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Minutes of The  
**One Hundred Fifth Annual Session**  
of the  
**GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION**  
held at

**CROSSROADS FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Cochran, Georgia

Saturday, October 7, 2000

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Moderator..... Terry Hennecke  
Assistant Moderator..... Grover Jewell  
Clerk..... Donna Jewell  
Assistant Clerk..... Edward Moore  
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## **DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER**

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly Session	January 13, 2001	Double Branch
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Session	April 7, 2001	Eastman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Session	July 7, 2001	Little Bethel
106 <sup>th</sup> Annual Session	October 13, 2001	Dublin

### **Speakers for each session (subject to change)**

January	Jimmy Smith
April	L.S. Anthony
July	Charles Barnard
October	James Bryant

## **RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS MEETINGS**

Call to order by Moderator  
Open meeting with prayer  
Welcome visitors  
Recognize deacons  
Roll call of delegates  
Roll call of ministers  
Seat delegates  
Read and adopt minutes of last meeting  
Reports of committees  
New Business  
Old Business  
Miscellaneous business  
Adjourn

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(04) Ordaining Council	David Hutchinson	478-934-4566
(05) Trustee Board	Gerry Dunaway	478-892-9880

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bessie Bryant; Faye Bryant; Gerry Dunaway

\*Chairman

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Ledgel Ferguson  
Dilmos Johnston

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Patrick Taylor (Expires July 2001)  
Grover Jewell (Expires January 2001)

Emory Howell (Expires July 2001)  
Terry Tribble (Expires October 2001)

## FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 8, 2000, at Bay Springs Church. Moderator Johnny Lewis called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and Jack Lysaker opened in prayer. The body sang "Send the Light". A devotion was given by Gary Driggers, reading from Titus 2: 11-15. He read a story about "free will" and the choices we make and the consequences of our choices. The host pastor, Bro. Howard Faircloth, welcomed everyone and was happy to be able to host the first session in the year 2000.

The program was adopted with necessary changes.

There were no visitors at the session. The moderator recognized the deacons present and the clerk called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The moderator then seated the voting delegates.

The moderator appointed Terry Hennecke to replace Gene Cross on the Nominating Committee.

The minutes of the October 1999 meeting were read and approved.

The moderator stressed the importance of board members attending meetings prior to the session. In the future, unless something unforeseen happens, no board will be allowed to meet during the session.

The executive board report was given. 1. Recommend a constitutional change as follows: Under "Rules for Licensing Ministers", Section 6, Page 34, change the word "recommended" to "required", and 6A, change to read "Read 'A Free Will Baptist Handbook' by Matthew Pinson, 'Faith for Today' by Dr. J.D. O'Donnell, and 'What the Bible Says About Tongues', by Robert E. Picirilli, which will be provided by the Association." (The book "Preacher and His Preaching" is no longer available.) M/S/C to table until afternoon session.

2. Recommend a constitutional change as follows: Under "Rules for Licensing Ministers" on Page 34 and "Rules for Ordination of Ministers" on Page 36, add Section 9 to read as follows: "All ministers on roll shall attend at least two meetings per 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." M/S/C to table until afternoon session.

3. Recommend a constitutional change as follows: Under Section II, Section 7, of the Constitution, on Page 19, increase each fee category \$10, due to increased annual spending in this Association. M/S/C to table until afternoon session.

4. Recommend that we adopt a budget for the year 2000. M/S/C to table until afternoon session.

5. Recommend constitutional change as follows: In the Bylaws, Page 22, Section 10, change to read as follows: "Excess funds from this Association, after all expenses have been paid at the end of each fiscal year, and a reasonable balance maintained, shall be distributed to the various boards as deemed necessary by the Executive Board." M/S/C to table until afternoon session.



6. Recommend that today's offering be divided equally among our 7 college students who attend FWBBC. (M/S/C)

7. Recommend that we give Bay Springs Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the January 2000 Session of the Georgia Union Association. M/S/C by everyone standing.

The Mission Board report was given by Ricky Gilmore. The beginning balance was \$6,703.73. The deposits totaled \$4,877. The disbursements were \$1,825.95, leaving a working balance of \$9,754.78. The Missions Conference was a great success and \$4,082.90 was given by the various churches, with some churches not yet reporting. M/S/C to accept report.

The CE Board report was given by Tim Hutchinson. Rejoice performed at the Youth Rally and was a great success. There was 80+ in attendance. We hope to have a youth rally in the spring. The balance on hand is \$1,045.39. The minister's wives retreat will be scheduled at a later date for the fall; the couple's retreat will be at Epworth by the Sea February 4 and 5. The State CE Board will meet in February in Cordele. The youth competition will be held at Double Branch Church at 10:00 a.m. on April 22. The fee will remain \$10 per applicant for competition, whether group or individual. M/S/C to accept report.

The Camp Board report was given by Trent Dykes. No meeting was held since the last session. Youth Camp is June 5-9 at Camp John Hope. A golf tournament will be scheduled to help raise money. In early February letters and applications and requests for counselors will be mailed. Need at least 20 counselors. He encouraged all to notify their churches and encourage members to be counselors. State Teen Camp will be the last week of June. The balance in the fund is \$321.50. M/S/C to accept report.

An offering was taken and we sang "Joy Unspeakable" then we took a 10-minute break.

The Ordaining Council report was given by David Hutchinson, who met October 25, 1999, and today. Willie Coleman has completed all of the criteria and is recommended to be approved as an ordained minister in good standing in the Georgia Union Association. Bro. David notified everyone that any business to come before the Ordaining Council be presented 3 weeks prior to the association meeting. No more business will be conducted at an association meeting. The next meeting will be March 20, at 7:00 p.m., at First Church, Warner Robins. Grover Jewell was recommended to be licensed as a minister for one year by the Georgia Union Association. David Campbell requested to be dropped as a licensed minister. M/S/C to accept report. Willie Coleman and Grover Jewell were given the right hand of fellowship into Georgia Union.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Charles Barnard. Terry Hennecke replaced Gene Cross on the nominating Committee. M/S/C to accept. Gene Cross was replaced on the Camp Board by Paul Creech. M/S/C to accept.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self with 17 churches reporting, 15 members received, 12 lost, with a net increase of 3; tithes and offerings reported were \$96,728.23. Bro. Donald noted that four churches did not report their tithes and offerings. Faith Church did not report.

The delegates to the state meeting in March are Ann Lewis, Susan Hutchinson, Patty Hennecke and



Bessie Bryant, with alternates Nancy Lewis, Carminta Dykes and Joan Smith.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gerry Dunaway. The beginning balance was \$2,356.14 and paid out to the minister's retirement being \$1,568.77, leaving a balance of \$787.37. Today's receipts were \$730, and added to the balance of \$1,628.77 in the retirement fund, leaves a balance of \$3,086.14. Today's offering was \$169.34.

Prayer requests were taken and Bro. Charles Hardeman prayed a special prayer for each request.

Announcements were made. Due to the fact that David Hutchinson was in the Ordaining Council meeting and the fact that he was to bring the message, we had a time for testimonies, then after some time, due to time constraints, M/S/C to forego the preaching hour today and break for lunch.

We reconvened by singing "Footsteps of Jesus". Willie Coleman opened in prayer.

M/S/C to remove the tabled items from the table. 65 voting members were present and we need 2/3rds vote to pass constitutional changes. M/S/C to approve all tabled items.

Miscellaneous Business:

Tim Hutchinson read three resolutions which Charles Barnard had prepared, as follows:

Resolution No. 1:

WHEREAS, Georgia State Free Will Baptists have long recognized the priority of higher Christian education; and

WHEREAS, it has been a long-standing policy of the Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists and the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists to assist Georgia students enrolled at the Free Will Baptist Bible College through gifts overseen by the respective Christian Education Boards; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Free Will Baptists initiated the request to the National Association to create a task force comprised of representatives from each of "our four Free Will Baptist Colleges" (resolution passed November 1998);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgia Union Association adopt a policy of support to include students enrolled in either of the following four institutions: (1) Free Will Baptist Bible College; (2) Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College; (3) Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College; and (4) California Christian College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this local association respectfully ask the Georgia State Association to do the same.

(M/S/C to adopt)

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists recently adopted a budget for the year 2000 that allocates 17.1% to the Camp Board and 13.5% to the Christian Education Board; and

WHEREAS, the Camp Board does not need as much funding as in the past due to the fact that local associations are operating their own junior camps; and

WHEREAS, the State C.E. Board needs additional funds to maintain their present level of support for Georgia college students enrolled in Free Will Baptist colleges;  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this local association respectfully request the State Executive Board to consider changing the percentages to be more equitable to both boards;  
(M/S/C to adopt)

Resolution No. 3

Tim explained that Jeff Lunsford had served in Georgia for 8-10 years and is going to Mongolia as a missionary but is not employed by the National Home or Foreign Missions Department and he will not receive any of the Acts 1:8 Plan. After some discussion, M/S/C to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, Addendum 2 of the Executive Board report to the 1999 State Association limits disbursements of Acts 1:8 funds to "those who are employed by the National Home and Foreign Missions Departments"; and

WHEREAS, some Free Will Baptist missionaries go out under the umbrella of these boards as associates or tentmakers, and not as full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, some of these associates and tentmakers are natives of Georgia, spouses of native Georgians, or those who have served for a period of no less than five consecutive years in Georgia churches immediately prior to entering missionary status;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this local association ask the Executive Board to bring before the State Association an amendment to the present statement concerning those to be supported by the Georgia Acts 1:8 plan that includes the following:

- (a) Present levels of support for those meeting the present criteria;
  - (b) Present levels of support for those listed in official publications of either Board as employees including those listed as associates, tentmakers and short-termers;
  - (c) 50% level of support for those serving other agencies in cooperation with either mission board.
- (M/S/C to adopt)

Bro. Anthony reminded us that we need to support deceased ministers' wives as well as the ministers themselves and made a motion that after the minister is deceased that we send \$75 per quarter to the widow of a Georgia Union minister if she is in need of assistance. Motion to table this item to the Executive Board to investigate and form proper wording and report back to the next session.

M/S/C to adjourn and dismissed in prayer by Tim Hutchinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Lewis, Moderator

*Johnny Lewis*  
by *David Fairclough*

Donna Jewell, Clerk

*Donna Jewell*

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 8, 2000, at Bethlehem Church. Moderato Johnny Lewis called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and Shine Collins opened in prayer. The body sang "Amazing Grace" and "What a Day That Will Be". A devotion was given by Charles Hardeman, reading from Psalm 9:17., asking a question, "Has America forgotten God?" He pointed out that so many people have become desensitized to the Word of God, and he encouraged us to seek God on behalf of our country. The host pastor, Rev. Charles Hardeman, welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church. The program was adopted with necessary changes.

The moderator recognized the visitor, Executive Secretary William Smith. The moderator recognized the deacons and the clerk called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The moderator then seated the voting delegates. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bro. William Smith was welcomed by the moderator and Bro. William gave us an update of what is going on in the state. He reported a great state meeting, stating that a time of revival was experienced. He encouraged everyone to pre-register for the National Meeting in Anaheim. He encouraged everyone to give to foreign missions. The Lord has blessed financially and coop giving has increased, with Acts 1:8 giving being tripled. Competition is the second week of May. He encouraged everyone to attend the Georgia Union golf tournament the purpose of which is to raise money for the Youth Camp. Georgia has 23 students attending the Bible College. Georgia is planning in the future to begin a scholarship fund so that the Georgia students will be able to attend the Bible College at no cost. He gave a report on the mission work in the state. Bro. William stated that quite a few churches in the state are without pastors and we need to pray about this.

The Executive Board report was given by the Clerk. The report was accepted as information and M/S/C to act upon item by item.

1. M/S/C to give today's offering to the Georgia Union students attending Truth & Peace this summer.
2. That we change Article V, Section 2, Page 21, of the Constitution to read, "It shall be the duty of each member church or mission to represent themselves quarterly by letter and delegates and to report their standings and statistics." This was tabled until the afternoon session.
3. M/S/C to give Bethlehem Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the Georgia Union Session.

Ricky Gilmore gave the Mission Board report. The Mission Board met on April 4, 2000 at Crossroads. Balance as of January 1, 2000 was \$9,754.78 in the checking account. Deposits were \$358.24, \$317.79 and \$386.17, for a total of \$10,816.98. Expenses were \$4,167.73, leaving a balance \$6,649.25. \$12,000 is in a CD. Discussion at the state meeting regarding starting a mission work in Athens so that we can stop losing our students to other denominations. The Missions Conference will be the first week in October. M/S/C to accept report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the CE Board report. The Board met on January 22, at Double Branch. Two youth rallies are planned in the coming months, during May and September. One is a camp-out at the White Oaks Property in May. A fishing day will be hosted by Double Branch Church and the date will be announced. District competition is April 22 at Double Branch Church. The balance in the treasury is \$694.57. The State Board met in Cordele and will meet again in August at Cornerstone. The Couples



Retreat was a great success. The State CE Board reaffirmed our position on giving only to those Georgia students attending FWBBC as FWBBC is our nationally supported college. Ministers Retreat will be May 1-3, at Little Ocmulgee State Park. The State CE Board is planning to begin two pilot programs of the State Bible Institute. The first step will be to ask each church to complete a survey. M/S/C to accept report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board Report who met in January. The Board agreed that it will emphasize working closer with the State Camp Board and will promote a benefit golf tournament for Camp. He emphasized that we need to encourage all teenagers to go to teen camp at Camp John Hope June 25-30. He encouraged pastors to promote the youth camp. The Board met again in February at Cornerstone Church to discuss the camp which will be at Camp John Hope first week in June. Every Association who asked for financial assistance has received \$1,000 to help with camp expenses. Much prayer is needed for camp. Balance in the Camp Board account is \$1,321.50. M/S/C to accept report.

Bro. Johnny Lewis noted here that there is a big problem with state board members not attending meetings and he encouraged each of our chairmen to attend all state board meetings.

Bro. David Hutchinson gave the Ordaining Council Report. The Board met on March 20 at Warner Robins Church. A questionnaire was adopted by the board for new ministers coming into Georgia Union. Recommend change to Constitution and Bylaws changing the rules for calling pastors, page 35, second sentence, Section 3, as follows: "All ministers from any Free Will Baptist Association coming into this Association, shall complete the questionnaire of the Georgia Union Ordaining Council and return the completed questionnaire to the Chairman of the Ordaining Council, two weeks in advance of its meeting date. All licenses and those desiring to be ordained, must submit their completed State Ordaining Questionnaire to the Chairman of the Ordaining Council, two weeks before the meeting of the Ordaining Council. The date and place of the Ordaining Council meeting is to be announced at each quarterly Georgia Union Association meeting. Questionnaires may be obtained from the Chairman of the Ordaining Council or from the Clerk of the Georgia Union Association." M/S/C to table constitutional change until afternoon session. M/S/C to accept report.

The GWAC report was read and accepted.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self. 17 churches reported; members received 9, lost 46, with a net loss of 35. Total offerings reported were \$137,518.96, with two churches not reporting. M/S/C to adopt this report.

An offering was taken and we sang "When we all Get to Heaven". We took a break and when we reconvened, we sang "The Roll is Called up Yonder" and Robbie Hardeman sang "I've Got So Much to Thank Him For.", and Wynell Atkins sang "Poor as a Beggar, Rich as a King".

Bro. Johnny Lewis sang "Ship of Zion". He then read from Nehemiah 1: 1-11. The subject of his text was "Concern for the Condition of the Church." He wondered how long it has been since our hearts have been broken for God. He said there is no circumstance or situation where we can't be used if we let God use us. He said Nehemiah did not have a pity party when he faced adversity but he asked God how He could use him. His prayer life was right with God and he prayed until he connected to God. He fasted and prayed through. No one can fast for you - it has to come from an individual's heart. We

cannot please God and the flesh. We need to confess our sins and failures to God. Christians need to seriously seek God. Johnny encouraged us to have meaningful prayer and Masterful planning. A song of invitation was sung.

M/S/C to finish business before lunch.

The Treasurer's report was given by Terry Hennecke in the absence of Gerry Dunaway. The balance in the general treasury is \$2,118.42, and today's offering was \$151.14.

M/S/C to remove the Executive Board item from the table. M/S/C to approve a change to the Constitution, page 21, Article V, Section 2, change to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of each member church or mission to represent themselves quarterly by letter and delegates and to report their standings and statistics."

Bro. Johnny encouraged each pastor to make sure their church is represented at every meeting if possible and to respect, and abide by, the Constitution and Bylaws.

M/S/C to remove the Ordaining Council item from the table. M/S/C to change the Constitution and Bylaws changing the rules for calling pastors, page 35, second sentence, Section 3, as follows: "All ministers from any Free Will Baptist Association coming into this Association, shall complete the questionnaire of the Georgia Union Ordaining Council and return the completed questionnaire to the Chairman of the Ordaining Council, two weeks in advance of its meeting date. All licenses and those desiring to be ordained, must submit their completed State Ordaining Questionnaire to the Chairman of the Ordaining Council, two weeks before the meeting of the Ordaining Council. The date and place of the Ordaining Council meeting is to be announced at each quarterly Georgia Union Association meeting. Questionnaires may be obtained from the Chairman of the Ordaining Council or from the Clerk of the Georgia Union Association."

Miscellaneous Business:

May 30, 7:00 p.m., is the next Ordaining Council meeting at Warner Robins Church.

The body gave Bro. Johnny a standing vote of thanks for serving as Moderator. Bro. Johnny has taken a church in Eufaula, Alabama and is today submitting his resignation as moderator and noted that Howard Faircloth is assistant moderator and a new moderator will be elected at the October meeting. Bro. Howard came forward and asked for everyone's prayers as he serves until the next election.

It was noted that Bro. Anthony is in rehab and is recovering at home.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Lewis, Moderator

*Johnny Lewis*

*Howard Faircloth*

Donna Jewell, Clerk

*Donna Jewell*

### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 8, 2000, at Christian Hill Church. Moderator Howard Faircloth called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Bro. Jack Lysaker opened in prayer. The body sang "Some Day". Bro. Wayne Martin read Psalm 91. The host pastor, Rev. James Bryant, welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church. The program was adopted with necessary changes. The moderator recognized our special guest, Charles Lysaker, visiting from the Virgin Islands. The moderator recognized the deacons, and the clerk called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

At this time there was a motion to place Rev. Gerald Brown on the honor roll. The motion was seconded and carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Chuck Lysaker gave us an update of what was happening in St. Croix, and he mentioned several specific prayer concerns, including praying that souls will be saved, the need for spiritual growth, and unity between the church and the community. He also requested prayer for training of the local people so that they will be able to take the place of those who leave. There were 14 saved on Roll Call Sunday, with 316 in attendance. A 2-week tent revival was held recently with 16 area churches participating. Average attendance was 700-800 nightly. The highest attendance was 1,100 and over 50 were saved during revival. Bro. Chuck covets our prayers for the people of St. Croix.

The Executive Board report was given. M/S/C to accept the report as read and to act upon item by item.

1. M/S/C that the Georgia Union Association form a Credentials Committee to handle matters concerning licensed and ordained ministers within the Association. This committee will consist of the Moderator, Chairman of the Ordaining Council and a Minister at Large, with Paul Creech to serve at this time as Minister at Large. These three members will meet and form bylaws for this committee and this committee will be included in the Association Constitution and Bylaws under Article IV on page 20 of the Minute Book.
2. M/S/C for today's offering to be given to the Minister's Retirement Fund.
3. M/S/C to give Christian Hill Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the July Session.

The Moderator noted that Bro. Donald Self has been in the Association for many years and Bro. Self gave an overview of his many years as a Christian since 1942. His first Association meeting was at Christian Hill Church and it met Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He told some humorous stories about what happened at some of the meetings. He has only missed one association meeting since 1946. He has served on many committees and in many capacities. Bro. Self was given a special ovation for his service.

Bro. Anthony is slowly recuperating and hopes to be able to attend again. Bro. James Bryant told of Bro. Emmett McDuffie. He has been in a nursing home for about a year and doing very well. He is 92 years old.

Ricky Gilmore gave the Mission Board report. He requested prayer for the Missions Conference which



will be the first Sunday in October through Wednesday and asked each church to volunteer to hold services. The Mission Board is also praying about starting a new work in Georgia. M/S/C to accept this report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the CE Board report. The Board met at the Youth Rally in May. The balance in the treasury as of June 30, 2000 is \$7,881.45, and \$12,613.78 in a CD. Pray for the youth who will attend the National Competition. The next youth rally will be a fishing day at Double Branch on September 23, at 2:00 p.m. M/S/C to accept this report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board Report. Youth Camp was a great success. Many hearts were changed and Trent Dykes did a great job coordinating the camp. There were 192 campers. Teen camp was a great success with many hearts changed. The balance in the Camp Board account is \$211.72. M/S/C to accept this report.

David Hutchinson gave the Ordaining Council Report. The board met on May 30 at Warner Robins Church. The Board recommended the following: (a) That Paul Creech be accepted in good standing in Georgia Union upon receipt of a letter of good standing from his previous association; (b) renew the license of Emory Howell and Patrick Taylor for one year; (c) ordain Trent Dykes on July 9, at 3:00 p.m. at New Hope; (d) ordain Reggie Burgess on July 23, at 3:00 p.m. at White Oaks. A letter was received for Johnny Lewis requesting a letter of good standing and it was recommended that the clerk send a letter of good standing following this meeting. The next meeting of the Ordaining Council will be September 18, at Warner Robins Church, at 7:00 p.m. M/S/C to accept this report.

Sis. Jackie Barnard gave the report of the GWAC. She said there are currently 4 churches reporting and she hopes to see more activity in the months to come. M/S/C to accept this report.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self. 17 churches reporting, members received 20, lost 3, with a net loss of 17. Total offerings reported were \$137,728.51, with two churches not reporting their offerings. M/S/C to accept this report. Faith did not report.

An offering was taken and we sang "Unclouded Day". We took a break and when we reconvened, we sang "When the Redeemed are Gathering In" and Nancy Gordon sang "This is Just What Heaven Means to Me".

M/S/C to complete business before lunch.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gerry Dunaway. The balance in the general treasury is \$2,925.37, including \$1,475.73 in the minister's retirement fund. The offering today was \$158.00.

Miscellaneous Business: None.

Announcements were given.

Rev. Charles Lysaker brought the message from Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost." Chuck mentioned many that were personally saved under Christ's preaching. The Word commands us to go out and lead people to Jesus Christ. This was not merely a suggestion. 1.

Jesus Christ had an undying love. 2. Jesus had a heart of compassion. Matt Howe described compassion as being your pain in my heart. 3. Jesus was a man of prayer. 4. Jesus was led by the Spirit. When the Spirit speaks, listen then, don't put it off because it could be too late. Bro. Chuck encouraged everyone to give our all to Christ and to be dedicated to leading lost people to Christ.

Bro. James Bryant gave us general directions regarding lunch and dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked God's blessings on the meal.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Faircloth, Moderator

*Howard Faircloth*

Donna Jewell, Clerk

*Donna Jewell*

## ANNUAL SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on October 7, 2000, at Crossroads Church. Moderator Howard Faircloth called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Bro. Willie Coleman opened in prayer. The body sang "Down at the Cross". Bro. David Hutchinson read from Psalms 63. He asked the question "How do you think of God?" The host pastor, Rev. David Hutchinson, welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church.

The program was adopted with necessary changes.

There were no visitors present today. The Moderator recognized the deacons (14 present) and the clerk called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The moderator then seated the voting delegates.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Board report was given. M/S/C to accept report as read and to act upon item by item. M/S/C to table the constitutional changes until later in the session.

1. M/S/C to give today's offering to the Snow's account.
2. M/S/C to give a rising vote of thanks to Crossroads Church for their hospitality in hosting the Annual Session.
3. M/S/C that in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Georgia Union Constitution, to terminate Faith Free Will Baptist Church as members in good standing of the Georgia Union Association due to their failure to report in more than a year, and after repeated attempts have been made to contact Faith, the Executive board has received no response from anyone at Faith.
4. M/S/C to adopt the 2001 Budget.

Bro. Anthony was present today and everyone welcomed him back.

Ricky Gilmore gave a Mission Board report. He first requested prayer for the Missions Conference and the ministers who will be traveling to the Missions Conference beginning on October 8. Debbie Griffin, Billy Bevins, Paul Creech, and Paul Smith will be our missionary speakers. The balance in the treasury is \$9,224.61. CD balance is \$12,633.00 M/S/C to accept report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the Christian Education Board report. The fishing youth rally on September 23 was a big success with 50-60 in attendance. The treasury balance as of September 30 is \$802.17. (type report) M/S/C to accept report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board Report. No meeting was held since the last quarterly meeting. The Teen Retreat will be in December. The balance in the treasury is \$461.72. M/S/C to accept report.

David Hutchinson gave the Ordaining Council Report. The board met on September 18 at Warner Robins Church. The Board recommends licensing Terry Tribble for one year. It was recommended to send a letter of good standing to the St. John Association in Florida for Gene Cross. M/S/C to accept report.

The Clerk gave the report of the GWAC. M/S/C to accept.

Donald Self gave the Digest Committee report. 15 churches reported with 53 members received, 13 lost, with a net loss of 40. Total offerings reported were \$464,312.20, with three churches not reporting in writing. M/S/C to adopt this report.

Charles Barnard gave the Nominating Committee Report. M/S/C to accept report as read. M/S/C to elect all nominations by acclamation. The Clerk has a copy of the Report on File.

An offering was taken and we sang "Trust and Obey". We took a break and when we reconvened, we sang "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and Willie Ruth Rogers sang "I've Got So Much To Thank Him For."

M/S/C to complete business before lunch.

Gerry Dunaway gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the general treasury is \$2,615.36, including \$1,631.56 in the minister's retirement fund. The offering today was \$132.00. National dues received were \$575. Bro. Gerry noted that everyone did not pay their national dues and he asked those who did not to send them to him as soon as possible.

M/S/C to remove the Executive Board items from the table. M/S/C to adopt the following constitutional changes:

(1) Add to the Constitution on page 19, Article II: "Section 9. This Association shall adopt a budget for the next associational year at the Annual Meeting. The Executive Board shall recommend a budget for the new associational year during the Annual Meeting."

(2) Delete Bylaw 11 on page 22, which states: "Each Church or mission shall furnish the clerk of the association with three copies of their letter at the October session." The reason for this deletion is that only one copy of a church's report is needed by the clerk.

(3) Change the Constitution on page 20, Article IV, Section 4, in the first sentence, change "seven" to "five". It will read: "The Christian Education Board shall consist of five members in good standing."

(4) Change the C.E. Board Constitution, page 25, Article II, Section 1:

"Section 1. This Board shall consist of five (5) members, three of which may serve to be a quorum. One or two or more shall be laymen."

(5) Change the C.E. Board Constitution, page 25, Article II, Section 2:

"Section 2. Each Board Member will serve for three years. The first year of the cycle, the terms of two board members shall expire, the second year, the terms of two more board members shall expire, and the third year, the term of one board member shall expire. The cycle will then be repeated."

(6) Change "Rules for Licensing of Ministers", page 34, Number 2:

**"2. Applicant shall complete "The Georgia Union Association Application For Licensing of Ministers" and return it to the chairman of the Ordaining Council prior to the Ordaining Council meeting. The Ordaining Council shall study all applications for licensing before their meeting and then examine the candidate at their meeting. The Ordaining Council shall make a recommendation to the Georgia Union Association concerning each candidate for licensing. If approved by the Association, the candidate's local church shall issue him a license valid for one year. The candidate's license shall be renewed each year, providing his local church has recommended renewal of his license, the Ordaining Council examines the licensee and recommends renewal, and the Association votes approval."**

Rev. Jimmy Rozier brought the message from Luke 10: 25. Jesus was asked by the lawyer, "What can I do to have eternal life?". We must love the Lord with all our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves. Put God first and let him be reflected in our lives. Help one another and reach out to people in need, and don't let satan come in and cause confusion with those who take advantage of our good deeds. Our "neighbor" is whoever God puts before us to help and to His love through us.

Bro. David Hutchinson gave us general directions regarding lunch and dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked God's blessings on the noon meal.

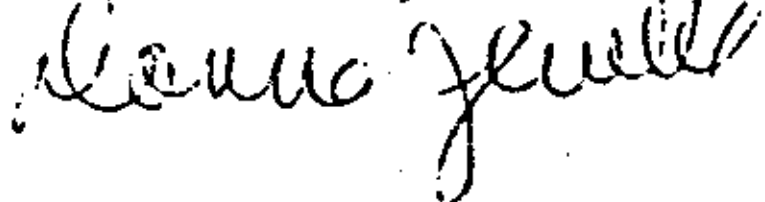
Announcements were given.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Howard Faircloth, Moderator



Donna Jewell, Clerk



**(NOTE: DUE TO THE CHANGE IN REPORTING AND THE MOVING OF THE STATE MEETING TO MARCH, GEORGLAUNION DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST HAS NOT HELD A MEETING DURING 2000; THEREFORE, NO MINUTES WERE SUBMITTED FOR 2000)**



**CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
(Revised 1980; 1/81; 4/82; 4/89; 1/90; 6/91; 10/92; 10/93; 10/95; 10/97;  
6/98; 4/99; 1/00; 4/00; 10/00)

**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 Practices 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>
1-25	\$35	26-50	\$40	51-75	\$45
76-100	\$50	101-125	\$55	126-150	\$60
Over 150: \$70 plus \$5 for every 25 members over 150.					

**Section 8.** The \$50 National Fee is due from each church on or before the Annual Meeting.  
**Section 9.** This Association shall adopt a budget for the next associational year at the Annual Meeting. The Executive Board shall recommend a budget for the new associational year during the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE III**

**Section 1.** The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, 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, Camp 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 Sessions.

(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 five (5) members in good standing. They shall have the general responsibility of all Christian Education endeavors of this Association as outlined in the Constitution of the CE Board. The Board shall submit a report of activities to this body 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 delegates, 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, Camp and Trustee Boards shall normally be the 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 quarterly 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; 1/00; 10/00)

1. Any member who, in the judgment of this Association, 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 this Association shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.
  6. The Association shall always adjourn by vote and prayer.
  7. There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with the treasurer, and report to this 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 at the end of each fiscal year, and a reasonable balance maintained, shall be distributed to the various boards as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

**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 interests 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 the 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.

**Section 2.** 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 procedure 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; 10/00)**

**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 five (5) members, three of which may serve to be a quorum. One or two or more shall be laymen.

**Section 2.** Each Board Member will serve for three years. The first year of the cycle, the terms of two board members shall expire, the second year, the terms of two more board members shall expire, and the third year, the term of one board member shall expire. The cycle will then be repeated.

**Section 3.** Each member of this Board shall be elected by the Georgia Union Association.

**Section 4.** Each member of this Board shall show an interest in promoting Christian Education. He shall attend as many meetings as possible and as many functions sponsored by this Board as 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 shall 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 discretion.

## BYLAWS

1. This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended in any regular session of the Georgia Union Association and by a 2/3rds 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 AND BYLAWS 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 on the Mission Board shall submit written reports to the Board members as often as the Board may deem necessary. Also, reports shall 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.

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) Land purchases authorized by the Board and made in the name of the Board will 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.

(vi) 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 shall contain 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."

(vii) All missions must comply with Article VIII(1)(A) and signed by the pastor and clerk, as follows:

"We agree to abide by these guidelines:

Signed:

Mission Pastor

Mission Clerk

Board Chairman

Board Clerk"

(C) Inasmuch 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, Dooley, Pulaski, Dodge, Wheeler, Telfair, Wilcox and Crip.

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 OFFICERS

Section 1. CHAIRMAN. The Chairman 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 committees.

## ARTICLE I

QUORUM: Three (3) members will compose a quorum. Voting is restricted to members or their proxies.

## 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 and Address</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
✓ Bay Springs	1884	Howard Faircloth 131 Lawndale Drive Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3017 Wife: Odelle	Kenneth Giddens 104 Lawndale Dr Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-4610
✓ Bethlehem	1917		Shirley Calhoun 216 Perry Rd Cordele, GA 31015 229-273-3947
✓ Christian Hill	1887	James Bryant Rt. 2, Box 181-B Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-0004 Wife: Bessie	Betty A. Mitchell Rt. 2, Box 225 Rochelle, GA 31079 912-365-2649
✓ Cornerstone <a href="mailto:gjewell@mindspring.com">gjewell@mindspring.com</a>	2000	Grover Jewell 2916 Markingham Dr Macon, GA 31216 478-781-4407 Wife: Donna	Donna Little 116 Toomer Rd Perry, GA 31069 478-987-0407
✓ Crossroads <a href="mailto:dmhutch@peachnet.compucwix.com">dmhutch@peachnet.compucwix.com</a>	1910	David E. Hutchinson Rt. 3, Box 830 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4566 Wife: Mildred	Susan Laney Rt. 3, Box 2990 Cochran, GA 30104 478-934-4431
✓ Double Branch <a href="mailto:double@cstel.net">double@cstel.net</a>	1896	Terry Hennecke Rt. 3, Box 3500 Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-9474 Wife: Patty	Mrs. H.E. Dunaway 3011 Williams Rd Unadilla, GA 31091 478-892-9388
✓ Dublin <a href="mailto:tim35@ix.netcom.com">tim35@ix.netcom.com</a>	1966	Tim Hutchinson 226 Hobbins Dr Dublin, GA 31021 478-272-6830 Wife: Susan	Jack T. Lysaker 102 Prince Street Dublin, GA 31021 478-272-5663
✓ First Eastman	1961	Jimmy Smith Rt. 2, Box 245-D Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-3777 Wife: Joan	Durwood Williams Rt. 1, Box 171 Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-4282

Little Bethel	1915	James Dixon 72 Poplar Springs Ch. Rd Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-5219 Wife: Frances	Tommy Parker Rt. 6, Box 350 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-6048
✓ Mt. Ararat	1885	Roy Woods 219 Bellview Circle Hazlehurst, GA 31539 912-379-0348 Wife: Sheila	Ida Mae Johnson Rt. 3, Box 110 Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3031
✓ New Hope	1885	Tony Howell Rt. 4, Box 262 Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3356 Wife: Jewell	Wilda Richardson Rt. 3, Box 3760 Cochran, GA 31014 478-358-4924
✓ Pine Level	1924	Ricky Gilmore Rt. 1, Box 236 Chester, GA 31012 478-358-4477 Wife: Renee	Moniece Moore Rt. 6, Box 195 Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3217
✓ Pleasant Hill	1896	Willie Coleman 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-8746 Wife: Janice	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 91092 229-268-6211
Trinity <u>preacherD@PeoplePC.com</u>	1998	Trent Dykes 484 Cemetery Road Cordele, GA 31015 229-271-7442 Wife: Carminta	Ira McCook, Jr. 242A Phil Jones Rd. Cobb, GA 31735 912-853-9352
✓ Warner Robins <u>jimmyR0 @msn.com</u>	1964	Jimmy Rozier, Sr. 3222 Maynard Mill Rd. Forsyth, GA 31029 912-994-9838 Wife: Linda	Nell Fordham 111 Sudan Road Byron, GA 31008 478-953-4571
✓ White Oaks <u>jackiebarnard@juno.com</u>	1953	Charles Barnard 3825 Jones Road Macon, GA 31216 478-781-1846 Wife: Jackie	Gloria Johnson 5725 Swymer Dr. Macon, GA 31216 478-788-2197
Wilson Chapel	1960	L.S. Anthony 530 Ellerbeetown Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286 706-647-3885 Wife: Rachel	Cherie Blount 408 Howell Street Thomaston, GA 30286 706-647-1989



## ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

<u>Church</u>	<u>Members Received</u>	<u>Members Lost</u>	<u>Total Members</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>CTS</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assoc. Dues</u>
Bay Springs	5	1	74	34		\$ 24,811.50	\$45
Bethlehem	2	3	42	14		22,462.00	40
Christian Hill			25	13		3,348.04	35
Cornerstone	6		21	21		13,619.89	35
Crossroads*			28			26,882.26	40
Double Branch*	5	5	146	58		117,163.96	60
Dublin	6		48			14,000.82	40
Eastman	2		54	30		22,375.00	45
Little Bethel		1	40	28		5,784.46	40
Mt. Ararat*	3	2	74	23	23	22,806.51	45
New Hope			80	45		32,090.00	50
Pine Level	2	2	96	55	45	43,498.77	50
Pleasant Hill*	1	2	70	25	20	26,160.25	45
Trinity*	5		27			26,000.00	40
Warner Robins	17	1	81	27		26,322.79	50
White Oaks*		36	98	98		111,224.17	50
Wilson Chapel			42	30		26,268.32	40

Annual statistics taken from October 2000 Reporting Form

\*Represents churches with women's groups/auxiliaries

**RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS**  
(Revised 1977; 10/81; 10/87; 10/97; 01/00; 10/00)

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 complete **"The Georgia Union Association Application For Licensing of Ministers"** and return it to the chairman of the Ordaining Council prior to the Ordaining Council meeting. The Ordaining Council shall study all applications for licensing before their meeting and then examine the candidate at their meeting. The Ordaining Council shall make a recommendation to the Georgia Union Association concerning each candidate for licensing. If approved by the Association, the candidate's local church shall issue him a license valid for one year. The candidate's license shall be renewed each year, providing his local church has recommended renewal of his license, the Ordaining Council examines the licensee and recommends renewal, and the Association votes approval.
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 required 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 **"A Free Will Baptist Handbook"** by Matthew Pinson, **"Faith for Today"** by Dr. J.D. O'Donnell, and **"What the Bible Says About Tongues"**, by Robert E. Picirilli, which will be 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 person visitation;
    - (ii) Soul winning efforts and results;
    - (iii) Personal Bible study; and
    - (iii) Sermon preparation.
7. These rules may be changed and re-written 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 ministers...not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him.
9. All licensed ministers on roll shall attend at least two meetings per 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.

## **RULES FOR CALLING PASTORS**

(Revised 1980; 10/90; 4/99; 3/00)

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 pasturing 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 issues.

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. All ministers from any Free Will Baptist Association coming into this Association, shall complete the questionnaire of the Georgia Union Ordaining Council and return the completed questionnaire to the Chairman of the Ordaining Council, two weeks in advance of its meeting date. All licenses and those desiring to be ordained, must submit their completed State Ordaining Questionnaire to the Chairman of the Ordaining Council, two weeks before the meeting of the Ordaining Council. The date and place of the Ordaining Council meeting is to be announced at each quarterly Georgia Union Association meeting. Questionnaires may be obtained from the Chairman of the Ordaining Council or from the Clerk of the Georgia Union Association."

(B) The candidate shall meet with the Ordaining Council. No candidate for membership in this Association may come to this body for a vote until the recommendation of the Ordaining Council is submitted.

(C) If there are any questions concerning the candidate's doctrine or character, the Association may open the examination to the majority present at the Association. The church recommending the candidate, or any member person, 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; 1977; 1978; 1/81; 4/89; 1/90; 10/97; 1/00)

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.
9. All ministers on roll shall attend at least two meetings per 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.

## **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 of 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 School, 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 the Lord Jesus Christ.