

1998

Minutes of The

One Hundred Third Annual Session  
of the

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

held with

THE NEW HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Empire, Georgia

Saturday, October 10, 1998

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Officers

Moderator. . . . . Johnny Lewis, Sr.  
Assistant Moderator. . . . . Howard Faircloth  
Clerk. . . . . Donna Jewell  
Assistant Clerk. . . . . Edward Moore  
Treasurer. . . . . Garry Dunaway  
Assistant Treasurer. . . . . Terry Donnett

## DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session	January 9, 1999	Pine Level
2nd Quarterly Session	April 10, 1999	Pleasant Hill
3rd Quarterly Session	July 10, 1999	Trinity
104th Annual Session	October 9, 1999	Warner Robins

Missions Conference - to be announced

GWAC District Meeting - to be announced

Speakers for each session at 11:00 a.m. worship hour:

January	Rev. Paul Crook
April	Rev. Benny Lafferty
July	Ronnie Lawson
October	Johnny Lewis

Devotional speakers shall be a lay speaker from host church.

## RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS MEETINGS

1. Call to order by the Moderator.
2. Open meeting with prayer.
3. Invite visiting brethren to sit.
4. Read and adopt minutes of last meeting.
5. Call for acknowledgments in matters of dealing.
6. Report of deacons.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Miscellaneous business.
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11. Appointment of committees.
12. Adjourn.

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(99) Camp Board	Gene Cross	988-9458
(99) Christian Ed. Bd.	Tim Hutchinson	272-6830
(01) Mission Board	Johnnie Conner	374-2222

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bessie Bryant; Faye Bryant; Gerry Dunaway



# MINISTERS ON ROLL

## Honor Roll (exempt from reporting)

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+ministers currently pastoring churches in Georgia Union Association

# FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 10, 1998, at First Eastman Church. Moderator Grover Jewell opened the session at 10:00 a.m., reading Matthew 11: 28-30, "My yoke is easy, my burden is light." The body sang "Victory in Jesus" and Trent Dykes provided the opening prayer. Rev. Jimmy Smith, the host pastor, gave us greeting. Prayer was requested for the Clerk. Rev. Larry Williams gave a devotional thought from Romans 10:1, "What is your heart's desire?" He wanted us to focus on Jesus Christ.

The program was adopted with necessary changes. The assistant clerk called the roll of ministers, delegates and deacons. Our visitors were then welcomed.

The moderator read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved after noting that David Campbell from Crossroads Church was licensed.

The Executive Board report indicated that the two Boards received \$700 each for the year, and retired ministers, McDuffie, McFadden and Moore, were to receive quarterly enumeration given in appreciation of their several years of faithful service to the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

The Digest Committee reported 17 churches gained 25 members, and lost 4.

The Mission Board report was given by Rev. Barnard. He indicated that the second annual Missions Conference was a success. Total offerings were \$6,908.90, with 159 average attendance in 17 services and 130 at the kick-off rally at Pine Level Church. The Perry work remains on the increase with their first deacons ordained this year. Bro. Wayne Moore asked to be excused for the remainder of his term on the Board and later in the meeting, David Campbell was accepted to fill his term. The body gave Bro. Moore a rising vote of thanks for his work on that Board.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Tim Hutchinson. The Youth Rally will be held on February 28, at Little Bethel Church, with the Evangels from the Bible College. Youth camp will be at Camp John Hope June 8-12, and the teen camp will be held at the FFA camp in July. Georgia Union Youth Competition will be held at White Oaks Church on April 25 and the State couples retreat will be May 8-9 at Toccoa Falls and the fall youth rally will be a hayride at Double Branch Church on November 7.

The Ordaining Council report indicated that (1) Mike Barton was no longer a member in good standing at Perry and rescinded his credentials, (2) we accept Leslie Skeens into the fellowship pending a letter from the Ogeechee Association, and (3) Jimmy Rozier, of Warner Robins, who has been under the watch-care of the Association for 12 months, be accepted. Rev. Rozier was presented a certificate of ordination by the Council and extended the right hand of fellowship.

Sharon Ferguson gave the GWAC report of the State meeting, with 85 people from 10 associations represented. Debbie Griffin spoke about a Servant's Heart. New State Officers included Donna Jewell, Secretary, from Georgia Union. The Retreat will be held March 27-28 at Norman Park with Karen Rice as speaker.

The State Camp Board reported a winter retreat with 6 saved and over 100 attending.

The Worship Hour of the meeting commenced with the singing of "I Am Thine, O Lord", followed by Rev. Howard Faircloth leading us in prayer.

Rev. Charles Hardeman spoke from I Kings 17:1-7 and the two dominant spirits in this world, God and the devil. He indicated that our spiritual life depends upon a divine direction from God and dependence upon God.

After the worship time, we took up an offering to help our young people at Youth Camp and Bro. Shine Collins led us in singing "Amazing Grace."

Notice was taken that there is a conflict for the July 11 meeting with the National Convention and we determined to move our third quarterly meeting to June 27. Rev. Carl Miller recommended that the Clerk invite our new Executive Secretary to speak at our next quarterly meeting.

The Treasurer's Report indicated that monies received today totaled \$1,719.19, with \$85 designated for the retirement fund. Camp fund is at \$283.23, and the checking account balance is \$2,816.78.

After several announcements were given, the body gave the Eastman Church a rising vote of thanks and we dismissed in prayer.

(The Clerk greatly appreciates all the people that took notes to help him put this meeting's work in order.)

Respectfully submitted:  
Grover Jewell, Moderator  
Jack Lysaker, Clerk

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 11, 1998, at Little Bethel Church. Moderator Grover Jewell called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. The body sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and Rev. Jimmy Smith provided the opening prayer. Rev. James Dixon, host pastor, gave us greeting and Bro. Tommy Parker presented a devotional thought from Luke 2.

The program was adopted with no needed changes.

The Moderator recognized Bro. Jack Lysaker. Bro. Lysaker presented his resignation as Clerk to the Association due to health reasons. He was then presented an appreciation plaque for his many years of service to the Association.

The Clerk read the roll call of ministers, 17 present, the roll call of delegates, 38 seated, and we recognized 19 deacons present.

The Moderator recognized our visitors. The Clerk read the minutes of the first quarterly session, which were approved after one correction.

Bro. Edward Moore gave the Executive Board report as follows: Rev. Charles Barnard resigned from the Ordaining Council effective April 4, 1998. Bro. Jack Lysaker resigned as Clerk and State Camp Representative effective April 4, 1998, due to declining health.

Rev. Charles Barnard gave the Mission Board report. The Perry Church has an enrollment of 77 members and will begin having two morning services. The Missions Conference will be August 14-16. The first service will be at Double Branch Church. There will be a service Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning and Sunday night. Each church in the Association is asked to give \$275, or more, to the Conference.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave the Christian Education Board report as follows: The February youth rally with The Evangelists was a great success with 160-170 people in attendance. He thanked the host, Little Bethel Church. The next youth rally will be a hayride on November 7, at Double Branch Church. The Georgia Union Association Youth Competition will be held on April 15, at 10:00 a.m., at White Oaks Church. Bro. Tom Douglas is Competition Director and entries must be in by April 11. The State Youth Conference is May 15-16, in Baxley. The local youth camp will be held June 8-12, at Camp John Hope with Rev. Charles Barnard as director. The State Teen Camp will be held at the FHA Camp near Covington on July 26-31. The State CE Board voted to postpone the State Toccoa Falls Couple's Retreat until March 19-20, 1999. Rev. Paul Harrison, pastor of Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville, Tennessee, will be the speaker.

The Ordaining Council reported that they had received a letter from the Ogeechee Association stating that Rev. Leslie Skeens was in good standing with them.

Sharon Ferguson gave the WGAC report. The annual state retreat was held March 27-28, at Norman Park, with 144 in attendance, of which 16 were from Georgia Union Association. The State WGAC will be hosting the WNAC in July 1999. The Georgia Union women will host the banquet on Friday night of the annual Missions Conference.

Rev. Ronnie Lawson gave the Digest Committee report as follows: 17 churches reported 19 members received, 7 members lost, total gain of 12.

### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

Rev. Gene Cross gave the Nominating Committee report. Bro. Terry Dossett was nominated to be the Assistant Clerk. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this nomination. Rev. James Bryant and Rev. Gene McCard were nominees to be on the Ordaining Council. Rev. James Bryant was voted in. Rev. Gene Cross and Bro. Tom Douglas were nominees to be on the State Camp Board. Rev. Gene Cross was voted in.

Bro. Terry Dossett gave the treasurer's report for monies received today: Association fees, \$595, and Retirement Fund, \$85, for a total of \$680.

The offering that was taken today was given to Sis. Tori Lindsey to help pay for her African mission trip.

Moderator Grover Jewell presented a proposed addition to the Constitution of Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists, creating a Georgia Union Camping Board. After Rev. Gene Cross read the proposed Constitution of the Ga. Union Camping Board, there was a general discussion regarding this. A move and second was made to receive it but no vote was taken. A motion was then made and seconded to table this matter until the next quarterly meeting so that this could be brought up before the Executive Board and the Christian Education Board. This motion was carried.

Rev. Johnny Lewis, Pastor of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Cordele, made known their desire to become a member of the Georgia Union Association.

The Worship Hour of the meeting opened with a song led by Bro. Shine Collins. Special music was given by Bro. and Sis. Jewell.

Rev. William Smith, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, gave a report on the changes in our Promotional Bulletin and challenged churches to give more to missions and prayer for all missionaries.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Smith. He spoke to us about having more patience. Text was Hebrews 10: 32-39.

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  
Edward Moore, Clerk

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 27, 1998, at Mt. Ararat Church. Moderator Grover Jewell called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. The body sang "I want to be a Worker" and Rev. Roy Woods provided the opening prayer. Rev. Woods, the host pastor, also gave us greeting and Bro. Eddie Knight presented a devotional thought from Matthew 6:1.

The program was adopted with no needed changes.

The Clerk read the roll call of ministers, 15 present, the roll call of delegates, 33 seated, and we recognized 20 deacons present.

The Moderator recognized our visitors. The Clerk read the minutes of our second quarterly session and they were approved.

Bro. Edward Moore gave the Executive Report as follows: The Executive Board met with Rev. Johnny Lewis and the Board of Deacons of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Cordele on May 27, 1998, found everything to be in order and recommends that this church be accepted into our Association. Rev. Carl Miller resigned from the Executive Board, Ordination Board and the Christian Education Board as of June 20, 1998.

Rev. Charles Barnard gave the Mission Board Report.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave the Christian Education Board report as follows: The youth who competed in the competition on April 25, 1998, were commended for their participation. Prayer was requested for the 11 youth who would be competing at the National Association. Thanks were given to Tom Douglas and all those who made our local competition a success. The next youth rally will be a hayride on November 7, at Double Branch Church. The balance in the treasury is \$625.22.

Sis. Donna Jewell gave the WGAC report.

Rev. Gene Cross gave the Ordaining Council report.

Bro. Donald Self gave the Digest Committee report as follows: 16 churches reported 19 members received, and 6 members lost, for a total gain of 13.

Bro. Gerry Dunaway gave the treasurer's report for monies received today: Association fees \$535, Retirement Fund, \$85, National Fees, \$25, for a total of \$645.

Today's offering of \$141 was given to Sis. Kristin Jewell to help pay for her summer mission trip.

The matter of a proposed addition to the Constitution of Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists creating a Georgia Union Camping Board was brought off the table. Rev. Gene Cross read the proposed Bylaws of the Georgia Union Camping Board with the necessary amendment changes. After a general discussion regarding this, it was moved and seconded to accept the Bylaws creating the Georgia Union Camping Board. The vote was taken and the motion carried. It was stated that the Camp Board listing be entered in the 103rd Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association Minute Book. It was also voted to remove the wording "Youth Camps" from Article VII, Section III of the Bylaws of the Christian Education Board.

Regarding the recommendation of the Executive Board of accepting Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Cordele into the Association, this matter is to be voted on at the next session.

## ANNUAL SESSION

The Worship Hour of the meeting opened with a song. Special music was given by Bro. and Sis. Jewell and Rev. Tony Howell and Kathy Howell.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Tony Howell. He spoke to us from a text in Titus.

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  
Edward Moore, Clerk

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on October 10, 1998, at New Hope Church. Moderator Grover Jewell called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. The body sang "Kneel at the Cross" and Rev. Dilmos Johnston provided the opening prayer. Rev. Tony Howell, the host pastor, also gave us greeting and a devotional was presented.

The program was adopted with no needed changes.

The Clerk read the roll call of ministers, 16 present, the roll call of delegates, 38 seated, and we recognized 21 deacons present.

The Moderator recognized our visitors. The Clerk read the minutes of our third quarterly session and they were approved.

Bro. Edward Moore gave the Executive Report as follows: The Executive Board recommends that the offering taken at the annual session be given to Bro. Jack Lysaker. They also recommend that Rev. Paul Creech speak at the next Association meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Trinity Free will Baptist Church be accepted into the Georgia Union Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the offering taken today be given to Bro. Jack Lysaker.

Rev. Charles Barnard gave the Mission Board Report. There is a balance of \$12,678.18 in the Mission Board account, \$4,368.27 of this amount which is from the Perry Mission Funds. The Mission Board recommends that two new members be elected to this Board during this meeting replacing Rev. Ledge Ferguson and Rev. Charles Barnard. The Mission Board also recommends that the former properties known as Perry FWB Mission be sold to the Shechinah FWB Church for the amount of \$1.00, with the "revision clause" left on the title, if and when the Shechinah FWB Church be granted membership in this Association.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave the Christian Education Board report as follows: The youth who competed at the National Association were commended for their participation. Our next youth rally will be a hayride at Double Branch Church on November 7. The State CE Board met in August. Our first Minister's Wives Retreat was held this year at Jekyll Island and was enjoyed by those attending. The Senior Citizens Retreat will be held on October 19-21 at Epworth by the Sea. Next year's Minister's Retreat and Minister's Wives Retreat will be held at Little Ocmulgee State Park. The Couple's Retreat will be held at Toccoa Falls next spring. The balance in the treasury is \$145.28.

Sis. Donna Jewell gave the WGAC report.

Rev. Gene Cross gave the Ordaining Council Report.

Rev. Gene Cross gave the Camp Board report.

Bro. Donald Self gave the Digest Committee report as follows: 16 churches reported, 34 members received, 29 members lost, for a total gain of 5!

Bro. Gerry Dunaway gave the Treasurer's Report for monies received today: Association Fees, \$540, Retirement Fund, \$90, National Fees \$275, for a total of \$905. The total checking account balance on October 10 is \$3,328.86. The offering today was \$1,343.27.



Rev. Gene Cross gave the Nominating Committee Report as follows:  
Camp Board - Rev. Gene Cross, Rev. Roy Woods, Bro. Trent Dykes, Bro. Reggie Burgess and Bro. Tom Douglas.  
Digest Committee: Rev. Ronnie Lawson, Rev. James Dixon.  
State Mission Board Representative: Rev. Jimmy Smith.  
Trustee Board: Rev. Jimmy Rozier.  
Ordaining Council: Rev. Jimmy Rozier, Rev. Tim Hutchinson, Rev. James Dixon.  
Moderator: Rev. Johnny Lewis.  
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Howard Faircloth.  
Mission Board: Bro. Al Fordham, Bro. Jack Lysaker.  
CE Board: Bro. Eddie Knight.  
Clerk: Sis. Donna Jewell.  
Assistant Clerk: Bro. Edward Moore.

It was moved, seconded and carried to send a letter of good standing for Rev. Gene McCard to the Association he is now pastoring in.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept Rev. David Hutchinson's letter of good standing that he brought from the Association he was coming from.

The Worship Hour of the meeting opened with a song. Special music was given by the host church.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Tim Hutchinson. He spoke to us from a text in Judges 21:25.

The session then dismissed for the noon meal.

Afternoon Session: There was a move and second to enter into the afternoon session. This motion carried.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson presented the following proposed changes to the Constitution of the Georgia Union Mission Board:

1. Under Article VIII, Section 4, after the first sentence, change to read: "Final approval must be given by the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists in session with all titles and deeds or lease agreements being made in the name of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists." The proposed change passed with a vote of 43 for, and 15 against.

2. Under Article VIII, Section 6, starting at the words "this property", change it to read: "This property shall revert to the ownership of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists (not Board of Missions)." The proposed change did not pass. The vote was 26 for, and 24 against.

3. Add Article IX, a new Section 2, to read as follows: "The final disposition of any mission property over \$1,000.00 shall be made only to the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists in session" This proposed change was unanimously withdrawn.

Moderator Grover Jewell appointed the following delegates to the State Meeting: Sis. Bessie Bryant, Sis. Susan Hutchinson, Sis. Joan Smith, Sis. Ann Lewis and Sis. Rose Cross, with Sis. Irene Brown as an alternate.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Moderator would get an additional \$5 and the Clerk an additional \$10 for each session.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to table the vote on Perry Mission.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to place Rev. Larry Williams on the ministers' honor roll.

There was a general discussion about the way we receive letters from other associations on incoming preachers. This matter was tabled and sent to the Executive Board.

The Clerk had received a certified letter from the Perry Free Will Baptist Church concerning the controversy. This was tabled and sent to the Executive Board.

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  
Edward Moore, Clerk

## GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY 1998

The Georgia Union District Woman's Auxiliary met at Double Branch Church on October 3, 1998 at 9:00 A.M. Anita Gray welcomed everyone and then led the opening hymn. "Freely, Freely," with Elaine Langford at the piano. Donna Jewell led us in prayer. A special song, "Shine on Us," was sung by Elaine Langford, Tracie Hays, and Charline Williams.

Anita Gray introduced our guest speaker, Rhoda Creech. Rhoda gave out door prizes from Africa. Using a camel wallet, she gave an object lesson about being good stewards. She wanted to know what qualities we would want in someone to take care of \$10,000 in the wallet. Trustworthiness was the quality that would be the most important. Using I Cor. 4:2, she said we must be faithful stewards.

Anita then appointed committees.

Resolutions: Kathy Douglas, Charline Dunaway, Viola Hunt, and Irene Brown

Credentials: Stella Ray, Mary Holden Dunaway, Gloria Johnson, Kathy Young

Finance: Lula Holt, Brenda Humphries, Nita Hobbs

Gail Smith dismissed us in prayer for brunch. After brunch Sharon Ferguson opened in prayer and an offering was received.

Tracie Hayes presented a special in song, "Find Us Faithful." The devotion was brought by Angie Dunaway from John 10:10. We need to strive to experience life in the fullest measure through God. He is faithful to us in the past, present, and future.

The business session was opened by Anita Gray. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was given for the last 13 months and accepted.

### Credential's Committee Report:

There are 5 auxiliaries in the Georgia Union Association with 4 represented at the district meeting. There is a total of 56 members. Trinity is a new church with 10 members. Present at the district meeting were 31 members and 9 visitors.

### Resolutions committee's report:

1. Encourage locals to submit donations to the National WNAC in 1999. Each local auxiliary is encouraged to give \$100 each for two years and \$5 per member for '97, '98, and 99. The auxiliaries that are able are encouraged to contribute more to offset those who will not contribute. Gail Smith gave a report on the finances for the National WNAC banquet. The estimated cost is \$10,000 to \$13,000. We are about \$5,000 short of our goal.
2. Give \$75 to Rhoda Creech.
3. Extend a welcome to Trinity's auxiliary.

4. Extend a rising vote of thanks to host church and to our sound man, Travis Hiland.

Each item was voted on separately and carried.

Finance Committee's Report: The resolution committee's move was amended to give \$50 to Rhoda Creech and place \$50 in the Creech's account. This was carried.

Move, second, and carried to give \$25 to Angie Dunaway. She declined acceptance of this honorarium and a move was carried to give it toward the WNAC National Convention Expense.

Ann Lewis was nominated to serve on the state nominating committee.

### Nominating Committee's Report:

President: Jackie Barnard

Vice President: Ann Lewis

Secretary: Gloria Johnson

Treasurer: Lula Holt

Missions Study Chairman: Anita Gray

Missions Action Chairman: Stella Ray

Missions Prayer Chairman: Audrey Hobbs

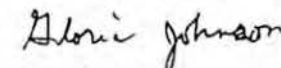
Field Worker: Brenda Humphries

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Douglas, Mary Holden Dunaway, Stella Ray, and Janette Williams

Motion, second and carried to vote on officers as a group. Motion, second, and carried to accept these officers. The officers were installed by Jackie Barnard.

Kathy Douglas gave a special thanks to the auxiliary for the college financial support on her son's behalf. The next meeting will be at First Eastman Church on October 2, 1999. After taking special prayer requests, Jackie Barnard dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Johnson

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WNAC  
OCTOBER 1997 - AUGUST 1998

Balance on hand 9-16-97 206.75

Receipts:

Monies received from churches	3,423.89
District Meet offering 9-20-97	<u>82.00</u>
Total receipts	3,505.89

Balance on hand 3,505.89  
3,712.64

Disbursements:

WNAC

Dues - National	410.00
State	23.00
Co-Laborer Offering	132.00
Emphasis Month Offering	50.00
Foreign Student Scholarship	50.00
Memorial Student Loan Fund	22.00

State

State Project	470.00
Dot Harvey	22.00
WNAC Convention (1999)	<u>520.00</u>
	1,699.00

Missionary Disbursements:

Foreign Missions

Bishop	350.00
Creech	60.00
Griffin	160.00
Snow	300.00

Home Missions

N. Fayette Church	110.00
Perry Church	100.00
Wallace	<u>393.39</u>
Total Missions	1,473.19

Other Gifts:

Alabama Children's Home	240.00
Gail Smith	25.00
Janice Wallace	25.00
Gift to Wallace account	<u>50.00</u>
Total Other	340.00

Total All Disbursements 3,512.39

Balance on hand 3,712.64

Total all disbursements 3,512.39  
200.25

\*Report for 11 months

Note: .25 per member stays in District

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; 6/98)

ARTICLE I

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

Section 2. This Association and its member churches adopt the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

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

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

Section 3. This Association may discipline member churches or missions, if labor proves unsuccessful, by exclusion or withdrawing fellowship. However, in no case can this Association reverse the church or mission's decision, 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
1-12	\$25	26-50	\$30	51-75	\$35	76-100	\$40
101-125	\$45	126-150	\$50				

Over 250: \$70 plus \$5 for every 25 members over 250.

Section 8. The \$25 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, Camping 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 2 (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 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. The Chairman of the Christian Education, Missions, Camping 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 bylaws, 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 Bylaws 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 Bylaws can be taken until all Committees are present.

#### BYLAWS

(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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA UNION CAMPING BOARD  
(Adopted 6/98)

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this Board shall be the Camping Board of the Georgia Union Association.

Section 2. The purpose of this Board shall be to plan, promote and provide the camping programs of this Association, and to coordinate joint camping efforts with other Free Will Baptists when practical.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. This Board shall consist of five members.

Section 2. Board members shall serve five year terms on a staggered basis, with one member rotating off each year.

Section 3. Each member of this Board shall be elected by the members of this Association in regular conference.

Section 4. Members should be nominated and elected on the basis of their proven interest in camping.

Section 5. This Board shall be responsible for the election of its own officers.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The officers of this Board shall be a chairman and a secretary/treasurer.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be:

A. Chairman:

- \*Preside over each meeting according to established parliamentary procedure.
- \*Serve as ex-officio member of all committees of the Board.
- \*Represent the Association on the State Camping Board.
- \*Provide oral and written reports of this Board's activities to this Association.

B. Secretary/Treasurer:

- \*Keep minutes of all Board meetings.
- \*Receive and disburse all monies as directed by this Board.
- \*Maintain clear and comprehensive financial records, reporting same to the quarterly Association.
- \*Prepare written reports for the chairman to present to the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. This Board shall strive to meet at least once every quarter, more often as necessary.

Section 2. The chairman may call special meetings when necessary.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Financial support of this Board shall be obtained from every possible source.

- (A) Georgia Union Association funds when available, state funds, gifts, fees, etc.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. Plan, promote and provide summer camp experience for school-aged youth on a yearly basis.

- (A) Associational  
(B) Multi-associational  
(C) State-wide

BYLAWS

1. This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended in any regular session in the Georgia Union Association.  
(A) Amendments must receive a 2/3 majority vote.  
(B) Standard parliamentary practice and procedures must be followed.
2. Mileage reimbursement shall be at the current IRS rate.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD  
(Revised 1/82; 4/94; 7/95; 6/98)

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 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 Ga. 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, workshops, seminars, teacher training courses, etc., at its direction.

BYLAWS

1. This Constitution and Bylaws 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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD  
(Adopted 1975; Revised 1979; 7/81; 10/87; 10/98)

PREAMBLE

We, the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists, do ordain this Constitution and Bylaws 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) year period alternating by electing two (2) one year and three (3) the next 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. Final approval must be given by the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists in session with all titles and deeds or lease agreements being made in the name of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

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 Article VIII (1)(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 the 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.

#### BYLAWS

##### 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-OFFICIO MEMBERS.** The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committee.

#### ARTICLE I

Voting is restricted to members or their proxies.

**QUORUM:** Three (3) members will compose a quorum.

#### ARTICLE II

**AMENDMENTS:** This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership of the Georgia Union Association while in session.

#### GEORGIA UNION CHURCHES

Church	Organized	Pastor & Address	Clerk
Bay Springs	1884	Howard Faircloth 131 Lawndale Dr Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3017 (Odelle)	Kenneth Giddens 104 Lawndale Dr Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-4610
Bethlehem	1917	Charles Hardeman 103 Golf Course Rd Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3017	Shirley Calhoun 216 Perry Rd Cordele, GA 31015 912-273-3947
Christian Hill	1887	James Bryant Rt. 2 Box 181-B Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-0004 (Bessie)	Mary Frances Brown Rt. 1 Box 194 Abbeville, GA 31001 912-365-7488
Cross Roads	1910	David E. Hutchinson Rt. 3 Box 830 Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-4566	Sue Lindsey Rt. 1 Box 32 Cochran, GA 31014 912-358-4860
Double Branch	1896		Mrs. H. E. Dunaway 3011 Williams Rd Unadilla, GA 31091 912-892-9388
Dublin	1966	Tim Hutchinson 226 Hobbins Dr Dublin, GA 31021 912-272-6830 (Suzan)	Jack Lysaker 102 Prince St Dublin, GA 31021 912-272-5663
Faith	1993	David Snelgrove (Int) Rt. 4 Box 1325 Hawkinsville, GA 31036	Sue Downs 117 Beaver Creek Kathleen, GA 31047 912-922-6637
First Eastman	1961	Jimmy Smith Rt. 2 Box 245-D Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-3777 (Joan)	Shirley Jones Rt. 3 Box 181-A2 Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-4408

Little Bethel	1915	James Dixon Rt. 4 Box 260 Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-5219 (Frances)	Tommy Parker Rt. 6 Box 350 Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-6048	White Oaks	1953	Charles Barnard 5310 Bloomfield Rd Macon, GA 31206 912-781-1846 (Jackie)	Donna Jewell 2916 Markingham Dr Macon, GA 31216 912-781-4407
Mt. Ararat	1885	Roy Woods 219 Bellview Cir Hazlehurst, GA 31539 912-379-0348 (Sheila)	Ida Mae Johnson Rt. 3 Box 110 Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3031	Wilson Chapel	1960	L.S. Anthony 315 Ellerbeetown Road Thomaston, GA 30286 912-647-3885 (Rachel)	Eudene Pitts 2537 Barnesville Hwy Thomaston GA 30286 912-647-7262
New Hope	1885	Tony Howell Rt. 4 Box 262 Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3356 (Jewell)	Carmina Dykes Rt. 5 Box 184 Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-9206				
Perry Mission	1974						
Pine Level	1924		Moniece Moore Rt. 6 Box 195 Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3217				
Pleasant Hill	1896	Willie Coleman 540 Parker Rd Vienna, GA 31092 912-268-8746	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 912-268-6211				
Trinity	1998	Johnny Lewis, Sr. 383 Cork Ferry Rd Cordele, GA 31015 912-535-4266 (Ann)	Ira McCook				
Warner Robins	1964	Jimmy R. Rozier, Sr. 3222 Maynard Mill Rd Forsyth, GA 31029 912-994-9839 (Linda)	Nell Fordham 111 Sudan Rd Byron, GA 31008 912-953-4571				

# ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

Members Received	Members Lost	Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc. Dues
Bay Springs						
2	3	75	34	No	\$32,293.17	\$35
Bethlehem						
4	3	47	13	No	23,804.00	30
Christian Hill						
1	1	69	12	No	12,492.70	35
Crossroads*						
2	0	80	7	No	30,348.45	35
Double Branch*						
1	8	140	75	No	138,646.50	55
Dublin						
0	0	47	7	No	10,238.12	30
Faith						
0	0	17	10	No	unknown	25
First Eastman*						
2	4	46	26	No	16,747.93	35
Little Bethel*						
0	0	44	28	No	27,844.74	35
Mt. Ararat*						
5	2	67	13	13	18,860.26	35
New Hope						
1	1	65	7	No	8,784.27	35
Perry Mission						
Pine Level						
2	5	95	45	45	38,860.84	40
Pleasant Hill*						
0	5	68	25	20	28,608.99	35
Trinity*						
Warner Robins						
10	0	58	33	No	8,935.38	35
White Oaks*						
2	2	133	59	No	125,893.19	50
Wilson Chapel						
4	0	73	33	No	6,059.21	25

Annual statistics reported in October 1998

\*Represents churches with women's groups/auxiliaries.

## 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 receiving the 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 Baptists 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 Testaments; 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 minister's 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; and
  - (C) Be prepared to discuss personal habits and concern for:
    - (i) Church and personal visitation;
    - (ii) Soul winning efforts and results;
    - (iii) Personal Bible study; and
    - (iv) 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 marital 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 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 ordination 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 recommendations 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; 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 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.

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 marital 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.



## 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 telling 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 Lord Jesus Christ.