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Minutes of The  
One Hundred FOURTH Annual Session  
of the  
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

held at  
WILSON CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Thomaston, Georgia

Saturday, October 10, 1999

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Moderator.....Johnny Lewis, Sr.  
Assistant Moderator.....Howard Faircloth  
Clerk.....Donna Jewell  
Assistant Clerk.....Edward Moore  
Treasurer.....Garry Dunaway  
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## DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session	January 8, 2000	Bay Springs
2nd Quarterly Session	April 8, 2000	Bethlehem
3rd Quarterly Session	July 8, 2000	Christian Hill
104th Annual Session	October 7, 2000	Crossroads

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

January	Rev. Ronnie Lawson
April	Rev. Johnny Lewis
July	Rev. Jimmy Rozier
October	Rev. Jimmy Smith

## RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS MEETINGS

1. Call to order by the Moderator.
2. Open meeting with prayer.
3. Welcome visitors.
4. Recognize deacons.
5. Roll call of delegates.
6. Roll call of ministers.
7. Seat delegates.
8. Read and adopt minutes of last meeting.
9. Reports of committees.
10. New Business.
11. Old Business.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Adjourn.

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(04) Camp Board	Gene Cross	988-9458
(02) Christian Ed. Bd.	Tim Hutchinson	272-6830
(00) Mission Board	Ricky Gilmore	358-4477

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Bessie Bryant; Faye Bryant; Gerry Dunaway

\*Chairman

## MINISTERS ON ROLL

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\*Inactive

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Patrick Taylor (Expires April 2000) Jeffery Johnson (Expires July 2000)  
 Reggie Burgess (Expires July 2000) Trent Dykes (Expires July 2000)  
 Emory Howell (Expires July 2000)

## FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 9, 1999, at Pine Level Church. Our new Moderator, Rev. Johnny Lewis, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., reading I Corinthians 15:57-58. The session was opened in prayer by Rev. Charles Barnard. The moderator recognized outgoing officers and Board members and they were given a rising vote of thanks. He reminded the body that according to the Georgia Union Bylaws, we should show no anger in discussing any subject and that no one should leave the meeting without being recognized by the moderator.

The host pastor, Rev. Ricky Gilmore, welcomed everyone and gave general instructions about the church facilities.

Donald Self gave the morning devotion, reading from I Corinthians 15:58, reminding us not to quit, but to be steadfast and unmoveable. He said there is no stopping place for Christians.

M/S/C to change the program so that our speaker, Rev. Paul Creech could speak earlier in the session in order to meet a deadline in Alabama.

The program was adopted with the necessary changes. The clerk called the roll of ministers, and delegates and the delegates were seated. The moderator then recognized the deacons and visitors.

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. M/S/C to approve as read.

After the break, our speaker, Rev. Paul Creech, foreign missionary from the Ivory Coast, gave us an update regarding his itinerary for the next few weeks. He then read from John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." He also read from Acts 1:13-14, and spoke on "What is the Truth?". He said we believe what we say sometimes, even when it isn't the truth, instead of wanting to find out the real truth. Sometimes the truth hurts. He said we are all witnesses but many times we as Christians do not want to get involved. His final question was, "What kind of witness am I?"

M/S/C to break for lunch and continue the business session at 1:00 p.m.

The afternoon session was called to order and an offering was taken. We sang "Power in the Blood".

The moderator read a portion of Roberts Rules of Order and appointed Tom Douglas as Parliamentarian.

The Clerk read the Executive Board recommendations and there was a M/S/C to accept as information and act on the report item by item, as follows:

1. M/S/C that since the Executive Board had investigated the Shechinah Free Will Baptist Church and found their practices to be in accordance with the requirements of the Georgia Union Association, that we accept Shechinah Church into full fellowship with the Georgia Union Association and the pastor and his congregation were given the right hand of fellowship.

2. M/S/C to remove the item from the table regarding the Perry Mission and the disposition of the property.

3. It was noted that the Perry Congregational group was not interested in becoming a part of the Georgia Union Association, and that the Shechinah Church did not want any part of the funds left by the Perry Mission. M/S/C for said funds to remain with the Georgia Union Mission Board.



4. The Executive Board recommended that the Georgia Union Association sell the Perry Mission property to the Shechinah Church for \$1.00 to use as a church as long as Shechinah is a member in good standing in the Georgia Union Association and as long as Shechinah's practices are in accordance with the Free Will Baptist doctrine and that the Executive Board and the Mission Board will work together to accomplish this transaction. There was a motion and second to do this. There was then a motion and a second to add an amendment to sell the property to the Shechinah Church for \$60,000 to be amortized over 15 years. After hearing several opinions for and against the amendment, this amendment was defeated. After some discussion the motion carried to sell the Perry Mission property to Shechinah Church for \$1.00, with the "rescission clause" left on the title so that the property will revert back to the Georgia Union Association if Shechinah ever ceases to be a Free Will Baptist Church, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Georgia Union Mission Board.

5. M/S/C to divide 50/50 between the C.E. Board and the Camp Board any excess funds in the general treasury.

6. The Nominating Committee offered the name of Sidney Rentz to replace David Campbell on the Mission Board. M/S/C to accept this nomination. This term will expire in 1999.

7. M/S/C to give today's offering to our guest speaker, Rev. Paul Creech.

8. M/S/C to give the Pine Level Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the January session.

The Digest Committee reported 16 churches gained 45 members, and lost 7, for a total gain of 38 members, with total income for the past quarter in the amount of \$129,193.27. M/S/C to accept this report.

The Mission Board report was given by Johnnie Conner. The balance in the Mission Board account is \$14,715.89. He noted that the missions conference had tentatively been set for October 16-21, but that it conflicted with the Senior Saints Retreat. The Mission Board will review the calendar and will suggest another date. M/S/C to accept this report.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Tom Douglas. He said the hay ride on November 7 was enjoyed by all, with approximately 80 in attendance. He thanked Double Branch for providing food for the youth rally. The Board is planning 3 youth rallies, including a lock-in, a hay ride and hopefully a group from the Bible College. A tentative date of February 26 was given for the first youth rally which will be announced later. Tom encouraged each church to include their youth in the youth competition. The district competition will be held at Double Branch on April 24. The balance in the treasury is \$105.28. Tim Hutchinson reported on the State CE Board activities. The ministers retreat will be held at Little Ocmulgee State Park April 12-14. The Ministers' Wives retreat will be announced later. The state Couple's Retreat will be at Toccoa Falls March 19-20. The guest speaker will be Dr. Paul Harrison from Nashville. M/S/C to accept this report.

The Camp Board report was given by Gene Cross. Youth camp will be at Camp John, Hope June 7-11. Bro. Gene encouraged everyone to find ways to send their youth to camp. There will be a Camp Workers meeting at New Hope on January 21. The balance in the treasury is \$350.00. M/S/C to accept this report.

The Ordaining Council report was given by James Dixon. The Board recommended that we send a letter of good standing for Rev. Carl Miller to his new Association in Ohio and that we renew David Campbell's license. M/S/C to accept this report.



Jackie Barnard, Georgia Union Auxiliary District President, gave the auxiliary report. She reported 5 churches with active groups and encouraged other churches to consider beginning an auxiliary group. She stated that the annual prayer retreat will be March 26 and 27 at Norman Park and encouraged all of the ladies to attend. She said the plans for the National were coming along smoothly and noted that we will need much help during the National.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gerry Dunaway. The total in the treasury is \$2,607.67, and after adding the \$660.00 received today for the association fees and ministers' retirement fund, and subtracting \$350 for the C.E. Board and \$350 for the Camp Board, the balance left in the treasury is \$2,567.67. The offering today in the amount of \$160.44 was given to Rev. Paul Creech. M/S/C to accept this report.

The moderator noted that some aspects of the Constitution and Bylaws were vague and encouraged everyone to read them carefully and submit any changes or suggestions to the Clerk. He also noted that we will begin printing address changes, etc. in each quarterly program and asked everyone to send changes to the Clerk.

Charles Barnard gave a steering committee report for the National. As the Prayer Committee Chairman, he will host a dinner on January 16 at White Oaks for the Georgia moderators, prayer chairladies in the GWAC, and other officers in the State. He plans to hold concerts of prayer at as many churches as possible throughout the state prior to the National.

After several announcements, M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Johnny Lewis, Moderator

Donna Jewell, Clerk

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 10, 1999, at Pleasant Hill Church. Moderator Johnny Lewis called the session to order at 10:00 a.m., and the session was opened in prayer by Bro. Jack Lysaker. We sang "Glory to His Name".

The host pastor, Rev. Willie Coleman, welcomed everyone and gave general instructions about the church facilities.

Rev. Willie Coleman gave the morning devotional, reading from Isaiah 40:31, encouraging us to wait on the Lord.

The program was adopted with necessary changes. The clerk called the roll of ministers and delegates, and the Moderator asked the deacons and ministers, who are standing delegates, to stand. All of the voting delegates were seated.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read the Executive Board report, and M/S/C to vote item by item, as follows:

1. The Executive Board and the Ordaining Council recommends that the following sentence be added to "Rules for Calling Pastors", Section D: "The Association Clerk must request in writing a letter of good standing from the association that said minister is transferring from." M/S/C to table until later in the meeting today.

2. Recommend that today's offering be given to the C.E. Board. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

3. Recommend that due to time constraints during the morning session, instead of having a devotional, that we have a song and read a scripture, leaving the decision of who will read the scripture to the local pastor, limiting the song and scripture to five minutes. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

4. Recommend that we give the Pleasant Hill Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the Second Quarterly Session in 1999. Motion was made, seconded and carried by everyone standing.

5. Recommend that we add the following sentence to the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2C, page 19 of our Minute Book: "All requests for investigations must be submitted in writing and signed, preferably with two or more witnesses." M/S/C to table until later in the meeting today.

Mission Board Report. It was noted that Johnnie Conner's mother passed away and he was unable to attend. Bro. Jack Lysaker said that the State Board had not met since our last meeting. He said that due to Johnnie's Conner's work schedule, he would submit his resignation from this Board, which will be accepted (with regrets) when he submits same in writing. Bro. Jack said that the Georgia Union Mission Board had not met since the last quarterly meeting. The balance of funds in the Mission Board account is \$16,686.17. M/S/C to accept report as read.

C.E. Board Report. The Board met on April 10. The district youth competition will be April 24 at White Oaks Church, which is the only church participating this year. The state C.E. Board met in Lyons in January. The couples retreat was a great success last month, with 38 couples in attendance, and Rev. Paul Harrison bringing the messages. Annual ministers retreat is April 12-14 at Little Ocmulgee State Park. The balance in the C.E. Board treasury is approximately \$200. M/S/C to accept report as read.

Camp Board Report. Met at New Hope. Youth camp is June 7-11 at Camp John Hope. Applications were handed out. There will be a fundraiser concert on June 5, with On Mended Wings performing. We need a volunteer host church. Bro. Gene said we need workers for camp. The fee this year is \$120, with a discount of \$10 for early birds. The State Camp Board will meet April 26. M/S/C to accept report as read.

GWAC Report. Jackie Barnard noted that the district GWAC met on February 27 at Double Branch, and will meet again on May 1 at Trinity Church. She encouraged all of the ladies to come to the meeting and to start a GWAC group at their churches. M/S/C to accept report as read.

An offering was taken and we took a break. We reconvened by singing "Trust and Obey", and prayer by Rev. Charles Barnard. Rev. Willie Coleman gave a moving rendition of "Let the Blood of Calvary Speak for Me."

The message was brought by Rev. Benny Lafferty, reading from Judges 6:1-6, and entitling his message "Heaven's Heroes". He pointed out that pastors and other church leaders are heroes in today's society, and that they rescue souls from going to hell and by pointing them to Heaven. He mentioned one biblical hero by the name of Gideon, and that God supplied him with 300 heroes to save Israel. He noted that Gideon was a "slow learner" because he had to have "signs", but that he was finally convinced that God had called him. The three characteristics of a hero are being courageous, careful and committed. Bro. Benny pointed out that God's ways are not our ways.

Digest Committee Report. Bro. Donald Self reported that 17 churches reported, gaining 16 members and losing 12, for a net gain of 4. The amount of offerings reported was \$120,514.06, and he noted that six churches did not report their offerings. M/S/C to accept report as read.

Ordaining Council Report. \*Recommend that we postpone action on Willie Coleman until the requested questionnaire be completed by Rev. Coleman, that the Board meet with Rev. Coleman and after we receive a letter of good standing from his former association, which will be requested by the Clerk.

\*It was noted that letters of good standing were received for Rev. Johnny Lewis and Rev. Gerald Brown. They are now in good standing pursuant to a previous vote of this Association.

\*Recommend to extend the license of Patrick Taylor for one year. Will set up a meeting with Reggie Burgess and Jeffery Johnson to question for licensing in this Association.

\*Recommend to accept Rev. Ricky Gilmore into this association in full fellowship, as the Board examined him and received a letter of good standing.

\*Recommend to accept Rev. Terry Hennecke into this association upon receipt of a letter of good standing from his previous association.

M/S/C to accept report as read.

Treasurer's Report. Bro. Gerry Dunaway reported that the balance as of February 1 was \$2,418.07, with disbursements of \$887.54, leaving a current balance in the treasury of \$1,530.53. Today's receipts for dues, etc., totaled \$1,822.40, and today's offering was \$131.25. The total in the FWB Foundation is \$4,066.96.

M/S/C to remove Executive Board Item No. 1 from the table. After some discussion, M/S/C to adopt this change.

M/S/C to remove Executive Board Item No. 5 from the table. M/S/C to adopt this change.

M/S/C for the Clerk to send a birthday card and check for \$50 to Bro. Emmett McDuffie for his 91st birthday which is on May 14.

After several announcements, M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johnny Lewis, Moderator  
Donna Jewell, Clerk

### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 10, 1999, at Warner Robins Church. Moderator Johnny Lewis called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and Rev. Gerald Brown opened the session in prayer. Host pastor, Rev. Jimmy Rozier, welcomed everyone and asked that we remember Sis. Nell Fordham who is in ICU today. Bro. Wayne Meyers read from Luke 18:24 and the body sang "When We All Get to Heaven".

The program was adopted with no needed changes.

The Clerk read the roll call of ministers and delegates. The moderator then asked all ordained ministers to stand, along with the ordained deacons and the delegates from the various churches. M/S/C to seat the voting delegates.

The Moderator welcomed the visitor who was present, who was from Brookhaven Full Gospel Church in Macon.

The Clerk read the minutes of the second quarterly session and they were approved.

Tim Hutchinson asked that he be allowed to give the CE Board Report so he could be dismissed to the Ordaining Council Meeting. Bro. Tim thanked Tom Douglas who was the Youth Competition Director. We have several youth from Georgia Union who will be representing us at the National, competing in Tic-Tac-Toe, mime, singing, drama and instrumental. Bro. Tim encouraged us to pray for them as they compete on the national level. He encouraged everyone to get their youth involved now in preparation for next year. The next youth rally will be at Crossroads Church on October 16, and the Rejoice Team from FWBBC will be performing. He encouraged all of our pastors to go back to their churches and promote this event and to ask everyone to bring refreshments. Bro. Tim noted that he had spoken to Bryan Sargent, the Drama Group Director at FWBBC and they will be performing for us sometime in early 2000. The balance in the CE Board treasury is \$519.65. Bro. Tim said that the State CE Board will be meeting in August. He noted that the Minister's Retreat was well attended in April. M/S/C to accept this report.

At this point, the moderator apologized that, at the last meeting, we had not recognized the fact that Bro. Emmett Dunaway had passed away and at this time, we had a moment of silence and a special prayer in his memory, as well as other Christian leaders who had gone on before us.

The Executive Board met on May 22, 1999, and the Clerk gave the Executive Board report as follows:

1. Recommend that we give today's offering to the Camp Board. Approved.

2. Recommend that we give the Warner Robins Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the July Session. Motion approved by everyone standing.

Jack Lysaker gave the Mission Board report. He said that the Mission Board had met immediately following the April session. He said that Johnnie Conner had resigned from the Mission Board and that a replacement had been recommended to the Nominating Committee. The Mission Board voted to postpone this year's mission's conference until next year; due to excess money in the Mission Board account, the treasurer recommended placing \$12,000 into a CD at Farmers & Merchants Bank and this was done; the keys to the Perry property and the church bus was given to Shechinah's pastor; a new chairman for the Mission Board will be chosen today if a fifth member is elected by the body; the transfer of the Perry property to Shechinah had been finalized and the deed recorded with the proper government offices. The



balance in the checking account is \$5,518.18. The State Mission Board met in June at Lyons Church. Bro. Jack gave an update on the Atlanta work and said that they hope to begin building soon. The State Board is continuing to look for other works in Georgia. M/S/C to accept this report.

Gene Cross gave the Camp Board report. He reported that the Youth Camp had 115 campers and 20 volunteers. There were 27 first time decisions and many rededications. He noted that Bro. Trent Dykes answered the call to preach during the Camp Session. Next year's director will be Trent Dykes, with Ricky Gilmore as the Assistant Director. Bro. Gene thanked Bro. Johnny Lewis and his church for their hard work in coordinating the Concert in Cordele with Mended Wings. Six Georgia Union Churches were represented with about 100 in attendance. Everyone who attended had a great time and God's presence was felt at the concert. Bro. Gene stated that there were 115 campers at State Teen Camp and noted that we need more financial support for the camp. M/S/C to accept this report.

Gloria Johnson gave the GWAC report. She stated that the ladies had met at Trinity Church in Cordele on May 1st with good fellowship after the business session. She outlined several projects that the GWAC is working on including a project to help raise funds for the Alabama/Tennessee Childrens Homes. The GWAC is also encouraging each ladies group to adopt a missionary family to send letters, cards and care packages. All ladies were again encouraged to begin a ladies group in their churches and to visit the WNAC Booth at the National in Atlanta. M/S/C to accept this report.

After the break, Bro. Donald Self gave the Digest Committee report as follows: 17 churches reported 30 members received, 3 members lost, for a net gain of 27. Tithes and offerings totaled \$131,873.84, with 14 of the above churches reporting. M/S/C to accept this report.

The moderator then noted that some of the Boards were experiencing problems with members not attending meetings. He encouraged the board members to attend the meetings if at all possible, and if they were not able to attend, to resign their offices and give someone an opportunity to serve that was willing and able.

The worship hour began by singing "Keep on the Firing Line". Jimmy Rozier led in prayer. Bro. Al Fordham and Rev. Jimmy Rozier's granddaughters sang "I Saw Him in your Eyes."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Terry Hennecke, past of Double Branch Church. He read from Romans 1:16, which tells us that we should not be ashamed of the Gospel. He reminded us of many things that are going on in churches throughout the country in order to draw in the crowds, such as comedy routines, punk rockers, ventriloquists and other gimmicks to entertain, replacing the simple Gospel message of Jesus Christ. He said that it is still the power of the Holy Spirit that convicts peoples' hearts and that we need to get back to the Gospel Message and the simple truth. He said that "whatever you win them with is what you win them to" and that the Gospel will separate the saved from the unsaved. He read several other scriptures and closed by saying that our churches should stop entertaining goats and start feeding the sheep.

The business session continued with Rev. Gene Cross giving the Nominating Committee Report. After looking at three candidates, Bro. Ricky Gilmore was nominated to fill the vacant position on the Mission Board to replace Johnnie Conner. M/S/C to accept this nomination.



Bro. Gerry Dunaway gave the Treasurer's Report. Today's offering was \$173 and was given to the Camp Board. The balance as of July 1 was \$2,184.71 and after disbursements and receipts, today's balance on hand is \$2,421.49. M/S/C to accept this report.

Announcements and prayer requests were given, and Rev. Gene Cross asked the blessing on the noon meal.

When we reconvened, we sang "I'm Getting Ready".

Rev. Tim Hutchinson gave the Ordaining Council Report. The Ordaining Council met on May 22 and today. After meeting with 4 candidates for licensing, it was recommended that (a) Reggie Burgess, Jeffery Johnson, Trent Dykes and Emory Howell be licensed for one year; (b) the Association purchase an adequate supply of the book by Dr. Robert Picirilli on tongues to be given to present and future licensed ministers in the Georgia Union Association. Motion made, seconded and carried to vote on these items by item. M/S/C to license the four men mentioned above in Item (a) for one year; M/S/C to give the clerk permission to purchase the book mentioned above in Item (b). The moderator then asked the new licensees to come forward and Rev. Charles Barnard said a special prayer for God's leadership and success in their respective ministries. Bro. Tim reminded the body that new licensees should be given a copy of "Faith for Today" and "The Preacher and His Preaching" and also that each licensee should be given a copy of the Treatise so they could prepare for questioning. The Clerk will see that these books are given to each new licensee. M/S/C to accept the Ordaining Council Report.

Miscellaneous Business. Bro. Shine Collins noted that the CE Board has an insufficient balance on hand to adequately operate and the Mission Board has an overflow of funds on hand. He made a motion that \$1,000 be given to the CE Board from the Mission Board account. This motion was seconded. There was much discussion about the legalities of transferring funds from one board to another and although everyone agreed that the CE Board needs funds, there was much concern about handling these funds in a proper manner. After much discussion, Shine withdrew his motion and Tom Douglas made a motion for the Executive Board to do a study on this issue and report back at the next session. This motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Jack Lysaker announced that Rev. Ricky Gilmore was appointed as the Chairman of the Mission Board. Bro. Ricky then announced that a missions conference would be held November 18-21 and asked for pastors to volunteer their churches for services and to house missionaries.

Rev. James Bryant thanked everyone for the overwhelming response to Bro. Emmett's McDuffie's birthday, noting that he received dozens of cards and approximately \$400 in gifts.

Rev. Charles Barnard then gave an update on the White Oaks property sale and relocation plans which were soon to take place and the fact that White Oaks has come such a great distance in the past two years. He thanked his church for their continued unity and commitment during this transition period.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johnny Lewis, Moderator  
Donna Jewell, Clerk

## Annual Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on October 9, 1999, at Wilson Chapel Church. Moderator Johnny Lewis called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and Howard Faircloth opened in prayer. The body sang "Victory in Jesus". Bro. Anthony, host pastor, welcomed everyone and Ken Posey read from Psalm 46. We then sang "The Lily of the Valley".

Bro. Charles Barnard noted that he had some information regarding a trip to the Holy Land next year.

The program was adopted with no needed changes.

The Clerk read the roll call of ministers (11), the roll call of delegates (21 seated), and 12 deacons were present. M/S/C to seat the delegates. It was noted that Rev. E.V. Skipper is now deceased. The moderator recognized the visitor who was Bro. Chuck Snow from Decatur.

The Clerk read the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved.

Bro. Johnny encouraged all boards to meet prior to the session.

The Clerk gave the Executive Board report with the following recommendations: 1. Recommend to take \$1,000 from the Mission Board account and give to the CE Board. Motion and second to do this. Motion made and seconded to amend this motion that the funds be taken from non-designated funds which are in the Mission Board. This motion was carried. 2. M/S/C to change the Constitution on page 18 of the Minute Book, raising the National fee from \$25 to \$50. 3. M/S/C to give today's offering to the Free Will Baptists who were affected by the flood. 4. M/S/C to give Wilson Chapel a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. Tim Hutchinson gave the CE Board report. The CE Board met at the last association meeting. A quorum was not present today so they will meet at the youth rally next week. The next youth rally will be at Crossroads Church on October 16 with Rejoice from FWBBC performing. Bro. Tim encouraged everyone come prepared to give. We hope to have the Drama Group from FWBBC early next year. The Ministers' Wives retreat was canceled due to the hurricane. The State CE Board met in August. The Couples Retreat will be scheduled for Epworth by the Sea in February. Paul Harrison and his wife will be the speakers. State CE Board voted to look into starting a bible institute, The reasons being: 1. State CE Board mandate is to promote Christian Education and to help any young person to have a Christian Education. 2. Most churches are small and financially limited. 3. Few college-aged students are opting not to receive a Christian education. We must train youth to carry on the work of the Gospel. 4. Jesus has commissioned us to do this. The State CE Board has looked at various options regarding location, teachers, cost, etc. Bro. Tim is heading up this effort. The CE Board is also looking into setting up a web site to learn about the Bible. Hillsdale has external courses and are eligible for college credits. M/S/C to accept report.

Before the Mission Board Report was given, the moderator read a letter from Bro. Jack Lysaker resigning his position on the Mission Board due to health reasons. Bro. Ricky Gilmore gave the Mission Board Report. The Board met on July 9. They presently have one CD at Farmers & Merchants Bank in the amount of \$12,000. \$5,518.18 balance on hand with giving of \$1,185.55. Balance on hand is now \$6,703.73 and the CD interest is \$612.00. Pray for Missions Conference which has been planned for November 28-December 1. Information to follow in a few days via mail. M/S/C to accept report.

Rev. Gene Cross gave the Camp Board report. The balance in the Camp Board account is \$321.50. The State Camp Board met in September to discuss plans for building a camp in

Georgia. A motion was made in that meeting to purchase property in Junction City. This was tabled and the property sold in the meantime. A meeting is scheduled for October 11 to make further recommendations. Bro. Gene will recommend to the State Camp Board that the Georgia members vote whether or not Georgia wants a camp. Ogeechee Association wrote a letter to the State Camp Board stating their concerns about camp in Georgia. The district camp will now receive \$3,000 for camp next year. Considering a golf tournament to raise money for camp. M/S/C to accept report.

Sis. Jackie Barnard gave the GWAC report. She thanked all of the Georgia ladies who gave and assisted in preparing for the WNAC Banquet at the National. The Georgia Union annual meeting was held October 2 at Pleasant Hill Church. 3 churches were represented. Georgia Union has 4 active churches with 40 members. The ladies will discuss changing their fall meeting to coincide with the State meeting. M/S/C to accept report.

Bro. Donald Self gave the Digest Committee Report: There were 16 churches reporting with 68 members added, 37 members lost, with a total increase of 31. Tithes for 1999 totaled \$361,613.60. M/S/C to accept report. M/S/C to accept report.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Tim Hutchinson. The Board recommends that the Clerk write a letter of good standing for Leslie Skeens to the New Mexico Association of Free Will Baptists. He said that we have licensed several new ministers and Bro. Tim wanted to clarify who gives licensing papers and it was clarified that this is done by the local church. No ministers cards are issued to licensed ministers. Bro. Tim commended Rev. Jimmy Smith for a job well done as Chairman of the Ordaining Council and everyone gave a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to approve report. As a matter of information, the moderator encouraged the pastors to use these new ministers. Bro. Jimmy Rozier thanked all of the new ministers who filled during his illness. Bro. Charles Barnard suggested a five-night licensed ministers revival to use our new ministers.

Rev. Gene Cross gave the Nominating Committee report: Asst. Treasurer Terry Hennecke. Digest Committee replace Donald Self with Donald Self; Trustee Board replace Dewey Evans with Shine Collins, replace Rose Bennett with Donald Self; Ordaining Council replace Jimmy Smith with David Hutchinson; Camp Board replace Gene Cross with Gene Cross; CE Board replace Tom Douglas with Tom Douglas, replace Tim Hutchinson with Tim Hutchinson; Mission Board replace Gerry Danube with Willie Coleman, replace Sidney Rentz with Sidney Rentz, replace Al Fordham with Al Fordham, replace Jack Lysaker with David Hutchinson. State Board elected by individual boards. M/S/C to elect by acclamation. M/S/C to accept report.

Nominating Committee for 2000: Gene Cross, Grover Jewell, Charles Barnard. M/S/C to accept.

Miscellaneous Business. Bro. Tim Hutchinson stated that the CE Board needs a budget. A budge will be presented the Executive Board and Bro. Tim made a motion that the respective boards prepare a budget to present to the executive board and have a budget meeting so that we can evaluate the needs of the respective boards. Seconded and carried.

Rev. David Hutchinson volunteered his church for use in holding board meetings for the respective boards. The moderator also said that his church can be used for such purposes. Bro., Charles said that each board needs to inform the moderator of their meeting times.

Delegates to State Meeting. Suzan Hutchinson, Joan Smith, Rose Cross and Ann Lewis. M/S/C to accept these delegates.

Treasurer's report: The current balance in the account is \$2,255.53. M/S/C to accept this report.

The clerk read a letter from Rev. Carlos Rubio giving thanks for our support.

Bro. Trent Dykes asked the blessing on the offering that was taken. The congregation sang "I'll Fly Away."

The host church sang "Just Any Day Now" and Rev. Ricky Gilmore read from Eccles. 12:13 commanding us to hear the conclusion of the whole matter and to fear God. Bro. Ricky said above all we need to fear God, to take seriously what he tells us in His Word. Sometimes we get caught up in what we want to do and taking our eyes off of God. We need to quit worrying about pleasing people and focus on pleasing God. Bro. Ricky gave a personal experience which proved to him that God was in control of his life. Bro. Ricky closed in prayer.

Bro. Grover noted that new maps will be prepared to all of the churches and encouraged everyone to give the Clerk addresses for each church.

Announcements were made and today's offering report was given - \$153.50.

M/S/C to dismiss meeting and Bro. Tom Douglas asked the blessing before lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johnny Lewis, Moderator  
Donna Jewell, Clerk



## GEORGIA UNION WNAC DISTRICT MEETING

The Georgia Union WNAC district meeting was held October 2, 1999 at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Jackie Barnard opened the meeting by reading a few wise quotations and then called the meeting to order for the last time this century.

Stella Ray gave the welcome. A song, "Where He Leads I'll Follow," was led by Sandy Hobbs with Janice Coleman at the piano. Audrey Hobbs led in prayer. An offering was received and Janice Coleman gave the devotion from Joshua 1:6-9. The world is changing. Technology is a way of life. Morals spiral downwards but the promise of God is there for us. His Word is true; it does not change. Study, stay in God's Word. stay in fellowship, stay in prayer, and let's be witnesses for the Lord.

Chonda Pierce provided the special music, "For Jesus's Sake." A Christian comedienne presented the message on video from Col. 1:21. God created us. Live your life so that everyone knows God is in you. Live it so everyone wants what you have.

Committees were appointed.

Credentials - Gloria Johnson, Donna Taylor, Sandy Hobbs.

Resolution - Brenda Humphries, Stella Ray, Janice Coleman

Finance - Audrey Hobbs, Anita Gray, Viola Hunt

We dismissed for brunch.

After brunch a hymn, "The Light of the World is Jesus," was sung. Donna Jewell led in prayer. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given. This year the treasurer received \$4,189.22 and \$4,023.88 was paid out. This left a balance of \$165.34.

Report of committees:

Credentials:

The district WNAC had a total of 5 churches as members. One church withdrew leaving a total of 4 churches with 3 represented at the district. The total number of members were 39 from three churches. Trinity had not submitted its report.

Resolutions:

Resolve to appoint a committee to look into changing annual district meeting January or February since the state will be meeting in March. The committee will consist of Anita Gray, Sandy Hobbs, and Gloria Johnson. There was an add-on resolution to give host church a rising vote of thanks.

Finance:

The offering today was \$45. There was a motion, second, and carried to give the honorarium of \$50 to the church in Fayetteville.

Some churches have adopted home or foreign missionary singles or families for a year.

Pleasant Hill adopted the Wallaces and White Oaks adopted the Byers.

Jackie reminded officers to have job descriptions ready for the next slate of officers. She asked for prayer requests. Pray for First Eastman since our district auxiliary has lost them as a member. Pray for the auxiliaries and an increase in membership.

Each auxiliary should turn in names, addresses, and phone numbers of members. Also turn in each auxiliary's meetings' date, time and place.

The delegates to the state will be Stella Ray, Lula Holt, Margie Collins, Donna Jewell, Anita Gray, and Jackie Barnard.

There was a motion and second to audit the treasurer's book at the request of Lula Holt, our treasurer. Bessie Simmons and the local treasurers' will audit the books annually.

The next meeting will be October 7, 1999, 10:00 A.M. at Trinity. Jackie Barnard dismissed in prayer.



, 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; 4/99)

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:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1-12	\$25	26-50	\$35	51-75	\$35	76-100	\$40
101-125	\$45	126-150	\$50				

Over 150: \$70 plus \$5 for every 25 members over 150.

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-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, 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. All requests for investigations must be submitted in writing and signed, preferably with two or more witnesses.

(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-offici 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-OFFICI MEMBERS. The Chairman shall be an ex-offici 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

<u>Church</u>	<u>Organized</u>	<u>Pastor &amp; Address</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
✓ 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 (Bobbie)	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)	Betty A. Mitchell Rt. 2, Box 225 Rochelle, GA 31079 912-365-2649
Cross Roads ✓ ✓	1910	David E. Hutchinson Rt. 3 Box 830 Cochran, GA 31014 dmhutch@preachnet. compuswix.net 912-934-4566	Susan Laney Rt. 3 Box 2990 Cochran, GA 31014 912-934-4431 (Mildred)
✓ Double Branch ✓ ✓	1896	Terry Hennecke Rt. 3, Box 3500 Hawkinsville, GA 31036 912-892-9474 (Patty)	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 tim35@ix.netcom.com (Suzan)	Jack T. Lysaker 102 Prince St Dublin, GA 31021 912-272-5663
Faith	1993	(No pastor) 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)	Durwood Williams Rt. 1, Box 171 Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-43282



✓ 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
✓ 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
✓ New Hope ✓ ✓	1885	Tony Howell Rt. 4 Box 262 Eastman, GA 31023 912-374-3356 (Jewell)	Wilda Richardson Rt. 3, Box 3760 Cochran, GA 31014 912-358-4924
✓ Pine Level ✓ ✓	1924	Ricky Gilmore Rt. 1, Box 236 Chester, GA 31012 912-358-4477	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
<del>Shechinah</del> ✓ Cornerstone ✓ ✓	1998	Gene Cross P.O. Box 75 Perry, GA 31069 912-988-9458 (Rose)	Freddie Little 116 Toomer Road Perry, GA 31069 912-987-0407
✓ Trinity ✓ ✓	1998	Johnny Lewis, Sr. 383 Cork Ferry Rd Cordele, GA 31015 912-535-4266 jflewis@planttel.net (Ann)	Ira McCook 242A Phil Jones Road Cobb, GA 31735 912-853-9352
✓ 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

✓ White Oaks ✓ ✓ 1953

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L.S. Anthony  
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912-647-3885  
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Thomaston GA 30286  
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# ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

	Members Received	Members Lost	Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc.	Dues
Bay Springs	0	3	70	34	No	\$18,113.30		\$35
Bethlehem	1	5	43	18	No	25,638.00		30
Christian Hill	0	0	69	13	No	12,593.70		35
Crossroads*	0	0	43	?	No	8,836.15		35
Double Branch*	7	10	144	55	No	106,121.72		55
Dublin	0	0	47	25	No	13,067.54		30
Faith	(did not report)							
First Eastman*	0	1	63	30	No	18,214.58		35
Little Bethel*	0	0	41	32	No	34,094.71		35
Mt. Ararat*	2	0	71	19	23	20,018.71		35
New Hope	2	1	79	?	No	32,748.05		35
Pine Level	6	5	96	55	45	41,750.38		40
Pleasant Hill*	4	1	71	25	20	24,008.27		35
Shechinah	18	3	78	45	No	no report		40
Trinity*	5	0	35	?	No	25,979.32		25
Warner Robins	10	3	65	30	No	34,108.31		35
White Oaks*	9	5	134	?	No	133,844.42		50
Wilson Chapel	2	3	40	30	No	24,126.82		25

Annual statistics reported in October 1999

\*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; 4/99)

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. The Association Clerk must request in writing a letter of good standing from the association that said minister is transferring from.
  - 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 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 Lord Jesus Christ.