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Minutes of The

One Hundred Eleventh Annual Session

of the

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

held at

**PLEASANT HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Vienna, Georgia

Saturday, October 7, 2006

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Assistant ModeratorW.E. (Bill) Brown
ClerkHenrietta Brown
Assistant ClerkDaniel Williams
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SPEAKERS FOR EACH SESSION (subject to change)

January	James Dixon
April	Trent Dykes
July	Ricky Gilmore
October	Charles Hardeman

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

GENERAL OFFICERS

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Assistant Treasurer (2008)	Emory Howell 387 Empire/Chester Hwy Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-9646
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Jimmy Rozier	3222 Maynard Mill Rd. Forsyth, GA 31029	478-994-9839
Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
Gene Ross	126 Jones Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-4566
Nita Hobbs	9465 Hwy. 215, Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-6211

TRUSTEE BOARD

(2007) Edward Moore	Rt. 6, Box 195, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3217
(2008) Donald Self	Rt. 6, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-4544
(2009) Jimmy Rozier	3222 Maynard Mill Rd., Forsyth, GA 31088	478-994-9839
(2009) Marion Collins	7000 Clay Circle, Macon, GA 31216	478-788-8530
(2010) Gene Ross	126 Jones Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-4566

ORDAINING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(2007) James Dixon	Rt. 4, Box 260, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-5219
(2008) Jimmy Rozier	3222 Maynard Mill Rd, Forsyth, GA 31029	478-994-9839
(2009) Ricky Gilmore	5025 Chester Hwy., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4477
(2010) Billy Sharpston	1079 Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, GA 31204	478-405-7891
(2011) Gene Ross	126 Jones Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-4566

CAMPING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(2007) Monty McKenzie	31 Liberty Street, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8173
(2008) Travis Sanders	Rt. 1, Box 269, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-0623
(2009) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5503
(2010) Ricky Gilmore	5025 Chester Hwy., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4473
(2011) Glen Smith	Rt. 3, Box 6120, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-783-4893

DIGEST COMMITTEE (Three-Year Terms)

(2007) Frances Dixon	Rt. 4, Box 260, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-5213
(2008) Daniel Williams	4266 Abbeville Hwy, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3283
(2009) Gene Collins	1051 N. Pine Knoll Drive, Macon, GA 31204	478-405-9933

MISSION BOARD (Two-Year Terms)

(2007) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5503
(2007) Tim Hutchinson	1211 Swift Street, Perry, GA 31069	478-218-0763
(2008) Emory Howell	387 Empire/Chester Hwy, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-9643
(2008) Gene Ross	126 Jones Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-4563
(2008) W.E. Brown	540 Parker Road, Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8743

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD (Three-Year Terms)

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(2008) Monty McKenzie	31 Liberty Street, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8173
(2009) Tom Douglas	132 Francis Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-8633
(2009) Tony Howell	22 Beechwood Dr., Eastman, GA 31023	
(2009) Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3, Box 3150, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-2943

STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

(2007) Mission Board	Paul Creech	478-781-5503
(2008) Ordaining Board	Jimmy Rozier	478-994-9833
(2009) Camp Board	Paul Creech	478-781-5503
(2009) Christian Ed. Board	Tom Douglas	478-781-8633
(2010) Trustee Board	Gene Ross	478-783-2073

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Elected Each Year)

MINISTERS

Honor Roll (exempt from reporting)

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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

Ordained/Active

Brown, W.E.	540 Parker Road, Vienna, GA 31092	478-268-8746
Clark, Stewart Allen	Rt. 3, Box 3500, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-9474
Creech, Paul	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
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
Hardeman, Charles	103 Golf Course Rd., Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3618
Howell, Emory	387 Empire/Chester Hwy, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-9646
Howell, Tony	22 Beechwood Dr., Eastman, GA 31023	
Hutchinson, Tim	515 Tucker St., Dublin, GA 21021	478-296-0711
Jewell, Grover	118 Quinelle Drive, Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
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Rozier, Jimmy	3222 Maynard Mill Rd., Forsyth, GA 31029	478-994-9839

Licensed Ministers

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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
Georgia Union Minutes
January 7, 2006
Mt. Ararat Free Will Baptist Church

The Georgia Union Association met on January 7, 2006, at Mt. Ararat Church. The Moderator welcomed everyone and called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. Stewart Allen Clark opened the session in prayer. We sang "Victory in Jesus" and Warren Holt read Joshua 5: 13-15 and gave much encouragement to all of the ministers. The host pastor Arthur Smith, gave general information about the church. The program was adopted with any necessary changes. The moderator recognized the 25 deacons who were present. The Clerk called the roll of the delegates and ministers and the moderator asked all of the delegates to stand. MSC to seat the delegates. The Clerk read the minutes of the October meeting. MSC to accept as read.

Committee Reports:

The Clerk gave the executive board report. MSC to accept report.

1. Whereas, a letter has been received from Wilson Chapel advising that they are withdrawing from the Georgia Union Association, effective as of the date of their official vote on November 11, 2005; therefore, the Executive Board recommends that we accept Wilson Chapel's withdrawal. After some discussion, MSC to accept the withdrawal.
2. To give today's offering to the Alabama Children's Home.
3. That we give Mt. Ararat Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the January Session of 2006. MSC by everyone standing.

MSC to accept the Executive Board Report.

Mission Board: Paul Creech gave the Mission Board report. During the past year, the mission board has supported the following ministries: Paul and Tanya Dean in China, Alabama Children's Home and Christian Motorcycle ministry. A report was given on the motorcycle ministry by Roger Wilder. On the State level: Cartersville work doing well and they have rented a facility. Average 25. Bill Crank is the missionary. Valdosta work - Bill Lewis is the missionary - average 30 for December. Hampton property was sold after tornado. Harris County in the Columbus area looking for missionary. Pray as the mission board plans a mission emphasis this fall. MSC to accept report.

Bro Tom reported that the CE Board had met on Dec 6. Making plans for 2006. Details will follow in future meetings. Possibly a couple of workshops and youth activity. Bro Tom gave out the dates for retreats for 2006, and youth competition. Balance in treasury is \$1697.00 MSC to accept report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board report. No meeting has been held since last meeting. Will meet during the spring. State Camp Board met in Oct. Dec. Teen Retreat at Simons Island was great with 120 teens and 40 workers. Youth excited about Christ. Over 40 youth came to the altar. \$2,054.80 in the treasury. MSC to accept report.

Ordaining Board: Jimmy Rozier gave the OB Report. Oak Hill South Georgia Association requested letter of good standing for Jimmy Smith - MSC to send letter. Daniel Williams has been recommended for licensing. MSC to accept Bro. Daniel. MSC to send for letter of good standing for Rev. Alan Crump, pastor of New Hope.

Bro. Jimmy reminded everyone about the request at the last meeting to change the Ordaining Board bylaws regarding a minister being the husband of one wife, pursuant to Art 7, Section 3, paragraph 5 of the OB bylaws, and the fact that the Ordaining Board was charged with researching this issue. Bro. Jimmy passed out a copy of the proposed change. Bro. Jimmy made a motion and there was a second to table this matter until the April Session so that everyone would have a chance to study the board's report. There was 40 in favor of tabling and 32 against. MSC to accept the OB report. Then a motion and second was made to drop the issue altogether since Wilson Chapel was now no longer a member of Georgia Union. There was much discussion for and against this. However it was noted that the issue could not be discussed since it had been tabled until the next session. The motion and second to drop the issue was withdrawn. Then there was a motion and second to remove the tabled item from the table. 56 in favor of removing the item from the table and 23 against (total of 79 voted). Then the motion was restated, with a second to drop the issue entirely and not to discuss changing the ordaining board bylaws on this subject. There was much discussion for and against and a motion and second to call for questions. 52 voted in favor of call for question; 27 against (total of 79). Then a vote of 54 in favor of dropping the issue and 24 against (total of 78).

Digest Committee: Gene Collins gave the report. 14 churches reporting; 24 members added; 7 members lost; net gain of 17; 2 baptized; total offerings \$196,113.80.

Gerry Dunaway gave the Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance is \$3,885.17; dues received today \$665; leaving an initial balance of \$4,550.1. Minister's retirement \$30; \$3,795.62 retirement fund; total in checking \$8,345.79. MSC to accept report. \$397.00 offering today.

Arthur Smith gave the Alabama Children's Home report. Two van loads of items were taken to the Children's Home since last meeting. Many sent financial support for Christmas. One of the girls desires to attend FWBBC. She has some scholarships but needs extra money. Sponsorship program - if you want to sponsor a child at the Home. Thanks for all support. Accepted as information.

Daniel Williams played How Great Thou Art and we took up an offering.

Gene Ross gave the Trustee Board report. It was noted that there is No board charter in our minute book - Moderator charged the Trustee Board with formulating a constitution/bylaws.

Bro. Stewart-Allen Clark brought the message for the day and read Genesis 1:27. He said to be human is one of God's greatest blessings and that people do what they want to do. He ended by singing One Day at a Time.

Prayer requests and announcements were given and Tom Douglas prayed for the requests and announcements.

Grover Jewell, Moderator
Donna Jewell, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

Georgia Union Minutes

April 8, 2006

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church

The Georgia Union Association met on April 8, 2006, at New Hope Church. The Moderator welcomed everyone and called the session to order at 10:00 a.m. James Dixon opened the session in prayer. We sang "He Keeps Me Singing" and Trent Dykes read Psalm 150. The host pastor, Alan Crump, gave general information about the church. The program was adopted with any necessary changes. The moderator welcomed the two visitors, Bro. William Smith, State Executive Secretary, and Dale Bishop, missionary to Japan. The moderator then recognized the 18 deacons who were present. The Clerk called the roll of the delegates and ministers and the moderator asked all of the delegates to stand. MSC to seat the delegates. The Clerk read the minutes of the October meeting. MSC to accept as read.

Bro. Gene Ross read the proposed bylaws of the trustee board. MSC to table passage of bylaws until July session.

Committee Reports:

The Clerk gave the executive board report. MSC to accept report.

1. That we give today's offering to the Georgia Union youth who will be attending Truth and Peace this summer. MSC

2. Whereas, Shine Collins has resigned as Assistant Moderator for personal reasons, and the Board regretfully accepted his resignation, that we accept nominations from the floor to fill his unexpired term until October 2006. MSC to accept Shine's resignation.

The Moderator then entertained nominations from the floor. Tim Hutchinson and Trent Dykes were nominated. 12 in favor of Tim, 41 in favor of Trent. Trent was duly elected to fill the unexpired term of Shine until the October 2006 Session.

3. That we give New Hope a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the April Session of 2006. MSC by everyone standing.

MSC to accept the Executive Board Report.

Mission Board: Paul Creech gave the Mission Board report. Not much going on. He encouraged everyone to support the Alabama Children's Home and Christian Motorcycle Ministry. On the State level: Cartersville and Valdosta work doing well. Still prayerfully seeking a missionary for Harris County. \$22,551.06 in treasury. MSC to accept report.

Tom Douglas gave the CE Board Report. District (White Oaks Church) has 6 entries going to state competition on May 5, 6 at White Oaks. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. rally Friday night. May 27-bikathon to raise money for either Georgia missions or foreign missions. Balance in treasury is \$1,627.00. MSC to accept report.

Paul Creech gave the Camp Board report. Monte McKenzie is youth camp director, and we will join the Chattahoochee Association. May 28-June 2. Assembly of God Campground in Forsyth, Teen Camp also May 28-June 2 at Camp Echeconnee. CSI - discovering God. Brian Tippet will be the evangelist. \$2,137.30 in the treasury. MSC to

accept report.

Ordaining Board: James Dixon gave the report in Bro. Jimmy Rozier's absence. Michael Widner at Mt. Ararat sent Bro. Jimmy a letter explaining that God has called him to the ministry. Jimmy has not responded yet but will do so and the board will plan to meet with Bro. Michael. MSC to accept report.

Digest Committee: Gene Collins gave the report. 15 churches reporting; 45 members added; 7 members lost; net gain of 38; 7 baptized; 7 saved. Total offerings \$191,684.88.

Dale Bishop gave a report on the Japanese mission work and all of the missionaries. Pray for missionaries in Japan and Southeast Asia. Several Japanese ladies will be coming with Debbie Griffin to GWAC prayer retreat at Norman Park. Dale went to India for two weeks in February. The Lord is truly blessing in India. There are now over 200 churches in India. China: 10% are now followers of Jesus Christ.

Bro. William Smith gave a report on the state work. He thanked Ga. Union for their support both on the state level and for missionaries. He reminded everyone of the Coin banks and encouraged the pastors to make it a perpetual campaign.

Emory Howell gave the Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance is \$2,612.67; dues received today \$615. Minister's retirement \$30; \$3,767.56 retirement fund; total in checking \$7,025.23. MSC to accept report. \$185.00 offering today.

In Bro. Arthur Smith's absence, the clerk gave a report that Warner Robins Church has a truck load of items for the Alabama Children's Home, and also a \$500 donation. Accepted as information.

We took up an offering and took a break, when we reconvened, we sang "Heavenly Sunlight." New Page sang "I Bless Your Name" and "Son Go Bring My Children Home."

Rev. Bill Brown brought the message for the day and read I. Cor. 3: 1-4. He explained that there are two kinds of Christians - Mature and Carnal. The Christian goes on a diet from milk to meat. He also said that we cannot depend on man's wisdom to build a church, only God's.

Special prayer from Arthur Smith; Howard Faircloth; Corene Hearn

Tony Howell announced that he was doing Sunday fill-ins.

Prayer requests and announcements were given and Harold Dunaway prayed for the requests and announcements.

Grover Jewell, Moderator
Donna Jewell, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
Georgia Union Minutes
July 8, 2006
Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church

The Georgia Union Association met on July 8, 2006, at Pine Level Church.

In the absence of Moderator Grover Jewell, Assistant Moderator Trent Dykes called the meeting to order. Bro. Gene Ross opened in prayer. Bro. Ricky Gilmore led congregation in singing "To God Be the Glory." Bro. Ricky then read John 20:24-25 and spoke briefly on "Piercing the Master's Hand." As the host pastor Bro. Ricky welcomed everyone to Pine Level and gave general information about the church.

MSC to adopt program with necessary changes.

Acting moderator recognized the 17 deacons present. The Clerk called the roll of the delegates and ministers and the moderator asked all of the delegates to stand. MSC to seat the delegates. The clerk read the minutes of the April meeting. MSC to accept as read.

Acting moderator read the recommendations from the executive board:

1. Today's offering to youth who will be competing at the National in Birmingham
2. That we give a rising vote of thanks to Pine Level Church for their hospitality in hosting the July session.

MSC to adopt.

Mission Board report: In the absence of Bro. Paul Creech Bro. Emory Howell gave the Mission Board report. He first called on Roger Wilds to give a report from the Christian Motorcycle Association. Bro. Roger reported:

13,000 miles traveled

19 weekends spent of the road

12 worship services

9 dedications for salvation

4 of these are attending FWB churches

Local: On the local association level not much activity to report. All churches and members encouraged to support the Alabama Children's Home by bringing supplies to the annual meeting in October.

State: Our state mission board is continuing to go well. Praise the Lord with us for the heart and ministry of these church planters in Cartersville and Valdosta. Please pray with us for a church planter to go to Harris County. Funds are available to hire the right man and we are waiting on the Lord to bring him and his family to us.

Pray with us as we plan to have a mission emphasis in the fall. More information will be coming as we sense God's leading for our ministry to the local association.

It was also reported that the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tifton has transferred to the Board of Missions of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc., all properties, assets and liabilities.

Treasury balances: CD - \$15,435.37; Checking - \$8,192.35

MSC to adopt as information.

Bro. Gene Ross reported that the current value of property in Pulaski County is \$14,652.

MSC to adopt as information.

The following Christian Education Board report was given by Tom Douglas:

The State Competition was held at White Oaks May 5 and 6. Ga. Union has four competitors in four events. They are Bible memorization, poetry, individual drama and puppets. Pray for them as they compete July 17 in Birmingham.

May 27 was the BIKE FOR MISSIONS to raise money for Nathan and Linda Snow. We had a beautiful day with about twenty people turning out to ride - all ages were represented. Five hundred and fifty dollars was raised for the Snows' account. We are considering making this a yearly event so you may be hearing more about a BIKE RIDE FOR MISSIONS.

The balance in the treasury is \$1,362.29.

MSC to accept

Camping board report read by Trent Dykes in the absence of Paul Creech

59 at Ga. Union Junior Camp

\$1,715.30 in checking account

MSC to accept

Ordaining report - Recommend licensing for Myron Parkerson, First Eastman

MSC to accept

Digest report given by Gene Collins: 13 churches reporting at the meeting; 34 members added; 3 members lost; net gain 31 members; 10 baptized; total offerings \$213,191.55

MSC to accept

Bro. Trent reminded us that the Oct. meeting is designated for the Ala. Children's Home. The offering from that day will go to ACH and gifts and supplies will be brought.

Offering Prayer by Emory Howell; Offertory Music by Daniel Williams

Break

We reconvened with "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Ricky Gilmore

Following prayer by Donald Moore, Bro. Ricky rendered the special music, "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference" and "Sweet Beulah Land."

Several prayer requests were made and Bro. Trent led in prayer

Message was given by Myron Parkerson, First Church, Eastman (in the absence of scheduled speaker Paul Creech) using as his Scripture Luke 8:43-49 Bro. Myron reminded us that the promise of Jesus to return for his Church and requested Bro. Ricky to sing Sweet Beulah Land again

Bro. Myron said that just as Jesus knew someone in the crowd had touched him, he knows every prayer we pray and he responds to our need and makes a difference in our lives. We win people to the Lord when we are outside the church walls. We also need to stop compromising with the world and stand up for what we know is right. He closed with Daniel Williams at the piano and an invitation to pray at the altar.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Emory Howell

Beginning balance 2549.17; dues received \$635.00; balance in ministers' retirement fund

3911.91; retirement money received 30.00; total in both funds \$7,126.08. Today's offering: \$158.00
MSC to accept.

Misc. business

Bro. Trent read letter of resignation from Moderator, Bro. Grover Jewell and Clerk, Sis. Donna Jewell. MSC to accept resignation

Bro. Jimmy Rozier announced that would Trent Dykes would accept nomination to fill moderator position and Henrietta Brown would accept clerk position.

The Bylaws for Trustee Board, tabled at the April meeting, were read by Bro. Gene Ross. MSC to approve.

Delegates to convention - None going

Announcements and closing prayer by Bro. Bill Brown

Trent Dykes, acting moderator
Henrietta Brown, acting clerk

ANNUAL SESSION
Georgia Union Minutes
October 7, 2006
Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church

The Georgia Union Association met on Oct. 7, 2006, at Pleasant Hill Church. Moderator Trent Dykes called the meeting to order. Bro. Gene Ross opened in prayer. Bro. Paul Creech led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves." Host pastor, Bro. W.E. (Bill) Brown brought a short devotional using Proverbs 22:6 as his text. He encouraged the churches to do all they can to involved our young people in the business of the churches, including the quarterly meetings. He suggested we can do this by allowing the young people to present special music or even a short skit for a devotional. Bro. Bill then welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church.

MSC to adopt program with necessary changes.

Moderator recognized the 13 deacons present. The Clerk called the roll of the delegates and ministers and the moderator asked all of the delegates to stand. MSC to seat the delegates. The clerk read the minutes of the July meeting. MSC to accept as read.

Moderator read the recommendations from the executive board:

1. Today's offering to the Alabama Children's Home.
2. That each church, in addition to submitting an annual report for the October session, submit a quarterly report for the reporting period from July through September.
3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to Pleasant Hill Church for their hospitality in hosting the Annual session. MSC to adopt.

Mission Board report: Bro. Paul Creech gave the Mission Board report. MSC to adopt as information.

The following Christian Education Board report was given by Tom Douglas:

Treasury - \$1,651.29

The board received a good report from the Ministers' Wives Retreat. The Senior Saints retreat scheduled for Oct. 31-Nov. 1 is full. Deborah Creech (White Oaks Church) won first place in the National Poetry Writing contest for her age group. MSC to accept as information.

Camping board report given by Paul Creech; MSC to accept

Nominating committee: In the absence of the chairman of the nominating committee, the following persons were nominated from the floor and elected by acclamation:

Trent Dykes - Moderator
Asst. Moderator - Bill Brown
Clerk - Henrietta Brown
Asst. Clerk - Daniel Williams
Treasurer - Paul Creech
Trustee Board - Jimmy Rozier
Ordaining Board - Gene Ross
Camp Board - Glen Smith
Digest Committee - Gene Collins
Mission Board - Bill Brown

CE Board - Harold Dunaway
CE Board - Tony Howell

Report from Ala. Children's Home - Bro. Roger Bennett
20 Children with 2 in college

The home has a reunion every odd year on Thanksgiving that now includes several generations.

Bro. Roger thanked Ga. Union for its support. He also said the home had welcomed Dick and Barb Williams as new house parents and Chris and Beth Wilhite as new house parents to teen boys. (Note: Bro. Roger returned to Alabama with a van full of supplies for the home from Ga. Union churches.)

Offertory Prayer by Paul Creech

Digest report given by Gene Collins: 14 churches reporting at meeting; 97 members added; 25 members lost; net gain of 72 members; 30 baptized. Total annual offerings reported \$819,665.81 (report covered Oct. 2005-Sept. 2006). MSC to accept

Break

We reconvened with "Power in the Blood" led by Ricky Gilmore
Following prayer by Bro. Ricky, Henrietta Brown rendered the special music, "Small Piece of Clay" and "Keep Me in Your Will"

Several prayer requests were made and Bro. Trent led in prayer, remembering especially the families of those who passed away during the past quarter.

The morning message was given by Bro. Paul Creech whose text was taken from several chapters in the Gospel of John.

From John 1 - He spoke about "in the beginning."

From John 2 - Bro. Paul talked about family relationships

From John 3 - Bro. Paul reminded us that Jesus came into the world to rescue Israel. He also focused for a few moments on Nicodemus and his (and our) need to be born again.

From John 4 - He said that Samaria presented a problem to the disciples getting from one place to the other. Vs. 2 - Jesus said "I have to go through Samaria." Jesus was being obedient to His Father. Bro. Paul then elaborated on the witness of Jesus to the woman at the well, reminding us that like that woman we have questions and issues. The ultimate outcome was that she recognized Jesus as the Messiah, just as we must. We must also introduce Him to others as we work to bring in the harvest. God's salvation is for all who thirst. Bro. Paul then led us in singing the chorus of "Fill My Cup Lord."

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Paul Creech

Beginning balance: \$3594.17; dues received \$2065.00; balance in ministers' retirement fund \$4490.98; retirement money received \$104.69; total both funds \$10,254.84. Today's offering for the Alabama Children's Home was \$2,121.00. MSC to accept.

Announcements and closing prayer by Bro. Shine Collins

Trent Dykes, Moderator
Henrietta Brown, 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.

ors 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 Association shall always adjourn by vote and prayer.
6. There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with the treasurer, and report to this Association.
7. The Association shall always open and close with prayer and praise to God.
8. The Executive Board shall be in charge of disbursement of the retirement fund for retired ministers.
9. 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 proposed site or land purchase.

(iv) Any real estate of whatsoever type or style available and to be purchased, rented, leased or otherwise contracted for must first be approved by the Board. Final approval must be given by the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists in session with all titles and deeds or lease agreements being made in the name of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

(v) Land purchases authorized by the Board and made in the name of the Board will be financed in a manner approved by the Board. Any appeals for funds with which to make such purchase shall be under the auspices and in the name of the Board for and in behalf of the mission church.

(vi) Title to any real property purchased for a mission church under the sponsorship of the Board shall be retained by the Board until such time as the mission church is organized into a bona-fide Free Will Baptist Church and is operating on a self-sustaining basis. At any time title will be transferred to the church, said title shall contain a revision clause as follows: "If _____ Free Will Baptist Church, located at _____, ever ceases for any reason(s) whatsoever to operate and function as a Free Will Baptist Church or pull themselves out of the Georgia Union Association, this property, with all the appurtenances thereto affixed and belonging, shall revert to the Board of Missions of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists."

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

"We agree to abide by these guidelines:

Signed:

Mission Pastor

Mission Clerk

Board Chairman

Board Clerk"

(C) Inasmuch as responsive assistance and supervision both to the mission and from the Association is essential for successful mission work, the following counties shall be designated as the home missions field for this Mission Board: Bibb, Peach, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Laurens, Bleckley, Houston, Macon, 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:

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.

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*.

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:

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 candi-

date'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.

**Constitution of The Trustee Board
of The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists
(Adopted April 8, 2006)**

**Article I
The Name**

The name of this Board shall be the Trustee Board of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

**Article II
The Purpose**

The Board of Trustees shall have general charge of all real and personal property (the Property”) belonging to, or in the name of, the Georgia Union Association, and shall assume full responsibility of said Property, including, but not limited to, holding deeds; maintenance; upkeep; and/or disposition of said Property, and shall make sure such Property is adequately insured. (The Georgia Union treasurer has possession of the Association’s insurance policy.) All decisions regarding the purchase and/or sale of any Property must be presented to and approved by a majority vote of the Georgia Union Association while in session.

**Article III
Members of the Trustee Board**

Section 1. 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

Section 2. Board members are expected to faithfully attend Board meetings and regular sessions of the Georgia Union Association.

Section 3. Board members shall be reimbursed at the current mileage rate of the IRS for their attendance at Board meetings.

Article IV

Quorum

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

Article V

Amendments

This Constitution 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	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 Mail: P.O. Box 130 Perry, GA 31069 Physical: 10157 Highway 341 Ft. Valley, GA 31030 gsjewell@aol.com	2000	Grover Jewell 118 Quinelle Drive Perry, GA 31069 478-218-8750 Wife: Donna	Donna Jewell 118 Quinelle Drive Perry, GA 31069 478-218-8750
Crossroads Rt. 3, Box 830 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4566	1910	Gene Ross 126 Jones Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4566 Wife: Anne	Susan Crooms 244 Smith-Bass-Mullis Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-9933
Double Branch 3011 Williams Road Unadilla, GA 31091 double@cstel.net	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	Tim Hutchinson 515 Tucker St. Dublin, GA 31021 478-296-0711 Wife: Suzan	Joann Lysaker 102 Prince St. Dublin, GA 31021 478-272-5663

First Eastman 5830 Sixth Avenue Eastman, GA 31023	1961	Myron Parkerson 1317 Reedy Branch Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-5951	Lori Jones 1882 Cochran Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-6390
Little Bethel Rt. 1, Rebie Road Chester, GA 31012	1915	James Dixon 72 Popular Spring Rd. Eastman, GA 31012 478-374-5219 Wife: Frances	Tommy Parker 117 Lonnie Bryant Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-6048
Mt. Ararat 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Hwy Eastman, GA 31023	1885	No pastor at this time	Ida Mae Johnson 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Rd Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3031
New Hope 139 Free Will Church Rd. Cochran, GA 31014	1885	Tony Howell 22 Beechwood Dr. Eastman, GA 31023	Angela Cranford P.O. Box 6 Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4421
Pine Level 61 Pine Level Church Rd. Chester, GA 31012	1924	Ricky Gilmore 5025 Chester Hwy Chester, GA 31012 478-358-4477	Moniece Moore 3539 Chester Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3217
Pleasant Hill 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211	1896	W.E. (Bill) Brown 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-8746 Wife: Henrietta	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 91092 229-268-6211
Warner Robins 214 Brady Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088 jimmyR0_@msn.com 478-922-0544	1964	Jimmy Rozier, Sr. 3222 Maynard Mill Rd. Forsyth, GA 31029 478-994-9839 Wife: Linda	Nell Fordham 111 Sudan Road Byron, GA 31008 478-953-4571
White Oaks 7035 Houston Rd. Macon, GA 31216 478-785-9170	1953	Paul Creech 6332 Carey Drive Macon, GA 31216 478-781-5502 Wife: Rhoda	Gloria Johnson 5725 Swymer Dr. Macon, GA 31216 478-788-2197

ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

<u>Church</u>	<u>Members Received</u>	<u>#Baptisms</u>	<u>Members Lost</u>	<u>Total Memembers</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assoc. Dues</u>
Bay Springs	10	4	4	82	53	\$ 56,727.92	\$50
Bethlehem	1	0	5	80	26	69,458.00	50
Christian Hill	5	0	0	55	22	11,479.63	45
Cornerstone	2	0	4	29	29	45,497.31	40
Crossroads	1	1	0	22	20	25,860.07	40
Double Branch	43	8	0	294	98	231,845.87	95
Dublin	7	1	2	40	25	14,035.91	40
Eastman	9	0	0	33	22	24,187.95	35
Little Bethel	0	0	0	37	21	40,219.99	40
Mt. Ararat	0	0	2	77	15	31,414.44	35
New Hope	0	5	1	75	45	39,784.76	45
Pine Level	0	0	0	97	55	53,839.87	50
Pleasant Hill	0	0	2	63	25	35,148.22	45
Warner Robins	18	2	4	76	27	31,558.04	45
White Oaks	8	8	3	95	45	122,632.74	50

Total Georgia Union Membership: 1,115

Total Annual Income: \$833,690.70

Annual statistics taken from October 2006 Annual Reporting Form

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.