

Minutes
of the
Union Association
of
Free Will Baptists
1981



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Free Will Baptists

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Session Shall be Opened With Prayer.
2. Church Letters Are To Be Called For, The Names of The Delegates Read to Determine Their Presence.
3. There Is To Be A Call For Petitionary Letters.
4. Visiting Brethern Are To Be Welcomed.
5. There Is To Be A Call For Corresponding Messengers.
6. Committee Appointments
 - (A) Digest Committee
 - (B) Finance Committee
 - (C) Nominations 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 Years There Will Be the Election of: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.

CHURCH CALENDAR

New Life	February 6, 1982
New Prospect	May 1, 1982
Poulan	August 7, 1982
Proctor Chapel	October 30, 1982

1981 MINUTES

56th SESSION

UNION ASSOCIATION
OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONVENED WITH
CAIRO, FELLOWSHIP, GREENWOOD, MIDWAY
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

OFFICERS

1982

Rev. W. G. Turner	.....	Moderator
Rev. Bobby Clyatt	.....	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Ricky Cason	.....	Clerk - Treasurer
Mrs. Gail Sellars	...	Asst. Clerk - Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

James Silvers	.....	1982
Curtis Gay	.....	1983
Kevin Harrell	.....	1984
Earl Dawson	.....	1985
Farrell Tucker	.....	1986

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Bobby Clyatt	.....	1984
Rev. W. G. Turner	.....	1983
Rev. Lamar Parrish	.....	1982

REPRESENTATIVES TO GEORGIA STATE BOARDS

MISSION BOARD

Billy Hatcher Route One, Baconton, GA.
1983

TRUSEEE BOARD

C. K. Murphy Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
1983

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

W. S. Lewis, Sr. 528 North Main Street
1983 Moultrie, GA.

CAMP BOARD

Guyton Adams P.O. Box 282, Berlin, GA.
1983

MISSION BOARD OF UNION ASSOCIATION

William S. Lewis, Sr. 1982 Midway FWB
528 North Main Street
Moultrie, Georgia 31768

James Silvers 1982 Spring Hill FWB
Route 4, Box 539
Albany, GA. 31705

Edwin Smith 1983 New Life FWB
Cairo, Georgia 31728

Billy Wilson 1983 Bay FWB
Route One
Hartsfield, GA. 31756

Raymond Joyner 1983 Cairo FWB
Route 2, Box 413A
Cairo, GA. 31728

Price Irvin 1983 Greenwood FWB
Route 3
Camilla, GA. 31730

Robert Simpson 1983 Proctor Chapel FWB
32 Branch Street
Pelham, GA. 31779

Guyton Adams 1985 Bethlehem FWB
P.O. Box 282
Berlin, GA.

Chuck Scarborough 1985 Sylvester FWB
Route 1, Box 8
Sylvester, GA.

Lester Lane 1985 Fellowship FWB
Route One, Lot 70
Albany, GA.

UNION ASSOCIATION CTS COMPETITION LEADERS

Mrs. Linda Gay Midway
Route 4
Moultrie, GA. 31768

Mrs. Jeannine Silvers Spring Hill
Route 4, Box 539
Albany, GA. 31705

UNION ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Roger Batchelor Cairo

James Silvers Spring Hill
Route 4, Box 539
Albany, GA. 31705

Curtis Gay Bay
Route One
Hartsfield, GA. 31756

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

<u>Minister, Address & Phone #</u>	<u>Church</u>
Rev. Ricky Cason Route One Hartsfield, Georgia 31756 912-941-5276	Bay
Rev. Joe Owens Route 2 Rochelle, Georgia 31079 912-365-7278	Bethlehem
Rev. B. H. Parrish 701-6th Street N.E. Cairo, Georgia 31728 912-377-5655	Cairo
Rev. L. S. Parrish P.O. Box 69 Funston, Georgia 31753 912-941-5504	Fellowship
Rev. J. D. Griffen Route One Camilla, Georgia 31730	Greenwood
Rev. Bobby Clyatt Route 4, Box 116 Moultrie, Georgia 31768 912-985-6366	Midway
Rev. W. G. Turner Cairo, Georgia 912-377-4251	New Life
Rev. M. C. Powell Route 4, Box 161 Sylvester, Georgia 31791 912-776-4071	New Prospect

No Report

Poulan

Rev. Charlie Harris
Route 3
Camilla, Georgia 31730
912-336-8110

Proctor Chapel

Rev. Bruce Gordon
Route 1, Box 56B
Baconton, Georgia 31716
912-787-5123

Springhill

Rev. Jerry Wishum
Tifton, Georgia 31794

Springhill

Rev. Elzie Franks
Poulan, Georgia 31781
912-776-6836

Sylvester

Rev. Charles Lasseter
Route One
Moultrie, Georgia 31768
912-985-9632

Bay

ROLL OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Joseph Corbett
Route 5
Moultrie, Georgia 31768
912-985-5870

Midway

Rev. Chuck Scarborough
Route 1, Box 8
Spurlin Estates
Sylvester, Georgia 31791
912-776-5270

Sylvester

Rev. Danny Araujo
Route 1
Ty Ty, Georgia
912-776-6715

Sylvester

ROLL OF DEACONS

Bay FWB Church

C. J. Faison	Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.
Curtis Gay	Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.
Don Parker	Route 1, Moultrie, GA.
Gene Sellars	Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.
Billy Wilson	Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.

Bathlehem FWB Church

George W. McCoy	Route 5, Moultrie, GA.
Jimmy Croft	Route 5, Moultrie, GA.
Don Croft	Berlin, GA.
Ernest Croft	Berlin, GA.
Elzie Boyd	Berlin, GA.

Cairo FWB Church

Melton Harrell	611-7th AVE., N.E., Cairo, GA.
A. K. Lowe	Route 3, Cairo, GA.
Eric W. Mitchell	Route 2, Cairo, GA.
Kelvin Harrell	Route 2, Cairo, GA.
Raymond Joyner	Route 2, Box 413A, Cairo, GA.
Johnnie Thomas	715-3rd AVE., S.E., Cairo, GA.

Fellowship FWB Church

Earl Dawson
Route One
Baconton, Georgia 31716

Greenwood FWB Church

Price Irvin	Route 3, Camilla, GA.
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Midway FWB Church

Charles Harper	Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Johnny Gay	Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Darrell Gay	Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Farrell Tucker	Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Enoch Parrish	Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Walter Sloan	Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Kenneth Murphy	Route 4, Moultrie, GA.

ROLL OF DEACONS - Continued

New Life FWB Church

Clarence Reichert, Jr. Route 2, Box 53,
Boston, GA.

New Prospect FWB Church

Carlton Williams Route 3, Ashburn, GA.
Lamar Wilson Route 1, Sycamore, GA.
Horace Davis Route 3, Ashburn, GA.

Proctor Chapel FWB Church

Robert Simpson 32 Branch ST., Pelham
Frank Cain 108 Powell ST., Pelham

Springhill FWB Church

Glenn Ethridge 6027 Jenkins Rd., Albany, GA.
James Ferguson P.O. Box 258, Putney, GA.
Billy Hatcher Route 1, Baconton, GA.
James Silvers Route 4, Box 539, Albany, GA.
Leonard Bundy Route 1, Box 5-T, Baconton, GA.
Fred E. Goolsby P.O. Box 342, Putney, GA.

Sylvester FWB Church

James Jennings 1106 N. Washington ST.,
Sylvester, Georgia
Jim Jennings 105 Lynn Circle, Sylvester
Wayne Jennings Route 1, Sylvester, GA.

F I R S T Q U A R T E R

February 7, 1981

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on February 7, 1981, with Cairo Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with congregational singing and prayer.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator, welcomed the group. Bro. Walter Brady brought the morning devotion, using John 6:26, 27, and 35 as his text.

The business session was called to order by Rev. Parrish. The roll call of churches was made with all appointed delegates recognized, followed by a motion, seconded and carried, to seat these delegates. There were fourteen (14) ministers, seventeen (17) deacons and two (2) visiting ministers present.

A letter from Chattahoochee Association was read asking for the letter of Rev. Ronald Wallace. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to grant Rev. Wallace a letter of good standing and recommendation to the Chattahoochee Association.

Petitionary Letters were called for with none being presented. Several visitors were welcomed.

It was announced that Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church had burned. Everyone was asked to remember them in prayer.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, for the Moderator to appoint a Nominating Committee to find a replacement for the clerk/treasurer.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, for the Moderator to appoint a committee to serve as the Resolutions Committee for this Association to define and state the views of this Association to the Study Committee

appointed by the State Association to evaluate the State Office.

The Moderator appointed the committees. They are as follows: DIGEST COMMITTEE; Bro. Charlie Harris, Bro. Gene Lacey, Bro. Elzie Franks. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Billy Hatcher, Bro. Chuck Scarbrough, Rev. B. H. Parrish. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bro. Kenneth Murphy, Bro. W. G. Turner, Bro. Sam Wider. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Sister Inez Harrell, Sister Eva Hutto, Bro. Charles Harper, Rev. Gary Silence, Bro. Robert Simpson, Sister Dianne Wisham, Bro. Clarence Reichert, Sister Margie Harris, Bro. Lester Lane.

The Business Session was dismissed for intermission, after which the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing, "This World Is Not My Home."

Rev. Billy McKinney and Rev. Ronald Wallace, Missionaries, were welcomed and asked to give reports on their work. Both of them stated that their work was progressing and thanked the Association for their support. Rev. Wallace urged the Association to support the fund started for his church.

Rev. Parrish asked that the Resolutions Committee meet with Rev. C. B. Dowdney; The Ordaining Council and Executive Committee to meet with Rev. M. C. Powell and members of New Prospect Church.

The Cairo Church provided the special music for the services with Melton and Wilma Harrell singing "Harvest Time;" Roger Batchelor and Walter Brady singing, "Who Am I?"

Rev. B. H. Parrish, pastor of Cairo Church, brought the morning message speaking on the theme, "Who Am I?"

Everyone was extended a special welcome and invitation to stay for lunch by Bro. Johnny

Thomas from Cairo Church.

The meeting reconvened with the Congregation singing "Kneel At the Cross." Rev. David Williams led the group in prayer. The Congregation then sang, "Joy Unspeakable."

Rev. B. H. Parrish and Rev. W.G. Turner, serving as ushers, received the offering.

The Cairo Church also provided the special music in the afternoon afterwhich Rev. Charles Harris brought the afternoon devotion speaking on the theme "Who Am I?"

The Ordaining Council reported that David Williams was ordained December 28, 1980. They have met with Rev. Bobby Clyatt and recommended that he be accepted into this Association pending a letter of Recommendation from his Association.

The reports from the committees were given as follows:

DIGEST COMMITTEE: 10 Churches
17 Deacons
14 Preachers
2 Visiting Preachers
26 Delegates

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 222.44 Balance
60.30 Offering
133.38 Dues
416.12 Total

Dues from Proctor Chapel 15.00
received late from last session. 431.12

They recommended that the moderator be given a \$10.00 honorarium, the clerk a \$15.00 honorarium and donate \$100.00 to Northside FWB Church. There was a M/S/C to grant their recommendation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Offered the following recommendations:

Clerk/Treas.—Gail Sellars
Ordaining Council—
W. G. Turner

Camp Director-

Bobby Clyatt

Assistant -

David Williams

There was a Motion, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Nominating Committee, followed by a motion, seconded and carried, to accept this slate of nominations by acclamation.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney reported on the Dublin work. He stated that the attendance was good and asked that we pray for our missionaries. He reported on the funds received by Camp Mt. Bethel and mentioned plans for the future State-sponsored functions to be held there and encouraged attendance.

The Moderator, Rev. Lamar Parrish, requested that a motion and second be made to grant Rev. Irvin Murphy a letter of recommendation to Midway Association. The request was granted and the motion carried.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Murphy for the job he has done as clerk and also for the host church.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. C. B. Dowdney.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lamar Parrish,

Moderator

Mrs. Gail Sellars,

Clerk

S E C O N D Q U A R T E R

May 2, 1981

The Union Association of FWB, convening with Fellowship FWB Church on May 2, 1981, opened the day's activities with the congregation singing, "To God Be the Glory," led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, accompanied by Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator and Pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Bro. Jack Faison led in prayer with special blessings being asked for Rev. Damon C. Dodd who has a brain tumor and for Mrs. Irvin Hyman, both of whom will have surgery on May 4, 1981.

"Scattering Precious Seeds" was the congregational song, afterwhich Rev. Gary Silence, Pastor of the Poulan FWB Church, brought the A. M. devotion using Ruth 2:19, as his text tying this in with Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, where Soloman says that there's a time for everything; "a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to pluck up that which is planted." He then stressed that this is the time to witness, "where hast thou gleaned today?"

Rev. Lamar Parrish called the meeting to order. The first order of business was the Roll Call Of Churches. Ten of the eleven churches were represented. There were 9 Deacons and 6 Ministers recognized.

The twenty-four (24) appointed delegates were recognized with a M/S/C to seat them.

There was a call for petitionary letters, but there were none.

There were two visitors, Alton Everson from the South Georgia Association and Ms. Jewel Vinson from the Baconton Baptist Church.

Committee members were appointed by the

Moderator. They are as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE--James Jennings, Chairman, Robert Simpson, and James Silvers.

DIGEST COMMITTEE--Jack Faison, Chairman, Linda Watson, and C. B. Dowdney. The moderator announced that the Resolutions Committee from the previous meeting would be reporting later in the day.

Guyton Adams gave the report on Camp Mt. Bethel. He stated that the cost for attending the camp would be changed this year. For a FWB Church group, the cost will be \$10.00 + .50¢ per person. For a Non-FWB Church group, cost will be \$10.00 + \$1.25 per person. Bro. Adams then gave the schedule of events planned for the camp with the Union Association Camp Session being set for August 16-21. He also stated that the canteen would be operated by Camp personnel this year. He gave a report on Camp additions and improvements and also stated that Bro. Alton Everson is living at the camp now and is serving as Coordinator and is charge of maintenance. There will be no State workday now so each Association is asked to contact Bro. Everson and set up a time when volunteers may go and help with maintenance of the camp and surrounding grounds. There was a M/S/C to receive Bro. Adams' report.

There was a short break after which the meeting reconvened with the Congregation singing "Redeemed," led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, accompanied by Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, pianist. Bro. Alton Everson led the group in prayer followed by the Congregational singing of "Heavenly Sunlight." The special music of the day was brought by Miss LaRee Parrish singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go."

The Morning message was brought by Rev. Jerry Wisham, Pastor, Springhill FWB Church, using Ruth 2:4-23 as his text. After the sing-

ing of an invitational hymn, Rev. Bobby Clyatt led in a prayer of thanks for the food and dismissal from this portion of the meeting.

After lunch, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing, "At Calvary." Rev. Ricky Cason, Pastor of Bay Free Will Baptist Church, brought the afternoon devotion, followed by congregational singing, after which Bro. Fred Goolsby led the group in prayer.

The Business Session was opened with the report from the Resolutions Committee. Bro. Charles Harper, reporting for the committee, stated that after having polled all the churches of the Union Association concerning the State Executive Office and whether to keep the office on a full-time basis, part time, or abolish completely, the committee stands firmly behind the Executive Office being kept on a full-time basis and asks that all churches support this office with ten percent (10%) giving, due to the fact that all churches have benefited greatly from the office being available for assistance and information. There was a motion and a second to present this recommendation to the Study Committee from the State at next Saturday's meeting.

Digest Committee: The Digest Committee reported that there were ten (10) churches represented with twenty four delegates (24), nine (9) Deacons and six (6) Ministers. Dues received \$158.38. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept this report.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee reported that the offering taken was \$45.56, and the balance in the checking account was \$185.12, gives a present balance of \$389.06 to be used as the Association sees fit. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to

accept this report.

The Ordaining Council reported that they had met with Rev. Ricky Cason and that he would be ordained by the Union Association in August at Bay Free Will Baptist Church, upon completion of a written examination and a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association. There was a motion, seconded and carried to accept this report.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to receive Rev. Joe Owens into the watchcare of this Association until receipt of a letter of recommendation from his previous association. Rev. Owens is currently serving as Pastor of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church at Berlin.

In the CTS Competition, Miss Terri Sellars and Miss Pam Wilson, representing Bay Free Will Baptist Church entered in the piano solo competition in their respective age groups. Terri played "I'll See You In The Rapture," and Pam played "He." There was a motion, seconded and carried, that they be declared winners of the District Competition and represent this District in the State Competition to be held in Savannah next weekend. There was also a motion, seconded and carried, to have the District CTS Competition in February, rather than in May, to give the entrants more time to prepare for the State Competition.

The next session of the Union Association is to be held at Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church on August 1. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to have the clerk correspond with someone from this church to see if they will be able to entertain this session without placing a burden on them.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to give Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

There was also a motion, seconded and carried, to send the Joe Haas Account one hundred dollars (\$100.00) from this Association.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lamar Parrish,
Moderator
Mrs. Gail Sellars,
Clerk

THIRD QUARTER

August 1, 1981

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met for their Quarterly meeting on August 1, 1981, at Greenwood FWB Church near Camilla. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "To God Be The Glory," led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, accompanied by Mrs. Linda Gay. Rev. Ricky Cason led the group in prayer prior to the Morning Devotion, brought by Rev. Charles Harris, using the theme of "Abiding Faith."

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator, welcomed the visitors after which he called for church letters. All churches were represented. Rev. Parrish then called for petitionary letters. New Prospect FWB Church in Turner County presented a letter requesting that they be accepted into the Union Association because of driving distance required to attend the meetings of the Chattahoochee Association of which they are now a part. Rev. Parrish read a letter from the Chattahoochee Association granting their request. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept them in full fellowship into the Union Association.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave the report from the State Executive Office. He stated that Georgia State Giving was adequate, and all Home Missions were doing well, but still needed our prayers and support. He stated that Rev. Ronald Wallace of the Symrna Mission, has been notified by the city that they must furnish a "slow-down lane" to exit from the highway onto the church driveway. The deadline was set for July 31, but they were able to ac-

quire a 90-day extension. Rev. Dowdney asked that each minister and delegate return to his/her home church and explain the situation and ask for financial support for this work. Without the addition of this lane, the city would have to close the driveway to the church.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Camp Director, gave a report on plans for this year's camp session. He stated that he has received forty two (42) applications, thus far, and feels sure there will be more. He reported that the greatest need at this time is for a kitchen helper.

The meeting was adjourned for a short break, after which the session reconvened with the congregation singing, "The Regions Beyond," followed by prayer by Rev. Jerry Wishum. The congregation then sang, "We've a Story To Tell." Rev. Lamar Parrish read a letter from the Foreign Mission Board thanking the Association for the contribution to the Joe Haas Account.

Ushers, Bro. Elzie Franks and Rev. Gary Silence, received the morning offering followed by the congregation singing, "We're Marching To Zion."

Miss LaRee Parrish from Fellowship FWB Church brought the special music for the day singing, "Open My Eyes That I May See," accompanied by Mrs. Linda Gay, Pianist.

Rev. B. H. Parrish, Pastor of Cairo FWB Church, brought the Morning Message using as his text several verses from the twenty-seventh Psalm and Colossians 1 and 3. He stated the need of a growing and working faith because "Faith Brings Forth Fruit," and bringing forth fruit is the task we're expected to accomplish on this earth. "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was sung as an invitational hymn. The prayer of thanks for the

food and dismissal from this portion of the service was prayed by Rev. J. D. Griffen, Pastor of the host church.

The meeting was reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing, "The Kingdom Is Coming," followed by the afternoon devotion brought by Rev. M. C. Powell, Pastor of New Prospect FWB Church, using Psalm 27:14 as his text.

Rev. Lamar Parrish called for reports from the Standing Boards and Committees. The Ordaining Council asked that the moderator extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to Rev. Jerry Wishum, who has come to our Association as pastor of Spring Hill FWB Church from the Little River Association. Bro. Parrish then announced that Rev. Ricky Cason of Bay FWB Church would be ordained September 6, 1981, at 3:00 p.m. at Bay FWB Church. The Ordaining Council also recommended that the Association ask for a letter of recommendation from the South Georgia Association on Rev. Alton Everson. The Executive Committee was asked to meet concerning Rev. Joe Owens, Pastor of Bethlehem FWB Church at Berlin, and report back to the Association.

Bro. Johnny Gay, reporting for the Digest Committee stated that the ten churches represented sent a total of nineteen (19) delegates. There were nine (9) Deacons and nine (9) Ministers. New Prospect was represented.

The Finance Committee reported \$246.06 balance in the checking account, Dues collected \$159.50, and an offering of \$60.41 for a current balance of \$465.97. They recommend that the Association donate \$100.00 to the FWB Youth Camp. There was a motion, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee as given, and grant their recommendation. There was a motion, seconded

and carried, to send \$100.00 to the Ronald Wallace Paving Fund for his mission at Symrna. There was a recommendation to send \$100.00 to the National Association of Free Will Baptists to help toward the indebtedness incurred for the National Convention. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to grant this recommendation.

Rev. M. C. Powell asked for everyone's prayers concerning the Youth Activities for the Union Association. After a short discussion and a great display of interest, there was a motion, seconded and carried, for the Moderator to appoint a committee to plan and coordinate activities for our Association. Rev. Parrish appointed Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Rev. Ricky Cason, and Rev. M. C. Powell to serve on this committee with Rev. Clyatt serving as Chairman.

Rev. Gary Silence announced that he would be returning to the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee to prepare for Missionary work, hopefully in Brazil. He asked for everyone's prayers and support.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lamar Parrish,
Moderator

Mrs. Gail Sellars, Clerk

F O U R T H Q U A R T E R

October 24, 1981

The Union Association of FWB of Georgia met on October 24, 1981, at Midway FWB Church near Moultrie.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "He Keeps Me Singing," with Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Pastor of the host church serving as song leader.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Bruce Gordon, Pastor of Spring Hill FWB Church, using II Timothy 2:2 as his text. He spoke of Timothy's timidness and how he allowed this to keep him from doing God's will. He stated that Timothy, like so many of us today, was a carnal Christian, not becoming more Christ Like every day as we should.

The 56th Session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists was then called to order by Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator, who then called for all Ministers and Deacons to stand and reminded them that they were standing delegates for this meeting. The elected delegates were then asked to stand, followed by a motion, seconded and carried to seat these as delegates for the day.

There were no visitors and no petitionary letters.

Rev. Herbert Waid, State Promotional Secretary, told of his hopes and plans for the future of the State Office. He gave everyone an opportunity to ask questions. Rev. B. H. Parrish, Pastor of the Cairo FWB Church asked about the editing of articles sent into the Promotional Bulletin. Rev. Waid stated that all articles published would be edited to insure that the Bulletin contained only the news of the churches and remained a Bulletin rather than a large expensive publication.

The meeting adjourned for a short break; afterwards, the meeting resumed with the congregation singing, "Rescue the Perishing," with Mrs. Linda Gay, Pianist, and Rev. Bobby Clyatt, songleader. Rev. Price Irvin led the group in prayer followed by another congregational hymn, "He Brought Me Out."

The offering was taken by Rev. M.C. Powell and Rev. W. G. Turner, followed by another congregational hymn, "We'll work Till Jesus Comes."

Rev. Ricky Cason, Pastor of Bay F^WB Church, brought the morning message using II Chronicles 17:1-10 as his text. He spoke on King Jehoshaphat stating that he asked the Levites why they were not preaching God's Word. They replied that it was because the people would not listen. In the same way, we need to continue telling others of God's Word regardless of the reception we receive. Rev. Cason used several other scriptural references to emphasize how hearts were hardened and the people turned deaf ears to God's servants.

After Rev. Cason's message, the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing, "Rock of Ages," followed by prayer by Rev. M. C. Powell.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Bro. Farrell Tucker, a Deacon at Midway F^WB Church. He stated the need for each of us to obtain a Christian education, the need to apply ourselves and study so that God's word, and the strength we derive from it, may enhance our everyday lives.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, member of the Ordaining Council, presented a Bible and Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Ricky Cason, Pastor of Bay F^WB Church, who was ordained at that church on September 6, 1981.

The Moderator then called for the reports from the Committees. The Digest Committee reported ten (10) Ministers, One visiting Minister, seventeen (17) Deacons, twenty-six (26) delegates representing ten (10) churches. There was a motion, seconded and carried to accept this report.

The Finance Committee reported that there was a balance of \$47.78 brought forward. The dues received totaled \$160.25, plus the offering received today of \$84.46 giving a present balance of \$292.49. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept the Finance Committee's report. The Committee recommended that our 1982 National Association Representation fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per church be paid by our local Association to the State Office for 1982 only, before December 31, 1981. Thereafter, these National fees are to be paid according to the prescribed manner as set forth in our Constitution, Article II, Section 6. There was a motion, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

The Nominations Committee presented the following nominations: Moderator, Rev. W. G. Turner; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bobby Clyatt. Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Ricky Cason; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Gail Sellars. Ordaining Council to replace Rev. Gary Silence, Rev. Bobby Clyatt to serve a three-year term. Local Mission Board: Bro. Guyton Adams, Bro. Chuck Scarborough, and Bro. Lester Lane to succeed themselves. Executive Committee: Bro. Farrell Tucker to succeed himself. Camp Director: Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Assistant Camp Director: Rev. Bruce Gordon. There was a motion, seconded and carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator, asked for nominations from the floor. Since there were none, there was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept, by acclamation, the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt gave the report on the Union Association Camp Session. (See Union Association Camp Report.) He stated that the same week is scheduled for our Association for the 1982 Session. There was a motion, seconded and carried to accept this report as information.

There was a motion to offer the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The Ordaining Council recommended that we receive Rev. Leroy Lightfoot under the watch-care of this Association until receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Georgia Union Association. Bro. Bruce Gordon from Spring Hill FWB Church met with the Ordaining Council and will be receiving his test and the date and time of his ordination will be set later.

Bro. Curtis Gay spoke on behalf of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama. He stated that the Harvest Drive, which is an annual drive, will be held October 24-31. He asked everyone for their prayers and support of this work for the Lord.

Bro. Billy Hatcher challenged all the churches in this Association to respond to Rev. Ronald Wallace and support his work.

There being no further business, there was a motion, seconded and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Elzie Franks.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lamar Parrish,
Moderator

Mrs. Gail Sellars, Clerk

UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP REPORT

August 16-21, 1981

Camp Mount Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia

Director: Rev. Bobby Clyatt

Assistant: Rev. David Williams

Evangelist: Rev. Gary Silence

Teachers: Rev. Ricky Cason, Bro. Richard Davis, Mrs. Gloria Clyatt, Miss Phyllis Clyatt, Mrs. Dorcus Scarborough, Mrs. Diane Wishum

Cook: Mrs. Loretta Tucker

Cook Helpers: Mrs. Deborah Barrett, Mrs. Brenda Jennings, Mrs. Jewellean Powell, Miss Carolyn Powell and ladies from Midway and Spring Hill Churches.

We had a total of 100 campers to attend a part or all of the session, plus eight (8) counselors and three (3) cooks.

There were thirteen (13) first-time decisions and a large number of rededications.

We, the director and staff, express our heart-felt thanks to each church and individual for your support, whether by prayer, presence or finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Clyatt,
Director

UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward from 1980 session:
\$424.57

Receipts:

Sylvester Church .. \$	125.00	
Bay Church	125.00	
Spring Hill Church	125.00	
First Church, Cairo ...	125.00	
Midway Church	125.00	
Fellowship Church	125.00	
Union Association	100.00	
Union Woman's Auxiliary..	50.00	
Campers Fees	1,198.00	
Grocery Refund	27.23	
Total Receipts.....		2,125.23
Total to Account for		2,549.80

Expenditures:

Food	816.04	
Camp Rent	307.50	
Cooks and Counselors ..	425.00	
Literature	133.40	
Crafts	84.00	
Miscellaneous	53.56	
Music Director	50.00	
Postage	19.62	
Refund (Church Paid)...	15.00	
Trophies	10.40	
Total Expenditures		1,914.52
Balance on Hand August 25, 1981		635.28

Respectfull submitted,

Rev. Bobby Clyatt,
Camp Director

Y O U T H A C T I V I T I E S R E P O R T

The first Youth Rally of the Union Association was held at New Prospect FWB Church with ninety (90) young people in attendance. The group saw a film on the rapture, afterwhich one person accepted Christ and several others rededicated their lives to Christ.

The next rally is to be held on January 10, 1982, at Midway FWB Church.

Continue to support these young people with your prayers.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Chmn.

Rev. M.C. Powell

Rev. Ricky Cason

UNION ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 1981

Balance Brought Forward, Dec., 1980 ... \$257.64

Dues Received From Churches:

2-7-81	\$133.38	
(Received late from Proctor Chapel)	\$ 15.00	
5-2-81	\$158.38	
8-1-81	\$159.50	
10-24-81	\$160.25	
(Received late from Berlin)	\$ 20.00	
Total Dues Received		\$636.51

Regular Offerings Received:

2-7-81	\$60.30	
5-2-81	\$45.56	
8-1-81	\$60.41	
10-24-81	\$84.46	
Total Offerings Received		\$250.73

Auxiliary Domation

10-10-81		\$ 10.00
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Total Cash To Account For: **\$1164.88**

Disbursements:

Christian Supply Store	\$35.20
(Bible & Ord. Cert.-D. Williams)	
Northside FWB Church	\$100.00
(Land Fund)	
Rev. Lamar Parrish	\$40.00
(Moderator's Honorarium)	
Rev. Irvin Murphy	\$15.00
(Clerk's Honorarium)	
Rev. Kenneth Murphy	\$121.00
(Printing Minutes)	
Mrs. Gail Sellars	\$55.00
(Clerk's Honorium)	

Foreign Missions \$100.00
 (Joe Haas Acct.)
 U.S. Postmaster \$18.00
 (Stamps)
 Northside FWB Church ... \$100.00
 (Paving Project)
 National Assn. of FWB .. \$100.00
 (Convention Indebt.)
 Rev. Bobby Clyatt..... \$100.00
 (Union Camp Session)
 Mrs. Gail Sellars \$7.97
 (Reimbursement-Supplies)
 Christian Supply Store... \$40.22
 (Bible & Ord. Cert.
 for R. Cason)
 Georgia State Assn. \$45.00
 (Delegate Fees)
 Georgia State Assn. \$120.00
 (Nat'l Assn. Fees)

Total Disbursements and Expenses ..\$997.39

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1981 \$167.49

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. First, we believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. I Cor. 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 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. I Timothy 2:3,6; Hebrews 2:9; St. John 8, Acts 2:4 Ephesians 3:1; Ephesians. 6.

3. We believe that 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. St. John 16;7,8; Acts 2:4; Ephesians 4:4,5; And that he comes into our hearts. John 1:1; 12; Galatians 4:4; 16; 2nd Cor. 5:12; Titus 3:5; I 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 repentance and knowledge of truth, that they, might be saved; for which in Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3; 15; I 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 brought them; because they believed 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 other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Hebrews 3:10; I John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. II 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 offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, if they would give place to His divine teachings; Whereas, 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 offers of sovereign grace. Matthew 11:27; St. 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 the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction;

but, we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith, because they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved. Therefore; the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God. Jude 1:4, II Peter 2:1; II Thessalonians 2:11,12; Romans 2:9,11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own person are only subject to 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". I Cor. 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. Revelations 22:14,15; Isaiah 1:19, 20; Matthew 7:8; Jeremiah 6:16; Luke 13:34,35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power, or ability, which he has in and 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 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 supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of

respect or mere choices, futher, 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, annointing 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; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19,20; John 13:5,17; John 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subject for baptism. Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9,10; Acts 3:19,21; Romans 6:4; 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; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matthew 25:46.

A S S O C I A T I O N C O N S T I T U T I O N

1. This Association shall hereafter be known as the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptist.
2. This body shall meet alphabetically with the Churches on the first Saturday in February, May, and August and the last Saturday in October.
 - (a) It shall not adjourn formally until all business is settled.
 - (b) It shall use its influence to promote a moral, spiritual, and benevolent program, utilizing all its institutions and auxiliaries.
3. This body shall be composed of member churches in good standing and all ordained ministers, deacons, and missionaries shall be standing delegates.
 - (a) All churches representing at this Association shall be entitled to a minimum of 3 appointed delegates plus 1 additional delegate per 100 members or fraction thereof.
 - (b) 75 cents per member per year is suggested as the church representation fees. This may be broken down by paying one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the total amount per member per quarter.
 - (c) When member churches and ministers, whether serving a church or not, shall absent themselves from the support of the Association, e.g., prayers, presence, etc., for three consecutive quarterly meetings;
 - (1) The Association shall appoint a committee to investigate said church or churches and minister or ministers.
 - (2) This committee is to report at the next regular quarterly meeting regarding their findings.
 - (3) If a satisfactory report is not given, the church or churches and minister or ministers shall be apprised of their standing, namely:

- a. Placed on probation until the next regular quarterly meeting;
- b. No voting privileges until such church or churches and minister or ministers attend two (2) successive quarterly meetings, at which time they would be reinstated as members in good standing.

4. Requirement of delegate. Each standing delegate shall attend each and every session of this Association.
5. Requirement of Churches: Each church shall send a report to each session using the form adopted by the Association.
6. 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.
7. The officers of this Association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer and shall be elected every two years.
8. Churches wishing to become members of this association must present petitionary letters, adopt our National Treaties, and conform to its usage.
9. There shall be an executive committee composed of the officers of this association plus 5 laymen elected by the body. The elected members serve 5 year terms on a rotational basis. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact business for the association when the association is not in session. Decisions made by the executive committee shall be subject to final approval by the association and must be recorded in the minutes. The executive committee

- may be called into session by the moderator or assistant moderators if the need arises.
10. There shall be a mission board consisting of one member from each church in the Association to serve four year terms on a rotational basis. It shall be the duty of this board to supervise the missionary program of the association, to solicit the cooperation of member churches and individuals in promoting missions interest, to receive and disperse funds in the interest of missions support. A detailed report of this boards work shall be submitted to the last regular session of the association each year and shall be included in the minutes.
 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this association by a majority vote.
 12. There shall be an ordaining council composed of three ordained ministers belonging to this association. Members of this council shall be elected by the association for a 3 year term on a rotation basis. The duty of this council shall be to examine candidates for the ministry according to rules set forth in the association decorum. An annual report shall be submitted to the clerk of the association for inclusion in the minutes.

A S S O C I A T I O N D E C O R U M

1. The officers of this Association shall be elected at the close of the last session of the odd calendar years.

2. 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.

3. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the moderator.

4. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion and must receive a majority vote for passage.

5. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in the order in which they were seated.

6. Appointments shall be made by the moderator unless requested otherwise by the body itself.

7. Members wishing to be excused from the session shall request permission from the moderator.

8. The Association has a right to decide what matters shall be admitted to its consideration.

9. When a person is called to the Gospel Ministry and desires to be licensed to preach, he should approach his local Church and request

to be licensed. The Church should then examine him thoroughly as to the nature of the 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 a regular Conference, he then should be granted a License to Preach for the period of one year. At the end of the one year his license may be renewed or revoked. Or he may be ordained. (The method mentioned here is the normal practice of most Churches and Associations).

10. That 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 becomes engaged in Christian service the nature of which requires the authority of an ordained Minister of the Gospel.

a. That each Church exercise due caution in the licensing, commending to ordination, and calling of a minister to fill the Pastoral Office.

b. That any Ordained Minister coming to Union Association from another Denomination be placed on a One Year Waiting Period under the watchcare of this Association before being accepted into the Union Association.

c. A Minister coming to any church of Union Association from another Association must come before the Ordaining Council for questioning.

11. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the association by a majority vote.

**AN ORDINATION STANDARD
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

THE LICENSED MINISTER:

1. A person must be licensed for a 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 services which would require ordination.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS:

2. 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.

DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

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

THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

4. 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.

THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

5. Traditionally and historically Free Will Baptist 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.

THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN:

6. Free Will Baptists, committed to the doctrine of congregational church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers is in the local church.

In practice, however, the Free Will Baptist churches in 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.

PERSONAL PLEDGE OF INTEGRITY:

7. IF ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY BY THE

ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF
GEORGIA, I PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUENCY OF SAID

ASSOCIATION:

1. To preach the Word of God in its fulness without fear, favor, or compromise, according to the best of my ability.
2. To continue to study and improve myself in every way possible.
3. To live a clean, upright, exemplary life, and to surrender any habit or

- practice unbecoming to a minister of the Gospel.
4. To be considerate of my fellow ministers and their rights.
 5. To be fair and impartial with those to whom I minister.
 6. To abide faithfully by the rules and regulations of the _____ Association of Free Will Baptists.
 7. To preach and teach Free Will Baptist doctrines as set forth in the Articles of Faith of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and those of the _____ Association of Free Will Baptists.
 8. Finally, I promise, that if at any time I can no longer agree with Free Will Baptist doctrine or policy and preach and practice the same fully with the free consent of my heart and mind, or if I should fall into error and sin and depart from the faith, I will freely, without coercion or restraint, surrender my ordination credentials to the Ordaining Council of the association of which I am a member and cease my activities as a Free Will Baptist minister.

SIGNED _____

WITNESSES _____

The above "Pledge of Integrity" is followed by an Application for Ordination to the Ministry, which includes a Doctrinal Examination on the Free Will Baptist "Treatise" and on the Church Government and Practices. The examination also includes information on Free Will Baptist History.

Recommended Reading for the Ministers are:

DOCTRINE: Free Will Baptist Doctrine: By J. D. O'Donnell.

HISTORY: Marching Through Georgia: By Rev. Damon Dodd.

GOVERNMENT: Free Will Baptist Treatise.

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE: Biblical Graphics (Story of The Bible) By R. Reeds

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY: The Ministers Mission
By Dr. C. E. Colton

The above books would benefit any Free Will Baptist Church member.