

**2005**

**Minutes of The  
One Hundred Tenth Annual Session**

**of the**

**GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION**

**held at**

**LITTLE BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Cochran, Georgia**

**Saturday, October 8, 2005**

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**Moderator..... Grover Jewell  
Assistant Moderator..... Marion Collins  
Clerk..... Donna Jewell  
Assistant Clerk..... Henrietta Brown  
Treasurer..... Gerry Dunaway  
Assistant Treasurer..... Emory Howell  
Member at Large..... Nita Hobbs**

### DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly Session	January 7, 2006	Mt. Ararat
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Session	April 8, 2006	New Hope
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Session	July 8, 2006	Pine Level
Annual Session	October 7, 2006	Pleasant Hill

### SPEAKERS FOR EACH SESSION (subject to change)

January	Stewart Allen Clark
April	Paul Creech
July	Alan Crump
October	James Dixon

### RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS SESSIONS

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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<b>Paul Creech</b>	<b>6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216</b>	<b>478-781-5502</b>
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<b>(2008) Donald Self</b>	<b>Rt. 6, Eastman, GA 31023</b>	<b>478-374-4544</b>
<b>(2009) Marion Collins</b>	<b>7000 Clay Circle, Macon, GA 31216</b>	<b>478-788-8530</b>
<b>(2010) Gene Ross</b>	<b>Rt. 5, Box 22407, Hawkinsville, GA 31036</b>	<b>478-783-2072</b>

### **ORDAINING BOARD**

<b>(2006) Benny Lafferty</b>	<b>2637 Hwy 247 Connector, Byron, GA 31008</b>	<b>478-956-2626</b>
<b>(2007) James Dixon</b>	<b>Rt. 4, Box 260, Eastman, GA 31023</b>	<b>478-374-5219</b>
<b>(2008) Jimmy Rozier</b>	<b>3222 Maynard Mill Rd, Forsyth, GA 31029</b>	<b>478-994-9839</b>
<b>(2009) Ricky Gilmore</b>	<b>Rt. 1, Box 236, Chester, GA 31012</b>	<b>478-358-4477</b>
<b>(2010) Billy Sharpston</b>	<b>1079 Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, GA 31204</b>	<b>478-405-7891</b>

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(2006) Glen Smith	Rt. 3, Box 6120, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-783-4898
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(2008) Travis Sanders	Rt. 1, Box 269, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-0621
(2009) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
(2010) Ricky Gilmore	Rt. 1, Box 236, Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4477

### **DIGEST COMMITTEE**

(2006) Gene Collins	1051 N. Pine Knoll Drive, Macon, GA 31204	478-405-9939
(2007) Frances Dixon	Rt. 4, Box 260, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-5219
(2008) Daniel Williams	4266 Abbeville Hwy, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3282

### **MISSION BOARD**

(2006) W.E. Brown	540 Parker Road, Vienna, GA 31092	478-268-8746
(2007) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
(2007) Tim Hutchinson	1211 Swift Street, Perry, GA 31069	478-218-0769
(2008) Emory Howell	387 Empire/Chester Hwy, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-9646
(2008) Gene Ross	Rt. 5, Box 22407, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-783-2072

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

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(2008) Monty McKenzie	31 Liberty Street, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8178
(2009) Tom Douglas	132 Francis Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-8631
(2010) Trent Dykes	P.O. Box 869, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-8957

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(2007) Mission Board	Paul Creech	478-781-5502
(2008) Ordaining Board	Jimmy Rozier	478-994-9839
(2009) Camp Board	Paul Creech	478-781-5502
(2009) Christian Ed. Board	Tom Douglas	478-781-8631
(2010) Trustee Board	Gene Ross	478-783-2072

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Bessie Bryant; Margie Collins; Gerry Dunaway

## MINISTERS

### Honor Roll (exempt from reporting)

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McFadden, Richard	4662 Brookhaven Rd., Macon, GA 31206	478-474-9522
Powell, Elbert	Rt. 1, Box 114, Chester, GA 31012	478-934-4348
Sharpston, Billy	1079 Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, GA 31204	478-405-7891
Williams, Larry E.	111 Oak Forest Dr., Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3014

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Dixon, James	Rt. 4, Box 260, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-5219
Dykes, Trent	P.O. Box 869, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-8957
Gilmore, Ricky	Rt. 1, Box 236, Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4477
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Martin, Wayne	Mitchell Road, Rochelle, GA 31079	229-624-2066
Robinson, Robbie	Rt. 1, Box 1423, Chester, GA 31012	478-934-8033
Ross, Gene	Rt. 5, Box 22407, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-783-2072
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### Licensed Ministers

**FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION**  
Georgia Union Minutes  
January 8, 2005  
Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 10, 2005, at Double Branch Church. The moderator welcomed everyone and called the session to order. Trent Dykes opened the session in prayer. We started the session by singing "Glad Reunion Day". Stewart Allen Clark read Psalm 133. He then welcomed everyone to Double Branch and gave general information about the church. The moderator recognized our State Secretary, William Smith, and also recognized the 14 deacons present and the clerk called the roll of the delegates and ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

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

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

The Executive Board report was given. M/S/C to approve the report as read and to accept the following recommendations:

1. M/S/C to send today's offering to the State Office for distribution to the National Office for Tsunami relief efforts.
2. Recommend that we give the Double Branch Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the January session.

Paul Creech gave the Mission Board report. He reported that the Missions Conference with Debbie Griffin was great. We received \$4,303 in offerings. Faith FWB Church wants to donate 4 acres of land to Georgia Union. The Mission Board will do what is necessary to get the property transferred. \$4,065.55 in the general fund and \$14,820.23 in a CD. The State Mission Board has hired Bill Lewis to head up the Valdosta Mission work. Another missionary will be hired around the first of March, either in Middle Georgia or North Georgia. First Sunday in March is Georgia State Missions Emphasis offering. Bring money to the State Meeting in March. MSC to accept report.

Tom Douglas gave the CE Board report. The Board is making plans for youth competition on the district and state levels. Couples Retreat is February 25 and 26, with Ken Riggs as speaker. Balance in the treasury is \$1,130.71. MSC to adopt this report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board Report. He encouraged everyone to send their youth to camp. Need workers. Pray for the Board as they make plans. Balance in treasury is \$2,516.51. Annual golf tournament plans are underway. Winter Retreat had 119 teens and 30 adult workers. Almost half of the young people gathered at the altar to dedicate their lives to God. MSC to adopt report.

Benny Lafferty (in Jimmy Rozier's absence) reported that there was no business to report for the Ordaining Board, except that a letter of good standing had been received from Bro. Billy Sharpston's former association. MSC to accept report.

William Smith gave a report on the state work. He said state giving continues to rise. He encouraged everyone to attend the state meeting and to read the promotional bulletin thoroughly. New Web Page has been set up for the State Association.

Gene Collins gave the Digest Committee report. 15 churches reported with 17 members received, 21 lost, with a net loss of 4. 4 were baptized. Total offerings reported \$199,641.29. M/S/C to accept report.

An offering was taken and we took a break. When we reconvened, we sang "I Can't Feel at Home in This World Anymore". The Double Branch Quartet sang "Good Old Gospel Ship", "Show Me the Cross" and "Midnight Cry."

The treasurer's report was given by Emory Howell in Gerry Dunaway's absence. The balance in the treasury as of today is \$4,844.70, which includes the minister's retirement fund. Today's offering was \$422. Received today \$715 fees and \$60 retirement fund. Bro. Emory encouraged everyone to give to the Minister's Retirement Fund. M/S/C to accept report.

Gene Ross brought the message and read from Genesis 1. He reminded us that we have (1) the Spoken Word to Adam and Eve, at Tower of Babel; to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; (2) the Written Word to Moses; and (3) the Living Word 2000 years ago - Jesus. We then had an alter service and sang "Have Thine Own Way".

White Oaks Church requested Bro. Billy Sharpston to be added to the Honor Roll. MSC

Delegates to the State Meeting are Suzan Hutchinson, Amy Hutchinson, Donna Jewell and Corene Hearn.

Prayer requests and announcements were given. Paul Creech dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked the blessing on the requests, and the noon meal.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Grover Jewell, Moderator  
Donna Jewell, Clerk



## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

Georgia Union Minutes

April 9, 2005

Dublin Free Will Baptist Church

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 9, 2005, at Dublin Church. The moderator welcomed everyone and called the session to order. Benny Lafferty opened the session in prayer. We started the session by singing "Heavenly Sunlight". Jack Lysaker read Proverbs 3: 5-6. He then welcomed everyone to Dublin Church and gave general information about the church. The Moderator recognized the 7 deacons present and the clerk called the roll of the delegates and ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

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

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

The Executive Board report was given. M/S/C to approve the report as read and to accept the following recommendations:

1. M/S/C to send today's offering to the Camp Board to help with the 2005 Youth Camp.
2. Recommend that we give the Dublin Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the April session.

Paul Creech gave the Mission Board report. State Work: Rev. Bill Lewis is the missionary in Valdosta and Rev. Bill Crank will serve the mission work in North Georgia. Another missionary was hired in March but no mission to go to yet. Balance in the treasury is \$5,561.45, and \$14,820.23 in a CD, for a total of \$20,318.68 MSC to accept report.

Tom Douglas gave the CE Board report. Seven youth from Georgia Union will be competing at the State Youth Competition in Albany. Georgia Union was well represented at the Couples Retreat February 25 at Jekyll Island. Dr. Ken Riggs was the speaker. Next year's Retreat is February 17 and 18, speaker Rob Morgan. Ministers Retreat is April 18-20; GWAC Retreat is April 22 and 23; Ministers' Wives Retreat is September 8-10; Senior Retreat is October 31-November 2. Balance in the treasury is \$1,145.71. MSC to adopt this report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board Report. Everyone was encouraged to send their youth to teen camp May 29-June 3, at Camp Echeconnee. God's Amazing Grace for our Amazing Race is the theme. Youth Camp is July 3-8 at Adrienne Camp Ground near Dublin. Workers are needed. Chuck Lysaker is the camp director. Georgia Union will be joining with Chattahoochee Association and Ben Crabtree is their director. Pray for these boards as they plan for camp. Balance in the treasury is \$2,579.01. Both associations will receive \$1,500 from the State. MSC to adopt report.

Jimmy Rozier reported that there was no business to report for the Ordaining Board, except that we had received a letter of good standing for Bro. Bill Brown, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church,

and it was also recommended to request a letter of good standing for Trent Dykes from his Texas Association and for Arthur Smith at South Georgia Association. The next board meeting will be the first Tuesday in June at the Warner Robins Church. MSC to accept report.

Gene Collins gave the Digest Committee report. 15 churches reported with 18 members received, 3 lost, with a net gain of 15. 2 saved and 2 were baptized. Total offerings reported \$196,005.16. M/S/C to accept report.

An offering was taken and we took a break. When we reconvened, we sang "I Stand Amazed" and Howard Faircloth re-opened the session in prayer. Sue Joiner and Sheryl Poole sang "Keep on the Firing Line" and "Scarlet Purple Robe". Chuck Lysaker sang "When the Savior Reached Down for Me".

The treasurer's report was given by Gerry Dunaway. The balance in the treasury as of today is \$6,847.61, which includes \$2,891.06 in the minister's retirement fund. Today's offering was \$162.55. Received today \$705 fees and \$60 retirement fund. M/S/C to accept report.

Jimmy Rozier brought the message and read from Acts 17:16-31. He said Christians are on a mission and he reminded us how God used Paul. We need to let people know that we do not serve a dead God and that His reign will never come to an end. He reminded us that we should be separated from the world and be a peculiar people. We then had a alter service and sang "Have Thine Own Way".

Prayer requests and announcements were given. James Dixon dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked the blessing on the requests, and the noon meal.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Grover Jewell, Moderator  
Donna Jewell, Clerk

**THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION**  
**Georgia Union Minutes**  
**July 9, 2005**  
**Eastman Free Will Baptist Church**

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 9, 2005, at Eastman Church. Moderator Grover Jewell welcomed everyone and called the session to order. Benny Lafferty opened the session in prayer. Edison Smith led the congregation in "He Lives". Daniel Williams read Romans 12:1-2. The host pastor, Rev. Jimmy Smith, gave general information about the church. Grover welcomed Shine Collins back after having bypass surgery, and he also asked everyone to continue to remember Bro. Anthony's family. Grover also welcomed the Dean family, missionaries to China. He then recognized the 12 deacons present and the clerk called the roll of the delegates and ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

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

Shine Collins read the minutes of the April meeting. M/S/C to approve as read.

The Executive Board Report was read. M/S/C to approve the report as read and to accept the following recommendations:

1. M/S/C to give today's offering to the Youth who will be attending the National Competition in Louisville.
2. That we give the Eastman Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the July session.

Paul Creech gave the Mission Board report. State report: Rev. Bill Lewis is at Open Door Fellowship in Valdosta. He reported a potential sale of the Valdosta property which was given to the State Board. Bill Crank is in Cartersville with a September 11 launch date. The Hampton Church building sustained substantial damage in recent tornado and the board is waiting to see what the insurance will cover. Balance of \$5,726.78 in the general fund and \$14,820.23 in a CD, for a total of \$20,547.01. MSC to accept report.

Tom Douglas gave the CE Board report. Georgia Union (White Oaks Church) will be represented in 6 categories at the National. Rob Morgan will be the speaker for the Couples retreat next year at Jekyl Island. Minister's Wives Retreat is September 8-10, and Senior Retreat is October 31-Nov. 2. Balance in the treasury is \$1,630.71. MSC to adopt this report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board Report. Great Teen Camp which was May 29-June 3 at Camp Echeconee, with 214 campers and 50 staff. The theme was God's Amazing Grace for Our Amazing Race. Rev. Alan Pointer from Russellville, Arkansas was the speaker. Youth Camp was July 4-8 at Camp Adrian in Dublin with Chattahoochee and Georgia Union Associations. 46 campers and 15 workers. Stewart Allen Clark was the speaker and Monty McKenzie directing the music. Winter Retreat will be December 27-29 at Epworth by the Sea. Bro. Paul encouraged everyone to send their youth. Balance in the camp fund is \$142.25. MSC to adopt report.

Jimmy Rozier gave the Ordaining Board report. The Board recommends that each church do a background check on each prospective minister. Also, the Book of Tongues is no longer in print, which is required reading for licensed ministers. The Executive Board will review this subject and suggest a new book. Billy Sharpston will fill the vacancy on the board. The next meeting will be September 20 at the Warner Robins Church. MSC to accept report.

Bro. Jimmy also noted that the Nominating Committee will meet on September 20. He asked everyone to pray as they seek to fill the vacancies on all boards.

Bro. Arthur Smith gave a report on the Alabama Children's Home. 11-year old Amber Little will sing the National Anthem at the National in Louisville. Carrie Henderson graduated from High School and the Children's Home will pay for her to go to FWBBC. Bro. Arthur proposes each church to set aside a day to take up an offering for the Children's Home, or consider putting them in their budget. Bro. Arthur mentioned that air conditioners were needed and Christian Hill immediately donated two air conditioners. MSC to accept as information and include this report on the Program each quarter.

Gene Collins gave the Digest Committee report. 14 churches reported with 13 members received, 1 lost, with a net gain of 12. 6 saved. Total offerings reported for the quarter of \$204,168.74. M/S/C to accept report.

An offering was taken and Daniel Williams played "Because He Lives" on the piano. We took a break and when we reconvened, the congregation sang "Power in the Blood". Tim Hutchinson re-opened the session in prayer. Joan Smith sang "Jesus is Right" and "Love of Jesus" accompanied by Tony Howell on the guitar.

Paul Dean from the English Language Institute, and also Associate Free Will Baptist Missionary to China, who serves with his wife, Tanya, and daughter Suzanne, gave a report on their work in China since 1994. Paul and Tanya are English professors. He spoke briefly about the restricted access area and how they reach the Chinese people for Christ through teaching of English.

The treasurer's report was given by Emory Howell. The balance in the treasury at the beginning of the session is \$3,886.39, dues received today, \$750, for a total of \$4,636.39 in the general fund; Minister's retirement fund, received today, \$30, for a total of \$3,482.89, total in both funds is \$8,119.28. Today's offerings is \$243.90. M/S/C to accept report.

Jimmy Smith brought the message and read from II Kings 20:1 and Ecclesiastes 9:10. He reminded us that life is short compared to eternity and that we need to keep our house in order and confess our sins; Bro. Jimmy gave his testimony about how he was healed of cancer; He read several other passages of scripture and then had an alter service and the congregation sang "There is a Fountain".

Bro. Paul announced that the Mission Board voted to give \$500 to the Dean's and \$500 to the Alabama Children's Home.

Prayer requests and announcements were given. Trent Dykes dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked the blessing on the requests, and the noon meal.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Grover Jewell, Moderator  
Donna Jewell, Clerk



**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**Georgia Union Minutes**  
**October 8, 2005**  
**Little Bethel FWB Church**

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met on October 8, 2005, at Little Bethel Church. Moderator Grover Jewell called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Gene Ross opened in prayer. We started by singing "Victory In Jesus". James Dixon reminded us that we need to be prepared in all things, especially for eternity. The host pastor welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church. The moderator recognized the 13 deacons who were 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. MSC to accept the report as read and to accept the following recommendations.

1. MSC that the proposed budget for 2006 be adopted.
2. MSC that the Georgia Union purchase a lap top computer for the clerk at a cost not to exceed \$1,250.
3. MSC that today's offering be given to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.
4. MSC to give Little Bethel Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the annual session.

Paul Creech gave the Mission Board report. The Mission Board has not met since the last quarterly meeting. State Mission Board: North Georgia work in Cartersville has encountered an obstacle and is looking for a place to meet. They have 15-20 meeting in Bro. Cranks home. Open Door Fellowship is doing well. Average 23-28 attendance and God is blessing that work. 2 young children led to the Lord. The property given to the Georgia Union by Faith FWB Church has been properly deeded to Georgia Union. Balance in treasury is \$5,459.34 in checking and \$14,820.23 in a CD, for a total of \$21,279.57. MSC to accept report.

Tom Douglas gave the CE Board report. Sr. Saints Retreat is October 31-Nov 2; Couples Retreat is February 17-18, 2006; Youth Rally is September 24 at White Oaks Church - FWBBC Drama Team; Senior Days at FWBBC November 10-12. Balance in the treasury is \$1,562.91. MSC to accept report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board report. The Board has not met since last session. Had good junior camp, working with Chattahoochee Association for next year's camp. Winter Retreat for Teens is scheduled for December 27-29 at Epworth By The Sea. Balance in treasury is \$1,929.80. MSC to accept report.

Jimmy Rozier gave the Ordaining Board Report. Letter was received from Wilson Chapel requesting that Georgia Union consider changing the bylaws regarding ministers who have divorced and remarried. The Ordaining Board agreed to look into this issue. Motion made to table until next session. MSC to accept report.

The Nominating Committee was given by Jimmy Rozier, as follows:

Grover Jewell replaces himself as Moderator; Donna Jewell replaces herself as Clerk; Assistant Clerk, Henrietta Brown; Jerry Dunaway replaces himself as Treasurer; Emory Howell replaces himself as Assistant Treasurer; Nita Hobbs is Member at Large; Gene Ross replaces Gerry Dunaway on Trustee Board and State Representative for the Trustee Board; Billy Sharpston, Ordaining Board; Ricky Gilmore replaces himself on Camp Board; Monty McKenzie replaces Chuck Lysaker; Daniel Williams replaces Cathy Howell on Digest Committee; Emory Howell replaces himself on Mission Board; Gene Ross replaces himself on Mission Board; Tom Douglas replaces himself on CE Board; Trent Dykes replaces Melinda Clark. All elected by acclamation. MSC to accept this report. Bro. Jimmy Rozier and his committee were commended for their work on the Nominating Committee.

The Digest Committee report was given by Gene Collins. 15 churches reported. Received 68 members, lost 17, with a net gain of 51. 8 saved and 8 baptized. Total offerings reported for the year is \$779,256.12. MSC to accept report.

An offering was taken and we took a break. When we reconvened, the congregation sang "Come Morning" and Faye Bryant sang "I Am Free".

Gerry Dunaway gave the Treasurers Report. The balance in the treasury as of today is \$9,158.01, which includes \$3,515.62 in the minister's retirement fund. Today's offering is \$216.18. Received today \$710 fees, retirement \$30, and \$1,300 national fees.

Bill Sharpston brought today's message and read Psalm 23 - "Nightingale Song". God provides Provision, Protection, Providence, Paradise and Perpetuity.

Grover recognized Daniel Williams from the Eastman Church, who is a young new preacher. The Ordaining Board has received a request to license him.

Arthur Smith gave a report on the Alabama Childrens Home. 29 children are currently living at the Home. Finances are low and more commitment is needed from churches. Next meeting of the board is October 22. Need paper goods and canned food. MSC to accept report. Also a MSC to make designate our annual meeting in October as Children's Home Emphasis to bring items for the children's home, and also give the offering that day to the Children's Home.

Grover then paid tribute to Mrs. Goldie Stockton, who is Tom Douglas' mother-in-law, and Paul Creech's parents, who had gone to be with the Lord in recent weeks.

Announcements and prayer requests were given.

MSC to adjourn. Emory Howell dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal and the prayer requests.

Grover Jewell, 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 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 \$100 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 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 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 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 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 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 board 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; 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 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 proposes 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, 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 and 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)  
(Revised Jan. 2002)

**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 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.

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.
- 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. All 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 licensees 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 the 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 the 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 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.

### **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.

6. The credentials of any minister who joins in membership with a church of another denomination shall be considered null and void. The minister shall voluntarily return his credentials to the Georgia Union Association Clerk. If he does not, the Association Clerk shall send a letter, certified mail, return receipt requested, notifying such minister that his credentials are null and void, and request him to return his credentials to the Association Clerk. The Clerk shall notify the State Office of the status of such minister's credentials and ask the State Office to place notification in the State Promotional Bulletin of the minister's status.

#### **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

<u>Church</u>	<u>Organized</u>	<u>Pastor and Address</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
Bay Springs Bay Spring Church Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-1220	1884	Trent Dykes P.O. Box 869 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-8957 Wife: Carminta	Chad Smith 222 Roddy Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-2746
Bethlehem 142 Old Coney Road Cordele, GA 31015	1917	Emory Howell 387 Empire/Chester Hwy Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-9646 Wife: Wanda	Shirley Calhoun 216 Perry Rd Cordele, GA 31015 229-273-3947
Christian Hill Christian Hill Road 1727 Gordon Road Rochelle, GA 31079	1887	Wayne Martin Mitchell Road Rochelle, GA 31079 229-624-2066 Wife: Paula	Nancy Sheffield 478 Ashley St Rochelle, GA 31079 229-365-0088
Cornerstone 1964 Marshallville Road Perry, GA 31069 <a href="mailto:gsjewell@aol.com">gsjewell@aol.com</a>	2000	Grover Jewell 118 Quinelle Drive Perry, GA 31069 478-218-8750 Wife: Donna	Robert Bell, Jr. 2644 Hwy 41 S Perry, GA 31069 478-361-7444
Crossroads Rt. 3, Box 830 Cochran, GA 31014 <a href="mailto:dmhutch@cstel.net">dmhutch@cstel.net</a>	1910	Gene Ross Rt. 5, Box 22407 Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-783-2072 Wife: Anne	Susan Crooms Rt. 3, Box 2512 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-9933
Double Branch 3011 Williams Road Unadilla, GA 31091 <a href="mailto:double@cstel.net">double@cstel.net</a>	1896	Stewart Allen Clark Rt. 3, Box 3500 Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-9474 Wife: Melinda	Mary Holden Dunaway Rt. 3, Box 3150 Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-2949
Dublin 1824 Claxton Dairy Rd Dublin, GA 31040 478-275-3676	1966	No pastor as of date of publication	No clerk as of date of publication
First Eastman 5830 Sixth Avenue Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3282	1961	No pastor as of date of publication	Lori Jones 1882 Cochran Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-6390

<b>Little Bethel</b> 1915 Rt. 1, Rebie Road Chester, GA 31012	<b>James Dixon</b> Rt. 4, Box 260 Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-5219 Wife: Frances	<b>Tommy Parker</b> Rt. 6, Box 350 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-6048
<b>Mt. Ararat</b> 1885 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Hwy Eastman, GA 31023	<b>Arthur Smith</b> 61 Cook Street Milan, GA 31060 229-362-3442 Wife: Arlene	<b>Ida Mae Johnson</b> 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Rd Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3031
<b>New Hope</b> 1885 Rt. 5, Box 115 Cochran, GA 31014	<b>Alan Crump</b> Rt. 5, Box 60, Seagull Road Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-1656 Wife: Claudia	<b>Angela Cranford</b> P.O. Box 6 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4421
<b>Pine Level</b> 1924 61 Pine Level Church Rd. Chester, GA 31012	<b>Ricky Gilmore</b> 5025 Chester Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-358-4477	<b>Moniece Moore</b> 3539 Chester Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3217
<b>Pleasant Hill</b> 1896 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211	<b>W.E. Brown</b> 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092 478-268-8746 Wife: Henrietta	<b>Nita Hobbs</b> 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211
<b>Warner Robins</b> 1964 214 Brady Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088 <a href="mailto:jimmyR0@msn.com">jimmyR0 @msn.com</a> 478-922-0544	<b>Jimmy Rozier, Sr.</b> 3222 Maynard Mill Rd. Forsyth, GA 31029 912-994-9839 Wife: Linda	<b>Nell Fordham</b> 111 Sudan Road Byron, GA 31008 478-953-4571
<b>White Oaks</b> 1953 7035 Houston Rd. Macon, GA 31216	<b>Paul Creech</b> 6332 Carey Drive Macon, GA 31216 478-781-5502 Wife: Rhoda	<b>Gloria Johnson</b> 5725 Swymer Dr. Macon, GA 31216 478-788-2197
<b>Wilson Chapel</b> 1960 506 Cobbtown Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286 706-648-6866	<b>No pastor as of date of publication</b>	<b>Ramona Ellington</b> 209 Church Circle Thomaston, GA 30286 706-648-6270

### ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

<u>Church</u>	<u>Members Received</u>	<u>#Saved</u>	<u>Members Lost</u>	<u>Total Members</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assoc. Dues</u>
Bay Springs	6	0	1	76	36	\$ 45,588.99	\$50*
Bethlehem	6	2	1	84	29	68,618.22	50*
Christian Hill	7	0	2	45	22	7,172.55	40
Cornerstone	6	1	15	31	31	41,134.60	40
Crossroads	0	0	0	33	33	22,994.78	40
Double Branch	24	6	0	251	98	217,863.48	90*
Dublin	0	3	0	35	20	19,757.73	40
Eastman	0	0	1	22	22	21,797.76	35*
Little Bethel	2	0	0	37	28	43,737.02	40
Mt. Ararat	6	0	1	79	26	27,937.60	50*
New Hope	0	0	0	71	45	35,625.46	45
Pine Level	1	0	0	98	55	67,228.90	50
Pleasant Hill	2	0	0	65	25	33,190.25	45
Warner Robins	0	0	0	58	31	29,950.65	45
White Oaks	3	0	2	87	52	93,249.23	50
Wilson Chapel	5	0	1	45	45	23,166.63	40

Total Georgia Union Membership: 1,117

Total Annual Income: \$799,013.85

Annual statistics taken from October 2005 Annual Reporting Form

\*Dues increased (See GU Constitution, Article II, Section 7)

## 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.