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Minutes of The
One Hundred Sixth Annual Session
of the
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
held at
DUBLIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Dublin, Georgia

Saturday, October 13, 2001

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Moderator.....Terry Hennecke
Assistant Moderator.....Grover Jewell
Clerk.....Donna Jewell
Assistant Clerk.....Edward Moore
Treasurer.....Gerry Dunaway
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DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

First Quarterly Session	January 12, 2002	Mt. Ararat
Second Quarterly Session	April 13, 2002	New Hope
Third Quarterly Session	July 13, 2002	Pine Level
107th Annual Session	October 12, 2002	Pleasant Hill

Speakers for each session (subject to change)

January	Paul Creech
April	Rick Bowling
July	James Dixon
October	Trent Dykes

Recommended Order of Business Meetings:

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

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- (03) Jimmy Rozier
- (04) David Hutchinson
- (05) Charles Barnard
- (06) Tim Hutchinson

- (02) Trent Dykes
- (03) Roy Woods
- (04) Paul Creech
- (05) Ricky Gilmore
- (06) Glen Smith

- (02) Cathy Howell
- (03) Donald Self
- (04) Ruth Moss

- (02) David Hutchinson
- (02) Charles Barnard
- (03) Trent Dykes
- (03) Emory Howell
- (03) Jimmy Smith

- (02) Tim Hutchinson
- (02) Tom Douglas
- (03) Harold Dunaway
- (03) Robbie Robinson
- (04) Troy Sullivan

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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 13, 2001, at Double Branch Church. Moderator Terry Hennecke called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Bro. Howard Faircloth opened in prayer. The body sang "Come Christians Join to Sing". Bro. Troy Sullivan read 1 Peter, Chapter 1. The host pastor, Rev. Terry Hennecke, welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church.

The program was adopted with necessary changes.

The Moderator welcomed the visitors who were present, including Bro. William Smith from the State Office. The moderator recognized the 15 deacons present and the clerk called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The executive board report was given. M/S/C to accept report as read. M/S/C to act upon item by item.

1. M/S/C to rescind the motion made at the July 2000 meeting to establish a credentials committee.
2. M/S/C to establish an Ordaining Board and that the Ordaining Board adopt a constitution and bylaws which will be approved by the Association Body at a later date.
3. M/S/C that the today's offering go to Liberty Oaks Free Will Baptist Church.
4. M/S/C to /C to give Double Branch Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the first session of 2001.

Willie Coleman and Charles Barnard gave the Mission Board report. The balance in the treasury including a certificate of deposit is \$10,285.99. Bro. Charles gave a preliminary report about the Missions Conference for 2001. Tentative date is August 24, 25 and 26. Bro. James Forlines will be asked to be the speaker. Bro. Charles noted that Reggie Burgess has begun a work in Liberty County and South Georgia, Ogeechee and the State Association were contacted regarding support of this new work. Ogeechee and South Georgia have contacted Reggie and will be meeting with him in the near future. Reggie gave an overview of what is happening at Liberty Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, who will be renting a gym at an elementary school in the area, with an average of 60 attending at this time. Bro. Reggie requested our prayers in this work. Bro. Charles noted that the Mission Board would like to begin a new work in the Georgia Union area. He asked for suggestions. Sydney Rentz has resigned from the Mission Board and Board will work with this vacancy for the time being. Bro. Willie thanked everyone for their confidence in him serving as Chairman of the Mission Board and asked for everyone's prayers. M/S/C to accept this report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the CE Board report. The balance in the treasury is \$802.17. The District Youth Conference will be held at White Oaks Church on April 14. The next youth rally will be held on April 28, time, place and event to be announced prior to that date. The following youth rally will be a lock-in at Double Branch Church on August 24. A third youth rally will be held later in the year. The Senior Citizens retreat and Minister's Wives' retreat were great successes. The Couple's Retreat will be held on February 2-3 at Jekyll Island. Dr. Eddie Moody will be the speaker. The Minister's Retreat will be held at Red Top Mountain State Park on April 23-25, with Al Taylor speaking. The board encouraged everyone to take their students to Welcome Days at FWBBC on March 29-31. M/S/C to accept this report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board Report. A meeting was held on December 2, 2000. Youth Camp is being planned for June 4-8 at Camp John Hope, 10th grade and below, next year 8th grade and below. Teen Camp will be in Covington - details will follow later. The Teen Retreat was in December and God spoke to many hearts there. The balance in the treasury is \$538.62. The next board meeting will be January 20 at Cornerstone Church. Bro. Paul expressed a great need for camp workers. Golf Tournament will be announced. M/S/C to accept this report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the Ordaining Council Report in David Hutchinson's absence. The board met on December 6 and January 6 at Warner Robins Church. The next meeting will be February 13. M/S/C to act upon item by item.

1. Recommend that, after fulfilling a licensing period of one year, Grover Jewell be ordained as a minister in the Georgia Union Association. M/S/C. (Please note that the Ordaining Council conducted Bro. Grover's ordination service immediately following the lunch break. State Executive Secretary William Smith gave Grover the Charge, Jimmy Rozier presented him with the Bible, Cornerstone Member, Charles Padgett (Grover's father-in-law), along with Tim Hutchinson, presented the Ordination Certificate, and Charles Barnard brought the message entitled "Make, Mark & Mature". Benny Lafferty gave some personal remarks, Terry Hennecke led the prayer for the laying on of hands, and Richard McFadden led the dismissal prayer.)
2. Recommend that each year our associational clerk send one copy of our annual minutes for the current year to each minister who is not a pastor of one of our churches. M/S/C

M/S/C to accept this report.

Donna Jewell gave the GWAC report in Jackie Barnard's absence. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. William Smith gave a State Report. There have been increases each year in State Camp and Retreats. Georgia is the 5th largest state in giving in ministries to the denomination. \$500,000 budget surpassed with \$650,000 in giving. \$100,000 given separately to the national. Dedication of 5 new church buildings in 2000. White Oaks groundbreaking will be 1st Sunday in June. Cordele Church has outgrown their building and is looking for a new building. The State Meeting is March 14-17 at Trinity Fellowship in Hampton. Minister's Retirement Trust has been established and the State is in the process of setting up a Scholarship Trust for college students at FWBCC. Georgia has the 2nd largest enrollment at FWBCC and Georgia Union has most enrollment from Georgia. The National will be in Detroit. Several changes have been made in the youth competition rules. Negotiating for the 2011 National to be in Cobb Galleria in Marietta. Alternate site is Savannah. All missionary accounts are in the black. Bro. William thanked Georgia Union for their support. M/S/C to accept this report.

The Digest Committee was given by Donald Self. 16 churches reported, with 6 members received, 12 lost, with a net loss of 6. Total offerings reported during the last quarter were \$167,486.01, with one church not reporting. Bro. James Dixon apologized for not having a report for Little Bethel and said it will be mailed to the clerk. Bro. Tim Hutchinson made a motion that clerk's report average numbers in attendance on Sunday morning services for the quarter. This motion was seconded. The motion did not carry. M/S/C to accept the Digest Committee report.

An offering was taken. We took a break and when we reconvened, we sang "Jesus What a Friend for Sinners".

Miscellaneous Business. Delegates were appointed to the State Meeting. Bessie Bryant, Patty Hennecke and Suzan Hutchinson. Alternates: Joan Smith, Jackie Barnard and Rene' Gilmore.

Shine stated that each church should advise the clerk of the correct date that their churches were established so they can be noted in the Minute Book.

M/S/C to complete business before lunch.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gerry Dunaway. The balance in the treasury as of today is \$3,068.35, which includes \$1,429.80 in the minister's retirement fund. Today's offering was \$252.50. M/S/C to accept this report.

The body sang "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Tracey Hayes sang "No Other Word for Grace but Amazing". Rev. Jimmy Smith brought the message from Exodus 3:14. He stressed that God has a special purpose for each of us. God knows each of us and how He wants to use us. He saw the condition of the Israelites in Egypt and used Moses to deliver them. Nothing is going to get in God's way for His plan. His will will be done no matter what. As a group, we need to come together and pray for the new churches which are beginning in our association. He asked a question - "How far have we gone for God?" We need be willing to go the distance for Him because we are living in a time that He could come even now. God wants all of or none of us.

Announcements were given.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Hennecke, Moderator

Donna Jewell, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 7, 2001, at First Eastman Church. Moderator Terry Hennecke called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Bro. Tim Hutchinson opened in prayer. The body sang "Victory in Jesus". Bro. Larry Williams read Matthew 7:21-23. He explained the difference between a "placebo" Christian and a genuine Christian. The host pastor, Rev. Jimmy Smith, welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church.

M/S/C to adopt the program with necessary changes.

The moderator recognized the visitors who were present. He then recognized the 13 deacons, and the clerk called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The voting delegates were then seated. The minutes of the last meeting were read. M/S/C to accept as read.

The executive board report was given. M/S/C to accept report as read and act upon in tandem.

1. M/S/C to give today's offering to the Georgia Union students who will attend Truth and Peace in the summer.
2. M/S/C to give First Eastman Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the April meeting.

Willie Coleman and Charles Barnard gave the mission board report. Bro. Willie noted that the balance in the treasury is \$23,631.67, including a CD in the amount of \$12,613.78. Bro. Charles stated that the Missions Conference has been scheduled for August 24, 25 and 26. The key speaker will be James Forlines. He stated that April is Foreign Missions emphasis month. Bro. Charles gave an update on the Liberty Oaks work, and noted that a steak house facility had offered a meeting room free of charge on Sunday mornings and they will begin meeting on May 1. Bro. Reggie has reported approximately 60 prospects who have expressed an interest in the church. Bro. Charles stated that the Georgia Union Mission Board wants to assist financially, but cannot due to geographical limitations currently in the Mission Board Constitution. He also stated that the South Georgia Conference voted not to give financial assistance. Ogeechee Association voted to give \$300 per month. It was noted that in order for the Georgia Union Association, and the Georgia Union Mission Board, to assist financially, Liberty Oaks must be accountable to, and a member of, an association. Therefore, Bro. Charles made a motion, and that motion was seconded, that Article VIII, Section 1, Subsection (C), relative to geographical limitations, be deleted from the Mission Board Constitution. The moderator initially felt that this matter should revert back to the Executive Board for further review. However, after much discussion, Bro. Charles withdrew his original motion, and offered a substitute motion (and it was seconded) which would add "... Wilcox, Crisp, and any additional counties as deemed expedient by the Mission Board and accepted by this Association." After further discussion, the substitute motion passed. M/S/C to accept the Mission Board Report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the CE Board report. The balance in the treasury is \$1,052.17. The district youth competition will be held at White Oaks Church on April 14. Rejoice Team will perform on September 22, at Crossroads Church at 7:00 p.m. State CE Board will meet on April 20, at 10:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Church. The Couples' Retreat was a huge success. The Minister's Retreat will be held at Red Top Mountain State Park on April 23-25 with Al Taylor speaking. M/S/C to accept this report.

Trent Dykes gave the Camp Board Report. Several meetings were held in conjunction with the Chattahoochee Association regarding youth camp which is planned for June 4-8 at Camp John Hope. He asked that everyone encourage their people to volunteer as counselors. The Golf Tournament will be held April 21. \$1,250 will be given to each association by the State. The balance in the treasury is \$784.74. M/S/C to accept report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the Ordaining Board Report. The Board met on February 13 at Warner Robins Church. Tim stated that the Ordaining Board Constitution is 95% complete. The Board will meet again on May 12, at 10:00 a.m. at Crossroads to discuss the Constitution. They will also meet on June 11, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Warner Robins Church to meet with prospective candidates, if any. He stated that it is each church's responsibility to notify the Ordaining Board if they have a licensed minister who needs to renew his license or wishes to be ordained. M/S/C to accept this report.

Jackie Barnard gave the GWAC report and noted that new officers were installed at the last meeting. Jackie is now the District Field Worker and encouraged all churches to participate in GWAC. M/S/C to accept this report.

M/S/C to complete business before lunch.

The Digest Committee Report was given by Donald Self. 17 churches reported, with 9 new members received, 41 lost, with a net loss of 32. Total offerings reported were \$151,979.21. M/S/C to accept report.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gerry Dunaway. The balance in the treasury as of today is \$2,756.81. Today's offering was \$202.14. M/S/C to accept report.

Bro. L.S. Anthony brought the message for the day and explained how, in the many years he has been a minister, that people have changed with the times, but that God has remained the same throughout all time, giving several examples from Malachi 3:6. He then explained how the Lord has richly blessed him during his illness and time of recovery. He asked everyone to continue to remember him and his ministry as he carries on God's work in Thomaston.

Announcements were given.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Terry Hennecke, Moderator

Donna Jewell, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 7, 2001, at Little Bethel Church. Moderator Terry Hennecke called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Jimmy Smith opened in prayer. The body sang "Victory in Jesus". Robbie Robertson brought the morning devotional, reading from John 20:26-28. He challenged us to hold fast to faith in God no matter what the circumstances. He asked the question, "Have you ever been through so many trials and in spite of experiencing miracles in your life, you have become discouraged?" He reminded us to "be not faithless but believing." Pastor James Dixon welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church.

M/S/C to adopted the program with necessary changes.

The Moderator welcomed visitors David Trogden, Chaplain of the U.S. Army, and his family.

The Moderator mentioned the excused absence of Clerk Donna Jewell, who was out of town.

The Moderator then recognized the deacons who were present, and the Bro. Ed Moore, Assistant Clerk, called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

The Moderator noted that Nell Fordham, of the Digest Committee, had resigned and a volunteer was needed to fill this vacancy until the October meeting. Donald Self said he needed two volunteers for this session. Peggy Moore and Cathy Howell agreed to serve.

In the absence of Treasurer, Gerry Dunaway, the Moderator appointed Ricky Gilmore and Paul Creech to count the monies received, including the morning offering.

No other committee appointments were necessary.

The Clerk read the minutes of the April 7, 2001 meeting. M/S/C to accept as read.

The Executive Board Recommendations were read by the Clerk. It was decided that each item would be acted upon separately. The report was accepted as read. Recommendations were as follows:

1. M/S/C to give today's offering to the work in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.
2. Ordaining Board Constitution recommendation - It was decided to hold the constitution change until the Ordaining Board report.
3. M/S/C to give a rising vote of thanks to Little Bethel Church for hosting the July meeting.

Jack Lysaker reported that Bro. Chuck has been in the Virgin Islands for 11 years and has seen tremendous growth during that time. In the 11 years since Chuck has been at St. Croix, Sunday school has increased from 60 to 340. The work there is a soul winning station. In the past year there have been 122 kids saved and 87 rededications. The students and Sunday School children come from that community. The FWB church and school staff reach many different people groups including Arabs, Indians, Muslims, and Hindus. The FWB school has the highest standard of education on the island. In order to keep their accreditation, they must upgrade the campus by building a gym within the next two years which will meet hurricane standards, and our financial support will help to accomplish this. Jack Lysaker said he has a video of the work in St. Croix if anyone would like to borrow it.

Charles Barnard gave the Mission Board report. He mentioned that an account has been set up in the State Office for the work in Liberty County and anyone wishing to contribute to this work can send donations to the State Office, or, can be sent to Bro. Charles and he will forward the money on. He reported on the plans for the Missions conference and indicated that the pastors and churches were given information as to the times, places and events. He challenged every church member, church and pastor to actively support the Missions Conference. He recommended that the body appoint two men to fill the vacant positions on the Mission Board until the Annual session in October. Jimmy Smith and Ricky Gilmore volunteered. M/S/C to accept this report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the Christian Education Board report. The CE Board met on May 12. The Youth Competition at White Oaks went well and several Georgia Union youth will be going to the National. Upcoming events: Youth Rally Fishing Event September 8; Rejoice in Concert September 22 at Crossroads; Lock-in - February 8, 2002 at Double Branch. The balance in the treasury is \$1,099.73. The State CE Board will meet on August 18. The Ministers Wives Retreat will be at Epworth by the Sea September 20-22. M/S/C to accept this report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board report. He stated that Junior Camp at Camp John Hope was a wonderful week, dividing the kids up by age groups (92 campers). Several first-time decisions were made. Teen Camp in Covington (148 campers) was remarkable with 25 first-time decisions, over 100 rededications, and 20 answering

the call into the ministry for. M/S/C to accept this report.

David Hutchinson gave the first portion of the Ordaining Board report. M/S/C to accept the recommendation to ordain Emory Howell on July 22 at New Hope Church.

Copies of the proposed Constitution were given to everyone and Tim Hutchinson gave the report. M/S/C to table until the afternoon session and that the remaining committee reports be delayed until the afternoon session to allow time for the minister to preach without feeling rushed.

Ricky Gilmore asked the blessing over the offering the body sang "Glory to His Name"

After a ten-minute break, James Dixon sang "Surely Goodness and Mercy" and at end of the song, the moderator asked that all join in to sing the last two verses.

Chaplain Dave Trogden from Ft. Benning, Georgia was our speaker for the worship session. Brother Trogden attends Russell Horne's church in Columbus. His text was II Cor. 4:1-7. He pointed out that preaching requires perseverance and there are two satanic temptations, one, to become discouraged and quit, and two, to compromise or not preach the whole council of God. He encouraged our preachers to preach the whole Word. The worse temptation is discouragement - to faint - to lose heart and drop out of the race. We all get discouraged, and we all think of quitting. But he said that discouragement is from Satan. He said church members need to encourage their pastors and that every day should be pastor appreciation day. He said the true key to success is to lift up Jesus and preach the Word. He ended by praying for the pastors, that God would protect them from depression and discouragement and empower them to fulfill their duty.

Pastor James Dixon gave directions for lunch and Charles Barnard asked the blessing.

The afternoon session opened with "I'll be Listening." James Bryant opened the session in prayer.

Nominating Committee Chairman Charles Barnard reminded everyone that the Annual session is in October and those who rotate off their boards need to contact their Chairman or one of the Nominating Committee members.

Digest Committee Chairman Donald Self said 16 churches reported. Report was accepted as read. [Clerk's note: Pleasant Hill's report form and check were received Saturday afternoon in the mail.]

Paul Creech reported that the offering for the day totaled \$208.00 for the St. Croix work.

Once again we focused on the proposed Ordaining Board Constitution and Bylaws. The Moderator reminded us that the Ordaining Council was changed to Ordaining Board and the members had been instructed to draft a Constitution. M/S/C to remove the proposed constitution from the table. There was a motion and second to adopt the new Constitution. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously carried. It was also stated that the Clerk is to delete the duplicated portions in the Minute Book that had been covered by the new Constitution.

Announcements were given and it was noted that Charles Barnard will be the speaker at the October meeting. Bro. Charles suggested that we avail ourselves of our Chaplains and have a God and Country day and he urged us to pray for our Chaplains as they are our missionaries in the Armed Forces.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Terry Hennecke, Moderator

Donna Jewell, Clerk

ANNUAL SESSION

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on October 13, 2001, at the Dublin Church. Moderator Terry Hennecke called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Trent Dykes opened in prayer. The body sang "America The Beautiful". Tim Hutchinson read Hebrews 11:32 and defined what a Patriot is. The host pastor, Tim Hutchinson, welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church.

M/S/C to adopt the program with necessary changes.

The moderator recognized the visitors who were present. He then recognized the 8 deacons and the clerk called the roll of the delegates, ministers and licensed ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. M/S/C to accept as read.

The Executive Board report was given. M/S/C to accept report as read.

1. M/S/C to give today's offering to the Tennessee Children's Home.
2. M/S/C that the 2002 proposed budget be approved.
3. The Dublin Church was given a rising vote of thanks for hosting the 2001 annual session.

The moderator appointed Grover Jewell and Cathy Howell to fill in on the Digest Committee.

Charles Barnard gave the Mission Board report. The balance in the treasury is \$24,574.63, including a CD in the amount of \$13,574.63. He reported that the Missions Conference which was a big success. Total offerings received was \$5,490.87. Bro. Rick Bowling will be asked to speak at the April meeting. M/S/C to accept report.

Tim Hutchinson gave the CE Board report. The balance in the treasury is \$399.73. Fishing day was a big success. Rejoice from FWBCC performed at Crossroads on September 22, with only 5 churches participating. Lock-in will be February 8, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Double Branch Church. State CE Board to meet on August 18 at Double Branch Church. The Minister's Wives' Retreat was a big success. Senior Saints Retreat is October 29-31 at Toccoa Falls. Bill Evans will be speaking. Pilot Classes for the Bible Institute will begin either this fall or next spring. Training sessions will be held in Colquitt. M/S/C to accept report.

Tom Douglas then gave a brief report on the new Youth Conference rules and guidelines and stated that he will meet after the meeting with anyone interest in more information. District competition will be April 6, 2002. State competition will be in Albany, May 3 and 4. The National will be in Memphis.

Trent Dykes gave the Camp Board Report. The Winter Teen Retreat will be in Lizella on December 28-30. The board will meet in November with Chattahoochee Association to plan next year's youth camp. Balance in the treasury is \$172.60. M/S/C to accept report.

David Hutchinson gave the Ordaining Board Report. The Board met with Robbie Robertson on September 10 at Warner Robins Church and M/S/C to recommend that he be licensed at Little Bethel Church. The next board meeting will be November 13, 10:00 a.m. at Warner Robins Church. Bro. David reminded the pastors that it is each individual church's responsibility to notify the Ordaining Board if they have a licensed minister who needs to renew his license or wishes to be ordained. M/S/C to accept report.

Grover Jewell gave the Nominating Committee Report. Nominations were solicited from the floor. M/S/C to accept the Nominating Committee Report by acclamation except Robbie Robertson will replace Eddie Knight. M/S/C for nominating committee to remain the same for next year.

Donna Jewell gave the GWAC report. The Retreat will be October 19 and 20 at Norman Park. M/S/C to accept.

An offering was taken, and we sang "I Stand Amazed".

After a 15-minute break the meeting reconvened and we sang "God Bless America". Grover and Donna sang "Steal Away and Pray".

Bro. Charles Barnard brought the message, reading from Colossians 3:12-17. He spelled out a 5-fold mission of the church: evangelize the lost; exalt the Lord; encourage the loyal; edify the laity to mobilize people in the pews; equip the laborers. Sometimes church members want privileges without responsibility. He encouraged us to be messengers of His love, magnifiers of His Name, members of His family, models of His Character and ministers of His Grace. The Church is only as strong as the people in it. He asked, why is our world filled with wickedness,

violence and hatred? Because God's people have not filled the world.

M/S/C to complete business prior to lunch.

Treasurer's Report. Today's offering is \$169.23. Association dues received - \$695; national dues received - \$650; minister's retirement - \$30. The current treasury balance is \$1,877.13, including \$1,430.16 in minister's retirement.

The Digest Committee report was given by Donald Self. 16 churches reported that 34 members received, 21 lost, with a net gain of 13. Total annual offerings reported were \$586,230.24. M/S/C to accept report.

Grover gave a report regarding the Georgia Union Fish Fry. He asked for a total count, and donations from each church. He encouraged everyone to attend and to bring someone. Announcements were given, and we had a moment of silence for the lives lost September 11. David Hutchinson asked the blessing on lunch.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Terry Hennecke, Moderator
Donna Jewell, Clerk

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 be 3 delegates; over 50 members - 3 delegates plus 2 for each 50 members or fraction thereof.

Section 7: The Association fee for each meeting shall be:

Members	Fee	Members	Fee	Members	Fee
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 Board, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and one member elected at large. These 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 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 Board 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 the

regulations adopted by this assembly. They shall have the authority to deal with and investigate discipline problems on a c 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 Board has been submitted.

Section 3. The Mission Board shall consist of five members in good standing, having a zeal for missions. They shall have 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 stagger 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 floor. They shall submit their recommended nominees for all officers, boards and committee members with expired terms, the October session. They should meet as a committee and contact each nominee, if possible, for their approval prior to pl 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 matter. They shall function at each quarterly meeting to count all monies and report to the treasurer the results of each financial tal 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 car 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 ea 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 a report their standings and statistics. All matters requiring the attention of a committee, board or ordaining board should be 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, w 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 o 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 pres 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)

- Any member who, in the judgment of this Association, shows anger in discussing any subject shall forfeit the in that session.
- No member shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.
- In the absence of the appointed speaker for devotions and messages of each session, the moderator shall appo said individual. Also in the absence of the moderator and assistant moderator, the clerk shall call the session order and elect a moderator pro-tem for that session.
- 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 th requirement.
- The minutes of this Association shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.
- The Association shall always adjourn by vote and prayer.
- There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with the treasurer, and report to this Association.
- The Association shall always open and close with prayer and praise to God.
- The Executive Board shall be in charge of disbursement of the retirement fund for retired ministers.
- 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 Executiv 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 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 2/3rd 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; 4/01)

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 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 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 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 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 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 accordance 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 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, all the appurtenances thereto affixed and belonging, shall revert to the Board of Missions of the Georgia Union Association

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, Dooly, Pulaski, Dodge, Wheeler, Telfair, Wilcox, Crisp, and any additional counties as deemed expedient by the Mission Board and accepted by this Association.

Section 2. CHURCHES. (A) Any church receiving financial aid must accept such on conditions agreed upon by the Board of the Church.

(B) Any church finding itself unable to operate as such, may request mission status, or mission church status.

ARTICLE IX

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.

**The Constitution and By-laws of The Ordaining Board
of The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists
(Adopted July 2001)**

Article I

The Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this Board shall be the Ordaining Board of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 2. The purpose of the Ordaining Board shall be threefold:

1. The first purpose of the Ordaining Board shall be the furtherance of the message of salvation through Jesus Christ through the licensing, guidance, and ordaining of men who have answered God's call to preach the Gospel to the world.
2. The second purpose is to provide watch care over all ministers in the Association, concerning both their good standing in the association and their faithful adherence to the tenets of the faith and doctrines of the Word of God, as expressed and held by Georgia Union Free Will Baptists in

The Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

3. The third purpose of this Board is to promote a good and cooperative spirit among all the ministers in the Association.

Article II

Responsibilities of the Ordaining Board

Section 1. The first responsibility of this Board shall be to investigate, examine, and make recommendations to the Georgia Union Association, concerning applicants who desire to be licensed and/or ordained to preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 2. The second responsibility of this Board is to examine and make recommendations to the Georgia Union Association concerning the acceptance of ministers who transfer into our association, into one of our churches as a pastor or in a similar position, and who are coming from other Free Will Baptist church associations or from other denominations. Established questionnaires and guidelines shall be used in all cases.

Section 3. The third responsibility of this Board shall be to investigate and make recommendations to the association concerning the retaining of ministerial credentials and the disciplining of ministers because of immoral conduct or their holding of doctrinal beliefs contrary to the treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, as held to by this Association. All requests for investigation of conduct must be submitted in writing and signed, with two or more witnesses.

The Board shall have the authority to thoroughly question a minister about doctrinal issues when such questions arise and make recommendations to the Association when their investigation is finished.

Section 4. The fourth responsibility of this Board shall be the oversight of our associational rules for good standing and the giving of recommendations to the Association regarding ministers within our association, who violate those associational rules for good standing.

Section 5. The fifth responsibility of this Board shall be the establishment of guidelines that govern doctrinal purity and proper ministerial conduct.

Article III

Members of the Ordaining Board

Section 1. Members of this Board shall consist of five ministers in good standing elected in regular session by the Georgia Union Association.

Section 2. Board members shall be elected for a five-year term with one member of the Board rotating off the Board each year.

Section 3. Board members are expected to faithfully attend Board meetings.

Section 4. Board members shall be reimbursed at the current mileage rate of the IRS for their attendance at Board meetings.

Article IV

Officers of the Ordaining Board

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Board shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

Section 2. Election of Officers. Each officer shall be elected annually by the Board at the close of the October Annual Meeting of the Georgia Union Association.

Section 3. Duties of the Officers. The duties of the officers shall be:

1. The Chairman shall preside over each meeting, following parliamentary procedures established in *Roberts Rules of Order*, and shall be responsible for a written report to the Georgia Union Association each quarter.
2. The Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman when the Chairman is unavailable.

3. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of all Board meetings.

Article V

The Meetings of the Ordaining Board

Section 1. This Board shall meet at least once each quarter.

Section 2. The time and place of the first Board meeting of the next quarter shall be announced at each Associational meeting and included in the Board's report.

Section 3. The attendance of three members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI

Reports of the Ordaining Board

Section 1. Written reports of the Ordaining Board shall be given at each Georgia Union Associational Quarterly meeting, preferably by the Chairman.

Section 2. The quarterly report shall contain the following items:

1. Recommendations from the Board to the Georgia Union Association.
2. A brief summary of the Board's activities during the preceding quarter.

Section 3. A minority report shall be submitted on all recommendations that are not unanimous.

Article VII

Associational Bylaws of the Ordaining Board

Section 1. Rules for the Licensing of Ministers.

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 Board prior to the Ordaining Board meeting. The Ordaining Board shall study all applications for licensing before their meeting and then examine the candidate at their meeting. The Ordaining Board 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 Board examines the licensee and recommends renewal, and the Association votes approval.

3. Approved license shall carry the names of the pastor, clerk, and 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. Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 3:2, and Titus 1:6, namely, "the husband of one wife", is to 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.

6. Upon receipt of a minister's license, which is renewable annually, it is required that each licensee complete 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.
- 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
 - (iii) Sermon preparation.

Section 2. Rules for Calling Pastors.

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 which 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. ministers from any Free Will Baptist Association coming into this Association shall complete the questionnaire of the Georgia Union Ordaining Board and return the completed questionnaire to the Chairman of the Ordaining Board, 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 Board, two weeks before the meeting of the Ordaining Board. The date and place of Ordaining Board meeting is to be announced at each quarterly Georgia Union Association meeting. Questionnaires may be obtained from the Chairman of the Ordaining Board or from the Clerk of Georgia Union Association."
- b. The candidate shall meet with the Ordaining Board. No candidate for membership in this Association may come to this body for a vote until the recommendation of the Ordaining Board 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 received from his previous association. The Association Clerk must request in writing a letter of 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.

Section 3. Rules for The Ordination of Ministers.

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 Board, who having been duly elected by this Association to which they hold membership. Examination shall be held at the discretion of the Ordaining Board.
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. Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6, namely, "the husband of one wife", is to 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.

Section 4. Rules for Ministers.

1. All ministers on roll, licensed or ordained, must be a member of one of the churches or missions in the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. All ministers on roll, licensed or ordained, shall attend at least two associational meetings each year or send a written or oral message to the Associational Clerk, explaining their absence in order to remain in good standing with this Association. Ministers on honor roll are exempt from this requirement.
3. Good standing is hereby defined as:
 - a. Having the privilege to pastor or hold a ministerial position in a church or mission in this Association.
 - b. Being a standing delegate in this association.

These privileges are revoked when the minister is no longer in good standing, and can only be reinstated with the recommendation of the Ordaining Board and the vote of this Association.

4. A minister, who is no longer in good standing in this association, shall be required to be re-examined by the Ordaining Board of this Association, who shall recommend to the association, whether or not the minister is to be placed back on the roll of ministers in good standing. The Association shall vote to accept or reject the recommendation of the Ordaining Board.
5. All ministers shall be expected to abide by the beliefs and practices of Free Will Baptists, as defined in the *Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists*, and shall be expected to turn in their credentials of ordination, when they no longer hold to Free Will Baptist doctrines and beliefs.
6. All ministers are expected to submit to the decision of the association and relinquish their credentials of ordination if they are called for by this association of churches.

Section 5. Discipline Procedures Of Ministers For Lack Of Attendance At Association Meetings.

The following procedures shall be followed when a minister reaches the point of being in danger of losing his good standing in the Association, because of lack of attendance:

1. The associational clerk shall notify the minister, the clerk of his church, and the Chairman of the Ordaining Board, in writing of the minister's failure to keep the associational attendance requirement, and that his good standing is in danger of being suspended in the Association.
2. The Chairman of the Ordaining Board shall notify the minister in writing, of the date and time of the next Ordaining Board meeting, where his attendance will be required. The Ordaining Board will determine at that meeting, what if any, further action, is required.
3. If the Ordaining Board, after examining the minister, is satisfied with his answers, and the minister agrees to comply with the attendance requirements, no further action will be necessary. If not, the Ordaining Board will make a recommendation to the Association that the minister is considered to be out of good standing.
4. If the minister continues out of good standing in the Association, for two more quarters, refusing to abide by the attendance requirement, the Ordaining Board shall make a recommendation to the Association, that the minister's credentials be revoked.
5. Any minister, whose credentials have been revoked, must be reexamined by the Ordaining Board, as if he had never been considered by this Association.

Article VIII

Constitutional Changes

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

GEORGIA UNION CHURCHES

Church	Organized	Pastor and Address	Clerk				
Bay Springs Bay Spring Church Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-1220	1884	Howard Faircloth 563 Lawndale Drive Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3017 Wife: Odelle	Kenneth Giddens 306 Lawndale Dr Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-4610	Little Bethel Rt. 1, Rebie Road Chester, GA 31012	1915	James Dixon Rt. 4, Box 260 Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-5219 Wife: Frances	Tommy Parker Rt. 6, Box 350 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-6048
Bethlehem 142 Old Coney Road Cordele, GA 31015	1917	Emory Howell 669 Bay Springs Road Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-4257	Shirley Calhoun 216 Perry Rd Cordele, GA 31015 229-273-3947	Mt. Ararat 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Rd.	1885	Roy Woods 2690 New Bethel Ch. Rd. Helena, GA 31037 229-868-4355 Wife: Sheila	Ida Mae Johnson 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Rd Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3031
Christian Hill Christian Hill Road Rochelle, GA	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	New Hope Rt. 5, Box 115 Cochran, GA 31014	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
Cornerstone 1964 Marshallville Road Perry, GA 31069 gsjewell@aol.com	2000	Grover Jewell 1305B Morningside Drive Perry, GA 31069 478-218-8750 Wife: Donna	Donna Little 116 Toomer Rd Perry, GA 31069 478-987-0407	Pine Level 61 Pine Level Church Rd. Chester, GA 31012	1924	Ricky Gilmore Rt. 1, Box 236 Chester, GA 31012 478-358-4477 Wife: Renee	Moniece Moore 3539 Chester Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3217
Crossroads Rt. 3, Box 830 Cochran, GA 31014 dmhutch@cstel.net	1910	David E. Hutchinson Rt. 3, Box 830 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4566 Wife: Mildred	Susan Laney 179 Limestone Dr. #49 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-7615	Pleasant Hill 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211	1896	(No Pastor)	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211
Double Branch 2960 Williams Road Unadilla, GA 31091 double@cstel.net	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	Trinity 501 E 17 th Street Cordele, GA 31015 preacherD@PeoplePC.com	1998	Trent Dykes 484 Cemetery Road Cordele, GA 31015 229-271-7442 Wife: Carminta	Tommy Baker 118 Smoak Road Cordele, GA 31015 229-535-6360
Dublin 1824 Claxton Dairy Rd Dublin, GA 31040 tim35@ix.netcom.com	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	Warner Robins 214 Brady Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088 jimnyR0 @msn.com	1964	Jimmy Rozier, Sr. 3222 Maynard Mill Rd. Forsyth, GA 31029 912-994-9839 Wife: Linda	Shirley Oliver 103 Cedar Court Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-923-7043
First Eastman 816 Sixth Avenue Eastman, GA 31023	1961	Jimmy Smith Rt. 2, Box 2450 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-3777 Wife: Joan	Durwood Williams 4266 Abbeville Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3282	White Oaks 7035 Houston Rd. Macon, GA 31216	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 506 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286 706-648-6866	1960	L.S. Anthony 530 Ellerbetown 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>Assoc. Income</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Bay Springs	0	1	75	32	\$ 23,335.00	\$45
Bethlehem	2	3	41	18	32,320.00	40
Christian Hill	2	1	21	13	4,158.59	35
Cornerstone*	10	0	31	31	35,641.12	40
Crossroads*	0	0	36	31	8,311.61	40
Double Branch*	4	1	150	75	134,728.15	60
Dublin	0	0	50	25	3,799.58	40
Eastman	1	0	56	30	28,189.17	45
Little Bethel*	2	1	40	28	39,447.08	40
Mt. Ararat*	0	3	71	24	24,075.22	45
New Hope*	0	0	75	45	7,081.00	45
Pine Level	3	3	96	55	43,536.20	50
Pleasant Hill*	0	2	68	25	19,573.00	45
Trinity*	0	0	36	36	10,630.00	40
Warner Robins	6	1	48	27	11,332.69	40
White Oaks*	1	4	91	51	123,171.82	50
Wilson Chapel	0	2	45	30	19,240.37	40

Total Georgia Union Membership: 1,030

Total Annual Income: \$568,570.60

Annual statistics taken from October 2001 Reporting Form

*Represents churches with women's groups/auxiliaries

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.