

2010

Minutes of The

One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Session

of the

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

held at

**White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church
Macon, Georgia**

Saturday, October 9, 2010

*** * * * ***

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

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Table of Contents 1

Dates and Places to Remember 2

Officers and Committee Members 3-4

Ministers on Roll 5

Minutes, January Session 6-7

Minutes, April Session 8-9

Minutes, July Session 9-10

Minutes, Annual Session 11-14

Constitution and Bylaws of Georgia Union Association 15-18

Constitution of Camp Board 19-20

Constitution of Christian Education Board 21-22

Constitution of Mission Board 23-25

Constitution of Ordaining Board 26-30

Constitution of Trustee Board 31

Georgia Union Churches 32-33

Church Statistics 34

Church Covenant 35

DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1st Quarterly Session	January 8, 2011	Bay Springs
2nd Quarterly Session	April 9, 2011	Bethlehem
3rd Quarterly Session	July 9, 2011	Christian Hill
Annual Session	October 8, 2011	Cornerstone

SPEAKERS FOR EACH SESSION (subject to change)

January	Stewart-Allen Clark
April	Paul Creech
July	James Dixon
October	Trent Dykes

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

Moderator (2011)	Trent Dykes 456 Bowers Cemetery Rd Cochran, GA 31014	478-230-8546
Assistant Moderator (2012)	W.E. (Bill) Brown 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
Clerk (2011)	Henrietta Brown 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
Assistant Clerk (2012)	Donna Jewell 118 Quinelle Dr. Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
Treasurer (2011)	Paul Creech 6332 Cary Drive Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
Assistant Treasurer (2012)	Marion "Shine" Collins 7000 Clay Circle Macon, GA 31216	478-788-8530
Member at Large (2011)	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-6211

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Trent Dykes	456 Bowers Cemetery Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-230-8546
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)

(2011) Wayne Martin	325 Mitchell Road, Rochelle, GA 31079	229-624-2066
(2012) Edward Moore	Rt. 6, Box 195, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3217
(2013) Donald Self	Rt. 6, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-4544
(2014) Jimmy Rozier	3222 Maynard Mill Rd., Forsyth, GA 31088	478-994-9839
(2015) Marion Collins	7000 Clay Circle, Macon, GA 31216	478-788-8530

ORDAINING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(2011) Billy Sharpston	1079 Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, GA 31204	478-746-3254
(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
(2014) Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Dr., Perry, GA 31069	478-3218-8750
(2015) Charles Thigpen	422 Southland Trail, Byron, GA 31008	478-956-4046

CAMPING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(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
(2014) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
(2015) Vacant		

DIGEST COMMITTEE (Three-Year Terms)

(2011) Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Dr., Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
(2012) Gene Collins	1051 N. Pine Knoll Drive, Macon, GA 31204	478-405-9939

MISSION BOARD (Two-Year Terms)

(2011) Paul Creech	6332 Carey Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-5502
(2011) Tim Hutchinson	515 Tucker St., Dublin, GA 31021	478-296-0711
(2012) Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Dr., Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
(2012) W.E. Brown	540 Parker Road, Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-8746
(2012) Chris Sargent	1140 E. Chicken Rd., Chester, GA 31012	478-358-4605

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD (Three-Year Terms)

(20011) Monty McKenzie	31 Liberty Street, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8178
(2012) Tom Douglas	132 Francis Drive, Macon, GA 31216	478-781-8631
(2012) Tony Howell	22 Beechwood Dr., Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3356
(2012) Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3, Box 3150, Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-2949
(2013) Stewart-Allen Clark	1980 Double Branch Church Rd., Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-9474

STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

(2012) Camp Board	Monte McKenzie	478-892-8178
(2012) Christian Ed. Board	Tom Douglas	478-781-8631
(2014) Mission Board	Paul Creech	478-781-5502
(2015) Trustee Board	Marion "Shine" Collins	478-788-8530

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elected Each Year)

Jimmy Rozier, W.E. Brown, Grover Jewell

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
Sharpston, Billy	1079 Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, GA 31204	478-746-3254
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	1980 Double Branch Church Rd., 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	171 Free Will Church Rd., Cochran, GA 31014	478-230-8546
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	1325 Mitchell Road, Rochelle, GA 31079	229-624-2066
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
-----------------	---------------------------------------	--------------

GEORGIA UNION MINUTES FOR 2010

QUARTERLY SESSION JANUARY 9, 2010

PINE LEVEL FWB CHURCH

Moderator Trent Dykes called the session to order. Paul Creech opened the session with prayer.

The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" led by Ed Moore.

The pastor, Gerald McGaha, welcomed everyone and gave information about the church.

Motion to change the program as needed. MSC

Visitors – Fred and June Hersey and Wendell Wally

Deacons present numbered 11.

Roll call of delegates

Roll call of ministers

Seating of delegates

Executive board report:

1. Today's offering will go to International Missions
2. Rising vote of thanks to Pine Level Church

Offertory prayer – Chris Sargent

Gerald McGaha and Chris Sargent took up the offering.

International Missions Ambassador Fred Hersey brought information from about International Missions. He talked about his recent trip to Japan. He said that 13 people from the Japanese churches are planning to attend the celebration of the 75th year of International Missions at the National Convention in Oklahoma.

Bro. Fred congratulated the Ga. Union Association on an increase of 47% in its giving in 2009. He emphasized that IM giving is down. Due to the decrease in giving and the devaluation of the dollar the IM board has eliminated 4 full-time positions at the national office. There has been a 5% pay cut for all office and field personnel. He spoke of the burden of his heart for missions. He encouraged us to take a special offering for missions and to pray diligently that God would provide the need. He read from Jeremiah 1:4ff and talked briefly about his experience as a missionary in Japan. He closed his remarks with prayer.

The moderator reminded all that this meeting is geared for fellowship but that any board that needs to conduct business can do so. He pointed out that beginning with our April there will be a special seating for delegates.

Bro. Trent then presented a plaque of appreciation to Bro. Donald Self who has only missed two association meetings since WWII. Bro. Donald responded by speaking to the body. He pointed out that there is a whole different set of ministers from the time he first began coming. He pointed out that the Word of God will stand and you can count it. He read Rom. 14:10 – We all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ. II Cor. 5 –

Prayer by Gerald McGaha – Break

We reconvened with Bro. Moore leading the congregation in singing "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and prayer by Ronnie Lawson.

Monice Moore sang a special, "If He Never Blessed Me Again."

John Hyatt introduced our speaker for this part of the session, Dr. Wendell Wally, president of California Christian College.

Bro. Wally began by giving his background information. He is originally from Mississippi, pastored in Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and North Carolina. He said that Free Will Baptists in California are declining. Churches which did number in the high 80s now number 50, and members number around 2500.

He pointed out that the Free Will Baptists in California are much like Free Will Baptists here. California as a whole, however, is much different. One in four Californians are from another country. He talked about the need for the Gospel in ethnic groups there. He also talked about the needs at the college. He requested prayer for the college and its students. Bro. Wally said that the school is having a real impact on the community there.

He read scripture from Deut. 6:5 ff. He pointed out that the emphasis on this passage is that on teaching our children. He had us count off by 10s and the tenth person remained standing. Five were left standing. He said that this represented the number of children who remain in church into adulthood. "If we lose our kids, we lose our church, and if we lose our kids and our church, we lose our country," he said. The duty of parents is to raise Godly children. The influence of the home is stronger than the influence of the church. Psalm 78:5 ff emphasizes our responsibility to future generations. We have to make Christianity intentional. Main reasons for dropping out of church: boredom, hypocrisy, irrelevant. He talked about the importance of passing on our faith and that it is primarily the responsibility of the parents. It is the responsibility of the church to equip the parents to do this. He ended his message with encouragement for us to pass on our faith to the next generation – and the next and the next – and closed in prayer.

Digest committee report was given by Grover Jewell:

13 church reporting, lost 8, gained 14, net gain 6 – 988 total. 5 baptisms

Tithes and offerings \$178,547.18

Paul Creech gave the Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance in general fund: 6,440.60; deposits 560.00; expenditures 882.50; ending balance 6,118.10

Election of delegates to State Meeting:

No delegates. Executive board members empowered to appoint delegates.

Charlotte Ross thanked the association on behalf of the family of Eugene and Ann Ross.

Tom Douglas encouraged participation in the CTS competition.

Other announcements for revivals and special services were made.

Tim Hutchinson closed in prayer.

We all enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the members of Pine Level.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrietta Brown, Clerk

Trent Dykes, Moderator

QUARTERLY SESSION APRIL 10, 2010
PLEASANT HILL FWB CHURCH

Called to order by Moderator Trent Dykes

Wayne Martin opened the meeting with prayer.

Song – Victory in Jesus led by Paul Creech

The pastor, Bill Brown, welcomed everyone and gave general information about the church.

MSC to change the program as needed.

12 deacons were present. The clerk called the roll of church delegates and ministers. The delegates were seated.

The clerk read the recommendations of the Executive Board.

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

2. That today's offering go to the Marana Project

Mission Board by Paul Creech: \$10,000 was sent to FWB IM. He gave reports on the work at Cartersville, Open Door - Valdosta, and Harris County. Checking account - \$18,298.91. MSC to receive as information

CE Board given by Tom Douglas: The Camp Board met Feb. 18 at New Hope FWB.

General consensus was that we need to join with another association for camp this year.

Contact will be made to the Midway Association to see if we can meet with them.

Applications should be available at the April Association meeting. The campground will be a good bit further than last year; on Wednesday, the whole camp will go to Wild Adventures in Valdosta. In the treasury, we have \$3,914.95.

Camp Board given by Trent Dykes: Jr. Camp will be in conjunction with Midway/Martin Associations – second week in June. Teen Camp – first week in June. \$3914.95 in the treasury. MSC to receive as information

Ordaining Board – met, but no business. Next meeting May 10

Marana Project – Jeff and Heather Goodman and Josh and Ashley Bennett gave us an overview of their situation regarding their mission work in Arizona.

Offering was taken.

Break

We reconvened with a song - "I Love to Tell the Story"

Special Music – Henrietta Brown – "You Amaze Me" and Heather Goodman – "Give Me Jesus"

Message – Rev. Chris Sargent

Bro. Chris opened his message by praising God for three souls added to the Kingdom during the recent revival at Crossroads.

He talked about having a resume – Phil. 3 is Paul's resume. Paul presented his credentials, wanted people to understand he was "somebody." Then he said, in essence, all of this does not matter. It's all worthless. The only thing that matters is knowing Jesus. The road to ambition is one that many people take. Bro. Chris admitted that he had his own sights set on success – maybe a big mega-church. He said his ministry was not centered on others, but on himself. But God came down and taught him, "It's not about you." In the same way, it's not about any of us. We are nothing without God. We need to throw our agenda out the door and let Jesus do His work. Many who are in ministry jobs are there because of their own agenda. We all need to get rid of them and let God do what He does. The only place any of us can be happy is in the center of God's will. Vs. 10 – Paul said the thing that he wanted most was to know Jesus - intimately. We come to know Him by experiencing Him, living our lives through him. He wanted to know Jesus in the power of His resurrection and

in suffering with Him.

II Cor. 1:5 – As we share in his suffering, we also share in his comfort. We need to come to the place in our lives where we just hush, get out of the way, and let God be God. The only thing that matters in this life is knowing Him.

Digest committee report given by Gene Collins

14 churches reporting; 11 members added; 2 members lost; 9 net gain; 5 baptized.

Treasurer's report by Paul Creech

General fund: beginning balance - \$6,118.10; deposits - 575.00; expenditures - \$1748.59; new balance - \$4,844.51. Ministers' retirement fund: beginning balance - \$3,731.17; deposits - \$200.00; expenditures - \$300.00; new balance - \$3,631.17.

Today's offering - \$358.00. MSC - Offering rounded up to \$500 for the Marana project.

\$500 will be sent to Suzanne Dean for her summer mission trip to Brazil

Announcements were given.

We adjourned with prayer by Shine Collins and all enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Pleasant Hill Church.

QUARTERLY SESSION JULY 10, 2010 FIRST FWB CHURCH, WARNER ROBINS

Called to order by Assistant Moderator Bill Brown

Opened with song, "When We All Get to Heaven" and prayer by Paul Creech.

We were welcomed by the host pastor, Jimmy Rozier.

We voted to adopt the program with necessary changes.

Visitors present were recognized: Dale and Sandra Bishop, Nathan Snow, Pastor Kiyoshi Kojima; and Mrs. Yuko Ogura

The moderator recognized 9 deacons present

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

The clerk gave the recommendations of the Executive Board.

1. That today's offering go to the Georgia Union Youth representing Georgia at the NYC

2. That we give an offering from the general fund of \$300 each to the Bishops, Nathan Snow and Rick Bowling.

3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to First FWB Warner Robins for their warm and generous hospitality in hosting today's meeting.

MSC to accept

Offering – Prayer offered by Jimmy Rozier

Paul Creech introduced the speakers

Dale and Sandra Bishop, Nathan Snow, Pastor Kiyoshi Kojima; and Mrs. Yuko Ogura, an accomplished professional musician from Ebetsu, Japan. These sang "Majesty" in Japanese and then the congregation joined in English, accompanied by Mrs. Ogura on the piano. Mrs. Ogura gave her testimony with Nathan translating, then she and Nathan sang a duet – one of the songs she has written. She puts Scripture to music.

Pastor Kojima then spoke, giving his testimony with Bro. Dale translating.

Bro. Dale spoke briefly about his and Sandra's ministry in Japan, reminding us that we need to go, and as we go, tell others about Jesus.

Chris Sargent briefly shared about the E-team trip to Uruguay. He and his wife Tori were chaperones for nine students for a two-week trip.

Dale reported on the progress of the GO10 walk. Almost \$470,000 has been raised. It will be matched up to \$500,000 by an anonymous donor, making \$1 million for IM.

Break

We reconvened with the song 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'

Bro. Jimmy Rozier brought the special music – "I've Been Delivered" and "Some Call It Heaven"

Digest committee report given by Gene Collins: 15 churches reporting; 17 members added; 17 members lost; 0 net gain/loss; 10 baptized. Offerings reported for the quarter were \$218,687.68.

Treasurer's report by Paul Creech: General Fund: Beginning balance - \$4,844.51; expenditures - \$1,255.05; dues received today - \$775.00; ending balance - \$4,364.46. Minister retirement fund: Beginning balance \$3,631.17; paid out \$400.00; balance \$3,231.17. Total in both funds - \$7,595.63. Today's offering - \$211.00.

MSC to add to today's offering to make it \$300 for youth to NYC.

Bro. Roy Woods introduced our speaker, Rev. Rick Bowling

Message – Rev. Rick Bowling, Home Missions Director of Hispanic Ministries

Bro. Rick started his remarks with thanks for support to the Hispanic ministry in Moultrie. He spoke briefly about the Hispanic pastor in Johnson City, Tenn., who is burdened for his family in Mexico. Now a member of that church has gone to the city of his family to start a FWB church. Others from the church in Moultrie are serving in other areas of the United States. He said we must keep our base in the United States strong to keep support our IM work.

John 15:16; John 20 - God, the Creator of the universe, has made a call to all of us personally. We have the truth. We have the key to salvation. We have the Scriptures. We've got it right.

Luke 16 (Rich man and Lazarus) Dysfunctional Church

We are a church of spectators – not doing anything but looking for a blessing. People outside the church don't see any thing to make us different from them. God has no "plan B." God has given us all a mission field, starting with our own families.

Acts 2 - Dynamic Church

We need to go back to the time we were excited about Jesus. We need to get hold of the altar again. There is nothing worse than someone dying and going to hell. We need to be missionaries – spend time in prayer and in His Word and share the Gospel with everyone around us. This is not a spectator ministry but a ministry in which to get involved.

Announcements

Adjourned with prayer by Jimmy Rozier. All enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by the host church.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 9, 2010
WHITE OAKS CHURCH**

Call to Order by moderator, Trent Dykes

Prayer by Tom Douglas

Song led by Gene Collins, "Trust and Obey" Chad Smith on piano

Welcome and Scripture by Tom Douglas Psalm 46 "Be still and know." He talked about the fire from heaven on Mt. Carmel.

MSC to adopt program with necessary changes.

There were 13 deacons present

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:

1. That we give White Oaks Church a rising vote of thanks for their warm and generous hospitality in hosting today's meeting. MSC to adopt.

Mission Board report – No report

CE Board given by Tom Douglas District and National Competition. We had several winners on the national level. They were: Duets, grades 1-3, Double Branch Duo; Trios, grades 4-6, God's Girlz from Double Branch. CW Narrative Poem, grades 7-9, Lydia Creech from White Oaks. \$1,372.85 in treasury. MSC to receive as information

Camp Board – No report

Trustee Board – no report

Ordaining Board given by Tim Hutchinson

The Ordaining Board report consisted of the following proposed Constitutional changes that were read aloud:

The Ordaining Board's Recommended Constitutional Changes of October 9, 2010

Recommendation 1:

Under Article VII, Associational Bylaws of the Ordaining Board, Section 1, Rules for the Licensing of Ministers, #5. Number 5 currently reads:

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.

Our recommendation is replace #5 in Section 1 of the Associational Bylaws of the Ordaining Board with:

5. An applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 which says, "A bishop then must be:

- blameless,
- the husband of one wife,
- vigilant,
- sober,
- of good behaviour,
- given to hospitality,
- apt to teach;
- Not given to wine,
- no striker,

- not greedy of filthy lucre;
 - but patient,
 - not a brawler,
 - not covetous;
 - One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” (King James Version)

Recommendation 2:

Under Article VII, Associational Bylaws of the Ordaining Board, Section 3, Rules for the Ordination of Ministers, #5.

Number 5 currently reads:

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. Our recommendation is replace #5 in Section 3 of the Associational Bylaws of the Ordaining Board with:

5. An applicant for Ordination into the ministry will be eligible for ordination if he meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 which says, “A bishop then must be:

- blameless,
- the husband of one wife,
- vigilant,
- sober,
- of good behaviour,
- given to hospitality,
- apt to teach;
- Not given to wine,
- no striker,
- not greedy of filthy lucre;
- but patient,
- not a brawler,
- not covetous;
- One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” (King James Version)

Ordaining Board Recommendation 3:

Under Article VII, Associational Bylaws of the Ordaining Board, Section 1, Rules for the Licensing of Ministers, # 6, a.

Number 6 currently reads:

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.

Our recommendation is to replace #6, a., in Section 3 of the Associational Bylaws of the Ordaining Board with:

Read the required current reading list of the Georgia Union Ordaining Board. This list is subject to revision by the Georgia Union Ordaining Board. (See Appendix 1 at the end of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists 2010 Minutes booklet.)

MSC – to receive this report as information.

Action on this change was tabled to the afternoon session - Motion to table: Tim Hutchinson; second by Wayne Martin.

Tom Douglas and Chris Sargent received the offering
Break

After we reconvened, the Digest report was given by Gene Collins

Quarterly report:

15 churches reporting; 9 members added; 13 members lost; -4 net loss; 9 baptized.
Offerings reported for the quarter were \$182,412.63.

Annual report:

15 churches reporting; 42 members added; 37 members lost; 5 net gain; 22 baptized.
Offerings reported for the year were \$675,082.20.

MSC to receive

Nominating Committee –

Elected by acclamation to serve were:

Assistant Moderator – replacing Bill Brown – Bill Brown

Assistant Clerk – replacing Donna Jewell – Donna Jewell

Assistant Treasurer – replacing Marion “Shine” Collins – Marion” “Shine Collins

Trustee Board Member - replacing Marion “Shine” Collins – Marion” “Shine Collins

Trustee Board Member – replacing Ricky Gilmore – Wayne Martin

Ordaining Board Member – replacing Charles Thigpen – Charles Thigpen

Camping Board Member – replacing Ricky Gilmore – Gerald McGaha (contingent on his acceptance) Note: Gerald McGaha has since resigned his church and left the Georgia Union Association. This post is vacant at time of publication.

Mission Board Member – replacing Grover Jewell – Grove Jewell

Mission Board Member – replacing Bill Brown – Bill Brown

Mission Board Member – replacing Chris Sargent – Chris Sargent

Christian Education Board Member – replacing Stewart-Allen Clark – Stewart-Allen Clark

Treasurer's Report was given by Shine Collins: Beginning balance - \$4,364.46.

Received today \$1,970.00. Balance in general fund \$6,334.46. Balance in Ministers' Retirement Fund, \$3,231.17. Balance in both funds \$9,565.63. MSC to receive as information

Special music by Gene Collins – “Be Still and Know” and “Come to Jesus”

Message, Rev. Bill Brown

Phil 3:15 ff. Enemies of the cross are enemies of the church. We don't need that kind of people in our church. People need to get their hearts right. We could do without people whose lives are sinful; those who strive for the highest position; those who want to run the church; those who indulge in destructive criticism; those who say “it can't be done;” those who are mean, selfish and stingy; those who are lazy; those who are gossip-mongers; those who are overly sensitive; those who are unfaithful.

Afternoon session called to order

MSC to removed tabled motion from the table and act on it.

Recommendation to address Article VII, section 1, number 6a first.

Motion to table until a list of books can be provided. MSC with 1 dissent

Recommendation for Article VII, section, Rules for Licensing of Ministers, #5 and Article VII Section 3, Rules for licensing of ministers, #5, be tabled until the January meeting.

MSC – 32 for, 8 against, 7 abstain

Bro. Trent will make sure all churches receive a copy of the recommended change.

Announcements were made

Prayer request included Paul Creech; Bro. Tim Hutchinson's parents; Margie and Shine Collins' granddaughter; Bro. Howard Faircloth; Curtis Brown and others.

Praise report from Bro. Grover Jewell. All medical tests show no problems.

We closed with prayer around the altar.

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.

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.

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

Church	Organized	Pastor and Address	Clerk
Bay Springs Bay Spring Church Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-1220	1884	Trent Dykes 456 Bowers Cemetery Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-230-8546 Wife: Carminta	Chad Smith 322 Harrison St. 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 P: 3037 Christian Hill Rd. M: P. O. Box 482 Rochelle, GA 31079	1887	Wayne Martin 1325 Mitchell Road Rochelle, GA 31079 229-624-2066 Wife: Paula	Bernice Helms P. O. Box 482 Rochelle, GA 31079 229-365-7124
Cornerstone Mail: P.O. Box 130 Perry, GA 31069 Physical: 10157 Highway 341 Ft. Valley, GA 31030 gsjewell@windstream.net	2000	Grover Jewell 118 Quinelle Drive Perry, GA 31069 478-218-8750 Wife: Donna	Angela McLemore 102 Chimney Rock Rd. Perry, GA 31069 478-218-0614
Crossroads 110 Jones Road Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4566	1910	Chris Sargent 1140 E. Chicken Rd.. Chester, GA 31012 478-358-4605 Wife: Tori	Susan Crooms 244 Bass-Mullis-Smith Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-9933
Double Branch 2760 Williams Road Unadilla, GA 31091 double@cstel.net	1896	Stewart-Allen Clark 1980 Double Branch Church Rd. Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-9474 Wife: Melinda	Mary Holden Dunaway 339 Tom Taylor Rd. Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-2949
Dublin 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 257 Northwood Trail Dudley, GA 31022 478-676-4326
First Eastman 5830 Sixth Avenue Eastman, GA 31023	1961	Daniel Williams (Interim) 4266 Abbeville Hwy. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3282	Lori Jones 1882 Cochran Hwy Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-6390

Little Bethel 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
Mt. Ararat 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Hwy Eastman, GA 31023	1885	Roy L. Woods Rt. 2, Box 112-B Alamo, GA 30411 912-568-7685	Elaine Jones 163 Milan-Eastman Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-9449
New Hope 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 478-230-3997
Pine Level 61 Pine Level Church Rd. Chester, GA 31012	1924		Sue Lindsey 1140 East Chicken Rd. Chester, GA 31012 478-697-6000
Pleasant Hill 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
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 478-960-9840 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 Members</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assoc. Dues</u>
Bay Springs	12	6	1	103	53	\$ 65,280.89	\$55
Bethlehem	2	2	1	78	20	73,786.61	50
Christian Hill	7	7	7	54	22	52,523.57	45
Cornerstone	4	0	1	40	20	28,716.75	40
Crossroads	0	0	0	37		7,006.00	40
Double Branch	7	1	9	294	98	40,299.20	80
Dublin	0	0	0	46	20	18,238.11	40
Eastman	8	0	10	54		56,180.42	40
Little Bethel	0	0	0	34	18	38,087.77	45
Mt. Ararat	0	0	0	79	14	23,997.20	45
New Hope	0	0	0	78	45	16,144.69	45
Pine Level	0	6	1	94	54	32,034.10	45
Pleasant Hill	1	0	2	63	18	39,344.82	45
Warner Robins	2	0	4	88	20	35,956.60	50
White Oaks	0	0	1	90	45	147,485.47	50

Total Georgia Union Membership: 1,232

Total Annual Income: \$675,082.20

Annual statistics taken from October 2010 Annual Reporting Forms

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.