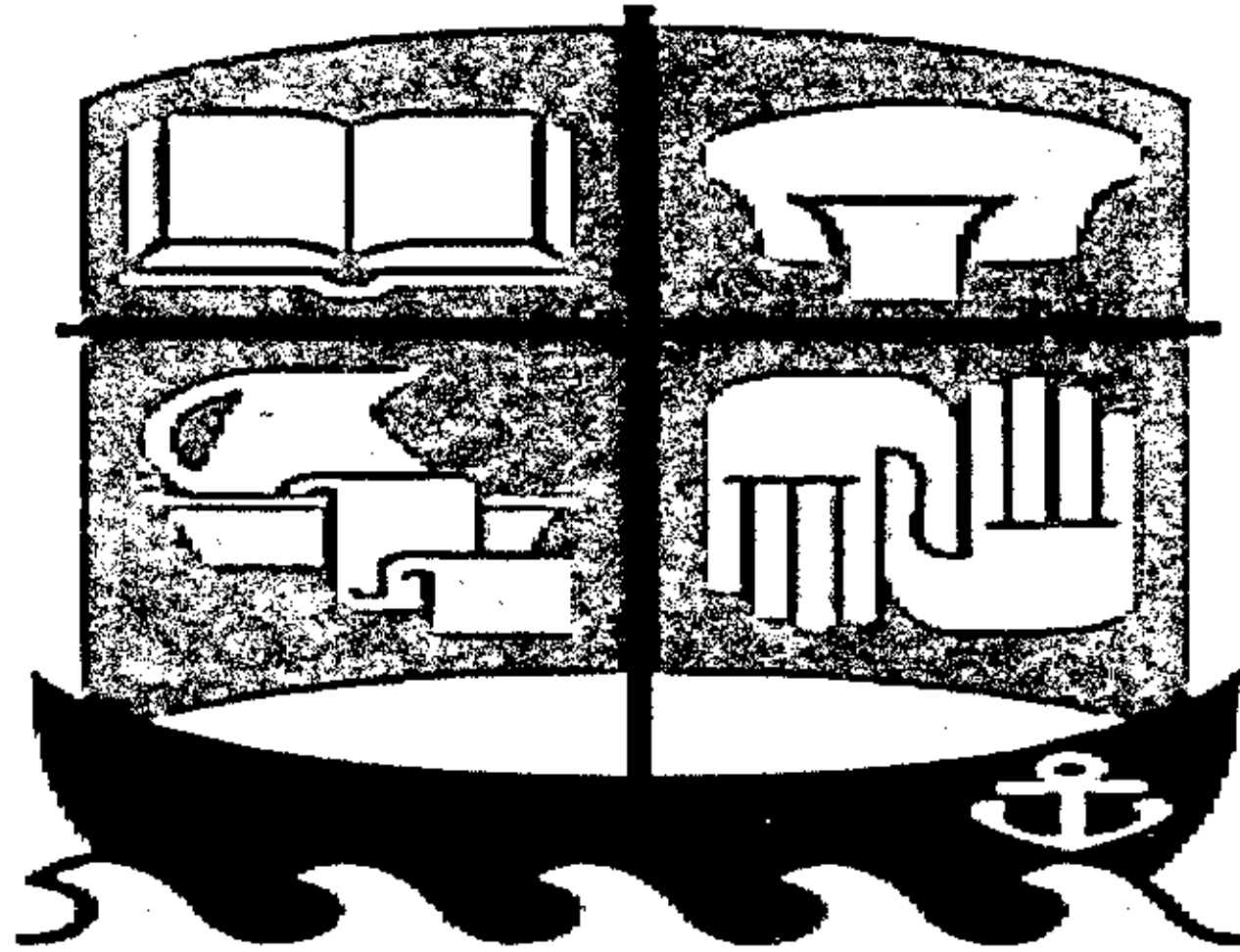


2012
Minutes of The
One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Session
of the
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION



Convening at

**Little Bethel Freewill Baptist Church
Chester, Georgia**

Saturday October 13, 2012

Moderator	Rev. Billy Sharpston
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Wayne Martin
Clerk.....	Lucas C. Allison
Assistant Clerk.....	Sue Lindsey
Treasurer.....	Donna Jewell
Assistant Treasurer.....	Marion Collins
Member at Large.....	Nita Hobbs

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DATES AND PLACES TO REMEMBER

1 ST Quarterly Session	January 12, 2013	Mt. Ararat—Eastman, GA
2 nd Quarterly Session	April 13, 2013	New Hope—Cochran, GA
3 rd Quarterly Session	July 13, 2013	Pine Level—Chester, GA
Annual Session	October 12, 2013	Pleasant Hill—Vienna, GA

SPEAKERS FOR EACH SESSION

(Subject to Change)

January	Rev. Grover Jewell
April	Rev. Ronnie Lawson
July	Rev. Wayne Martin
October	Rev. Craig Minor

RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order by Moderator
Open Meeting with Prayer
Welcome Visitors
Recognize All Deacons
Roll Call of Delegates
Roll Call of Ministers
Seat Delegates
Reports of Committees
New Business
Old Business
Miscellaneous Business

OTHER IMPORANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 21, 2013-GWAC Annual Meeting will be held at New Hope FWB Church in Jesup, GA

March 21-22, 2013 -GA STATE ASSOCIATION FWB Annual Meeting at New Hope FWB Church in Jesup, GA

July 21-24, 2013-NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FWB Annual Meeting to be held in Tampa, Florida

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Billy Sharpston – Moderator
 Wayne Martin – Asst, Moderator
 Lucas C. Allison – Clerk
 Monte Mckenzie – Chairman Camp & CE Boards
 Donna Jewell – Treasurer
 Dr. Charles Thigpen – Chairman Ordaining Board
 Marion "Shine" Collins – Chairman Trustee Board
 Roy Woods – Chairman Mission Board
 Nita Hobbs – Member at Large

TRUSTEE BOARD(Five-Year Terms)

(2013)Donald Self	Rt. 6 Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-4544
(2014)Jimmy Rozier	3222 Maynard Mill Rd Forsyth, GA 31029	478-994-9839
(2015)Marion Collins	7000 Clay Circle Macon, GA 31216	478-788-8530
(2016)Wayne Martin	1325 Mitchell Road Rochelle, GA 31079	229-624-2066
(2017)Grover Jewell	118 Quenelle Dr. Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750

ORDAINING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(2013)Emory Howell	387 Empire/Chester Hwy, Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-9646
(2014)Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Dr. Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
(2015)Charles Thigpen	422 Southland Trail, Byron, GA 31008	478-956-4046
(2016)Stewart-A Clark	1980 Dbl Branch Ch. Rd. Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-9474
(2017)Wayne Martin	1325 Mitchell Road Rochelle, GA 31079	229-624-2066

CAMPING BOARD (Five-Year Terms)

(2013)Chad Smith	322 Harrison Street Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-2746
(2014)Stewart-Allen Clark	1980 Double Branch Ch. Rd Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-9474
(2015)Craig Minor	P. O. Box 4875 Eastman, GA 31023	478-231-0635
(2016)Wanda Knight	208 Barnard Road Cochran, GA 31034	478-934-6918
(2017)Monte McKenzie	31 Liberty Street Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8178

DIGEST COMMITTEE (Three-Year Terms)

(2014)Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Drive Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
(2015)Gene Collins	1051 Pine Knoll Dr. Macon, GA 31204	478-405-9939

MISSION BOARD (Two-Year Terms)

(2013)Monte McKenzie	31 Liberty Street Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8178
(2013)T. R. Fountain	71 Coleman Cemetery Rd Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3148
(2015)Roy Woods	979 W. Hope Ch Rd Alamo, GA 30411	912-568-7685
(2015)Sue Lindsey	1140 E. Chicken Rd Chester, GA 31012	478-697-6000
(2015)Gerald Smith	1720 Dublin Hwy Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3272

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD (Three-Year Term)

(2013) Stewart-Allen Clark	1980 Double Branch Road Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-9474
(2013)Monte McKenzie	31 Liberty Street Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-8178
(2015)Gene Collins	1051 N. Pine Knoll Drive Macon, GA 31204	478-405-9939
(2015)Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3 Box 150 Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-2949
(2015)Linda O' Neal	651 Glyen Hickman Rd Eastman, GA 31023	478-231-2119

STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

(2015)Camp Board	Monte McKenzie	478-892-8178
(2015)Christian Ed. Bd.	Stewart-Allen Clark	478 -892-9474
(2013)Mission Board	Roy Woods	912-568-7685
(2013)Trustee Board	Marion "Shine" Collins	478-788-8530

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elected Each Year)

Jimmy Rozier, Grover Jewell, Wayne Martin

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Elected Each Year)

Donna Jewell, Jimmy Rozier, Marion "Shine" Collins

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Sharpston, Billy	2394 Vineville Ave Apt.#1107 Macon, GA 31204	478-746-3254
Thigpen, Charles	422 Southland Trail Byron, GA 31008	478-956-4046

ORDAINED/ACTIVE

Clark, Stewart-Allen	1980 Double Branch Road Hawkinsville, GA 31036	478-892-9474
Dixon, James	Rt. 4 Box 260, Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-5219
Dykes, Trent	456 Bowers Cemetery Road Cochran, GA 31014	478-230-8546 3876
Hardeman, Charles	103 Golf Course Road Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3618
Howell, Emory	387 Empire-Chester Hwy. Cochran, GA 31014	478-934-9646
Howell, Tony	22 Beachwood Drive Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3356
Jewell, Grover	118 Quenelle Dr., Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
Lawson, Ronnie	561 Old Brookfield Road Tifton, GA 31794	229-382-8149
Martin, Wayne	1325 Mitchell Road Rochelle, GA 31079	229-624-2066
Minor, Craig	P. O. Box 4875 Eastman, GA 31023	478-231-0635
Rozier, Jimmy	3222 Maynard Mill Road Forsyth, GA 31029	478-994-9839
Williams, Daniel	4266 Abbeville Hwy., Eastman, GA 31023	478-374-3282
Woods, Roy L	979 West Hope Church Rd. Alamo, GA 30411	912-568-7865
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GEORGIA UNION MINUTES 2012

January 07, 2012 Crossroads FW Baptist Church

GA Union Assoc. Quarterly Session Minutes

1-7-2012 The GA Union Assoc. Quarterly Session was held Saturday January 07, 2012 at Crossroads FW Baptist Church, in Cochran, GA.

Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator called session to order. Opening prayer by Rev. Trent Dykes. Congregation sang Just a Little Talk with Jesus, led by Deacon Todd Kirkpatrick, accompanied on piano by Rev. Daniel Williams.

Rev. Grover Jewell gave devotional speaking from Psalms chapter 1. He spoke of being ungodly and keeping your testimony true. He spoke of staying anchored in Christ and you won't be discouraged.

Program adopted with necessary changes. M/S/C.

Moderator recognized 2 visitors present, Rev. Dale and Sandra Bishop.

Moderator recognized 15 deacons present. Clerk called roll of delegates 37 present, and roll call of Ordained and Licensed Ministers 15 present. Giving a total voting body of 67. Special Prayer by Dr. Thigpen for Daniel Selph, Deacon from Pine Level. Moderator seats all voting delegates. M/S/C.. The committee reports were given as follows.

Executive Board Report: Given by Clerk Lucas C. Allison, The Executive Board met on 12/3/11 and hereby makes the following recommendations.

1. That today's offering go to Freewill Baptist Bible College. M/S/C.
2. That a one-time gift of \$5000. be given to Paul Creech's Children Education Fund from the Foundation account in Nashville, TN. M/S/C.
3. To raise the compensation for Moderator and Clerk to \$100.00 per quarter. The current compensation rate is \$20 for Moderator and \$50 for Clerk per quarter. M/S/C.
4. That we give Crossroads Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting today's meeting. M/S/C.
5. Motion to change Article II Section 8 in Constitution and By-Laws... Move to handle this motion in afternoon session per By-laws.

Ordaining Board Report given by Rev. Tim Hutchinson, Chairman Ordaining Board met twice during last Quarter. The Ordaining Board has two recommendations at this time.

1. We recommend a letter of Good Standing be sent to the Southern Association of FWB in Alabama for Rev. Bill Brown. M/S/C/
 2. We recommend that the new pastor of Bethlehem FWB Church, Rev. Ronnie Youngblood be licensed to preach for one year. M/S/C.
- Our next scheduled meeting date is February 07, 2012 at White Oaks FWB Church. Move that the report be received as information. M/S/C.

Camp Board Report: Report given by Monte McKenzie, no business to report for Camp Board. Banks accounts moved Hawkinsville and there is \$4978.51 in account. Motion to receive as information. M/S/C.

Christian Education Board Report given by Stewart Allen Clark. 1187.00 in checking account, report received as information. M/S/C.

Mission Board Report given by Trent Dykes. Mission Board is doing well, we have some money. In the Foundation Account in TN we have \$131,522.00, in local account we have a beginning balance of \$1457.88 ending balance of \$4825.00. We have 1 active mission in GA in Cartersville with debt of \$135,366.66. Pray for Bro. Bill Crank, he is under attack, they had to restructure new name is Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Church. Harris County mission is closed. Mission Board will be sending the \$5000 from the Foundation Account to Paul Creech fund as approved on recommendation of Executive Board. We are earning approximately \$3275 per year from interest on Foundation account, the Board recommends we take \$2000. of that and give to GA State Assoc. for ACTS 1:8 programs beginning in January, 2012. M/S/C. Recommended that report be received as information. M/S/C.

Trustee Board Report given by Shine Collins no business to report, treasurer's for each board has been cleared up, Trustee Board all in order. Report submitted as information. M/S/C. Bro. Jimmy Rozier added to Trustee Board report Bro. Edward Moore needs to be removed from Board since he is no longer with us, and corrected in minutes. Bro. Wayne Martin added please let me know of meetings of Trustee Board since I am a member, I will help when called on. Moderator stated All Boards please keep in touch with Board members and advise of meetings and needs. Bro. Tony Howell asked to be removed from all boards. Received as information. M/S/C.

Received Offering and took break. M/S/C.

During break Monte McKenzie Chairman of Christian Education Board reported that Gene Collins had been elected as Treasurer of CE Board. Teen Camp will be June 3rd-8th, 2012 at Camp Echoconee and Junior Camp is June 10-18, 2012 at Camp Tygart.

Reconvene with song He Set Me Free, led by Deacon Todd Kirkpatrick and Daniel Williams on piano, Prayer by Stewart-Allen Clark followed by special music by Bro. Lucas Allison "I'm Doing This for You."

Message: Rev. Charles Hardeman, "God does not Sleep or Slumber" Psalms are not optional the word says Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. I got a reason to be excited. He played a song He's A Great Awesome God by Greg Day. He said he (Hardeman) had been singing for 30+ years. Read Mark 10:46 asking the question What can God do for me? God neither sleeps nor slumbers if we are standing still we are backing up. You might not like my way but you have to love me. You need to take your needs boldly to GOD, get God's attention. Anything you get from God comes through Faith. The man had a need Jesus met the need. Never underestimate the power of the devil. Don't put off asking God for anything you have need of. Closed message with prayer.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson made a motion to bring tabled matter off and back onto floor. M/S/C.

Motion to change Article II Section 8 of Constitution and By-Laws to read as follows:
The \$150, National Fee is due from each church on or before the Annual Meeting.
M/S/C.

Digest Committee Report given by Gene Collins we had 15 churches reporting added 2 members and lost 8 members for a net loss of 6 members with 2 baptisms reported. Quarterly offerings totaled \$179,917.20. Report received as information. M/S/C.

Treasurers Report given by Shine Collins, assistant treasurer beginning balance of \$4948.00 + \$690.00 Ga Union dues received today + \$280. offering received today, minus \$280. offering today to FWB Bible College leaves balance in general fund of \$5918.00 we have \$3594.51 in GA Union Minister Retirement Fund, also \$2250. for National Dues held for a total balance on hand of \$11,762.51. Report received as information. M/S/C.

Delegates to GA State Association chosen also Moderator Billy Sharpston given authority to add or change delegates at meeting. M/S/C. Delegates are Bruce Allison, Donna Jewell, Chad Smith, and George Smith.

Jimmy Rozier, Chairman of Nominating Committee spoke about folks serving on boards, stated we can use women as well as men let us know if you are willing to serve. Moderator stated women will come as delegates faithfully; you need to speak up and be on boards we welcome you to serve, without women in the church and our association we would be in trouble they are faithful.

Dale Bishop missionary from Japan spoke on International Missions, he has been FWB missionary 37 years and thanks all for prayers and financial support. Spoke of going through Tsunami last March and a 5.7 earthquake. International missions has suffered due to lack of financial support, no one will be sent back international until we can maintain \$610,000. in bank which is 10% of 6.1 million annual budget for International missions. Due to budget restraints all missionaries will remain stateside until funds stabilized. He spoke of churches in Asia, India, Korea, 37 churches in Pakistan we have 18 ordained and 117 licensed ministers in these areas. Spoke of 14 churches in Napoli, Japan having 2 new Pastors, and they had 6 baptisms at Christmas, 40 FWB churches in Tomsk. Received as information. M/S/C.

Trent Dykes Mission Board Chairman spoke we are failing we have 20 missionaries at home who can't go home to their missions. My brother is missionary in South Africa although their heart is in Japan. The solution is every FW Baptist church give 10% to CO-OP and 5% to missions we wouldn't have this problem. He challenged preachers to take this and do the right thing quit paying to cut grass, quit paying to clean the church and send the money to do those things to missions. Moderator stated it is a shame on FWB to say bring the missionaries home because we cut pay for them. We need to sacrifice for missions. Tim Hutchinson then made a Motion to take \$10,000, from Foundation Account in Nashville and give to International Missions. M/S/C.

Motion to Adjourn. M/S/C/

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator/Lucas C. Allison, Clerk

**2nd Quarterly Session of Georgia Union Assoc. FW Baptists
Convening on April 07, 2012 at Double Branch Free Will Baptist-Unadilla, GA**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Billy Sharpston. Monte McKenzie led the congregation in singing Praise Him, Double Branch pastor Stewart-Allen Clark then welcomed everyone, gave church information and prayed. Rev. Ronnie Youngblood, pastor of Bethlehem FW Baptist gave devotional. He spoke from Isaiah 54:1, of getting lost in the wilderness. He spoke about expansion; we don't need to shrink in work, and the study of God's word. Get the church on the right track, change directions. We need to expand the church, he spoke of his mission trip to Jamaica and building a church, the church is not a building, but souls. We need to disciple and stretch our tents, God doesn't want us to stop, we need to reach the peak, stretch our commitment. God is God of all comfort in our life, we need to get on our knees and stretch our faith and capacity. We must be the same seven days, Thy will be done, we are dealing with terrorism on God in America today.

Motion made to adopt program with necessary changes. M/S/C.

Moderator recognized seven visitors present, Dale and Sandra Bishop, William and Henrietta Brown, and Nathan, Linda and Daniel Snow, and welcomed them to meeting.

Moderator recognized all Deacons present by having them stand (12) present. Clerk conducted roll call of Delegates (22) present. Clerk conducted roll call of Ministers (12) present, giving a total voting body of 46. M/S/C to seat all delegates.

Executive Board Report given by Clerk, the Executive Board met March 03, 2012 at Cornerstone FW Baptist and recommends the following: (1) That today's offering go to missionaries Dale and Sandra Bishop. M/S/C. (2) that we commemorate the faithful service of Rev. William E. (Bill) Brown and Mrs. Henrietta Brown (2005-2011), at today's meeting. M/S/C. (3) That we give Double Branch church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting today's meeting. M/S/C.

Ordaining Board Report given by Tim Hutchinson, the Ordaining Board met on February 11, 2012 at White Oaks FW Baptist Church in Macon, we make the following recommendation at this time: (1) We recommend that Rev. Craig Minor from Bay Springs FW Baptist Church be licensed to preach for one year. M/S/C. Our next scheduled meeting date is May 8, 2011 at Whites Oaks., if no business comes before the Board the board will take next quarter off and not meet on May 8, 2011. Recommend report be received as information. M/S/C.

Mission Board Report given by Tim Hutchinson the Board did not meet during last quarter, the treasurer's report is as follows as of March 31, 2012. Free Will Baptist Foundation account balance (@ 2.8% interest) \$133,411.76 minus 17000.00 transferred to GA Union Mission Board Checking Account. GA Union Mission Board Checking balance 1/31/12 \$4825.41 add \$17000.00 transferred from Foundation Account, add deposit on 3/9/12 of \$366.98 minus payments of \$10,000.00 to International Missions, \$5000.00 to Creech Children Educational Fund offering, \$2000.00 to Georgia Acts 1:8 offering leaving a checking account balance of \$5192.39 plus Foundation Account Balance of \$116,411.76 giving a total checking and Foundation Savings account balance of \$121,504.15.. We received two Thank You notes from Dale and Sandra Bishop for our donation of \$10,000.00 to International Missions, and one from Mrs. Rhoda Creech, and family for \$5000.00 donation to Creech Children Education Fund which read: "Our family was overwhelmed at the unexpected donation to the children's education fund. Your gift was so generous, we were so touched. Thank you for honoring Paul by supporting the children's educational endeavors. Your gift will bless our family for many years to come." signed Rhoda Creech and children. Recommend this report be received as information. M/S/C/ also recommend that we give \$2000.00 each to the personal missionary accounts of Dale and Sandra Bishop and Nathan and Linda Snow, from the Foundation account M/S/C.

Camp Board Report given by Monte McKenzie, account balance \$4978.57, have not received state grant for Jr. Camp should be \$1000.00-1200.00, which helps pay for our camp. I have Jr. Camp applications available today which is for 1st to 6th graders, if lower than 3rd grade you must send someone to help with your child. There are limited number of campers we can take need to send in your applications ASAP to Randy Jackson. The camp will be June 10-14, 2012 at Camp Tygart near Adel, GA. The cost is \$85.00 and must be received by May 14, 2012. We had 120 campers last year, encourage your young people to go to camp. The campers will go to Wild Adventures again this year. Also be advised Jr. Camp will end on Thursday June 14th, all campers must be picked up by 10am on the 14th. Teen Camp will be held June 3rd-8th, 2012 at Camp Echeconnee in Lizella, GA, it for 6th grade to 12th graders. On Wednesday the campers go to Six Flags in Atlanta, and they have church service at the park. The Six Flags staff gave high remarks and praise for our kids holding praise and worship while at the park. Early bird registration deadline is May 9, 2012, the cost if sent by that date is \$150.00, after May 9th the cost is \$175.00. Recommend this report be received as information. M/S/C.

C.E. Board Report given by Monte Mckenzie, \$1687.85 in checking account District Competition was held last Saturday at Double Branch we had two kids do art with Lego's. All GA Union kids will go to state competition to

be held May 5, 2012, 9am at First Free Will Albany. Recommend this report be received as information M/S/C.

Trustee Board no report.

Bro. Gerald Smith from Bay Springs FW Baptist asked to speak and was recognized by Moderator. Bro. Smith asked to make a Motion to change Article I Section I of the Constitution of Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists to read: This assembly shall be known as the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Jesus Christ. Moderator Sharpston stated he was in accordance with By-Laws making that there is no need to make a change at this time, the State Association left name as is and we need to do the same. Bro. Smith responded Jesus Christ asked Peter who do you say I am and Peter said Jesus Christ Son of the living God, I didn't quote fully, he also said build my church upon this Rock, healed in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, do we obey men rather than God? Moderator Sharpston stated, as Free Will Baptists we live and operate by our Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Bro. Chad Smith from Eastman First FW Baptist stated motion must be submitted to State Board in writing to be voted on, we can vote on it as we need to. Moderator if you wish to Second the Motion we will vote on it, if not the motion dies for lack of a Second. Chad Smith then 2nd Bro. Gerald Smith's motion. Tim Hutchinson made a Motion for the motion to be tabled to the Executive Board. the motion was Seconded and Motion to table to Executive Board Carried.

Offering Received—Break till 11am

Reconvened at 11:10am Moderator made recognition of Donald Selph, who is ill, spoke of his faithfulness to attend Association meetings, he could be at home due to his illness, but he is here, Bro. Donald replied I'm here to the end.

Nathan Snow missionary to Japan spoke per request of Moderator. He stated it was good to be home, he said GA Union Assoc. had been so good to he and his family, we also get good support from East Kentucky. Here today gone tomorrow, we love to come visit with you. We minister here and in Japan, please call if we can be of service thank you for relief efforts in Japan. The Hanna Project is going back to Japan in September, I will head that up we will build and rebuild, if you want to go with us let me know. Monte McKenzie then led congregation in singing He Lives.

Moderator then announced the recognition ceremony for Bro. Bill & Mrs. Henrietta Brown, he spoke of Bro. Bill being under the weather (ill) recently and we are so glad they are here and we want to recognize your service and contributions to Georgia Union Association. Bro. Bill served as Moderator, and on Mission Board, and Ordaining Board from (2005-2011) he also served as Pastor of Pleasant Hill FW Baptist in Vienna, Mrs. Henrietta served as Clerk

from June 2006 to June 2011. The plaque presented read as follows: In appreciation of your faithful service and lasting contributions to the Georgia Union Association (2005-2011) Rev. W.E.(Bill) Brown and Mrs. Henrietta Brown, this 7th day of April, 2012, "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." Psalms 32:11. We were then blessed by Mrs. Henrietta singing "For the Life of Me" followed by Carmen McKenzie singing "His Life for Mine". Bro. Sharpston then stated after those two songs I know Emory is ready to go after hearing Henrietta and Carmen, I appreciate Bro. Emory come bring the Word.

Message by Rev. Emory Howell: I want us to give the Lord a handclap of Praise, Jesus Christ is Lord, the songs we just heard spoke of the price he paid. We always celebrate the Cross; I am honored to preach to the Deacons and preachers. Jesus came in on a donkey, the disciples were there for a grand celebration on Christ coming that day, but he (Christ) knew it was short lived. Close your eyes but don't go to sleep on me. Bro. Ronnie said it a while ago "the truth is the truth". Jesus knew in few days the praise would turn to crucify him, crucify him, but he went to the cross anyway. In the pulpit we say he paid it all, but I beg to differ on that point. They sent soldiers out to get him, Peter and I are a lot alike he'll open mouth and insert foot in it. Peter said never Jesus; don't question GOD you don't know what he knows. Peter drew the sword and was ready to fight. Jesus stopped Peter from fighting; there is no need to fight needless battles. The road to the cross paved the road to salvation. Jesus allowed them to beat him, Jesus had the power to stop it. When you preach tomorrow preach about what it took to get to the resurrection, Jesus told Pilate you have no power except that which the Father gives you. Jesus was as much human as he was GOD. Jesus was ridiculed to just quit and call on the Father, he said not a word, Jesus is on our turf and we don't want him, come on preachers. Jesus was beat with a cat claw whip, 39 stripes pulling chunks of flesh from him, describe Jesus and Christ with no stripes, so we'll show the slit in his side, the price was paid before he got to the cross. Let's just don't go to the cross, let's talk of the pain he went through to get to the cross. Jesus said I've

only been a help and they stand watch me be beat, he said "not my will but thy will be done". describe Jesus going to the cross, and said I would have been one crying out crucify him, but he forgave me anyway.. We are on the eve of Resurrection make sure folks know what he went through for them. Jesus proved his love, read scripture of John 19:38-42, about Jesus giving up the ghost. We can't be afraid to be Christians Lord help us grow closer to you today, I am a child of Jesus Christ and proud of it. He did die, but yet he lives, I am not the best but I am trying. End of message.

Moderator asks for Digest Committee Report, Report given by Bro. Grover Jewell, he stated 24 years ago he went to his first association meeting with Bro. Billy. Report- 13 churches reporting added 7 members lost 3 for a net gain of 4 members. Total quarterly offerings were \$168,784.44. Report was received as

information. M/S/C. ****note**** after meeting Clerk received in mail reports from 2 churches which did not report Dublin First and Bay Springs they reported a loss of 3 members which would make our net gain for quarter 1. They reported offerings of \$20,432.92 which brings total quarterly offerings to \$189,217.36 and zero baptisms. ******

Treasurer's Report: given by Donna Jewell as of 3-31-12 balance was Gen. Fund \$4560.96 Minister Retirement \$3444.53 for a total of \$8005.49 we received \$555.00 in association fees today and \$324.00 in offering which will go to Dale/Sandra Bishop gives a balance going forward of \$5439.96 Gen. Fund and \$3444.53 in Min. Retirement for a total of \$8884.49. During past quarter we had disbursements of \$3907.84 and deposits of \$1120.02. Report received as information. M/S/C.

Announcements made about Ministers Retreat and Revival at Bay Springs, Remember Howard Faircloth and wife in prayer. Stewart-Allen Clark gave directions on lunch and prayed over food. Motion to Adjourn. M/S/C

Immediately following the Adjournment the Executive Board met with Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator, present was Monte McKenzie, Donna Jewell, Tim Hutchinson, Grover Jewell, Emory Howell and Clerk Lucas Allison. Bro. Billy informed Board that Dublin First may vote to close it's church and sale may be pending, property will revert State FW Baptist Association Trustees, they will decide what happens with property. Bro. Tim Hutchinson informed the Board he left as pastor in February. Motion by Grover Jewell to bypass Dublin First who was to host the July session and host it at Eastman First and move the Annual Session to Little Bethel, M/S/C/ Clerk will notify all church pastors and clerks in Georgia Union Association of this decision. Motion to Adjourn. M/S/C

Respectfully Submitted:
Billy Sharpston, Moderator/Lucas Allison, Clerk

**Third Quarterly Session GA Union Association
July 07, 2012
First Eastman Free Will Baptist, Eastman, GA**

The session was called to order by Moderator Rev. Billy Sharpston.

Congregation led by Chad Smith sang Victory in Jesus, Bro. Chad Smith then led in prayer.

Moderator welcomed everyone to First Eastman, and gave information on church facilities.

Rev. Craig Minor, then gave devotional titled "Fishers of Men". His scripture reading was from 1st John 4:20-If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? Bro. Craig spoke of a man he had met while doing his job as 911 Director for Dodge County. He spoke of how the man spoke of 40 years of misery being married, how he used unclean language to speak and even stated he would rather eat feces with a toothpick than to live another moment with that woman. Bro. Craig, after all that the man points his finger to the sky and says "it's going to be alright, because my God ain't going to send me to hell; I had my share of it here. Bro. Craig says he thought of passage in James about cursing/blessings with same tongue. This man was speaking from hate, and hate comes from ignorance, I told the man that what was going to send him to hell was not having a saving relationship with Christ. Hate will tear you apart. He who hates his brother is a murderer, and no murderers shall have a part in heaven according to Jesus. Bro. Craig said let's get closer to home; we have pews full ignorant folks every service. Folks in church who don't even know why they are worshiping. I saw an ad this week I wish I hadn't, it stated conference in Alabama July 4,5,&6 for "white pastors only", hosted by "The Christian Independent Ministers", folks they don't know the meaning of Christian. They hate people based on their color, how are you going to worship in heaven when you can't worship here together? Hate tears our churches apart, what is wrong with us, we are supposed to be Christians CHRIST like. If you are going to talk it walk it, don't play it, God will not be mocked. We will account for every idle word that proceeds from our mouths, God is not going to send you to hell, and YOU are going to send you to hell, all because of hate. If you don't know love, then you don't know God. We aren't winning souls because we are too busy butting heads with each other. Ask yourself what kind of appearance are you putting forth? Are you putting on a show, or are you living for Jesus? How do other perceive you? We can't win souls with bad attitudes, what did Christ tell the disciples? Follow me and I will make you fishers of men, when is the last time you spoke to someone about Jesus? Thank You

Moderator, we want to thank Bro. Craig, for that inspiring devotional.

Moderator. recognition of visitors a gentleman named Robert Knier, also Missionaries Dale and Sandra Bishop, they are missionaries to Japan.

Recognition of Deacons 13 present, roll call of Delegates from local churches 28 present, and the roll call of Ministers 11 present. Motion by standing delegates to seat all delegates. M/S/C Total voting body present is 52.

Committee Reports:

Executive Board Report: The Executive Board met on June 02, 2012, at Cornerstone FW Baptist and hereby makes the following recommendations today: That today's offering go to GA Union Youth competing at Nationals in Memphis. M/S/C

2. The Executive Board discussed at length the Motion by Brother Gerald Smith of Bay Springs FW Baptist, to add "of Jesus Christ", to the GA Union Association name which was tabled to the Executive Board at the last Quarterly Session. The Executive Board decided not to bring the issue back to the floor of the Association, as it is not germane to the GA Union Assoc. and would put our association Out of Order with the GA State Association and the National Association of FW Baptists. Reference Article II Section 1 of the GA Union Association Constitution which reads in part "the applicants church or mission must conform to the faith and practices and adopt the doctrines established by this association". We are an association of autonomous churches, not one church, who have agreed to be part of an association of Free Will Baptist churches called the GA Union Association of Free Will Baptists which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. (Note vote on this recommendation as Executive Board chose not to bring Motion back to floor after it was tabled to Executive Board) Received as information only as to the Board's actions.

That we give First Eastman Church, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting today's meeting. M/S/C

There was an issue raised as if there was a vote to be taken on item #2, Bro. Tim Hutchinson explained the Executive Board's position on the issue, and that no vote was to be taken on the matter as it had been tabled to the Executive Board who acted on the Motion. Moderator stated we would vote on item #2 if so requested, no motion for vote was made. Moderator stated he himself, was incensed with folks like Church of Jesus Christ Ladder Day Saints and Jehovah's Witness who are cults and use and abuse the name of Christ ungodly. I believe as our Church Covenant says "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". Notwithstanding any local church has the right to put the name up there if they want to, but as far as GA Union Association, the State Association and the National Association, we do not feel it is germane to that point. The issue in a motion was tabled to the Executive Board and we as the Board felt the issue need not to go any further. This report on the motion was information only so no vote is taken as the Board was informing the body of it's actions, we remain the GA Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Ordaining Board Report: Bro. Tim Hutchinson, Chairman, Board did not meet last quarter no business conducted. Next meeting will be 8/14/12 at White Oaks FW Baptist in Macon. We ask that the licensed ministers come and give Board and update report on the status of their reading assignments. Also Bro. Trent

Dykes has resigned from the Board and there is a vacancy to be filled for his remaining term which expires (2016). Report received as information. M/S/C
No report from Camp Board and Christian Education Board as Bro. Monte McKenzie not present.

Mission Board Report: Bro. Tim Hutchinson, Chairman, board did not meet during last quarter. Rev. Trent Dykes has resigned from board, leaving his position vacant and needing to be filled his current term expires 2012. Mission Board Treasurer reported as follows as of June 30, 2012.

Beginning Balance in Foundation Account was \$114,522.15 minus \$4000.00 given to Snows/Bishops as special offering leaving a balance of \$110,422.15 as of 6/30/12. Regular Checking balance 4/1/12 \$5192.39 plus deposits of \$651.01 +\$4000.00 from Foundation account minus \$4000.00 to Snows/Bishops leaves a balance of \$5843.40. This leaves a total balance going forward in the Foundation and regular checking of \$116,365.65. Also reported that Board in process of moving Foundation account from account receiving 2.8% interest to account that will receive 5.00% for all balances over \$100,000.00. Report received as information. M/S/C

Trustee Board: Shine Collins, no report, we have done anything. Received as info. M/S/C

Rev. Tim Hutchinson requested to speak to Association, granted by Moderator. Bro. Tim tearfully read a letter of Resignation effective at the end of today's meeting, resigning from the Ordaining and Mission Boards. He stated his wife Suzan's father passed away on Fathers Day June 17, 2012. He explained Suzan's mother is going blind due to macular degeneration, and she needs us to care for her. So out of necessity we are relocating to Nashville, TN. My family will miss you all and we will continue to pray for you in the days ahead. I want to thank you for having given me the privilege and opportunity to serve God with you in the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists. Thank you for the friendship and the love you have given my family and me since 1980. Bro. Tony Howell, who was scheduled to speak at today's meeting then asked to speak. Bro. Craig preached my sermon in devotional time on love and hate, and since this is Tim's last meeting I would like to hear him preach today and I'll preach his turn in October. Rev. Grover Jewell then made motion to swap speakers and allow Bro Tim to preach today. M/S/C

Prayer by Moderator and receiving of today's offering.

Missionaries Dale/Sandra Bishop then spoke and gave update of his work in Korea and Japan. He had met with Pakistani brothers 40 FW Baptist in Pakistan, cautioned to not send money as many in poor conditions and they might spend it on themselves. Asked to please send literature which Randall House will pay for literature to send. Iran/Iraq/Persia pray for these folk

Christian minister beat by Muslims and told not to come back. Thanked GA Union for it's prayers and financial support.

Christian Education Board Treasurers Report: Gene Collins, balance 3/31/12 \$1687.85, minus disbursements of state competition fees totaling \$1185.00 plus receipts of district competition fees \$1185.00 leaving an ending balance \$1687.85. Report received as information. M/S/C

Morning Break for 15 minutes. Reconvened with congregational song Blessed Assurance led by Bro. Chad Smith followed by prayer. Bro. Chad Smith then provided special music by singing "You're my King".

Digest Committee Report; Gene Collins, 15 churches reporting, 9 members added, 8 members lost = net Gain of 01. Zero Baptisms. Total quarterly offerings \$177,434.92. Report received as information. M/S/C.

Message: Rev. Tim Hutchinson, he began stating I've grown up here at GA Union. He spoke of memories with GA Union, we will continue on with God, don't know what will come next but will enjoy the ride, God takes us the way he wants us to go. Mathew Chapter 7. I was due to speak in October, and thought about what to speak on John 3:16, Genesis 1. Luke? I have watched ours and other groups, and have seen I'm quicker to judge than give grace. I include myself in that category. I've been soul searching, it's dangerous to ask ourselves questions. Sometimes we need to ask why do I judge and not give grace, or am I judgmental, it has been a problem in my life. Sometimes I don't want to be known as a Christian, it's more challenging to be a disciple of Christ, not Christian ask yourselves what type Christian am I? A study from 1965-2000 found 87% of young people outside the church characterized the church as judgmental. Most non-Christians see the church as judgmental, finger pointers and angry people. Do we have the eyes of a judge or the eyes of a doctor? (Mathew 7:1) Three words you use in this verse are hypocrisy, integrity and mercy. Don't be a hypocrite or wear a mask, maintain your integrity and third give others the grace God has given you. Remove your log before trying to remove speck from your brother's eye. When Jesus forgave me it overwhelmed me, the mercy he has shown. I was an angry young man very selfish, God with his chisel allowed me to be used. The alternative to judgment is mercy, God can forgive the worst. You don't know their struggles, you don't know the past, and you don't know what you would do, don't judge. God will judge, now is not a time of final judgment, it is a time of mercy. Closed with prayer

Moderator: You got to say "oh me", or Amen after a message like that. Thank you Bro. Tim for that timely message.

Moderator read letter from Bethlehem recommending Bro. Tommy Baker as a Lay speaker who is available if needed in other congregations. Also Bethlehem will have Revival August 6-10 with Rev. Wayne Martin as speaker.

Treasurer's Report by Shine Collins: As of 6/30/12 balance in General Fund \$4380.13, Ministers Retirement Fund \$3514.06, Total Beginning balance \$7894.19. Dues received today \$845.00 Offering Received today \$200.00= balance of \$8939.19 minus disbursements \$300.00 ministers retirement, \$100- Moderator Fee, \$100-Clerk Fee, \$200-todays offering for youth competition leaving an ending balance of \$4725.13 in General Fund and \$3513.06 Minister Retirement for a total of \$8239.19. Report received as information. M/S/C Next meeting Annual Session October 13, 2012 10am at Little Bethel FW Baptist, speaker will be Rev. Tony Howell. Rev. Emory Howell request prayer for Rev. Howard Faircloth and family. Meeting adjourned, followed by delicious lunch in fellowship hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator / Lucas C. Allison, Clerk

**ANNUAL SESSION GA UNION ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 13, 2012**

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist, Eastman, GA

The session was called to order by Moderator Rev. Billy Sharpston. The congregation was then led in singing Power in the Blood, followed by prayer by Rev. Trent Dykes. A welcome to all was then given by host pastor, Rev. James Dixon. Rev. Dixon gave a devotional and spoke of three comings of Christ in the bible. Speaking of HIM coming as a baby, as savior and as King of Kings. He spoke of Christ coming in meekness and love, and when he comes back he will be on a white horse as King, Savior and Judge, not a little baby.

Motion to adopt program with necessary changes. M/S/C. Moderator then recognized visitors present who were, Joe Merkson, from Midway Association and Gordon Parod from the Ogeechee Association. Recognition of Deacons present (15), Clerk then read list of Delegates from member churches (26), Roll Call of Licensed and Ordained ministers (12). Motion to seat all delegates. M/S/C. Total voting body is 53.

Executive Board Report given by Clerk, the Executive Board met on Sept. 08, 2012 at Cornerstone church and makes the following recommendations: (1) That today's offering go to Alabama Children's Home. M/S/C (2) That we revise the Constitution and By-Laws of GA Union Association **Article I Section 2** to read as follows: "This Association and it's member churches adopt the Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists adopted by the National Association November 07, 1935 at Nashville, TN, and it's revisions dated 1948, 1956, 1958, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1992, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010 and any &

all future revisions." (tabled to afternoon session). (3) That we give a rising vote of thanks to Little Bethel Free Will Baptist for their hosting of our Annual Session today. M/S/C

Ordaining Board Report given by Dr. Charles Thigpen, we have not met during the last quarter; have no business to report as none has been conducted. Report received as information. M/S/C

Camp Board Report given by Clerk L. Allison from the report submitted to Executive Board on September 08, 2012 as reported by Board Chairman Monte McKenzie. Account balance as of 07/31/12 is \$4730.96. Spoke of possibility of joining with three associations to utilize a camp-ground near Adel, GA. Suggested opening campground to other associations to use, only issue is locating a suitable campground. In talks with Camp Echonee (Lizella) as possible location. Camp as usual this year. Outgrowing current location which is a great problem to have. Report received as information. M/S/C . CE Board Report also given as reported on 9/8/12 by Chairman McKenzie, no report as we have not met. Balance in account is \$1687.85. Report received as information. M/S/C .

Mission Board Report given by Chairman Rev. Grover Jewell, no business during the last quarter therefore no meeting was necessary. Treasurer's Report balance in Foundation Account at the National Office is \$110,522.25, the general account had a beginning balance of \$5843.40 plus deposits of \$894.54 giving an ending balance of \$6737.94. Total funds of \$117,260.19.

The Foundation account is currently earning 2.8% interest, we had voted at July session to move to Foundation account that would pay 5% with a minimum deposit of \$100,000.00. Currently the Foundation is only allowing moving to 5% accounts with \$5000.00 deposits. Board recommendation is that we not move from the 2.8 until we can transfer the entire \$110,522.25.

Report received as information. M/S/C .

Trustee Board Report given by Shine Collins, nothing to report as no business has been transacted. Report received as information. M/S/C .

Moderator welcomed special guest Mrs. Nancy Mathews who represents Church Insurers South of Macon, GA who is agent for Brotherhood Mutual Insurance which specializes in ministry insurance. She presented the benefits of a "Ministry Essentials " policy and it's coverage's. Sis Donna Jewell reported of incident of visitor being injured at event at Cornerstone church only to the church's dismay found that their current insurance did not cover them. Dr. Thigpen also asked Mrs. Mathews about a program where monies could be paid to the Association from premiums paid if no claims. Mrs. Mathews acknowledged program exists and would love to get something set up for GA Union Association. Mrs. Mathews stayed for lunch and to be available for questions. Received as information. M/S/C

Offering was received and we dismissed for 15 minute break.

Reconvened with congregation singing Heaven's Jubilee, special music was then provided singing A Golden Tomorrow. Moderator Sharpston, then introduced Rev. Tony Howell who brought a message with his text coming from Mathew 25:14-30. He spoke of being at Little Bethel when the old church was burnt down by two teenagers about 25 years ago. Spoke of how God let him rebuild the church then had him resign. He spoke of being a servant and how God does the calling not man. He spoke of churches without pastors while we have preachers who are sitting and not serving. We need to get back to the basics, get on the altar, we have to be faithful in all that God has called us to do. The gifts belong to God not you, use whatever he gave you. Jesus did his part & we have to do ours.

Moderator Sharpston, thanked Rev. Howell, for the message. and received remaining committee reports. Digest Report given by Gene Collins Quarterly Report: 12 churches reporting, we added 10 members and lost 3 with a net gain of 7. There were 2 baptisms, and quarterly offerings totaled \$166,036.30. Annual Report 13 churches reporting, we added 16 lost 18 for a net loss of 2, with 3 baptisms and yearly offerings of \$697,394.88. Report was received as information. M/S/C Note that after the meeting reports were received by clerk from Warner Robins and New Hope also Dublin First church is now defunct giving a final report for quarter as 15 churches reporting 11 were added 50 lost for a net loss of 39, 3 baptisms total offerings of \$183,550.06. Annual Report figures changed and are now 15 churches reporting, 27 members added, 62 lost for net loss of -35, 4 baptisms and offerings of \$746,058.03

Treasurer's Report was given by Shine Collins, GA Union dues received today \$620.00, National dues received today \$1950.00, Offering received today \$572.00 for a total received today of \$3142.00. Beginning balance on 9-30-12, General Fund \$4383.51 Minister Retirement \$3514.06 for a total of \$7897.57. Add deposits to general fund \$885.00, Min. Ret. Fund \$563.25 minus disbursements general fund \$511.53 Min.Ret. Fund -300.00 leaving a balance of \$8524.29. which is 4756.98 General Fund and 3777.31 in Min. Retirement Fund. Report received as information. M/S/C Article II Section 9 requires this association to adopt a budget for the upcoming year, the proposed budget for Oct. 1, 2012-Sept. 30, 2013 is as follows: Income from churches \$2600.00, expenditures: printing annual minutes \$450.00, mileage and postage \$1500.00, moderator and clerk fees \$800.00, miscellaneous expenses \$200.00, total expenditures = \$2950.00, balance(year-end) minus (\$350.00). The \$2600 excludes fee for Dublin Church, and also excludes quarterly offerings, which are designated. Motion to receive proposed budget. M/S/C

Motion to remove Executive Board recommendation which was tabled earlier in session. M/S/C Recommendation #2 of Executive Board now on floor regarding

Article I Section 2. After discussion. Motion to approve recommendation.
M/S/C .48 yea 1 nay

Nominating Committee report given by Jimmy Rozier with a motion to receive and vote by acclamation the nominations recommended. M/S/C .The following were the recommendations:

Assistant Moderator-Rev. Wayne Martin, Asst. Clerk; Sue Lindsey, Asst. Treasurer: Marion Shine Collins, Trustee Board: Grover Jewell, Ordaining Board: Wayne Martin and Stewart-Allen Clark, Camp Board: Monte McKenzie & Craig Minor, Digest Committee: Gene Collins, Mission Board: Sis Sue Lindsey, Gerald Smith, Roy Woods & T R Fountain, Christian Education Board Gene Collins, Sis Linda O'Neal, Harold Dunaway, State Board Rep Mission Board: Roy Woods Nomination Committee: Jimmy Rozier, Grover Jewell, Wayne Martin, Finance Committee: Donna Jewell, Jimmy Rozier, Marion Shine Collins.

Announcements and prayer lists received. Motion to adjourn by standing and closing prayer by Rev. Wayne Martin, M/S/C

A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all after adjournment provided by Little Bethel.

Respectfully Submitted:

Billy Sharpston, Moderator/Lucas C. Allison. Clerk

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

(Revised 1980; 1/81; 4/82; 4/89; 1/90; 6/91; 10/92; 10/93; 10/95;
10/97; 6/98; 4/99; 1/00; 4/00; 10/00, 10/2012)

ARTICLE I

Section 1: This assembly shall be known as the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 2: This Association and it's member churches adopt the Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists adopted by the National Association November 07, 1935 at Nashville, TN, and it's revisions dated 1948, 1956, 1958, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1992, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, and any all future revisions.

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:

Members	Fee	Members	Fee	Members	Fee
1-25	\$35	26-50	\$40	51-75	\$45
100	\$50	101-125	\$55	126-150	\$60

Over 150: \$70 plus \$5 for every 25 members over 150.

Section 8. The \$150 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.

© 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

© 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"

© 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 candidate's local church shall issue him a license valid for one year. The candidate's license shall be renewed each year, providing his local church has recommended renewal of his license, the Ordaining Board examines the licensee and recommends renewal, and the Association votes approval.
3. Approved license shall carry the names of the pastor, clerk, and church issuing the license.
4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, measure up to the standards of The Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our Church Covenant, which have been adopted by this body.
5. No applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he or his wife has more than one living husband or wife. Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 3:2, and Titus 1:6, namely, "the husband of one wife", is to be looked upon as making ineligible as ministers...anyone who has been divorced and remarried, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or the innocence of either partner...that said persons, whose marital state

disqualifies them to be ministers...not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him.

6. Upon receipt of a minister's license, which is renewable annually, it is required that each licensee complete the following items which are to be considered a part of the examining criteria as indicated in paragraph 2:
 - a. Read "A Free Will Baptist Handbook" by Matthew Pinson, "Faith for Today" by Dr. J.D. O'Donnell, and "What the Bible Says About Tongues", by Robert E. Picirilli, which will be provided by the Association.
 - b. Read "A Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists" with current revisions.
 - c. Be prepared to discuss personal habits and concern for:
 - (i) Church and personal visitation; (ii) Soul winning efforts and results;
- (iii) Personal Bible study; and ???(iii) Sermon preparation.

Section 2. Rules for Calling Pastors.

1. Each church should familiarize themselves with the rules for licensing of ministers and ask the candidate the same questions even though he may or may not be coming for license. If a member of another association, the pastor should indicate that he is in good standing. The degree of investigation of the candidate is left to the church's discretion. Each church should be mindful of the standards of this Association for the good of the body.
2. No pastor of a church or mission in this Association can hold license or ordination papers from another denomination and be in good standing with this body. Any candidate coming to this Association from another denomination shall be placed under the watch care of this denomination and the church he is pastor of 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

<u>Organized</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1884	Bay Springs Bay Springs Ch. Rd Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-1220	Emory Howell 387 Empire/Chester Hwy Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-9646 Wife: Wanda	Kevin Rogers 5223 Palm Drive Eastman, GA 31023 478-231-9521
1917	Bethlehem 142 Old Coney Rd Cordele, GA 31015	Ronnie E. Youngblood 150 Holcomb Rd Arabi, GA 31712 229-322-9288 Wife: Elleen	Shirley Calhoun 216 Perry Rd Cordele, GA 31015 229-273-3947
1887	Christian Hill P: 3037 Christian Hill Rd M: P. O. Box 482 Rochelle, GA 31079	Wayne Martin 1325 Mitchell Rd Rochelle, GA 31079 Wife: Paula	Lucas C. Allison P. O. Box 482 Rochelle, GA 31079 229-424-3890
2000	Cornerstone P: 10157 Hwy 341 Ft. Valley, GA 31030 M: P.O. Box 130 Perry, GA 31069 gsjewell@windstream.net	Grover Jewell 118 Quinelle Dr. Perry, GA 31069 478-218-8750 Wife: Donna	Angela McLemore 102 Chimney Rock Rd Perry, GA 31069 478-218-0614
1910	Crossroads 110 Jones Road Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-4566	VACANT	Susan Crooms 244 Basss-Mullis Rd Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-9933
1896	Double Branch 2760 Dbl Branch Rd Unadilla, GA 31091 double@estel.net	Stewart-Allen Clark 1980 Dbl Branch Church Rd Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-9274 Wife: Melinda	Mary Holden Dunaway 339 Tom Taylor Rd Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-2949
	First Eastman 5830 Sixth Ave. Eastman, GA 31023	VACANT	Lori Jones 1882 Cochran Hwy. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-6390
1915	Little Bethel 1275 Rebie Road Chester, GA 31012	James Dixon 72 Popular Springs Rd Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-5219 Wife: Frances	Tommy Parker 117 Lonnie Bryant Rd Cochran, GA 31014 478-934-6048
1885	Mt. Ararat 2100 Chauncy-Rhine Hwy Eastman, GA 31023	Roy L. Wood, Sr. 979 West Hope Ch. Rd Alamo, GA 30411 912-568-7685	Elaine Jones 163 Milan-Eastman Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-9449

Organized	Church	Pastor	Clerk
1885	New Hope 139 Free Will Ch. Rd. Cochran, GA 31014	Tony Howell 22 Beachwood Rd. Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-3356	Angela Cranford 22 Church Street Cochran, GA 31014 478-230-3997
1924	Pine Level 61 Pine Level Ch. Rd. Chester, GA 31012	Craig Minor P.O. Box 4875 Eastman, GA 31023 478-231-0635	Sue Lindsey 1140 East Chicken Rd. Chester, GA 31012 478-697-6000
1898	Pleasant Hill 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31092 229-268-6211	Dr. Charles Thigpen (interim) 422 Southland Trail Byron, GA 31008 478-956-4046	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31093 229-268-6211
1964	Warner Robins 214 Brady Drive W Robins, GA 31088 jimmyRO@msn.com 478-922-0544	Jimmy Rozier, Sr. 3222 Maynard Mill Rd. Forsyth, GA 31029 478-960-9840 Wife: Linda	Joe W. Watson P. O. Box 533 Byron, GA 31008 478-956-2011 (H) 478-918-6801 (C)
1953	White Oaks 7035 Houston Macon, GA 31216 478-785-9170	Brian Cameron 215 Sunny Meade Rd Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-333-2107 (H)) 252-503-9226 (C)	Gloria Johnson 5725 Swymer Dr. Macon, GA 31216 478-788-2197

ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCH	#BAPTISMS	MEMBERS ADDED	MEMBERS LOST	TOTAL MEMBERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	INCOME
BAY SPRINGS	02	06	02	104	55	\$ 71,352.44
BETHLEHEM	00	02	05	71	19	45,650.08
CHRISTIAN HILL	00	04	01	56	25	43,797.17
CORNERSTONE	01	00	00	40	15	28,994.00
CROSSROADS	00	00	00	34		20,162.05
DOUBLE BRANCH	00	03	150(inactive 146)	149	75	180,230.70
FIRST FW DUBLIN	(church was disbanded in Sept ,2012)		46	00	00	9,038.57
FIRST EASTMAN	00	00	14 (inactive 14)	35	25	33,497.94
LITTLE BETHEL	00	00	01	36	18	35,133.05
MT. ARARAT	00	00	00	77	16	23,769.44
NEW HOPE	01	11	00	91	45	39,624.58
PINE LEVEL	00	01	04	30	19	23,340.07
PLEASANT HILL	00	00	01	63	25	31,183.00
WARNER ROBINS	00	00	01	88	20	30,859.02
WHITE OAKS	00	00	02	85	40	129,426.42

Total Georgia Union Membership: 959

Total Annual Income: \$746,058.03

Annual Statistics taken from October 2012 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.