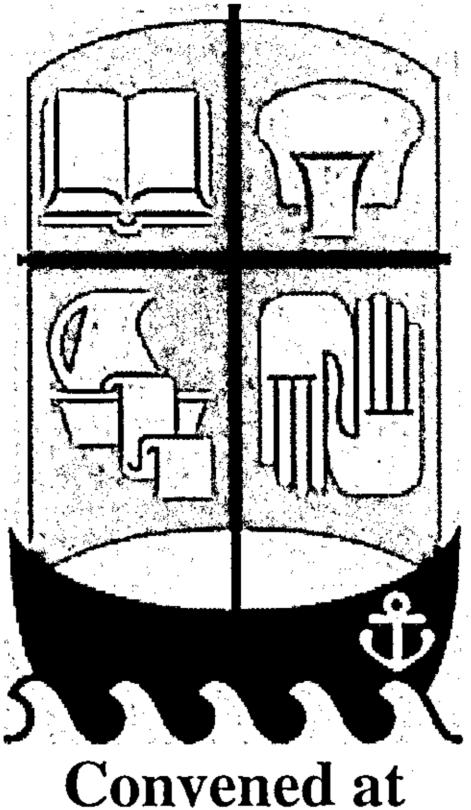
# 118<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSSION OF THE GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



## PLEASANT HILL Freewill Baptist Church Vienna, Georgia Saturday October 12, 2013

EXECUTIVE BOARD Moderator .....Dr. Billy Sharpston Assistant Moderator .....Rev. Jimmy Rozier 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<sup>ST</sup> Quarterly Session January 11, 2014 First Free Will—Warner Robins
 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Session April 12, 2104 White Oaks—Macon, GA
 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Session July 12, 2014 Bay Springs—Eastman, GA
 Annual Session October 11, 2014 Bethlehem—Cordele, GA

#### SPEAKERS FOR EACH SESSION

(Subject to Change)JanuaryRev. William SmithAprilRev. Jimmy RozierJulyRev. Daniel WilliamsOctoberRev. Roy Woods

## **RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Call to Order by Moderator Open Meeting with Prayer/Song—Host Church Welcome by Host Pastor Devotional

Adopt Program with Necessary Changes 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 20, 2014- GWAC Annual Meeting @ Bethlehem FWB Cordele, Ga March 20-21, 2014 -GA STATE ASSOCIATION FWB Annual Meeting at Bethlehem FWB-Cordele, GA

July 27-Aug. 01, 2014-NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FWB Annual Meeting to be held in Fort Worth, TX

## GENERAL OFFICERS

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Clerk (2015)

Assistant Clerk (2014)

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

(2014)Jimmy Rozier	3222 Maynard Mill Rd	478-994-9839
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(2015)Marion Collins	7000 Clay Circle	478-788-8530
	Macon, GA 31216	
(2016)Wayne Martin	1325 Mitchell Road	229-624-2066
	Rochelle, GA 31079	
(2017)Grover Jewell	118 Quenelle Dr. Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
(2018)Wayne Hobbs	9465 Hwy 215, Vienna, GA 31029	229-268-6211

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

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(2014)Grover Jewell	118 Quinelle Dr. Perry, GA 31069	478-218-8750
(2015)Charles Thigpen	422 Southland Trail,	478-956-4046
	Byron, GA 31008	
(2016)Brian Cameron	215 Sunny Meade Road	478-333-2107
	Warner Robins, GA 31088	
(2017)Wayne Martin	1325 Mitchell Road	229-624-2066
	Rochelle, GA 31079	
(2018)Emory Howell	387 Empire/Chester Hwy,	478-934-9646
•	Cochran, GA 31014	

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

(2014)Brian Cameron

(2015)Craig Minor

(2016)Wanda Knight

(2017)Monte McKenzie

(2018)Chad Smith

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208 Barnard Road
Cochran, GA 31034
31 Liberty Street
Hawkinsville, GA 31036
322 Harrison Street
Eastman, GA 31023

478-333-2107 478-231-0635 478-934-6918 478-892-8178 478-374-2746

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(2015)Gene Collins

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478-405-9939

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(2015)Roy Woods	979 W. Hope Ch Rd	912-568-7685
	Alamo, GA 30411	
(2015)Sue Lindsey	1140 E. Chicken Rd	478-697-6000
· · -	Chester, GA 31012	
(2015)Gerald Smith	1720 Dublin Hwy	478-374-3272
	Eastman, GA 31023	
(2018)Craig Minor	P O Box 4875	478-231-0635
	Eastman, GA 31023	
2018) T. R. Fountain	71 Coleman Cemetery Rd	478-374-3148
-	Eastman, GA 31023	

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD (Three-Year Term)

(2015)Gene Collins	1051 N. Pine Knoll Drive	478-405-9939
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Macon, GA 31204	
(2015)Harold Dunaway	Rt. 3 Box 150	478-892-2949
	Hawkinsville, GA 31036	
(2015)Linda O' Neal	651 Glyen Hickman Rd	478-231-2119
•	Eastman, GA 31023	
(2018)Monte McKenzie	31 Liberty Street	478-892-8178
· ·	Hawkinsville, GA 31036	• · · ·
(2018)Brian Cameron	215 Sunny Meade Road	478-333-2107
	Warner Robins GA 31088	

Warner Robins, GA 31088

#### **STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

(2015)Camp Board
(2015)Christian Ed. Bd.
(2015)Mission Board
(2015)Trustee Board

Monte McKenzie Monte McKenzie Roy Woods Marion "Shine" Collins 478-892-8178 478-892-8178 912-568-7685 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

#### MINISTERS

## HONOR ROLL (exempt from reporting)

Faircloth, Howard	563 Lawndale Dr., Eastman, GA 3102	3 478-374-301
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	Macon, GA 31206	
Powell, Elbert	Rt. 1, Box 114, Chester, GA 31012	478-934-4348
Sharpston, Billy	540 Parker Road	229-268-8746
	Vienna, GA 31092	
Thigpen, Charles	422 Southland Trail	478-956-4046
	Byron, GA 31008	

#### **ORDAINED/ACTIVE**

Cameron, Brian	215 Sunny Meade Rd	478-333-2107
· · ·	Warner Robins, GA 31088	
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Dykes, Trent	456 Bowers Cemetery Road	478-230-3876
	Cochran, GA 31014	
Hardeman, Charles	103 Golf Course Road	478-374-3618
	Eastman, GA 31023	· .
Howell, Emory	387 Empire-Chester Hwy.	478-934-9646

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Jewell, Grover Lawson, Ronnie

Martin, Wayne

Minor, Craig

Rozier, Jimmy

Williams, Daniel

Woods, Roy L

Youngblood, Ronnie

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478-374-3282
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229-322-9288

### **GEORGIA UNION MINUTES 2013**

GA UNION ASSOCIATION 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING CONVENING JANUARY 12, 2013 AT MT. ARARAT F W BAPTIST 10AM Session was called to Order by Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator, with prayer. Congregation then sang the hymn He Set Me Free. Rev. Roy Wood, Pastor then welcomed all to Mt.Ararat, followed by Devotional by Warren J. Holt. He read from Mathew 24:44 spoke of Jesus coming soon, problems faced by the church today. Problem #1 is too much of the world in the church, the church needs to stand on the inerrant word of GOD. Today the truth is white washed, you may not be a preacher, but you are and can be a reacher. 2<sup>nd</sup> enemy is the flesh. Galatians 5:16 says walk in the spirit, 3<sup>rd</sup> enemy is Satan himself. Moderator then welcomed visitors and introduced the new Pastor of White Oaks F W Baptist-Rev. Brian Cameron, who hails from North Carolina. Roll call of Delegates by Clerk Lucas Allison 25 present, Recognition of all Deacons 20 present, Roll Call of Ministers 13 present. Total voting body is 58. M/S/C to seat all delegates. Report of Committees:

**Executive Board:** Lucas Allison, Clerk-Board met on December 01,2012 and makes the following recommendations 1. That today's offering go to Welch College General Fund. M/S/C. 2. That we give Mt.Ararat, a rising vote of thanks for hosting today's meeting. M/S/C. Report received as info. **Ordaining Board Report:** Dr. Charles Thigpen, Chairman- We recommend that the following men be Ordained to the Gospel Ministry. Rev. Craig Minor,

Pastor at Pine Level F W Baptist, and Rev. Ronnie Youngblood, Pastor at Bethlehem F W Baptist. We also recommend that a Letter of Good Standing be sent for Rev. Tim Hutchinson to Dr. Stanley Outlaw, Cumberland Association 112 Settlement Court Brentwood, TN 37027. Report received as info M/S/C. Mission Board: Rev. Roy Wood, Chairman-.Ask to keep Sue Lindsey Mission Board Treasurer in prayer she has had back surgery. Advised today that Bro. Monte McKenzie wishes to resign from Board due to his other duties to this association with camp and Christian Education boards. The Board met on 10/13/12 and elected Roy Woods, Chairman, Sue Lindsey as Clerk/Treasurer, the board agreed to be active and study the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mission Board. We met again on 11-18-12 @ the Sidetrack Restaurant. Bro. T. R. Fountain was elected Vice Chairman, the purpose of the board was discussed, both to help churches in existence and help develop new churches. Three churches are without pastors and at least 3 counties we represent do not have churches. Concern was voiced over the loss of the Dublin church and property. Reminder to this Association we are ready and available to assist churches in finding Pastors or meeting their needs. Discussed the funds in our charge and our responsibilities concerning them. Agreed to ask God for his guidance on all our actions as a faithful Board. We also discussed that a Hispanic church has been formed by the Home Missions Department in Cordele, GA. We desire to know the Association opinion concerning the possibility of them joining GA Union Association in accordance with rules for new churches joining.

Bro. Roy also met with State Mission Board via conference call on 1-09-12, in which discussion centered on the Cartersville work, no decisions were made. Motion to receive report as info M/S/C. Foundation Account Balance as of 10-13-12 is \$110,522.25, does not include Oct.-Dec.12 interest as board did not have access. Beg bal in State Bank Trust in Perry, GA \$6737.94 adding receipts from Missions Dept of \$234.30 on 10-21-12 and 308.50 on 11-09-12 giving an ending balance of \$7280.74, total both accounts is \$117,802.99. Received as information. M/S/C.

**Camp Board Report:** Monte McKenzie, Chairman-Teen Camp will be June 2-7 at Camp Eechoconee in Lizella, GA, and will cost \$175.00 per person. Applications for camp are in the Bulletin, there is an early bird registration discount of \$25.00. Teen Camp is for grades 6 and up. Junior Camp has been moved from Adel, GA to Camp Eechoconee also. Due to the fact that we have run out of room at the Adel location. The dates have changed and will be June 30-July 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$85.00, I will have applications at April association meeting. The current account balance is \$4730.96. We will be receiving our usual grant from the State Association before camp starts. Report received as information. M/S/C.

**Christian Education Board Report:** The only thing the CE board has scheduled is the District Competition which will be held at Double Branch FW Baptist on March 23, 2013 at 10 am, it is being held earlier due to 30<sup>th</sup> being Easter weekend. I encourage all churches even if your kids are not taking part bring them to see what goes on and the excitement that goes on. It will motivate them to take part. All are welcome to attend. Current account balance is \$1587.85. Note we have added an English Standard Version translation to bibles used in competition. Report received as information. M/S/C. **Trustee Board:** Shine Collins, no report, no property to look after if anybody wants to donate a farm with a fully stocked fish pond we'll accept it. Report received as information. M/S/C.

The offering was then received and a break was taken. We reconvened with congregation singing What a day that will Be, followed by prayer from Rev. Ronnie Youngblood. We then heard special musical guest Arden Grace from Heritage United Methodist in Macon, GA. she sang "His Life for Mine and The Lord's Prayer.

Rev. Grover Jewell, then brought the message. He said we all have a part of "whosoever will", I serve a living GOD we don't serve a dead God. At watchnight service this couple could not enjoy the service due to their fighting, they were shacking up and she was telling the man they were living in sin was the problem. The were sin sick. Mathew 3:17 scripture text, he spoke of this day being special to him as 13 years ago he stood before this association on 1-12-2000,that same day a group of folks from Cornerstone were looking for a Pastor, their Pastor had broken up the church and left. They invited me to come, tomorrow will be 13 years for me at Cornerstone. In Mathew 3:17 the Father announced to the world that "this is my Son in Whom I am well pleased" he did it also in Mathew 17:5 on the Mount Transfiguration. On January 01, I had a birthday 33 years as a Christian, my 30<sup>th</sup> year was 2010, that marked that I had been serving God longer than Satan. I will title this message "Who will take the Son" John 19:38 talks about how Joseph came to Pilate and asked for the body of Christ, who will take the Son? Never say a person has gone too far, we catch them he cleans them. John 4 talks about the woman at the well, she took Jesus the son. I recall a service at Piney Flats F W Baptist in Piney Flats, TN, I saw a woman holding the death grip on a pew, I saw first hand a fight between Jesus and Satan for a soul. Jesus won she took the Son. In John 6 Peter was smart he took the Son, Paul on the road to Damascus, he took the Son, Thomas took the Son, people need to wake up and take the Son. He told of story of man, his son and paintings "Whoever takes the son gets it all". If you have the Son you have it all. I ask who will take the Son?

**Digest Committee Report:** 14 churches reporting, 19 members added 18 members lost net gain of 1, 2 baptisms

offerings total \$158,053.77(note two churches failed to report income on their reports). Report received as information. M/S/C. After meeting Clerk received report from Pine Level which showed they added 0 and lost 0 which originally was reported as adding 2, this correction gives new totals as 17 added 18 lost for net loss of 1 also offerings were \$6725.69 for Pine Level which gives a total offerings of \$164,509.46 for quarter(no report of offerings was received from New Hope.

Treasurer's Report: Begin balance in general fund\$4756.98 add deposits \$3332.00(2760.00 National Dues)minus \$1013.94 expenditures leaving a balance of \$7055.04. Min. Ret. Fund Begin \$3777.31 add deposits \$146.24 minus \$300.00 expenditures leaving a balance of \$3623.55. \$7055.04 add \$3623.55 equals \$10678.59. Today's offering for Welch College was \$241.00 Dues Received today \$615.00 for a total of \$856.00. Report received as information. M/S/C Dr. Thigpen, gave an explanation of why name was changed to Welch College from FW Baptist Bible College. He stated the mission of the school has not changed. Every student who attends comes out with a Bible Degree. He explained their was problems when missionaries would go abroad and they Bible College on documents to enter country. February 24<sup>th</sup> is a big day for Welch College, I pray each church can give \$1000. Bro. Gerald Smith, then asked if we were not going into the countries under false pretense hiding the fact that we are a Bible college. Dr. Thigpen, replied no we are not thank you for your comment. There then were several remarks in regards to this policy, Moderator Sharpston responding to Bro. Smith stated we all stand with JESUS, I know where you are going with this and that matter has already been settled. We appreciate your commitment, and being a part of this Association, but you need to come set, listen and you might learn a thing or two, now we're moving on.

Announcements: New minister cards for 2013 will be mailed by the Clerk. Bro. Craig Minor and Ronnie Youngblood will notify the Ordaining Board and Clerk on the date they wish to be Ordained. There will be a Youth Rally Feb.9<sup>th</sup> -7pm at New Hope FW Baptist with Evangelist Jacob Berry.

Delegates to State Meeting in Jesup, GA March 21-22, 2013: Bruce Allison, Gerald Smith's wife, give Moderator and Clerk authority to add others if they show up. M/S/C. Motion to Adjourn. M/S/C.

A great meal was enjoyed by all following adjournment, prepared by Mt. Ararat church. Respectfully: Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator /Lucas C. Allison, Clerk

#### April 13, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Session

Minutes of GA Union Association at New Hope FW Baptist, Chester, GA Rev. Billy Sharpston, Moderator called session to Order with prayer by Rev. Craig Minor. The congregation then sang At Calvary led by Rev. Trent Dykes with Chad Smith on piano. Rev. Trent Dykes, Interim Pastor welcomed all and gave devotion using Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, as his text. He spoke of the two things we should do as Christians according to scripture and that is fear GOD and keep his commandments. He spoke of the secret things, GOD knows it all. Moderator recognition of visitors, Bro. Tim Hutchinson, stated he was not a visitor, Recognition of Deacons 12 present, Roll call of Ministers 13 present,

Roll call of Delegates 20 present for a voting body of 45. Motion to seat delegates. M/S/C.

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

Executive Board Report given by Clerk, Executive Board met on Saturday March 1, 2013 and makes the following recommendations: 1. Today's Offering go to International Missions, M/S/C, 2. That we give a rising vote of thanks to New Hope in hosting today's meeting. M/S/C.

- Ordaining Board Report by Dr. Charles Thigpen: The Board recommends that Bro. Brian Cameron be accepted as an Ordained Minister in the GA Union Assoc. subject to receiving a Letter of Good Standing from the Randall Association of FW Baptist in North Carolina. He and his wife are members of White Oaks FW Baptist in Macon. M/S/C.
- Mission Board Report: Foundation Account in TN balance as of 12/31/12 is \$115,694.62, our local account had a beginning balance of \$7280.74 + deposits of \$711.93 51.52 for checks and deposit slips leaves a balance of \$7941.15. Total balance both accounts \$123,635.77. Received as information. M/S/C. Camp Board and CE Board no reports available. Trustee Board-Shine Collins-no report.

Morning Offering received, with prayer by Bro. Trent Dykes.

Presentation to the Hutchinson's by Moderator Sharpston for 32 dedicated years

service to GA Union Association. Bro. Billy read a history of all the churches served in and offices held in the GA Union over their tenure. Tim & Suzan Hutchinson came to Dublin, GA in early August, 1980 as Mission Pastor of First FWB Church. They then served as Pastor at First FWB Church in Eastman, GA and later at New Hope FWB Church from 9/1982 to 9/1983. They returned to Dublin in 1985, where Tim served as Assistant Pastor and Children's Church Pastor. They were there until about May, 1992. Around that time Tim served as Assistant Treasurer in the Georgia Union and on the Christian Education Board. In 1995, they returned to Dublin, First FWB Church where Tim served as Pastor and worked on the Georgia Christian Education Board and on the Ordaining Board. Tim served as Chairman of the Christian Education Board until July, when they left for a full-time church in Florida in July, 2002.

In 2006, Tim once again became Pastor of the Dublin First FWB Church and served until 2/2012. During that time he served on the Mission Board and the Ordaining Board. Sometime in 2007, Tim became Chairman of the Ordaining Board and served until July, 2012 when he resigned to relocate to Nashville, Tennessee to help care for his wife Suzan's mother. Tim briefly served as Chairman of the Mission Board in 2012.

Please join the Georgia Union Association as we pay tribute to and honor the dedicated service of Rev. Tim and Suzan Hutchinson to the Kingdom of God, the GA Union Association and the State of Georgia. Bro. Billy then presented Tim and Suzan with a beautiful plaque thanking and

acknowledging their service. Bro. Tim then gave heartfelt remarks, including the fact that he hadn't died, he just moved to TN, several commented same thing everyone had a good laugh. He also stated how proud he and Suzan were to have been a part of GA Union and all the friends they made here. Break: Reconvene with congregation singing HE SET Me Free led by Trent Dykes and Chad Smith on piano. CE Board Report by Gene Collins: Balance on account is \$1587.85. Youth Competition is in Albany this year at First FW, Double Branch and White Oaks will have participants. Gave information on Teen and Jr. Camps both will be held at Echoconee in Lizella. All camp workers will have to undergo a background check and you must be 24 years old to work at camp. Report received as information. M/S/C. **Digest Report:** Gene Collins- 14 churches reporting, 14 members gained 2 members lost for a net gain of 12 new members. Offerings for quarter is \$164,216.00 with 3 baptisms. Report received as information. M/S/C. Treasurer Report: Shine Collins-As of March 31, 2013 Bal. Gen Fund is 7074.99 Min. Ret. is \$3623.55 total \$10698.54.(includes Natl. Dues) + deposits of \$1219.94 – disbursements of \$4210.67 (\$2200-Natl.dues, Min. Ret.-\$300, Mod fee \$100 Clerk Fee \$100, Jan offering to Welch College \$246, Misc. \$1264.67(mileage to meets, bibles for new ministers, expense honoring Hutchinson family, )Full cost of printing minute books refunded by printer for

failing to deliver on time. Ending Balance of \$7707.81(Gen. \$4255.47, Min. Ret. \$3452.34. For 4/13/13 GA Union Dues Received \$655.00 Offering today \$206.00=\$861.00 received today, offering will go to International Missions. Report received as information. M/S/C.

There was no old or new business. Announcements of sings, and revival were made by several churches. Rev. Stewart-Allen Clark also announced he was available Sunday mornings and Wed evenings in May and June then he would be leaving the area. Motion to adjourn. M/S/C.

Morning Worship was then begun with congregation singing Old Rugged Cross led by Trent Dykes with Chad Smith on piano. Chad Smith then sang a special God's Been Good, Bro. Billy then introduced Bro. Brian Cameron to bring the message. Bro. Cameron said he was the new boy on the block. His scripture text was 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 34:29-33. He titled the message Four Essential Components for Revival. He state revival is not emotionalism, nor is it a series of meetings. Revival is to put life back into something that is dead. He told story of using a defibrillator to bring a man back to life while working as a paramedic in NC. He said the church needs a spiritual defibrillator. The Four components are 1. People of God need to take sin seriously and tear down the idols. 2. People of God need to take his Word seriously. 3. People of God must take prayer seriously and 4..People must take their work seriously. Respectfully submitted: Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator / Lucas C. Allison, Clerk.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Session GA Union Association

held July 13, 2013 at Pine Level FW Baptist Chester, GA Moderator, Rev. Billy Sharpston, called meeting to order at 10am. Opened with a congregational hymn "I love to tell the Story" led by Chad Smith with Daniel Williams on piano. Rev. Craig Minor, pastor of Pine Level welcomed all and gave directions of facilities. Devotion by Rev. Craig Minor, his text was Luke 6:35, he spoke on Love Thy Neighbor. He said it is hard to be tolerant and easy to be judgmental, easy to finger wag and hard to love. When church members fight the devil laughs. Don't be tolerant to sin but be tolerant to the sinner. Welcome by Moderator, no visitors present. Recognition of Deacons 10 present, Roll Call of Delegates 27 present, Roll Call of Ministers 12 present for a total voting body of 49.

Executive Board Report by Clerk Lucas Allison, Executive Board met June 8, 2013, and makes the following recommendations; 1. That today's offering goes to Youth Competition attending Nationals in Tampa, FL. M/S/C. 2. That we give Pine Level a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for hosting today's meeting and the great meal provided. M/S/C.

Ordaining Board Report by Dr. Charles Thigpen, the Ordaining Board had not met due to no business. A letter in Good Standing for Rev. Brian Cameron, pastor of White Oaks was received from the Randall Association which read: "this letter serves the purpose of identifying Rev. Brian Cameron as an ordained minister in good standing with the Randall Association of FW Baptists. Rev. Cameron was a member of Immanuel F W Baptist Church in Durham, NC, he also served on the Executive Board of the Randall Association. Rev. Cameron is both qualified and recommended for all types of pastoral ministry including preaching and teaching, counseling, chaplaincy and an general type of spiritual ministry." it was signed by Rev. Doug Western, Clerk of Randall Association FW Baptists. Report received as info. M/S/C. Mission Board Report by Rev. Roy Woods, board has not met last quarter, will meet today after Association meeting. He gave report of attending the organizational meeting of the Hispanic mission in Cordele, he spoke a few words and relayed that GA Union would welcome them. The mission is an outreach of a Kentucky Hispanic FW Baptist Church. Home Missions is providing the building. The pastor is Rev. Mateo Gomez. He said the church does have needs roof needs replacing, new signs which were brought to my attention. Mission Board Treasury report as of 12/31/12 bal in foundation account was \$115694.62 + interest earned of \$1634.99 for a balance of \$117,329.61 as of 6/30/13. Local account at Colony Bank balance on 3/31/13 \$7941.15 +deposits May 302.22 June225.28 for balance of \$8468.65 and a total balance in both accounts of \$125,798.26. Report received as information. M/S/C.

Camp Board, CE Board, and Trustee Board: No reports No Old or New Business.....Collect morning offering-----Break. Reconvene with congregation singing This is my Story, led by Chad Smith with Daniel Williams on piano.

Treasurer Report by Donna Jewell, General Fund begin balance \$4225.47, Minister Retirement \$3453.34 total begin balance \$7707.81. Deposits: General \$861.00 Retirement \$504.18 =total \$1365.18 minus disbursements of \$1081.03=balance of \$7991.16 as of 6/30/13. Collections today: \$240.00 offering \$605.00 dues=\$845.00 New Balance General \$5179.64 Retirement \$3656.52 for a total of \$8836.16. Today's offering of \$204.00 will go to Youth Competition. Report received as Information. M/S/C. **Digest Committee Report** by Grover Jewell we have 13 churches reporting with 20 members added and 17 members lost giving us a Net Gain of +3 with 13 baptisms. Total offerings of \$174, 079.47. Report received as information. M/S/C. Note after meeting Clerk received report in mail from Warner Robins FW Baptist with \$50.00 dues fwd to Treasurer. With W Robins we had 14 churches reporting with 20 added 18 lost Net Gain of +2 & 13 baptisms. with total offerings of \$179, 284.97. No other business to conduct. Congregation sang Amazing Grace led by Chad Smith and Daniel Williams on piano. Message: Rev. Wayne Martin gave text of John 1:12, he stated he didn't want to bring this message but this is what the Lord laid upon his heart. He said he did not contend to bring strife or division in this association. First issue is qualifications of ministers two years ago there was vote of 35/42 not change. God does not want division in us, we cannot operate in the spirit

if we are divided in flesh. God wants his son's name spoken. The name of GOD is Jesus we must exalt the name of JESUS. We must receive his doctrine under his name. Men like to set guidelines for Christians to go by, the BIBLE is the only guidelines we need. This Association is divided. I am hurt because this association has not loved like it should. If we can't get it right over here we ain't going over there. We as an Association and as individuals need to exalt the name of JESUS. Read Mark 16:17-18.

Meeting adjourned, all enjoyed meal served by Pine Level.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Billy Sharpston, Moderator/Lucas Allison, Clerk

#### GA UNION ASSOCIATION/ 118<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

**OCTOBER 12, 2013 convening at Pleasant Hill F W Baptist, Vienna, GA** The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the GA Union Association FW Baptists, was called to order by Moderator Dr. Billy Sharpston. The congregation led by Bro. Billy Hobbs with Mrs. Betty Jordan on piano sang "The Solid Rock", followed by prayer by Rev. Emory Howell.

Motion by Moderator to adopt program with necessary changes. M/S/C. Welcome by Moderator, gave information on facilities. Devotional by Jerry Bringman, he spoke of giving honor to the Pastor. Spoke on ORDER, speaking from 1 Corinthians 15:40-43, spoke of God's order of Peace, we must keep peace amongst ourselves. He gave a definition of devotion. loyalty to God and Jesus Christ. Must be order in church and the world. Stay true to your calling and be ambassadors, churches stay true don't waiver. We are made over comers thru Christ. Psalms 66, make his Praise glorious. He ended devotion by reading 2 Chron. 7:14. Moderator Sharpston, thanked Bro. Bringman for devotional. He also asked for prayer and to remember Bro. Donald Selph, who has had 2 light strokes, I believe he is on his way here if he is not something is seriously wrong. He had been dedicated to GA Union for as far back as I can remember. (Note: Bro. Selph attended his first GA Union meeting in 1941). Visitors recognized by Moderator: Larry & Debra Mullis new pastor of First Eastman FWB, and Rick Bowling from Home Missions/Hispanic Missions.

Recognition of Deacons, 11 present, Roll Call of Ministers 10 present, Roll call of Delegates from churches 24 present for a total voting body of 45. Received offering for today.

Mrs. Glenda Davis, coordinator for district's GWAC, she gave a brief history of WAC, she stated the purpose for the organization was simple, to lead the women of the Free Will Baptist churches into a larger share in winning of the world to Christ. She stated their ultimate cause is to promote a greater interest and unity in all lines of Christian service. She stated we are not just a women's group that does women's work. There are only 3 of 14 churches in GA Union

that have an active GWAC group. She asked Pastors for their support of GWAC and encourage the formation of GWAC at their local churches. We will assist with information for formation of GWAC in your church. She closed with scriptures detailing that Jesus knew how important women were in ministry. Mathew 27:55, Jeremiah 9:17, Acts 1:14. Moderator Sharpston thanked Mrs. Davis and stated "let's make GA Union the most active in GWAC, pastors I challenge you, because you are the key to it's success.

- Mrs. Shirley Sharpston, Media Coordinator for GWAC then spoke about the GWAC State meeting being held at Bethlehem FWB in Cordele on March 20, 2014, encouraged all to attend. Said GWAC gave \$10,000 to Global missions and also gave to local missions. She also gave information on the Women's Retreat coming up. Reports of Committee:
- Executive Board Report given by Clerk Lucas Allison, the Executive Board met 9/7/13 and made the following recommendations: (1) That today's offering goes to AL Children's Home, M/S/C. (2) That we give a rising vote of thanks to Pleasant Hill for hosting today's meeting and providing the noon meal. M/S/C. with a all standing and applauding.
- Ordaining Board Report by Dr. Charles Thigpen, no report as we have not met due to no business. We however have received request from First Eastman FWB to license Larry Mullis as they have called him as their new pastor.
- Application has been received and we will be meeting with Mr. Mullis. Report received as information. M/S/C.
- Mission Board Report by Rev. Roy Woods, introduced guest Rick Bowling-

Hispanic Missions who gave report of Hispanic missions in Cordele, Fitzgerald and 2 in Moultrie. He stated he appreciated the love of GA Union for Hispanic missions, he then quoted John 3:16 in Spanish. Bro. Roy stated the Mission Board met 7-13-13 after the last association meeting, they discussed the new Hispanic mission possibly becoming a part of GA Union by following normal policy for receiving new churches. They discussed giving a one-time \$5000 donation to help with repairs in Cordele. Bro. Roy reported he had found two buildings that could be used to start a new church in Telfair County. One is and old metal VFW building between Scotland & McRae and the other is the Scotland Methodist Church building.. Our next meeting will be following today's session. As of 6/30/13 balance in Foundation Account is \$117,329.61. Balance in Colony Bank as of 6/30/13 was \$8468.65 plus deposits July \$337.26 August \$213.95 and Sept. \$162.83 for a balance of \$9182.69 for a Grand Total of \$126512.30. Reports received as information. M/S/C. Motion by Bro. Woods from Mission Board that the Board wished to purchase enough shingles to reroof and repair the roof at the Cordele Hispanic Mission with a spending limit of \$5000. We will buy the shingles and deliver them to church they will have to put them on. M/S/C.

Bro. Roy Woods also read an email from State Mission Board meeting in which the Board met Sept.24, 2013, at White Oaks FWB and the Board received and

unanimously accepted the resignation of Rev. Bill Crank, as Pastor of the Cartersville mission. The Cartersville church is now closed and the building is up for sale. Bro. Crank tried thru many hardships and obstacles to make a go of the Cartersville mission. The Board noted the closing was not a failure as many souls were saved, baptized and discipled during it's tenure. Received as information. M/S/C.

**Camp Board Report** given by Monte McKenzie, reported balance in bank is \$4579.40. Stated that Teen Camp was a great success with over 250 teens attending with a lot decisions made for Christ. 2014 Teen Camp will June 8-13, at Camp Echoconee in Lizella, GA. Jr. Camp will be be held at same location June 29<sup>th</sup> thru July 3<sup>rd</sup>. They had 85 attend Jr. Camp this year. Report

**CE Board report** given by Monte McKenzie, reported balance in bank is \$1587.85. The 2014 competitions are starting back up, GA was well represented at Nationals in Tampa this year, we won many 1<sup>st</sup> place categories. Please encourage your youth to get involved with the competition, if you need information on what they are contact me. Received as info. M/S/C. Moderator recognized Bro. Donald Selph, who arrived at the meeting. **Digest Report** given by Gene Collins, Quarterly we had 14 churches reporting, 15 members added 10 lost for a net gain of 5, we had 7 baptisms & offerings of \$167, 705.07. Annual Report 14 churches reporting, 63 members added 43 lost

for net gain of 20, we had 31 baptisms and offerings of \$689, 036.20..Noting that we had an increase of 27 baptisms over last years 4. Praise the Lord. Report received as information. M/S/C.

**Trustee Board** by Shine Collins, nothing to report. Received as info. M/S/C. **Treasurer's Report** by Donna Jewell, As of 9/30/13 Begin balance in General Fund \$4334.64, balance in Ministers Retirement \$3656.52 for a Begin Balance Total of \$7991.16. Plus Deposits of \$1139.55(Gen Fund dues \$605.00, Ret. Fund \$224.55,Offering-Youth \$240.) Minus disbursements \$1097.54 (Min Ret. \$300, Mod Fee \$100, Clerk Fee \$100, July Youth Offering \$240, Bd members mileage \$291.55, Clerk supplies \$65.97) ending balance of \$8033.17. Balance in Gen. Fund \$4452.10 Min. Ret. \$3581.07. Dues Received today District \$650, and National Dues \$2100, Offering \$285(going to Ala Children Home). Report received as info.

M/S/C. Donna also presented **Budget for 2014**...Income from churches \$2600 minus expenditures Annual Minutes Printing \$300, Mileage & Postage \$1500, Moderator & Clerk fees \$800, Misc. Expenses \$200= Total Expenditures \$2800. Balance year end \$-200.00. M/S/C.

Break for 15 minutes. Reconvene from break.

Nominating Committee Report: given by Jimmy Rozier, who made a motion to accept by acclamation votes all those officers succeeding themselves. M/S/C. The following are the results:

Moderator is Dr. Billy Sharpston for 2yrs expires 2015, Lucas Allison clerk expires 2015, Treasurer is Donna Jewell expires 2015, Member at Large is Nita Hobbs expires 2015, Ordaining Board is Emory Howell expires 2018, Camp Board is Chad Smith expires 2018, Mission Board is T.R. Fountain expires 2015, CE Board is Monte McKenzie expires 2016.

Assistant Moderator is Jimmy Rozier to fulfill unexpired term of Wayne Martin who resigned expires 2014, M/S/C. Trustee Board is Wayne Hobbs expires 2018, M/S/C. Ordaining Board is Brian Cameron to fulfill unexpired term of Stewart Allen Clark expires 2016, M/S/C. Camp Bd is Brian Cameron to fulfill unexpired term of Stewart Allen Clark expires 2014, M/S/C. Mission Board is Craig Minor expires 2015, M/S/C. CE Board is Brian Cameron expires 2016, M/S/C. State Board Reps Mission Board is Roy Woods, Trustee Board is Marion Shine Collins both terms expire 2015, M/S/C. Nominating Committee elected yearly are Jimmy Rozier, Grover Jewell and Wayne Martin, M/S/C. Finance Committee elected yearly are Donna Jewell, Marion Shine Collins and Jimmy Rozier, M/S/C. Motion to close all nominations. M/S/C. Moderator Sharpston thanked all who are willing to serve and encouraged those not serving to step up and serve, pastors encourage and recommend those to serve. Also thanked Donald Selph, for his tireless dedication and willingness to

serve and faithfulness to GA Union Association. Motion to adjourn the business session of the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. M/S/C.

Congregation led by Bro. Hobbs, sang "How Firm a Foundation" with Betty Jordan on piano.

Shirley Sharpston sang a solo "I'll sing it today", with Betty Jordan on piano. Rev. Craig Minor speaker for today. 1 Peter 5:8, It only takes me watching the news 5 minutes today to get me locked and loaded to preach. Satan is causing problems in the world and the church. The church is conforming to the world. Doctrine and the Word are being watered down, Satan wants to control the church, wants world to see the mess the church is in. Pastors when you look out at your congregation how many smiling faces do you see? My God folks you are in church BE Happy, Satan wants to steal your joy. I know many miserable Christians, don't let Satan steal your joy, it is joy unspeakable and fully of glory. Do a self examination, deal with your spiritual sins, we cannot witness when we are sin sick. Wash day is coming it will all be revealed. Why do churches have no power, because it's members are struggling, we are not studying and praying. If you did not pray and read his Word to start your day, you left home without the whole armor of God on. Told story of friend at seminary in Augusta. GA, which is very liberal in translating God's word, you cannot change God's word. Minister who was teaching and preaching for 30 years was given a service award, the ceremony was boycotted by seminary students for the biblical stand the minister took on homosexuality. Satan is sowing discord among the brethren, a broken down church cannot help anybody. He said Justice Scalia, once said devil used to run pigs off cliffs, we don't see him much anymore. How dumb is that statement, look at the drug addicts, perversion, all type of sin sick folks running off cliffs daily. Please spend more time in your Bible, pray multiple times a day, consult GOD before you make

decisions. We got to get ourselves on the straight and narrow before we can help the world get right. Thank you, I love you all.. GOD BLESS. Moderator Sharpston thanked all for coming reminded to stay for wonderful meal prepared in fellowship hall. Dismissed with prayer and blessing on food. Respectfully submitted: Dr. Billy Sharpston/Lucas 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 76-
100	\$50	101-125	\$55	126-150	\$60
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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.

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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.

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## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD (Adopted 1975; Revised 1979; 7/81; 10/87; 10/98; 4/01) PREAMBLE

We, the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists, do ordain this Constitution and Bylaws for the purpose of promoting all missions endeavors of the Georgia Union Association

#### ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Georgia Union Board of Missions of the Original Free Will Baptists.

### **ARTICLE II**

MEMBERS: This Board shall be composed of five (5) members. (Members to be elected for a two (2) year period alternating by electing two (2) one year and three (3) the next year so as not to have an all new board at any time.) Each member must be a member in good standing with the church that is a member in good standing with the Georgia Union Association. If any member is employed by the Board or is called to work with or pastor a Mission or Mission Church supported by the Board, he will make this known to this Association and relinquish his position on the Mission Board. Members are elected at the discretion of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE III**

OFFICERS: Officers of this Board shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, elected annually.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

MEETINGS: This Board shall hold four (4) regular meetings each year, to be decided by the Board and meetings when necessary to be called by the Chairman.

#### **ARTICLE V**

COMMITTEES: Committees shall be appointed by the Board or its Chairman as needs arise which would demand the work of a committee.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

REPORTS: Section 1. This Board should report annually to the Georgia Union Association, giving account of all funds received and disbursed and activities of the Board during this year and state the objectives and future plans for the following year.

Section 2. The Secretary and Treasurer serving on the Mission Board shall submit written reports to the Board members as often as the Board may deem necessary. Also, reports shall be submitted through our state publications as often as may be deemed necessary by the Board.

#### ARTICLE VII

FINANCE: This Board shall be supported by special offerings, Church and personal gifts.

### ARTICLE VIII

Section 1.MISSIONS. (A) Missions receiving help from this Board must either be established or accepted by this Board.

(B) This Board shall have authority over said mission in all matters in regard to calling a pastor and overseeing the mission work until such mission becomes a church.

(i) The Board reserves the right, in consultation with the mission, to regulate and

reconcile the financial disbursements of any and all of the mission churches under its sponsorship with a view of helping these groups to remain financially solvent.

(ii) Neither the mission church nor the missionary shall incur any major indebtedness requiring monthly payments involving the work other than ordinary accounts, such as utilities, church supplies (literature, cleaning supplies, etc.), without written consent of the Board.

(iii) Neither the mission church nor the missionary shall involve themselves in site location or land purchase until the Board has first been notified of such intentions and has inspected and approved the proposes site or land purchase.

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

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

(vi) Title to any real property purchased for a mission church under the sponsorship of the Board shall be retained by the Board until such time as the mission church is organized into a bona-fide Free Will Baptist Church and is operating on a self-sustaining basis. At any time title will be transferred to the church, said title shall contain a revision clause as follows:

"If \_\_\_\_\_\_ Free Will Baptist Church, located at \_\_\_\_\_\_, ever ceases for any reason(s) whatsoever to operate and function as a Free Will Baptist Church or pull themselves out of the Georgia Union Association, this property, with all the appurtenances thereto affixed and belonging, shall revert to the Board of Missions of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists."

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

"We agree to abide by these guidelines:

Signed:

Mission Pastor Mission Clerk Board Chairman

Board Clerk"

© 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:
  - 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:
    - 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.

The credentials of any minister who joins in membership with a church of 6. 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.

- All ministers on roll, licensed or ordained, must be a member of one of the 1. churches or missions in the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
- All ministers on roll, licensed or ordained, shall attend at least two 2. 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.
- Good standing is hereby defined as: 3.
- - Having the privilege to pastor or hold a ministerial position in a church a. or mission in this Association.
  - Being a standing delegate in this association. b.

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.

- A minister, who is no longer in good standing in this association, shall be 4. 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.
- All ministers shall be expected to abide by the beliefs and practices of Free 5. 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.
- All ministers are expected to submit to the decision of the association and 6. 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.
- 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.
   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

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 rateof 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.

<b>Organized</b>	Church	Pastor	Clerk
1,884	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
<b>1917</b>	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: 1325 Mitchell Rd Rochelle, GA 31079	Wayne Martin 1325 Mitchell Rd Rochelle, GA 31079 Wife: Paula	Bernice Helms 772 Helms Road Abbeville, GA 31001 229-365-7124
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

## **GEORGIA UNION CHURCHES**

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 <u>double@cstel.net</u>	VACANT	Mary Holden Dunaway 339 Tom Taylor Rd Hawkinsville, GA 31036 478-892-2949
·	First Eastman 5830 Sixth Ave. Eastman, GA 31023	Larry Mullis P.O. Box 502 Eastman, GA 31023 478-374-5156 Wife: Deborah	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

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Organized	Church	Pastor	Clerk
1885	New Hope 139 Free Will Ch. Rd. Cochran, GA 31014	Trent Dykes 456 Bowers Cemetery Rd. Cochran, GA 31014 478-230-8546 Wife: Carmeta	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 Wife: Miranda	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. Billy Sharpston 540 Parker Road Vienna, GA 31092 478-957-2272 Wife: Shirley	Nita Hobbs 9465 Hwy 215 Vienna, GA 31093 229-268-6211
1964	Warner Robins 214 Brady Drive W Robins, GA 31088 <u>jimmyRO_@msn.com</u> 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	Brian Cameron 215 Sunny Meade Rd	Gloria Johnson 5725 Swymer Dr.

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Macon, GA 31216 478-785-9170

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Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-333-2107 (H)) 252-503-9226 (C)

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Macon, GA 31216 478-788-2197

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#### ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

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CHURCH	<b>#BAPTISMS</b>	MEMBERS ADDED	´ MEMBERS LOST	TOTAL MEMBERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	INCOME
BAY SPRINGS	03	03	02	109	53	\$ 63,359.67
BETHLEHEM	00	00	02	69	10	48,708.12
CHRISTIAN HILL	01	16	02	70	25	37,347.00
CORNERSTONE	04	01	01	40	15	26,015.75
CROSSROADS	00	00	01	33	10	20, 269.01
DOUBLE BRANCH	02	07	25	131	70	156,090.99
FIRST EASTMAN	00	02	00	27	12	28,502.58
LITTLE BETHEL	00	00	00	28	18	35,249.96
MT. ARARAT	02	02	00	78	14	27082.05
NEW HOPE	08	08	03	96	45	26,468.00
PINE LEVEL	08	09	01	38	20	32,621.63
PLEASANT HILL	. 00	02	00	65	25	35,945.00
WARNER ROBINS	00	00	04	83	20	21,121.85
WHITE OAKS	03	11	03	107	45	130,264.59

Total Georgia Union Membership: 974 Total Annual Income: \$689,036.20

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Annual Statistics taken from October 2013Annual Reporting Forms

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## **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in 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 the study of the Scriptures, secret <u>prayer</u>, family <u>devotions</u>, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, 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 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, 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 schools, 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 our Lord Jesus Christ.