliaries in the Ga. Union Association with 44 members total. Total membership dues paid - \$423.

Missions Prayer: Double Branch and White Oaks uses on-line computer for prayer requests from missions. Pleasant Hill and White Oaks has prayer chains to keep up with churches' needs. Pleasant Hill had a pre-Easter week of prayer meeting two days.

Missions Study: White Oaks will study the manual in January. Pleasant Hill and Double Branch has already studied the manual.

Missions Action: White Oaks had a church wide fundraiser, sent cards too missionaries each month, made love boxes for underprivileged countries, and sent coupons to children's home. Double Branch sold knives for missions and collected aluminum cans. Pleasant Hill gave to foreign and home missions, sent birthday cards to church members and get well cards to sick, along with fruit baskets. They also sent to the Bible College, WNAC Emphasis Month, and gave an offering to Mrs. McNeese

Resolutions:

1. White Oaks will provide jars with covers while the other auxiliaries in the Ga. Union will provide shelled pecans to fill them. These will be used as favors at the 1999 National Convention in Atlanta.
2. Each speaker will receive an honorarium of \$25 each and \$50 be given to the Wallaces for their mission work.
3. The district meeting will be moved to the 4th Saturday in September or otherwise be planned by the executive committee.
4. Adopt the national resolutions.
5. Give the host church a rising vote of thanks.

The executive committee will plan a semi-annual event. Delegates to the state were appointed. They were the following: Donna Taylor, Lula Holt, Jackie Barnard, Audrey Hobbs, Stella Ray. Alternates were Caroline Hightower and Mary Miller.

After a break of five minutes, Donna Jewell led responsive readings on missions and then a song, "The Regions Beyond." Gail Smith brought a devotion after an update on the North Fayette Mission. Selling the church property will go through the state meeting. The church has changed its name to Trinity Fellowship.

The devotion was brought on "The Beauty From Within" using the scripture Romans 18:28. When lacking nutrients we take vitamins. We need to examine our spiritual life and add supplements. Supplements to be added are the following: prayer, study, praise, and a proper attitude.

The next meeting will be at Double Branch on September 26, 1998. We were dismissed in prayer by Mary Miller.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Johnson, District Secretary

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, 10/97)

ARTICLE 1

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 2

Section 1. Any well organized Free Will Baptist Church of Mission, conveniently located to the majority of the member churches, may apply for membership in this association. The Applicant church or mission must conform to the faith and practices and adopt the doctrines established by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and any further requirements established by this Association.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall investigate and submit their recommendation to this association before any church or mission can be accepted into this body.

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

Section 4. A two-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	Members	Fee	Members	Fee
1-25	\$25.00	26-50	\$30.00	51-75	\$35.00	76-100	\$40.00
101-125	\$45.00	126-150	\$50.00	over 250; \$70.00 plus \$5 for every 25 members over.			

Section 8. The \$25.00 National Fee is due from each church on or before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 3

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-offici 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 judgment 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 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 candidates for licensing or ordination as they deem necessary and as outlined by other regulations adopted by this assembly. They shall have the authority to deal with and investigate discipline problems on a case basis.

(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 consist of seven members in good standing. They 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 their 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, 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.

Section 10. The Chairman of our Christian Education, Missions and Trustee Boards shall normally be our state representatives on the respective state boards.

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 any 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 a

committees are present.

BY-LAWS
(Revised 1985, 10/87, 6/91)

1. Any member, in the judgment 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 to 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 C. Giddens 104 Lawndale Drive Eastman, Ga 31023 1-912-374-4610
Bethlehem	1917	Unkown	Shirley Calhoun 216 Perry Road Cordele, Ga 31015 1-912-273-3947
Christian Hill	1887	Rev. James Bryant Rt 2 Box 181-B Cochran, Ga 31014 1-912-934-0004 (Bessie)	Mary Francis 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)	Beverly Amerson Rt 2 box 449 Cochran, Ga 31014 1-912-934-1819
Double Branch	1896	Rev. Carl Miller Rt 3 Box 3500 Hawkinsville, Ga 31036 10912-892-9474 (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	David Snellgrove (Interm)	Sue Downs 117 Beaver Creek Road Kathleen, Ga 31047 1-912-922-6637
First Eastman	1961	Rev. Jimmy Smith Rt 2 Box 245 D Cochran, Ga 31014 1-912-934-3777 (Joan)	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

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
Mt. Ararat	1885	Unkown	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)	Evie Haynes Rt 5 Cochran, Ga 31014 1-912-934-7293
Perry Mission	1974	Rev. Gene Cross 1964 Marshallville Road Perry, Ga 31069 1-912-987-6021 (Rose)	Ernie Wright PO Box 532 Marshallville, Ga 31051 1-912-967-2676
Pine Level	1924	Rev. Leslie Skeens Rt 1 Box 226 Chester, Ga 31012 1-912-358-4477 (Barbara)	Moneice M. Moore Rt 6 Box 195 Eastman, Ga. 31023 1-912-374-3217
Pleasant Hill	1896	Rev. Ledge 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 1-912-994-9839 (Linda)	Nell D, Fordham 117 Sudan Road Byron, Ga 31008 1-912-953-4571
White Oaks	1953	Rev. Charles Barnard 5310 Bloomfield Drive 1-912-781-1846 (Jackie) Macon, Ga 31206	Donna Jewell 2916 Markingham Drive 1-912-781-4407 Macon, Ga 31206
Wilson Chapel	1960	Rev L. S. Anthony 315 Ellerbeetown Road Thomaston, Ga 30286 1-706-647-3885 (Rachel)	Eudene Pitts 2537 Barnsville Highway Thomaston, Ga. 30286 1-706-647-7262

Members Rec'd	Members Lost	Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc. Dues
Bay Springs						
0	3	73	34	no	21,836	35.00
Bethlehem						
1	5	46	15	no	38,517	30.00
Christian Hill						
1	2	69	17	no	12,351	35.00
Cross Roads						
14	3	74	47	no	38,043	35.00
Double Branch						
14	0	170	75	no	140,006	55.00
Dublin						
2	8	43	20	no	17,300	30.00
Faith						
0	0	17	9	no	unkown	25.00
First Eastman						
4	0	52	45	no	17,593	35.00
Little Bethel						
2	0	45	27	no	6,752	30.00
Mt. Ararat						
0	3	64	17	16	14,350	35.00
New Hope						
16	0	65	30	no	unkown	35.00
Perry Mission						
report not submitted						
Pine Level						
1	3	98	55	45	38,124	40.00
Pleasant Hill						
0	9	73	25	20	26,760	35.00
Warner Robins						
13	3	43	33	no	26,154	30.00
White Oaks						
17	1	134	unk	no	96,130	50.00
Wilson Chapel						
0	1	71	35	no	16,289	35.00

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RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS

(Revised 1977, 10/81, 10/87, 10/97)

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 scripture 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.
8. That Paul's statement in I Timothy 3:2 ... and Titus 1:6 namely 'the husband of one wife,' be looked upon as making ineligible as ministers ... anyone who has been divorced and remarried, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or the innocence of either partner ... That said persons, whose martial state disqualifies them to be ministers ... not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him.

RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

(Revised 1960, 77, 78, 1/81, 4/89, 1/90, 10/97)

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 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 rewritten 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.
8. That Paul's statements in 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6 namely 'the husband of one wife' be looked upon as making ineligible as ministers ... anyone who has been divorced and remarried, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or the innocence of either partner ... That said persons, whose martial status disqualifies them to be ministers ... not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him.

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 of the standards of this association 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 questionnaires may 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.

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-offici member of all committees. (B) The vice-chairman shall serve in the full capacity of the chairman when the chair man 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.