

**2008**

**Minutes of The**

**One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Session**

**of the**

**GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION**

**held at**

**DUBLIN FIRST**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Dublin, Georgia**

**Saturday, October 11, 2008**

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<b>Moderator</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>Trent Dykes</b>
<b>Assistant Moderator</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>W.E. (Bill) Brown</b>
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>Henrietta Brown</b>
<b>Assistant Clerk</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>Donna Jewell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>Paul Creech</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>Marion Collins</b>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>Nita Hobbs</b>

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## DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session	January 10, 2009	Eastman First
2nd Quarterly Session	April 11, 2009	Little Bethel
3rd Quarterly Session	July 11, 2009	Mr. Ararat
Annual Session	October 10, 2009	New Hope

## SPEAKERS FOR EACH SESSION (subject to change)

January	Grover Jewell
April	Ronnie Lawson
July	Wayne Martin
October	Myron Parkerson

## 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

<b>Moderator (2009)</b>	<b>Trent Dykes</b> 171 Free Will Church Rd. Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-8957
<b>Assistant Moderator (2008)</b>	<b>W.E. (Bill) Brown</b> 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
<b>Clerk (2009)</b>	<b>Henrietta Brown</b> 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
<b>Assistant Clerk (2008)</b>	<b>Donna Jewell</b> 118 Quinelle Dr. Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
<b>Treasurer (2009)</b>	<b>Paul Creech</b> 6332 Cary Drive Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
<b>Assistant Treasurer (2008)</b>	<b>Marion "Shine" Collins</b> 7000 Clay Circle Macon, GA 31216	478-788-8530
<b>Member at Large (2009)</b>	<b>Nita Hobbs</b> 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-6211

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Trent Dykes	P.O. Box 869, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-8957
W.E. (Bill) Brown	540 Parker Rd., Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
Henrietta Brown	540 Parker Road, Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
Tom Douglas	132 Francis Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-8631
Tim Hutchinson	515 Tucker St., Dublin, GA 31021	478-296-0711
Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
Marion "Shine" Collins	7000 Clay Circle, Macon, GA 31216	478-788-8530
Nita Hobbs	9465 Hwy. 215, Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-6211

## TRUSTEE BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(2009) Jimmy Rozier	3222 Maynard Mill Rd., Forsyth, GA 31088	478-994-9839
(2010) Marion Collins	7000 Clay Circle, Macon, GA 31216	478-788-8530
(2011) Ricky Gilmore	5025 Chester, Hwy., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4477
(2012) Edward Moore	Rt. 6, Box 195, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3217
(2013) Donald Self	Rt. 6, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-4544

## ORDAINING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(2009) Ricky Gilmore	5025 Chester Hwy., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4477
(2010) Charles Thigpen	422 Southland Trail, Byron, GA 31008	478-956-4046
(2011) Billy Sharpston	1079 Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, GA 31204	478-405-7891
(2012) Tim Hutchinson	515 Tucker St., Dublin, GA 31021	478-296-0711
(2013) W.E. (Bill) Brown	540 Parker Rd., Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746

### **CAMPING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)**

(2009) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
(2010) Ricky Gilmore	5025 Chester Hwy., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4477
(2011) Wanda Knight	208 Barnard Wright Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-6918
(2012) Monte McKenzie	31 Liberty Street, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8178
(2013) Chris Sargent	1140 E. Chicken Rd., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4605

### **DIGEST COMMITTEE (Three-Year Terms)**

(2009) Gene Collins	1051 N. Pine Knoll Drive, Macon, GA 31204	478-405-9939
(2011) Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Dr., Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750

### **MISSION BOARD (Two-Year Terms)**

(2009) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
(2009) Tim Hutchinson	515 Tucker St., Dublin, GA 31021	478-296-0711
(2010) Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Dr., Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
(2010) W.E. Brown	540 Parker Road, Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
(2010) Chris Sargent	1140 E. Chicken Rd., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4605

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD (Three-Year Terms)**

(2009) Tom Douglas	132 Francis Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-8631
(2009) Tony Howell	22 Beechwood Dr., Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3356
(2009) Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3, Box 3150, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-2949
(2010) Stewart Allen Clark	Rt. 3, Box 3500, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-9474
(20011) Monty McKenzie	31 Liberty Street, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8178

### **STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

(2009) Mission Board	Paul Creech	478-781-5502
(2009) Christian Ed. Board	Tom Douglas	478-781-8631
(2010) Trustee Board	Marion "Shine" Collins	478-788-8530
(2012) Camp Board	Monte McKenzie	478-892-8178

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elected Each Year)**

Jimmy Rozier, W.E. Brown, Harold Dunaway

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE (Elected Each Year)**

Paul Creech, Jimmy Rozier, Marion "Shine" Collins

## MINISTERS

### Honor Roll (exempt from reporting)

Faircloth, Howard	563 Lawndale Dr., Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3017
McFadden, Richard	4662 Brookhaven Rd., Macon, GA 31206	478-474-9522
Powell, Elbert	Rt. 1, Box 114, Chester, GA 31012	478-934-4348
Ross, Eugene	126 Jones Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-4566
Sharpston, Billy	1079 Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, GA 31204	478-405-7891
Thigpen, Charles	422 Southland Trail, Byron, GA 31008	478-956-4046

### Ordained/Active

Brown, W.E.	540 Parker Road, Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
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	478-374-3356
Hutchinson, Tim	515 Tucker St., Dublin, GA 21021	478-296-0711
Jewell, Grover	118 Quinelle Drive, Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
Lawson, Ronnie	561 Old Brookfield Rd., Tifton, GA 31794	912-382-8149
Martin, Wayne	Mitchell Road, Rochelle, GA 31079	229-624-2066
Parkerson, Myron	1317 Reedy Branch Rd., Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-5951
Rozier, Jimmy	3222 Maynard Mill Rd., Forsyth, GA 31029	478-994-9839
Sargent, Chris	1140 E. Chicken Rd., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4605
Woods, Roy L.	Rt. 2, Box 112-B, Alamo, GA 30411	912-568-7685

### Licensed Ministers

Daniel Williams	4266 Abbeville Hwy. Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3282
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**GEORGIA UNION MINUTES  
FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION JANUARY 12, 2008  
CORNERSTONE CHURCH**

The Georgia Union Association met on January 12, 2008, at the Cornerstone FWB Church.

Todd Kirkpatrick opened the session in prayer and we sang "What a Day that will Be". The moderator welcomed everyone.

Bro. Grover Jewel, host pastor, welcomed everyone to Cornerstone and gave general information about the church.

The program was adopted with necessary changes.

The moderator welcomed the visitors present: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.

The moderator welcomed the 10 deacons who were present.

The clerk read the roll call of the delegates and the Moderator called the roll of the ordained and licensed ministers. The voting delegates were then seated.

The executive report was read:

Today's offering going to Nathan and Linda Snow, Missionaries to Japan.

Rising vote of thanks to Cornerstone for hosting the session.

MSC report.

Tim Hutchinson read ordaining board report. New members elected: Tim Hutchinson and Charles Thigpen as chair and vice chair, respectively. The board will meet February 11, at Crossroads at 7:00 if there is business to conduct. Will usually meet May, August and November, following each association meeting. 2nd Monday of the month at Crossroads if business to conduct.

MSC to receive as information.

The moderator reported the CE Board dates: GA Youth competition April 5, at White Oaks at 10:00. Need registration forms by March 22.

State Youth Conference: May 3, at White Oaks

Couples Retreat: February 22-23 Jekyll Island – deadline January 14. \$80

Senior days January 24 & 25 FWBBC

Other dates announced were: State Meeting, Albany in March 12-14; Ministers' Retreat: April 21-23

The offering was received.

Special Music –Grover and Donna Jewell and Virginia Bowle sang, "No One Stands Alone".

Emory Howell brought the message from Matthew 8:5 entitled "Faith". Are you seeking Jesus for "compliance" or "evidence"? When you pray to Him, expect the right answer, which will be His will and not ours. Jesus is not "was" but "IS". He is able. Expect to receive.

We took a break and when we reconvened, we sang "The Wonder of it All", and Bro. Benny Lafferty prayed.

Dr. Charles Thigpen spoke on behalf of FWBBC, asking for financial support to help pay for debt on a refurbished building on West End campus. He asked each church to give \$1,000.

Roger Wilds gave his testimony after his motorcycle accident a year ago and thanked the GU for their prayers and financial support.

Mission Board presented a check to Bro. Roger and he pledged to give it to CMA.

The Cornerstone Singers sang "Jesus Hold My Hand," and Rose Baxley and Charles Padgett accompanied on the harmonica. They also sang "I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand."

Rev. Alan Austin of the Alabama Children's Home gave a report of the work of the Home. They have 23 children currently. The goal of the Home is to do a better job this year than ever before. Hundreds of children have been helped because Georgia Union Association has been faithful in giving to this ministry. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry.

Rev. Fred Hersey gave a report from International Missions. He challenged each church to utilize the coin banks for the World Missions Offering in April. There are 63 applications from new missionaries. In 2006, \$317,000.00 was raised. 2007, \$502,000.00 was invested in reaching the lost for Christ.

Paul Creech gave the treasurers report. Beginning balance on hand was \$6,115.10. Received today \$645.00 Balance on hand in the Minister's retirement fund \$5,502.93 for a total of \$12,263.03. Today's offering was \$137.00.

Election of delegates to the State Meeting in Albany. Donna Jewell volunteered to serve. MSC to accept Donna Jewell as delegate and to empower the moderator to add additional delegates at the State Meeting.

Additional Obituary report: Gertrude Self, wife of deacon Donald Self, from Pine Level passed away.

MSC to adjourn.

Ricky Gilmore closed the meeting with prayer. Shine Collins prayed for the food. Everyone then enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the folks at Cornerstone.

Donna Jewell, Acting Clerk

Trent Dykes, Moderator



## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING APRIL 12, 2008 DOUBLE BRANCH CHURCH

The second quarterly meeting at Double Branch Church was opened with prayer by Myron Parkerson.

Monte McKenzie led the congregation singing "Down at the Cross"

Bro. Monte welcomed everyone to Double Branch and gave general information about the church.

Trent Dykes, moderator, asked for a motion to adopt the program with any necessary changes. MSC

Bro. Trent welcomed the 9 deacons present

Clerk called the roll of delegates and ordained and licensed ministers. There were 3 honor roll and 13 active ministers present.

The clerk gave the Executive Board report:

That today's offering be give to Bro. Paul Creech

That we give Double Branch a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality in hosting today's meeting.

MSC to adopt.

Bro. Emory Howell gave the mission board report:

CD - \$16,738.27

Checking \$123,379.27

FWB Foundation \$146,626.36

136,000 moved to FWB Foundation

Monte McKenzie gave the CE Board report:

CTS state competition to be held May 3 at White Oaks Church

Requested prayer for Thad Douglas who will be traveling with the YET team in June

Thad and Deborah Creech will be attending Truth and Peace in July and attending the convention in Charleston, WV to help with NYC

Ministers' Retreat to be April 21-23 at George T. Bagby State Park.

Reported good couples retreat in February with Dr. Ken Riggs – attendance down some \$2678.00 in treasury. CE Board will pay the registration fee for all entries going to the state competition.

– MSC to accept

Monte McKenzie gave the Camp Board report May 26-30 Forsyth – Junior Camp –

MSC to accept

Bro. Tim Hutchinson announced ordaining board meeting May 12, 7 p.m.,

Crossroads Church

Announced July session will be at Crossroads Church and October session at Dublin Church

Announced family in Cornerstone Church had a fire and needs any help that can be given

Ricky Gilmore gave the offertory prayer and the offering was received

Break

Reconvened with Bro. Monte leading the congregation singing "He Set Me Free"

Special Music was rendered by a trio from the host church consisting of Monte McKenzie, Tracy Hayes and Chris Sergeant. They sang, "More than Just a Hill." Bro. Myron Parkerson requested an encore, sanctioned by the body.

Rev. Tony Howell reminded us in his opening remarks that the coming of the Lord is closer than ever. He used as his text Jeremiah 1:4ff

He pointed out this is a calling message – the calling of Jeremiah. God called Jeremiah to be His prophet. He knew Jeremiah and He know us. Bro. Tony emphasized that each of us must give an account for what we do. It's not important whether we please men – please God is what's important. Bro. Tony said that we are living in a time of falling away. We need to stay at our task until God is ready for us to move on. Instead of saying, "I can't," we should say, "Can do."

The road is not easy. Jeremiah continued to warn Israel even though they asked him for ease. He wept for his people as we need to weep over the lost.

Bro. Trent asked for an invitation hymn and several responded, praying at the altar. Bro. Trent led in prayer following this.

Dr. Thigpen spoke to the body about FWBBC and the contribution that Georgia has made. He urged every church and individual to make a monetary contribution for debt retirement at the college.

Digest committee – Gene Collins reported that all 15 churches reported.

Treasurer's report – Emory Howell Offering \$344.00

Bro. Trent announced the passing of Ellen Dunn of New Hope Church.

Other announcements of revival were made.

Move to adjourn MSC

Dr. Thigpen dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the dinner.

All enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henrietta Brown, Clerk  
Trent Dykes, Moderator

## THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING JULY 12, 2008 CROSSROADS CHURCH

Call to Order by Trent Dykes, moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Emory Howell

Song led by Bro. Myron Parkerson accompanied by Daniel Williams "He Set Me Free"

Bro. Wayne Moore of Crossroads Church welcomed everyone and gave general information on the church.

MSC to adopt program with necessary changes

The 10 deacons present were welcomed.

The clerk called the roll of ministers and delegates. The delegates were seated.

Executive board report given by the clerk was as follows:

The Board makes the following recommendations:

That today's offering go to the Evangel Players

That we give Crossroads Church a rising vote of thanks for their warm and generous hospitality in hosting today's meeting.

That we elect a nominating committee to serve for three months

Temporary nominating committee: Jimmy Rozier; Bill Brown; Harold Dunaway

MSC to adopt

Ordaining Board Report was given by Tim Hutchinson:

The Ordaining Board met on July 12 and made the following recommendations:

1. Bro. Eugene Ross moved to the Honor Roll of Ministers

2. Bro. Daniel Williams license be renewed

MSC to adopt

Offering

Bro. Myron led the congregation in singing "Without Him" and "Sheltered in the Arms of God."

Bro Ricky Gilmore rendered the special music, singing "It's Still the Cross."

Message: Paul Creech

Bro. Paul began with opening remarks of thanks.

Phil 1:6

Finishing what we start.... He who began a good work in you WILL perform that work until it is finished

Rev. 22:12

Behold I come quickly.... I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Bro. Paul reminded us that we are here until God is through with us and then He has something much better for us. God has eternity in mind and we need to focus on that, not on the here and now.

Paul related several of his experiences through his cancer treatment and encouraged all to remember that in all things God will have the preeminence. God has begun a good work in us and will carry it through.

Isaiah 43

We pray for God to deliver us from all the "bad stuff" and He often does. "But now, thus sayeth the Lord that created thee ... fear not (no matter what the circumstances are) for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name (He knows us); and you are mine. When thou passest through the waters.... Not if, or maybe, but when. For I AM (not was, not will be) the Lord thy God ....

To God be the glory; great thing HE has done!

Gene Collins gave the digest committee report

14 churches reporting; 15 members added; 1 member lost; 14 net gain; 3 baptized

Quarterly offering \$204,900.51

MSC to receive as information

Break

Following the break, Paul Creech gave the following treasurer's report: General fund, beginning balance, \$5,600.31; received today \$640.00; new balance \$6240.31 Minister's retirement fund, beginning balance, \$307.93; received today 0; balance \$5307.93. Total in both funds \$11,548.24. Today's offering \$197.00. MSC to receive as information.

Paul Creech made a motion to give an offering of \$500 to the Evangel Players.  
MSC

We were privileged to have the Evangel Players from Free Will Baptist Bible College for a drama presentation. The presentation covered events during the siege of Jerusalem during the reign of King Hezekiah. It was a well-done production and enjoyed by all.

Announcements were given

MSC to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henrietta Brown, Clerk  
Trent Dykes, Moderator



**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 11, 2008  
DUBLIN FIRST CHURCH**

Call to Order by moderator, Trent Dykes

Song led by Tim Hutchinson, host pastor – “Send the Light”

Scripture from Isaiah read by Tim Hutchinson

Welcome by Tim Hutchinson

MSC to adopt program with necessary changes

The 10 deacons present were welcomed.

The clerk called the roll of ministers and delegates.

The delegates were seated.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Executive board report given by the clerk was as follows:

The Board makes the following recommendations:

That today's offering go to the Alabama Children's Home

That we give Dublin Church a rising vote of thanks for their warm and generous hospitality in hosting today's meeting.

The amount of the honorarium for retired ministers be increased from \$75 to \$100

MSC to adopt all.

Paul Creech gave the mission board report:

The work at Cartersville – going well – awaiting permit to begin construction; averaging 100

The work in Harris County – averaging 30 – going well

The work at Valdosta – Mission board voted to close work at the end of the year.

National missions – Debbie Griffin is in the states and available for services. Paul gave information about funding restructure and announced his appointment to International Missions Board

Funds in the mission board account \$146,465.97

MSC to adopt as information

Motion by Ricky Gilmore for mission board to match today's offering for Ala. Children's Home. MSC

The CE Board report was given by Tom Douglas:

May – State of Georgia Youth Competition at White Oaks with 10 categories entered by Ga. Union youth.

June 27 the YET Team was at White Oaks. There were more than 100 present from all over the state. The church fed pizza to everyone.

July – Ga. Union meeting the Evangelists Drama Team from FWBBC did the program.

July 21-25 – National Association in Charleston, West Va. Winners from Ga. Union were Deborah Creech, 3rd in creative writing (poetry); Lydia Creech, 3rd in creative writing (poetry); Thad Douglas 1st in creative writing (short story).

Senior Citizens Retreat is scheduled for Nov. 3-5 at George T. Bagby State Park, Fort Gaines, Ga., with Tom Malone as speaker.

Money spent - \$260 for food for YET Team; \$200 for YET offering; \$50 for Thad Douglas.

Currently in bank - \$2533.88

MSC to receive as information

Camp board – Paul Creech reported a good year for the camping program. \$3459.34 in account

The Ordaining Board report was given by Tim Hutchinson. There was no business this past quarter. Will meet Nov. 10, White Oaks

Nominating Committee – Jimmy Rozier – MSC to receive report  
Elected to serve were:



Asst. Moderator – W.E. Brown replaces himself  
 Trustee – Donald Self replaces himself  
 Ordaining Board – W.E. Brown replaces himself  
 Mission Board – Grover Jewell to replace Emory Howell  
     W.E. Brown replaces himself  
 Asst. Treasurer – Marion Collins replaces Emory Howell  
 Asst Clerk – Donna Jewell replaces Daniel Williams  
 Digest Committee – Grover Jewell replaces Daniel Williams  
 CE Board – Monte McKenzie replaces himself  
 Camp Board – Wanda Knight replaces Glen Smith  
     Chris Sargent replaces Travis Sanders  
 Trustee Board – replaces Eugene Ross – Ricky Gilmore  
 Ordaining Board – replaces Eugene Ross – Billy Sharpston  
 Mission Board – replaces Eugene Ross - Chris Sargent  
 Nominating Committee - Jimmy Rozier, W.E. Brown, Harold Dunaway  
 Finance Committee - Paul Creech, Jimmy Rozier, Marion Collins

Digest Committee report was given by Gene Collins

Quarterly – 14 churches reporting; 27 members added; 4 members lost; net gain 23; 10 baptized. Total quarterly offerings \$188,838.44.

Annual – 13 churches reporting; 51 members added; 9 members lost; 42 net gain; 16 baptized. Total annual offerings \$888,052.79

Offering was taken by Emory Howell and Ricky Gilmore

Paul Creech announced that Daniel Williams has published a book on the history of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists

Special Music: Cheryl Halfhill and Sue Joiner sang “Are You Saved” and “Help is on the Way”

Message by Rev. Tim Hutchinson

What does the future hold? God is sovereign – Jesus will never leave us nor forsake – God is working out all things for our good.

What does the future hold for our churches? Bro. Tim brought out the fact that many people are coming in our churches through the front door and going out the back, and asked the questions, “If this continues, what does the future hold? Do the past experiences of in the front and out the back have to continue? Can we change it?”

The answer can be found in God’s Word, Matthew 28:18 ff – the Great Commission with emphasis on vs. 19 – Go (having gone) Make disciples (teach)

All of us are commanded to become disciples makers.

We are to blame for the in and out because we have not been making disciples.

Who and what is a disciple? There are 260 references in first five books of New Testament. A disciple is someone who has a declared relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a life-long journey of growing in that relationship.

Staying in the Word daily is part of the process. We should also share our faith – telling others what Jesus has done in our lives. We should share the love of Jesus. Jesus made disciples wherever he went.

How to make a disciple

T – Take time to tell them and teach them.

E – Encourage them in the faith and in their Christian life.

A – Answer their questions and be accepting of them.

C – Check on those who come in the front door and show them you care.

H – Hold them up in prayer.

Bro. Tim challenged us to cultivate a relationship with one person outside our family, lead them to the Lord, and spend the next year discipling them following these guidelines.

Treasurer's Report given by Paul Creech

Association fund beginning balance hand \$6,240.31; dues received today \$2150.00; new balance \$8,390.31.

Ministers Retirement fund beginning balance \$5,307.93; received today \$237.26; new balance \$5,545.19.

Total in both funds \$13,925.50

MSC to receive as information

Bro. Donald Self addressed the body remembering his time over the past almost seven decades of serving and fellowshipping with Free Will Baptists. He served numerous years on the Ga. Union Mission Board and continues to serve on the Trustee Board.

Announcements and prayer requests were made.

MSC to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrietta Brown, Clerk

Trent Dykes, Moderator

# 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 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)  
(Revised April 7, 2007)

**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.
- Section 2.** Board members shall serve five-year terms on a staggered basis, with one member rotating off each year.
- Section 3.** Each member shall be elected by the members of this association in regular session.
- Section 4.** This Board shall be responsible for electing its own officers.
- Section 5.** 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

<b>Church</b>	<b>Organized</b>	<b>Pastor and Address</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Bay Springs</b> Bay Spring Church Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-1220	1884	Trent Dykes 171 Free Will Church Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-8957 Wife: Carminta	Chad Smith 322 Harrison St. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-2746
<b>Bethlehem</b> 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
<b>Christian Hill</b> Christian Hill Road 1727 Gordon Road Rochelle, GA 31079	1887	Wayne Martin 1325 Mitchell Road Rochelle, GA 31079 229-624-2066 Wife: Paula	Nancy Sheffield 478 Ashley St Rochelle, GA 31079 229-365-0088
<b>Cornerstone</b> 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
<b>Crossroads</b> 110 Jones Road Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4566	1910	Chris Sargent 1140 E. Chicken Rd.. Chester, GA 31012 478-358-4605 Wife: Anne	Susan Crooms 244 Smith-Bass-Mullis Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-9933
<b>Double Branch</b> 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
<b>Dublin</b> Physical: 1824 Claxton Dairy Rd. Mail: P.O. Box 1882 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
<b>First Eastman</b> 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



<b>Little Bethel</b> 1275 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
<b>Mt. Ararat</b> 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Hwy Eastman, GA 31023	1885	Roy L. Woods Rt. 2, Box 112-B Alamo, GA 30411 912-568-7685	Ida Mae Johnson 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Rd Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3031
<b>New Hope</b> 139 Free Will Church Rd. Cochran, GA 31014	1885	Tony Howell 22 Beechwood Dr. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3356	Angela Cranford 22 Church St. Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4421
<b>Pine Level</b> 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
<b>Pleasant Hill</b> 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211	1898	W.E. (Bill) Brown 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-8746 Wife: Henrietta	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211
<b>Warner Robins</b> 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
<b>White Oaks</b> 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 Members</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assoc. Dues</u>
Bay Springs	0	0	1	89	53	\$ 65,965.90	\$50
Bethlehem	0	0	0	77	25	77,896.16	50
Christian Hill	3	0	0	48	22	12,541.12	45
Cornerstone	1	0	1	35	35	34,965.50	40
Crossroads	0	0	0	36	16	n/a	40
Double Branch	9	0	3	303	98	185,408.61	80
Dublin	0	0	0	41	20	24,008.39	40
Eastman	21	10	0	48	n/a	51,656.75	40
Little Bethel	2	0	0	37	18	41,277.10	40
Mt. Ararat	6	0	1	78	19	25,870.51	45
New Hope	0	0	1	73	45	n/a	45
Pine Level	0	0	0	95	55	51,240.07	45
Pleasant Hill	3	1	1	67	25	37,348.45	45
Warner Robins	9	2	1	85	20	44,901.72	50
White Oaks	0	0	0	97	45	159,509.63	50

Total Georgia Union Membership: 1,209

Total Annual Income: \$812,589.91

Annual statistics taken from October 2008 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.