

UNION
ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL
BAPTIST
MINUTES
2023



2023
ANNUAL MINUTES

of the
98th SESSION

of the

UNION ASSOCIATION
of
GEORGIA
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Quarterly Sessions met at:

Midway Church, February 11, 2023

New Prospect Church, May 13, 2023

Poulan Church, August 12, 2023

Spring Hill Church, November 11, 2023

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Session shall be opened with prayer
2. Church Letters are to be called for and the name of the delegates read.
3. There is to be a call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Visiting brethren are to be welcomed.
5. There is to be a call for Corresponding Messengers.
6. Committee Appointments:
 - a. Digest Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Nominating Committee
7. Miscellaneous Business
8. Unfinished Business
9. Reports of Committees
10. Session shall be opened for announcements
11. Session shall be adjourned with prayer

NOTE: Every two (2) years (odd calendar years) there shall be an election of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Parliamentarian at the conclusion of the Annual Session.

2024 ASSOCIATION CALENDER

Sylvester Church.....February 10, 2024
Bay Church.....May 11, 2024
Bethlehem Church..... August 10, 2024
Cairo Church..... November 9, 2024

UNION ASSOCIATION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Randy Jackson, Moderator	2025
Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Assistant Moderator	2025
Rev. Kirk Lavender, Clerk/Treasurer	2025
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	2025
Rev. Stuart Bundy, Mission Board Chairman	
Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Ordaining Board Chairman	
Rev. Rev. S.E. Newberry, Retirement Board Chairman	
Rev. Kirk Lavender, Youth Board Chairman	
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Parliamentarian	2025

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Wilbur Harris	2024
Rev. Charles Blanton	2025
Rev. Charles McCardle	2026
Rev. Stuart Bundy, Chairman	2027
Rev. Eric Mitchell	2028

ORDAINING BOARD

Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Chairman	2024
Rev. Herbert Waid	2025
Rev. Charles Blanton	2026
Rev. Charles McCardle	2027
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Chairman	2028

RETIREMENT BOARD

Rev. S.E. Newberry, Chairman	2024
Mr. Ike Davis	2025

Rev. Herbert Waid	2026
Mr. John Himioben	2027
Rev. Charles Lasseter	2028

YOUTH BOARD

Mrs. Kirsten Kleedehn	2024
Mrs. Dorothy Hardin	2025
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2026
Mr. Adam Lavender	2027
Rev. Kirk Lavender, Chairman	2028

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Rev. Wilbur Harris	2024
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SONG LEADERS

Rev. S.E. Newberry	2024
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Assistant	2024

PIANIST

Mrs. Sherrill Barge	2024
Mrs. Sandra Jackson, Assistant	2024

REPRESENTATIVES TO GEORGIA STATE BOARDS

Board of Camping – Rev. Wilbur Harris	2025
Board of Christian Education-Rev. Randy Jackson	2027
Board of Missions – Rev. S.E. Newberry	2025
Board of Trustees – Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2027

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ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Charles Blanton	Spring Hill Church
Rev. Stuart Bundy	Bethlehem Church
Rev. Wilbur Harris	Sylvester Church
Rev. Randy Jackson	Midway Church
Rev. Charles Lasseter	
Rev. Kirk Lavender	New Prospect Church
Rev. Charles McCardle	Poulan Church
Rev. Eric Mitchell	Cairo, First Church
Rev. S.E. Newberry	Bay and Greenwood Churches
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	
Rev. Herbert Waid	Fellowship Church

ROLL OF DEACONS

BAY CHURCH

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GREENWOOD CHURCH

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Cairo, GA 39828

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church

103 Groveland Dr

Albany, GA 31705

Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church

Greenwood Rd

Camilla, GA 31730

Midway Free Will Baptist Church

287 Lower Meigs Rd

Moultrie, GA 31768

New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church

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Ashburn, GA 31714

Poulan Free Will Baptist Church

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Poulan, GA 31781

Sylvester, First Free Will Baptist Church

Carmen Ln

Sylvester, GA 31791

UNION ASSOCIATION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Church	Active Members	Sunday School	CTS	WAC	Master's Men	Property Value
Bay	16					758,000
Bethlehem	46	20				
Cairo 1 st	42	31				220,000
Fellowship	12	6		3	3	160,000
Greenwood	8					
Midway	110	60	40	13		1,000,000
New Prospect	37	25	20			
Poulan	31	25		10		
Spring Hill	20	5		3	3	145,000
Sylvester	14			5	3	
Totals	336	172	60	34	9	2,283,000
2022 Totals	319	168	85	34	9	2,283,000
2022 compared to 2023	+17	+4	-25	0	0	

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1st Quarter Meeting

February 11, 2023 at the Midway Church

Our meeting opened with the congregation singing, "Bring Them In", led by our song leader, Rev. S.E. Newberry. Rev. Charles Lasseter then led us in prayer. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Ms. Gracie Sauls. Gracie will be going with the E team on a mission trip to Chicago, Illinois.

Gracie came up during our devotion time and shared with us her God led desire to go out on the mission field and share the gospel. She shared with us her life verse, which was from Matthew 5:16 and told us how it has spoken to her about letting her light shine for Jesus and sharing Him with those she comes in contact with. From the time she was just a small child, she told us how she has always enjoyed going to the prayer retreats and special church events and services. They have brought great inspiration and encouragement to her. Even though it is her desire to possibly go to Africa for mission work one day, she is honored to be able to start out serving the Lord on the E Team in Chicago.

The moderator then called for the digest report. The Digest Report was given by Rev. Kirk Lavender

Churches present	10
Delegates	16
Deacons	4
Ministers	9
Visitors	<u>7</u>
Total	36

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried.

The moderator then recognized the ministers and deacons as standing delegates. After that, the churches elected delegates were recognized. There was a motion and second made to seat the delegates and it carried.

The clerk then read the Executive Committee Report. There was a motion made and a second to receive it as information and it carried.

The morning offering was then taken up; Rev. S.E. Newberry and Rev. Chuck Scarborough volunteered as ushers and Rev. S.E. Newberry led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mrs. Bonnie Sisk; Chairperson, Mrs. Betty Lewis, and Ms. Gayle Boyd.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping Board: Rev. Wilbur Harris informed us that Teen Camp is on hold until further notice. C.E. Board: Rev. Randy Jackson informed us that the retreats were canceled due to Lake Blackshear having to do some major renovations. Youth Camp will be at Camp Tygart on June 26-29, 2023 and Nick Johnson is camp director. The state youth competition will be the first Saturday in May. Mission Board: The Awaken Church in Tifton is doing well and the State meeting will be there on March 16-17, 2023. We received the reports as information.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board: Rev. Stuart Bundy reported that the total funds raised for our mission conference this year was, \$ 7,875.00. We received the reports as information.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Bonnie Sisk as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$2,384.95
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$ 771.00
Offering	\$ 474.00

Youth Fund Balance	\$1,343.72
Minister's retirement Balance	\$9,767.62

The offering was designated to go to Gracie Sauls for her E-Team trip . There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The moderator then called for any miscellaneous business. There was none.

The State meeting will be March 16-17, 2023. The moderator asked for volunteers to act as delegates for the state meeting. Mrs. Sandra Jackson and Mrs. Celia Newberry volunteered as delegates and Mrs. Thelma Wiggins volunteered as the alternate.

Rev. Charles McCardle announced revival on April 24th, 25th, and 26th at the Poulan Church.

After all business was completed, we gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church. We then took a short recess.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "The Regions Beyond." We had some special music that was sung for us. Rev. Randy Jackson and Mrs. Sandra Jackson sang, "After I Bow." After the music, our guest speaker, Bro. Ken Akers, representing the North American Ministries, came up to speak to us. Brother Ken

informed us the goal of NAM was to plant churches across the United States. He shared with us information about the many wonderful people that are serving the Lord through NAM from Georgia all the way to Hawaii. There are many other things that fall under the NAM umbrella such as the Cross-Culture Ministry, the Master's Men and the Disaster Response Team, the Military Chaplains, the Church Revitalization Program and the Church Extension Loan Fund. In his devotion, he encouraged us to be the salt of the earth as Jesus commanded us. Let us be likable, kind and God-fearing people that can lead others to Jesus.

After the message, Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing for lunch, that was provided by the host church.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 24, 2023

The Executive Committee met January 24, 2023 at Midway Free Will Baptist Church in Moultrie at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Clerk and Youth Board Chairman, Rev. Kirk Lavender; and Assistant Clerk and Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Wilbur Harris; Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Stuart Bundy; Retirement Board members, Mr. John Himioben and Rev. S.E. Newberry. Mrs. Celia Newberry was also present.

Rev. Randy Jackson opened the meeting with prayer.

Our Moderator asked for any reports: Rev. Kirk Lavender informed the board that there would not be a Walk A Thon this year and that all the churches had been informed. Rev. Randy Jackson gave us the date for Jr. camp. It will be held at Camp Tygart on June 26 – 29, 2023. Rev Stuart Bundy informed the board that the mission board had not been able to secure a mission work to support for our upcoming Mission Conference.

He asked if the executive board could help with choosing someone. Our moderator mentioned supporting North American Ministries. Everyone was in agreement with this decision and our moderator called the board and confirmed it with them. Mr. Ken Akers will return this year to represent NAM at our mission's conference.

The executive board also elected to give the regular offering that will be collected at the association meeting to Ms. Gracie Sauls. Ms. Sauls is raising money to take part in E - Team.

Rev. S.E. Newberry brought forward *an* item that was on his heart concerning the condition of our district associations and our state association, concerning the faithfulness and the participation of its members, and also the future of these and even the image that we

present to those around us of our dedication, service, and representation of the Lord Jesus in our lives and in our denomination. After voicing his concern, it was evident that this concern was on the hearts of each and every one present at the meeting. After a lengthy discussion on the subject, we went to the Lord in prayer to ask for His direction and guidance on the issue and to dismiss from the meeting.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

2nd Quarter Meeting

May 13, 2023 at the New Prospect Church

Our meeting opened with the congregation singing, "We have Come into His House", led by our song leader, Rev. S.E. Newberry. Rev. Charles Scarborough then led us in prayer. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Rev. Kirk Lavender, our speaker for the morning devotion. Rev. Kirk Lavender, who was also the host pastor, also welcomed everyone before he began his devotion.

Brother Kirk's main text came from Hebrews 12:1-2. Even though the world seems to be falling apart all around us and it may seem that evil is abounding on every side, that does not mean that we give up the fight. In Hebrews 12:1-2, the Lord reminds us to do four things in our Christian life. First, we must remember the great cloud of witness that fought the good fight of faith that have gone before us, second, let us lay down that weight and that sin that holds us back, third let us run into the battle that is ours to fight for the Lord, and last of all, let us look unto the author and finisher of our faith, our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

The moderator then called for the digest report. The Digest Report was given by Rev. Kirk Lavender

Churches present	8
Delegates	11
Deacons	4

Ministers	7
Visitors	<u>16</u>
Total	38

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried.

The moderator then recognized the ministers and deacons as standing delegates. After that, the churches elected delegates were recognized. There was a motion and second made to seat the delegates and it carried.

The clerk then read the Executive Committee Report. There was a motion made and a second to receive it as information and it carried.

The morning offering was then taken up; Rev. S.E. Newberry and Rev Wilbur Harris volunteered as ushers and Rev. Wilbur Harris led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mrs. Judy Peacock; Chairperson, Mrs. Dorothy Hardin, and Mrs. Celia Newberry.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping Board: Rev. Wilbur Harris informed us that the camp board had not met. He did encourage everyone to send their youth to junior camp and said it would be a great place to educate about the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Randy Jackson also reported about the upcoming junior camp, He has the camp forms if anyone needs some. Nick Johnson is the camp director and the dates for camp is June 26-29, 2023 at Camp Tygart. There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried. C.E. Board: Rev. Randy Jackson told us the State youth Competition was held at the Awaken Church on May 6, 2023. He was proud of the good turn of all those competing. There will be a big group of competitors going on to the Nationals that will represent Georgia in the National Youth Competition. Mrs. Sandra Jackson also reported that the WNAC would have a retreat at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church. There was a motion and second made to receive the report as information and it carried. Mission Board: Rev. S.E. Newberry reported on the Awaken Church in Tifton. It is doing good and that is a great encouragement to everyone. It may possibly serve as an example for any future mission work in the state. If they keep doing good, they may possibly be acting as their own church body soon without the help and support of the state mission board. We received the report as information.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Judy Peacock as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$1,943.04
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$ 849.00
Offering	\$ 141.00
Youth Fund Balance	\$1,343.72
Minister's retirement Balance	\$9,770.74

The offering was designated to go into the general fund. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The moderator then called for any miscellaneous business. During our board reports, our moderator informed everyone that Brother William Smith would be retiring from the State Executive Secretary position. He asked everyone to be much in prayer for William and also pray for the State Executive Board as they search for a new State Secretary. The Poulan Church thanked everyone for supporting the recent revival at their church. Rev. Randy Jackson announced that the Sounds of Praise will be at the Midway Church on June 7, 2023 and everyone was invited to attend.

After all business was completed, we gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church. We then took a short recess for some fellowship and refreshments.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "God is so Good." We had some special music that was sung for us. Mr. Adam Lavender sang, "Love is Deeper." After the music, Rev. Charles McCardle came up and brought the main message for the day. His main text came from Psalm 11:3 and Romans 13:11-12. In his message, he told us that America has been slowly slipping away from God for a long time now. Unfortunately, the church in America can take a lot of the blame for it. The church has allowed Satan to hijack us and rather than allowing God to move the church in the right direction, the church is

allowing Satan to move it in the wrong direction. A desperate revival is needed among the body of Christ. We have forgotten that we have the power of Jesus on our side and it is high time we start doing something and moving forward for God. Will we awake out of our sleep and have that hunger once again for God's Word. God has not changed; He is still the same God. We must not give up on prayer and let us be steadfast in praying for the lost sinner. The church must stand up and be counted and each church member must ask, "What am I going to do?"

After the message, our Moderator dismissed us in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 27, 2023

The Executive Committee met April 27, 2023 at Midway Free Will Baptist Church in Moultrie at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Clerk and Youth Board Chairman, Rev. Kirk Lavender; and Assistant Clerk and Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Wilbur Harris;

Rev. Chuck Scarborough opened the meeting with prayer.

Our Moderator asked for any reports: Rev. Randy Jackson gave us the date for the youth competition which will be on May 6, 2023 and for Jr. camp. It will be held at Camp Tygart on June 26 – 29, 2023.

We then proceeded to choose our speakers for the next meeting. We chose Rev. Kirk Lavender for our devotion and Rev. Charles McCardle for our main message.

There being no other business, we were adjourned.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 3rd Quarter Meeting

August 12, 2023 at the Poulan Church

Our meeting opened with the congregation singing, "Land Where Living Waters Flow", led by our Assistant song leader, Rev. Wilbur Harris. Rev. Charles Lasseeter then led us in prayer. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by the host pastor, Rev. Charles McCardle, welcoming everyone and giving directions to the church's facilities.

Rev. Herbert Waid was our speaker for the morning devotion. Brother Waid challenged us with several key words and thoughts. He started off with the word, Meditation. How serious are we about meditating on God's word? How many times have we read the bible? The average laymen know very little about the bible. Another one was, eternity. He gave us scripture from Isaiah 58 and John 3:16. He compared a tea cup full of ocean water with the whole ocean. That is about as much knowledge as God gives us about eternity. Then, he gave us another challenging thought, God. We can never fully know God. We must be God to know God. He is so great; we cannot fit Him into our minds. We also had Heaven. What is heaven to us? The greatest thing about heaven is Jesus.

The moderator then called for the digest report. The Digest Report was given by Rev. Kirk Lavender

Churches present	9
Delegates	17
Deacons	5
Ministers	7
Visitors	<u>10</u>
Total	39

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried.

The moderator then recognized the ministers and deacons as standing delegates. After that, the churches elected delegates were recognized. There was a motion and second made to seat the delegates and it carried.

The clerk then read the Executive Committee Report. There was a motion made and a second to receive it as information and it carried.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mrs. Bonnie Sisk; Chairperson, Mrs. Sandra Royals, and Mrs. Kyra Himioben.

The Moderator appointed a Nominating Committee. They were: Rev. Wilbur Harris, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, and Rev. S.E. Newberry.

The morning offering was then taken up; Rev. Charles McCardle and Rev. Stuart Bundy volunteered as ushers and Rev. Charles McCardle led in prayer.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping Board: Rev. Randy Jackson informed us of the possibility of a teen camp next year. C.E. Board: Rev. Randy Jackson informed everyone that the C.E. Board has to find a new location to hold the retreats. We received the reports as information.

UNION ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORTS: Ordaining Board: Rev Wilbur Harris reported that Mr. Austin Owens has been licensed by the Midway Church and the ordaining board will be examining him after one full year of license. We received the report as information. Youth Board: Rev. Kirk Lavender informed everyone that the youth board is pursuing the idea of putting together a weekend youth revival sometime in the near future. He also informed the pastors of a possible pastor prayer meeting in

September. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Bonnie Sisk as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$2,555.53
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$ 931.00
Offering	\$ 464.00
Youth Fund Balance	\$ 843.72
Minister's retirement Balance	\$9,776.74

The offering was designated to be given to Brother and Sister S.E. Newberry as a love offering. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The moderator then called for any miscellaneous business and announcements. The Sylvester Church will have homecoming the 3rd Sunday in September. Midway Church will have homecoming the 1st Sunday in October.

After all business was completed, we gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church and dismissed in prayer. We then took a short recess for some fellowship and refreshments.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymns, "Heavens Jubilee" and "What a Day That Will Be." We had some special music that was sung for us. Mrs. Faye Carroll sang, "Just Hold on a Little Longer, Help Is on The Way." After the music, Rev. Stuart Bundy came up and brought the main message for the day. His main text came from the book of Jude. He reminded us that we can have joy and peace even in today's time, even though there are troubles all around us. We can have confidence in Jesus knowing that we are preserved and

loved by God. He continued by letting us know that God deals with the world through the church. We must be serious about contending for the faith and we must engage with everyone and stay in the truth. There is one common salvation offered to all, and that is, all must come through the blood of Jesus. There are also those who deny God and show no restraint. Just like those in the days of old, they will perish for their unbelief.

After the message, we were dismissed in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 25, 2023

The Executive Committee met July 25, 2023 at Midway Free Will Baptist Church in Moultrie at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Clerk and Youth Board Chairman, Rev. Kirk Lavender; Assistant Clerk and Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Wilbur Harris; and Retirement Board Chairman, Mr. John Himioben.

Rev. Wilbur Harris opened the meeting with prayer.

Our Moderator asked for any reports: Rev. Randy Jackson gave a report on Jr. camp that was held at Camp Tygart on June 26 – 29, 2023. The camp was almost filled to capacity. The camp's capacity is 120 and there were 118 in attendance. He said the camp went very well and everyone had an exciting time.

The executive committee elected to put the offering from the upcoming association meeting into the youth fund.

We then proceeded to choose our speakers for the next meeting. We chose Rev. Herbert Waid for our devotion and Rev. Stuart Bundy for our main message.

There being no other business, we were adjourned.

*Amendment: The offering designation was amended and it was given to Brother S.E. Newberry as a love offering. *

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
4th Quarter Meeting

November 11, 2023 at the Spring Hill Church

Our meeting opened with the congregation singing, "My Country tis of thee", led by our song leader, Rev. S.E. Newberry. Mr. Clint Hardin then led us in prayer. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting and he also recognized our veterans and read a thank you card from Brother S.E. and Sister Celia Newberry. Our moderator then introduced, Mr. Austin Owen, our devotional speaker for the morning.

Brother Austin's text came from Matthew 9:37-38. Just as the text said, there is much work to be done, but the laborers are few. He reminded us to be aware of the harvest. The seeds have been plated all around us and in different areas. Whether it is in our communities, churches, or our lives, there is a harvest to be done for God's kingdom. We also know that the laborers are few and Jesus told to pray for the laborers. Even though the laborers are few, it is important that we remember that we cannot do it all ourselves. Let us remain true to the calling we have been called to do. We should also use those that God has given to us for the work and train them to become faithful workers for God's kingdom.

The moderator then called for the digest report. The Digest Report was given by Rev. Kirk Lavender

Churches present	10
Delegates	12
Deacons	6
Ministers	10
Visitors	<u>7</u>

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried.

The moderator then recognized the ministers and deacons as standing delegates. After that, the church's elected delegates were

recognized. There was a motion and second made to seat the delegates and it carried.

The clerk then read the Executive Committee Report. There was a motion made and a second to receive the report and it carried.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mrs. Dorothy Hardin; Chairperson, Mrs. Faye Carrol, and Mrs. Kyra Himioben.

The Moderator appointed an Obituary Committee. They were: Mrs. Jill Gibbs, Mrs. Geraldine Waid, and Mrs. Sandra Jackson.

The morning offering was then taken up; Rev. Charles Blanton and Mr. Austion Owen volunteered as ushers and Rev. Charles Blanton led in prayer.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: C.E. Board: Ms. Gracie Sauls took the opportunity during the C.E. Board report to Thank the Union Assn. for helping to fund her E-team mission trip to Chicago. It has changed her life in a big way and the children and people she came in contact with as she did her work on the mission field. She also informed everyone that she is now planning on going on another mission work, which will be in Jamaica. Mission Board: Rev. S.E. Newberry reported that the Awaken church is still doing good. The mission board has also placed an intern at

the Awaken church to learn more about church planting. He has a desire to plant churches right here in Georgia. The NAM will also be helping in the funding of this young missionary. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

UNION ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORTS: Retirement Board: Mr. John Himioben made a move that the retirement board send \$1000.00 to each Union Assn. Minister that has a retirement account and is still saving for retirement through the National Board of Retirement. There was a motion and second made to send the funds and it carried.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Kyra Himioben as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$3,031.47
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$ 958.00
Offering	\$ 220.00
Youth Fund Balance	\$ 843.72
Minister's retirement Balance	\$9,783.70

The offering was designated to go into the youth fund. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

Rev. Wilbur Harris gave the report and nominations from the nominating committee. After the report, the moderator asked for any other nominations from the floor, there were none. The moderator then asked for a move and second to accept the whole slate of nominations. There was a motion and second made and it carried to accept the nominations for their positions.

The moderator then called for any miscellaneous business and announcements. The Poulan Church will have a sing tonight at 6:00 pm.

The group 3 for 1 will be singing. Brother Charles Blanton asked everyone to pray for the Jones County Conference.

We gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church and dismissed in prayer. We then took a short recess for some fellowship and refreshments.

After the break, we reconvened and the moderator asked the obituary committee to read their report. Mrs. Jill Gibbs read the report as follows: Bay Church: Dorcas Scarborough- Birth: 02/12/1955 Death: 10/16/2023; Cairo, First Church: Bobby Simpson- Birth: 02/05/1940

Death: 03/30/2023, David Turner – Birth: 10/06/1933 Death: 06/29/2023; Fellowship Church: Sarah Faye Byram – Death: 06/04/2023; Sylvester, First Church: J.W. Gibbs – Birth: 02/1933 Death: 11/2023.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "America, The Beautiful." We had some special music that was sung for us. The Bundy's sang, "I want to Stroll over Heaven." After the music, Rev. Charles Lasseter came up and brought the main message for the day. The text he used was from Luke 13:6-9. God was speaking to us today, Brother Charle's message was not to far from Brother Austin's. We carry the message and God gives the increase. He asked us how many times should we invite someone to church or carry the message of salvation to someone? You never know when that person you ask will finally respond. We must be witnesses for the Lord, people have to hear the gospel to be saved. We should pray daily for God to give us the opportunity to tell someone about Jesus.

After the message, we were dismissed in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 24, 2023

The Executive Committee met October 24, 2023 at Midway Free Will Baptist Church in Moultrie at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Clerk and Youth Board Chairman, Rev. Kirk Lavender; and Assistant Clerk and Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Wilbur Harris.

Rev. Wilbur Harris opened the meeting with prayer.

The executive committee elected to put the offering from the upcoming association meeting into the youth fund.

Our Moderator asked for any reports: Rev. Wilbur Harris informed us that the State Camping board had met. Teen Camp will start the Tuesday after Memorial Day and will be in Tennessee. Rev. Randy Jackson also informed us that Jr. Camp is the last week of June.

We then proceeded to choose our speakers for the next meeting. We chose Borthier Austin Owen for our devotion and Rev. Charles Lasseter for our main message.

There being no other business, we were adjourned in prayer.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF GEORGIA

PREAMBLE

The object and purpose of the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia shall be to unify and strengthen the work of the various churches composing the association; and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Association will hereafter be known as the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia.

ARTICLE II – CHURCH INDEPENDENT

Each church in the Association shall be considered an independent body and shall control its own internal affairs having the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ, essentially independent and absolute.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

This Association shall be composed of the various Free Will Baptist Churches in good standing.

Section 2

When member churches or ministers, whether serving a church or not, shall absent themselves from the Association for three (3) consecutive quarterly meetings:

- (1) The Association Executive Committee shall investigate the church or churches and minister or ministers.
- (2) If a satisfactory report is not given of the church or churches and minister or ministers, they shall be appraised of their standing, namely:
 - (a) Place on probation until the next quarterly meeting;
 - (b) No voting privileges until such church or churches and minister or ministers attend two (2) successive quarterly meetings, at which they would be reinstated as members in good standing.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

This body shall meet alphabetically with the churches on the second Saturday in the following months: February, May, August, and November. This body shall not adjourn formally until all business is settled.

ARTICLE V – REPRESENTATION

Section 1

This body shall be composed of member churches in good standing and all ordained ministers, deacons, missionaries, and representatives of state boards shall be standing delegates.

Section 2

Each church represented at this Association shall be entitled to three elected delegates who are expected to attend.

Section 3

Each church shall send a report, using the form adopted by the Association.

Section 4

Each church shall be requested to pay a minimum fee of \$12.00 per active member, broken down on a quarterly basis of \$3.00 per active member. This fee shall include the annual church registration fee to the State Association for National Representation.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD, STANDING BOARDS

Section 1

The officers of this Association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer and Parliamentarian. They shall be elected for a two-year term on odd calendar years.

Section 2

There shall be an Executive Board composed of the officers of this Association plus the Chairman of each Board.

Section 3

The standing board of this Association shall be the following: Mission Board, Ordaining Board, Retirement Board, and Youth Board. Each board shall consist of 5 members, each elected for a 5 year term on a rotating basis and shall be elected yearly as terms expire.

ARTICLE VII – RULES

This Association shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association, by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided that the proposed changes have been presented in writing, one conference in advance.

BY- LAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

All of the churches affiliated with this Association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association. Applications for membership must contain a statement to this effect.

Section 2

Churches desiring to affiliate themselves with this Association must present a petitionary letter, and representation; adopt this Constitution and By-Laws, and conform to their usage.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1

The duties of the moderator shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall be empowered to appoint any committee necessary; unless requested otherwise by the body itself.

Section 2

The duties of the Assistant Moderator shall be to preside at the request or in the absence of the moderator, and shall assist him in such ways as are necessary and advisable.

Section 3

The duties of the Clerk-Treasurer shall be to keep accurate minutes of the Association, to compile the minutes of the various boards and auxiliaries, to prepare and publish them. It shall further be the duty of the Clerk-Treasurer to take care of all necessary correspondence. He shall be in charge of offerings and to disburse them as directed by the Association.

Section 4

The duties of the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be to assume the position of the Clerk-Treasurer in the event the Clerk-Treasurer is absent or unable to perform his duties.

Section 5

The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be to keep the association meetings in accordance with the rules of the parliamentary procedure as per the Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF THE BOARDS

Section 1 – Executive Board

It shall be the duties of the Executive Board to transact business for the Association when not in session. Decisions made by the Executive Board shall be subject to final approval by the Association and must be recorded in the minutes. The Executive Board may be called into session by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator if the need arises.

Section 2 – Mission Board

It shall be the duty of the Mission Board to supervise the missionary program of this Association, to solicit cooperation of churches and individuals, and to set up missionary conferences.

Section 3 – Ordaining Board

- A. The duty of this board shall be to examine candidates for the ministry according to the rules set forth by the ordination guidelines of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

THE GUIDELINES OF THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. THE LICENSED MINISTER:

A person must be licensed for the period of one year before he can be ordained. He must also be called to the care of one

or more churches, or into other service which would require ordination.

2. QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS

They must possess good, natural, and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

3. DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

4. THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

No individual shall be ordained to the gospel ministry who has been married and divorced, and in the process has more than one living companion. No individual shall be ordained whose wife has been previously married and divorced.

NOTE: These regulations are set forth to comply with the Biblical standard for ministers found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

5. MARRIAGE:

Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the scriptures. The Union Association of Free Will Baptists recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.

Accordingly, this Association, its pastors, staff and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

6. THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

Traditionally and historically, Free Will Baptists in the State of Georgia have not ordained women to the gospel ministry. So far as we are able to discern, this is still the true sentiment over the state. Therefore, until the thinking of our Free Will Baptist constituency becomes more definitive on this matter, we do not purpose to ordain women.

7. THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN:

Free Will Baptists, committed to the doctrine of congregation church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers is in the local church. In practice, however, the Free Will Baptist churches in the State of Georgia work together in the matter of ordination by delegating the authority for ordination to the association of churches in which the local church holds membership. The true source of this authority should never be lost sight of.

- B. An ordained minister coming to the Union Association from another denomination shall be placed on a one (1) year waiting period under the watch-care of this Association before being accepted into the Union Association.
- C. A minister coming to any church of the Union Association must be a member of that church and come before the Ordaining Council for questioning.
- D. When a person is called to the Gospel Ministry and desires to be licensed to preach, he shall approach his local church and request to be licensed. The church shall then examine him thoroughly as to the nature of his call, and request that the Ordaining Council examine the person before being licensed. At the recommendation of the Ordaining Council and after a vote in

regular conference, he shall be granted a license to preach for a period of one year. At the end of one year, his license may be renewed, revoked or ordained. (The method mentioned here is the normal practice of most churches and associations.)

- E. No licentiate shall be ordained until he has been a licensed minister for the period of one year and called to the pastorate of one or more churches, or one who has become engaged in Christian service the nature of which requires the authority of an Ordained Minister of the Gospel.
- F. Each church should exercise due caution in licensing, commending to ordination, and calling of a minister to fill pastoral office.
- G. Ministers and/or churches not complying with the above rules shall be ruled out of fellowship with this Association.

Section 4 – Retirement Board

The Duties of the board shall be:

- A. To provide financial assistance to the ministers of the Union Association, who are enrolled in the National Retirement Program, under the direction of this board.
 - 1. Qualifications of participating Ministers: All ministers participating in the National Retirement Program must be a minister in good standing with the Union Association for a period of at least one year.
 - 2. This provision is voluntary and any minister participating forfeits future benefits listed in Section 4 Item B.
 - 3. The board shall annually determine the eligibility and recommend to the association the amount of contribution.

B. To determine the eligibility of potential Retirement Fund receivers that have been recommended by their churches, and thereafter, to recommend the approval of the proposed quarterly allocation of these funds to the Union Association in session.

1. Qualifications of Retired Ministers:

- i. If having obtained the age of sixty-five (65) years, and
 - ii. If having served a period of five (5) years, which the last three (3) have been with the Union Association and,
 - iii. If he is a member of and in good standing with one of our member churches and the Union Association, and
 - iv. If his church so recommends him, he may be considered.
2. Any minister who by accident or sickness has been rendered permanently unable to continue as a Minister of the Gospel, may be considered, provided he meets the qualifications as stated in the above paragraph B, numbers 2, 3 and 4.
3. A Minister's Widow may be considered if she is a member in good standing of a church that is a member of the Union Association and her church recommends her.
4. Each recipient shall receive the same amount of retirement funds (If any recipient's funds shall be raised or lowered, all recipient's funds shall be similarly adjusted.)
5. The Retirement Board shall regularly review all current cases to determine if the recipients are or are not in compliance with these guidelines.

Section 5 – Youth Board

A. Plan and promote youth camp and all activities that go with the planning of said camp.

B. Plan Associational Youth activities in order to promote fellowship among our youth.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by a 2/3 vote of the members present provided that the proposed changes have been presented in writing one conference in advance.

ASSOCIATION DECORUM

1. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator and be recognized before speaking. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.
2. No person can speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Moderator.
3. Members wishing to be excused from the session shall request permission from the Moderator.
4. The Association has the right to decide what matters shall be admitted for its consideration.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. First, we believe that there is but one living, true, eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 40:28.
2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom

God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day and ascended back into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day, to judge both quick and dead. 1 Timothy 2:3-6; Hebrews 2:9; John 8; Acts 2:4; Ephesians 3:1; Ephesians 6.

3. We believe there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God, John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Ephesians 4:4-5; and He comes into our hearts. John 1:1, 12; Galatians 4:4, 16; 2 Corinthians 5:12; Titus 3:5; 1 John 5:1, 10, 13.
4. We believe in the Beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell; and by that means brought himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death. Genesis 2:17; 3:19.
5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the repentance and knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved; for which Christ has commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15; 1 Timothy 2:4.
6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ who died for him. But as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men.

It follows against all argument that all men, at one time or another, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they might be eternally saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Hebrews 3:10; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practices. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the Gospel. Luke 14:16, 20; Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.
9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost who offers his divine aid to all the human family, so as all might be happy, if they would give place to His diving teachings; therefore, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall at a future day, seal their own condemnation, and charge themselves with their own damnation, willfully rejecting the offer of His sovereign grace. Matthew 11:27; John 6:45, 65; Psalm 1:1; Titus 2:11-12; Jeremiah 22:29.
10. We believe that men, not considered simply as, but ungodly men were of old ordained to condemnation, consider such who turn away the grace of God unto lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and the Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves destruction, but we observe that they and such as the Apostle saith, because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. Therefore, the indignation and the wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doth living and dying therein, for there is

no respect of persons with God. Jude 1:4; 2 Peter 2:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12; Romans 2:9, 11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy having not actually transgressed the law of God in their own person are only subject unto the first death which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the Kingdom of God." 1 Corinthians 15:22; Matthew 18:25; Mark 9:36-37; Matthew 19:13.
12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of this means of grace and not out of the use of these means, eternal life is promised to men. Revelation 22:14-15; Luke 13:34-35; Isaiah 1:19-20; Matthew 7:8; Jeremiah 6:16.
13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scripture for justification before God through his own works, power, or ability, which he has in or of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ, believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Romans 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.
14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supported conditions, yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choices, further, that He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly who die in sin, unto death. Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 8:22, 31; Matthew 25:31, 46.
15. We believe as touching gospel ordinances in believers: baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint's feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry

of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5, 17, 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and believers are the only subjects for baptism. Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Romans 6:4; Acts 3:19, 21; Colossians 2:12.
17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day. John 5:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:10.
18. We believe the happiness of the righteous are eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matthew 25:46.

