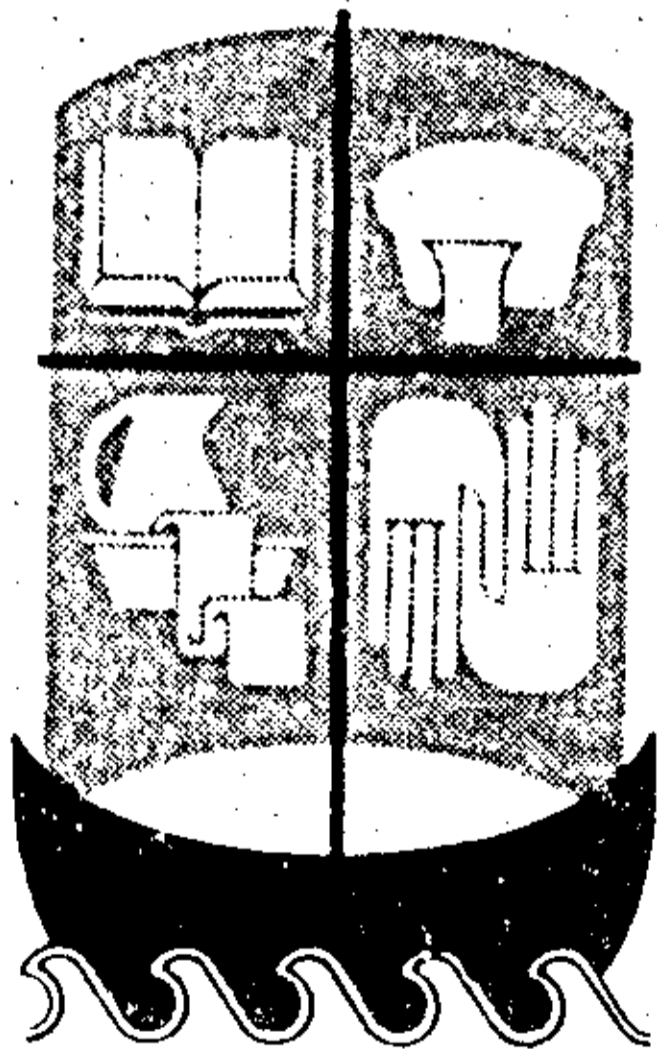


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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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 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) 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

Spring Hill	February 5, 1983
Sylvester	May 7, 1983
Bay	August 6, 1983
Cairo	October 29, 1983

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NEW LIFE, NEW PROSPECT, POULAN, PROCTOR CHAPEL  
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1983

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Rev. Bobby Clyatt	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Ricky Cason	Clerk/Treasurer
Mrs. Gail Sellars	Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

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Curtis Gay	1983
Kelvin Harrell	1984
Earl Dawson	1985
James Silvers	1985
Farrell Tucker	1986

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Rev. W. G. Turner	1983
Rev. Bobby Clyatt	1984
Rev. Lamar Parrish	1985

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Billy Hatcher                      1983                      Spring Hill  
RR 1  
Baconton, GA    31716

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RR 4  
Moultrie, GA    31768

BOARD OF CAMPING

Guyton Adams                      1983                      Bethlehem  
P.O. Box 282  
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Bobby Clyatt                      1983                      Midway  
RR 4, Box 116  
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RR 3, Box 438  
Cairo, GA    31728

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RR 1  
Hartsfield, GA    31756

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RR 2, Box 413-A  
Cairo, GA    31728

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528 N Main Street  
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Price Irving 1983 Greenwood  
RR 3  
Camilla, GA 31730

Robert Simpson 1983 Proctor Chapel  
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Guyton Adams 1985 Bethlehem  
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Jim Jennings 1985 Sylvester  
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Rev. Leroy Lightfoot RR 1, Box 754 Doerun, GA 31744 (912) 776-4106	Fellowship
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Rev. Forrest Sellars RR 2, Box 186 Camilla, GA 31730 (912) 294-8519	Greenwood
Rev. Bobby Clyatt RR 4, Box 116 Moultrie, GA 31768 (912) 985-6366	Midway
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Baconton, GA 31716  
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Springhill

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Rev. Elzie Franks  
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Cairo



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Midway

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Proctor Chapel

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Sylvester

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### Bay Church

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Curtis Gay	RR 1, Hartsfield, GA	31756
Don Parker	RR 1, Moultrie, GA	31768
Gene Sellars	RR 1, Hartsfield, GA	31756
Billy Wilson	RR 1, Hartsfield, GA	31756

### Bethlehem Church

No Report

### Cairo Church

Kelvin Harrell	RR 2, Cairo, GA	31728
Melton Harrell	611 7th Ave N.E., Cairo, GA	31728
Raymond Joyner	RR 2, Box 413-A, Cairo, GA	31728

### Fellowship Church

Dennis Beaty	RR 4, Box 541-B, Albany, GA	31705
Earl Dawson	RR 1, Baconton, GA	31716
Max Hardin	RR 4, Box 500, Albany, GA	31705

### Greenwood Church

Price Irvin	RR 3, Camilla, GA	31730
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### Midway Church

Benny Byrd	RR 2, Box 91, Moultrie, GA	31768
Wallace Galloway	RR 4, Box 125, Moultrie, GA	31768
Darrell Gay	RR 4, Box 118, Moultrie, GA	31768
Charles Harper	RR 4, Box 219, Moultrie, GA	31768
William Lewis, Sr.	528 N Main, Moultrie, GA	31768
Kenneth Murphy	RR 4, Box 121, Moultrie, GA	31768
Enoch Parrish	RR 4, Box 197, Moultrie, GA	31768

### New Life Church

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### New Prospect Church

Horace Davis	RR 3, Ashburn, GA	31714
Carlton Williams	RR 3, Ashburn, GA	31714
Lamar Wilson	RR 1, Sycamore, GA	31790

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Wayne Carlton

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James Ferguson P.O. Box 258, Putney, GA 31782

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Jim Jennings 105 Lynn Circle  
Sylvester, GA 31791

Wayne Jennings RR 1, Sylvester, GA 31791

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No Report

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Boston, GA 31626

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## F I R S T    Q U A R T E R

February 6, 1982

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on February 6, 1982, with New Life Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with congregational singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Brother Clarence Reichert, accompanied by Mrs. Wanda Reichert.

Rev. Herbert Waid led the group in prayer prior to the morning devotion. Rev. M. C. Powell, Pastor of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, brought the devotion using the theme "Unity" in Ephesians 4:3. Brother Powell encouraged Christians to be united and work together.

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator and Pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Then Rev. Turner called the meeting to order with a M/S/C to seat the 24 appointed delegates. With the Roll Call of Churches there was 8 churches represented. There were 10 Deacons, 12 Ministers and 1 visiting Minister recognized.

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

Committee members were appointed by the Moderator. They are as follows: FINANCE COMMITTEE: Curtis Gay, John Thomas and James Silvers. DIGEST COMMITTEE: Rev. M. C. Powell, Jerry Clayton and Clarence Reichert.

There being no further business, Rev. Lamar Parrish adjourned this part of the session in prayer.

The meeting resumed and was opened in prayer by Rev. Bruce Gordon. The New Life Youth Group brought the special singing entitled "Now I've Got Everything" and "Touring That City". Rev. Elzie Franks led the offertory prayer. The Morning Message was delivered by Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Pastor of Midway Church using the theme "Unity" from Ephesians 4:3. He re-emphasized the need for Christians to be united in working together



for the Lord's cause. He also read paragraph 5 of our Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. He stated that we, as Christians, need to have oneness of mind. After the singing of an invitation-  
al hymn, Clarence Reichert 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, "I'd Like to Talk It Over With Him" and Rev. B. H. Parrish led the group in prayer. Edwin Smith brought the afternoon devotion emphasizing that we must build up our weak links.

The Business Session was opened by the Moderator with a report from Alton Everson concerning Camp Mt. Bethel. He stated that a tractor, bush hog and other equipment had been obtained. There is a need for recreational equipment to be donated. He also stated that a March clean-up date was needed before the Woman's Auxiliary Retreat. M/S/C to receive as information.

Brother Kenneth Murphy gave a report from the Camp Board concerning the cost of repairing the pump at Camp Mt. Bethel. There was a M/S/C to give \$200 from the Union Association Camp Board.

The Executive Secretary, Herbert Waid, gave his report and expressed his appreciation to all those who have contributed to the State Office and the Co-op Plan. He also reported on several dates for up-coming events that the group might be interested in. M/S/C to accept as information.

The reports from the committees were given as follows:

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	Balance	\$ 39.99
	Offering	80.09
	Dues	174.50
	Present Balance	<u>\$294.58</u>

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept this report.

DIGEST COMMITTEE:      8 Churches  
                                 24 Delegates  
                                 10 Deacons  
                                 12 Ministers  
                                 1 Visiting Minister

There was a M/S/C to accept this report.

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator, explained the new Quarterly Report Form that had been mailed out. There was a M/S/C to accept this Report Form as our adopted form in the Union Association.

Brother Lamar Parrish, Chairman of the Ordaining Council gave the following report:

1. Had received a letter of recommendation to accept Rev. Alton Everson into our Association.
2. The South Georgia Association has requested a letter for Rev. C. B. Dowdney.
3. The Little River Association has requested a letter for Rev. Jerry Wishum.

There was a M/S/C to send these letters.

Brother Parrish asked the Moderator to extend the right hand of full fellowship to Rev. Leroy Lightfoot who had just come into our Association. There was a M/S/C to accept this report. Brother Parrish then mentioned that Rev. Bruce Gordon, Pastor of the Spring Hill Church, will be ordained at the Church on a date suggested by Brother Gordon. There was a M/S/C to accept this as information.

Brother Bobby Clyatt, speaking in behalf of Camp Mt. Bethel, said in his opinion it would be better if campers fees were increased for the up-coming session. Several commented, agreeing with this statement.

There was a M/S/C that the Executive Committee and Officers of the Union Association meet to discuss the acceptance of Rev. Joe Owens, Pastor of the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, into the Union Association.

Mrs. Gail Sellars asked that we have our C.T.S. Competition in the ~~May~~ Session. There

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was a M/S/C to grant this request.

There was a M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rick Cason requested that the Union Association give \$100.00- to be applied toward the pump repair at Camp Mt. Bethel. There was a M/S/C to grant this recommendation.

there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

## S E C O N D    Q U A R T E R

May 1, 1982

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on May 1, 1982, at New Prospect Church near Sycamore, Georgia.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "That Glad Reunion Day", and Rev. Steve Purvis, Pastor of the Poulan Church, following in prayer.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Rick Cason, Pastor of Bay Church, using Acts 2:40, 42-46 as his text. The theme of the meeting was "Continuing Daily". He spoke of our goal as Christians, that we should strive to have a closer walk with our Lord daily.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. G. Turner, 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 M/S/C to seat these as delegates for the day.

There were no visitors and no petitionary letters.

Committee members were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Clarence Reichert, Jake Singleton and Mrs. Margie Harris.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: John Thomas, Barbara Goolsby and Billy Faison.

Rev. M. C. Powell, Pastor of the New Prospect Church, dismissed the group in prayer for a short recess.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Glory Land Way" and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". New Prospect Church provided the special singing for the day.

Rev. Bruce Gordon, Pastor of the Springhill church, brought the morning message using Acts



2:46-47 as his text. He reminded the congregation of the attitudes of the church of Acts and how the early church was to continue daily depending on the Lord for their provisions.

After lunch the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus". Rev. Alton Everson brought the afternoon devotion followed by Rev. Bobby Clyatt leading the group in prayer.

C.T.S. Competition was represented by Van Bundy from the Spring Hill Church in the Sword Drill. There was a M/S/C that Van be declared the winner of the District Competition and represent this District in the State Competition. There was also M/S/C to pay the registration fee and 20¢ per mile for Van to the State Competition.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary gave his report on the W-2 Forms that pastors will need to have for Income Tax purposes. He also reminded the group of the upcoming events for the State and the National Association. M/S/C to accept as information.

The reports from the committees were given as follows:

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	Balance	\$ 79.95
	Offering	56.72
	Dues	198.75
	Present Balance	<u>\$335.42</u>

There was a M/S/C to accept this report.

<u>DIGEST COMMITTEE:</u>	11 Churches
	24 Delegates
	14 Deacons
	11 Ministers

There was a M/S/C to accept this report. The Ordaining Council reported that:

1. Rev. Herbert Waid be placed under the watchcare of the Association until a letter from the Little River Association be obtained.

2. Walter Brady and Robert Simpson be licensed into the ministry.

There was a M/S/C to adopt this report.

There was a M/S/C to place a piano owned by the Union Association at Camp Mt. Bethel. Brother Farmer will be responsible for the moving of the piano to the Camp. Also, the piano will need to be tuned before the camp sessions begin.

There was a M/S/C to send Rev. B. H. Parrish, Pastor of the Cairo Church, \$100.00 to go on his medical expenses.

The Special Committee reported on the outcome of their meeting with Rev. Joe Owens, Pastor of the Bethlehem Church. Brother Owens could not meet with the requirements of the Union Association and the National Treatise of Free Will Baptist. Therefore, there was a M/S/C not to accept Brother Owens into the Union Association.

There was a M/S/C to give New Prospect Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

There was a M/S/C to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk



## T H I R D    Q U A R T E R

August 7, 1982

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met for their Quarterly Meeting on August 7, 1982, at Poulan Church in Poulan, Georgia. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Rick Cason. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus" led by Brother Larry Waltman, accompanied by Velvet Reynolds. Rev. Bobby Clyatt led the group in prayer prior to the morning devotion, brought by Rev. M. C. Powell, using the theme "Try The Spirit".

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator, who then called for all ministers and deacons to stand and reminded them that they were standing delegates. The elected delegates were then recognized and a M/S/C to seat the delegates.

There were no visitors and no petitionary letters.

Committee members were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Fred Goolsby, Mrs. Ennis and Louvenia Kleedehn.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: J. C. Nelms, W. J. Farmer and Margie Harris.

Under miscellaneous business, Rev. Bobby Clyatt encouraged all present to go back to their churches and challenge every young person to participate in the Union Association Camp Session, which is to be held August 15-20, 1982.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Lamar Parrish, after which the session reconvened with the congregation singing "Standing On The Promises". Rev. Bruce Gordon led in prayer. The youth from the Poulan Church brought the special music of the day "I'll See You In the Rapture". Brother Clarence Reichert led the offertory prayer prior to the morning message which was brought

by Rev. Lamar Parrish. Brother Parrish continued with the theme "Try The Spirit". He used several scriptures: I John 4:1, Romans 8:14, and I Kings which was an example of not trying the Spirit.

The prayer of thanks for the food and dismissal from this portion of the service was prayed by Brother Elzie Franks.

The meeting was reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing, "The Unclouded Day", followed by the afternoon devotion brought by Rev. W. G. Turner using II Corinthians 3:17 as his text.

Rev. W. G. Turner called for reports from the Standing Boards and Committees.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

1. Commended the Midway Church for licensing Brother David Harper to the ministry, and recommended him to our churches as a man whom God has called.

2. Recommend that a letter be sent to the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists stating that Brother Leroy Lightfoot and Brother Alton Everson are members in good standing with Union Association.

There was a M/S/C to adopt these recommendations.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	Balance	\$183.33
	Offering	71.75
	Dues	184.50
	Present Balance	<u>\$439.58</u>

There was a M/S/C to accept this report as given.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: 11 Churches  
29 Delegates  
9 Deacons  
7 Ministers

There was a M/S/C to accept this report.

There was a M/S/C to send a letter to the State Executive Board stating that the Union

Association would like to host the 1984 State Association of Free Will Baptist. The Midway Church, Moultrie, would be the host church.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt spoke in behalf of the Union Association Missions Conference to be held September 26 - October 1, 1982.

There was a M/S/C 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. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

F O U R T H    Q U A R T E R

October 30, 1982.

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on October 30, 1982, at the Proctor Chapel Church in Pelham, Georgia.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "Send The Light", with Clarence Reichert leading and Wanda Reichert accompanying. Rev. Elzie Franks led the group in prayer prior to the morning devotion, which was brought by Rev. Robert Simpson. Rev. Simpson used Luke 23: 32-33, 39-43 as his text.

The 57th Session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator. He called for all ministers and deacons to stand and reminded them that they were standing delegates. The elected delegates were then asked to stand, followed by a M/S/C to seat these as delegates for this meeting.

There were visitors from the Ogeechee Association.

There were no petitionary letters.

Committee members were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Billy Hatcher, Donald Harris and Velma Cone.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Melton Harrell, Barbara Goolsby and Eva Hutto.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Kenneth Murphy, Earl Dawson and Margie Harris.

The meeting adjourned for a short break; afterwards, the meeting resumed with the congregation singing, "Wondrous Story". Rev. Charlie Harris led the group in prayer.

Rev. Walter Brady, from the Cairo Church, brought the morning message using I Thessalonians 5:14-25. He dealt specifically with verse 19. He spoke of the strength in our churches, the



Spirit of God, and what is Quenching the Spirit.

After Rev. Brady's message, Rev. Lamar Parrish addressed the congregation concerning the fact that the widow of Rev. K. V. Shutes was with us today. It was Rev. Shutes that had started Proctor Chapel Church. There was a moment of silent prayer and then Rev. Parrish led in prayer.

Brother Robert Simpson led the offertory prayer prior to being dismissed for lunch.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing, "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know", followed by prayer by Brother Fred Goolsby.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Charlie Harris, Pastor of Proctor Chapel Church. He used Revelation 3:20-22 as his text, where Jesus was knocking because the church and people had thrown him out. Churches today need to let Christ back in.

The Moderator then called for the report from Rev. Herbert Waid, State Executive Secretary, who gave a brief summary of the past year's accomplishments. He also reminded the group about the State Meeting which is to be held at the White Oaks Church in Macon on November 18-20, 1982. The Union Association can have 3 delegates. There was a M/S/C to accept this as information.

Brother Billy Hatcher reported from the State Mission Board concerning the Dublin Mission and their new pastor, Rev. Jack Lysaker. He also spoke of the Northside Church and their building program. There was a M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Bruce Gordon gave the report for the Union Association Mission Board. Their Checking Account balance is \$775.79 and Savings Account balance is \$169.74. There was M/S/C to accept as information.

The Union Association Camp Board report was given by Rev. Alton Everson. He spoke of the tremendous sessions which were held during the summer and the need for all Associations to have

a work day at Camp Mt. Bethel. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt reported on the Union Association Camp Session. There was M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Clyatt also reported on the Union Association Missions Conference which was held on September 26 - October 1 and promoted next years conference. M/S/C to accept as information.

Brother Kenneth Murphy gave the State Trustee Board report concerning the State properties and insurance coverage. The insurance is now with a Moultrie Insurance Agency but the State is interested in Preferred Risk Insurance Company. M/S/C to accept as information.

The Ordaining Council recommended that we receive Rev. Bill Lewis, Rev. Forrest Sellars, Rev. S. E. Newberry and Rev. Ronnie Lawson under the watchcare of this Association until receipt of a letter from their previous associations. M/S/C to adopt this report.

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations:

Executive Committee: James Silvers to succeed himself.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Lamar Parrish to succeed himself.

Union Association Mission Board: William S. Lewis, Sr. and James Silvers to succeed themselves; Jimmy Jennings to replace Rev. Chuck Scarborough for a three year term. M/S/C to receive this report and elect and nominated.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u> :	Balance	\$191.47
	Offering	68.83
	Dues	<u>174.50</u>
	Present Balance	\$434.80

M/S/C to accept this report.



UNION ASSOCIATION MISCELLANEOUS REPORT SHEET

Church	Total Membership	Total Members Added	Received by Baptism	Received Other Ways	Lost by Letter	Sunday School Average Attendance	C.T.S. Average Attendance	Prayer Meeting Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School	Woman's Auxiliary Average Attendance	Master's Men Average Attendance	Value of Church	Value of Parsonage	Building and Remodeling Expense	Total Church Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Co-Operative Plan	Local Expense and Ministries	State Ministries	National Ministries
BAY	65	5	2	3	3	44	NA	26	35	7	NA	\$100,000	\$ 50,000	NA	\$16,102	\$ 8,150	\$ 150	\$ 2,793	\$100	NA
BETHLEHEM	NO REPORT																			
CAIRO	55	18	6	12	28	60	25	35	95	5	NA	\$100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 3,361	\$27,533	\$ 6,450	\$ 120	\$11,997	\$856	NA
FELLOWSHIP	67	5	2	3	NA	45	NA	15	39	6	7	\$ 65,000	NA	\$23,146	\$20,000	\$ 5,400	\$1,775	\$ 2,095	NA	\$1,570
GREENWOOD	NO REPORT																			
MIDWAY	199	9	3	6	3	97	61	NA	NA	20	NA	\$120,000	\$ 24,000	NA	\$45,967	\$13,850	\$3,920	\$19,879	\$517	\$1,296
NEW LIFE	55	28	20	8	4	50	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	\$ 20,000	NA	\$ 800	\$ 6,608	\$ 2,800	10%	\$ 480	NA	\$ 84
NEW PROSPTECT	127	7	1	6	3	40	20	20	40	8	NA	\$ 29,000	NA	\$2,369	\$ 7,072	\$ 4,017	\$ 120	NA	\$480	NA
POULAN	52	5	1	4	3	37	33	30												
PROCTOR CHAPEL	35	3	NA	3	5	25	NA	15	NA	NA	NA	\$ 20,000	NA	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000	NA	\$ 900	NA	NA
SPRINGHILL	141	13	7	6	6	59	40	30	55	14	NA	\$ 80,000	\$ 45,000							
SYLVESTER	64	6	1	5	2	30	NA	25	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,600	\$ 2,700	NA	\$ 9,100	NA	NA

DIGEST REPORT: 11 Churches  
23 Delegates  
13 Deacons  
14 Ministers

M/S/C to accept this report.

The Union Association Mission Board was given the authority to disburse their own monies as they see fit concerning mission work.

The Union Association delegates to the State Association Meeting are: Ethel Franks, Opal Hatcher and Randy Jackson.

There was a M/S/C to appoint a Constitution Committee to update the Union Association Constitution. They were as follows: Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Rev. Lamar Parrish and Brother Billy Hatcher.

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

There being no further business, there was a M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP REPORT

August 15-20, 1982

Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia

Director: Rev. Bobby Clyatt  
Assistant: Rev. Bruce Gordon  
Evangelist: Rev. Gary Page  
Teachers: Rev. Ricky Cason, Mr. Randy Jackson,  
Mrs. Sandra Jackson, Mrs. Jeanette  
Haire, Mrs. Brenda Jennings  
Recreation: Rev. Bruce Gordon, Mr. Fred Goolsby,  
Mrs. Barbara Goolsby  
Cooks: Mrs. Jeanine Silvers, Mrs. Shirley Reynolds,  
Mrs. Velma Cone, ladies from  
Spring Hill and Fellowship Churches

We had a total of 78 campers to attend the session, plus ten (10) counselors and three (3) cooks.

There were twenty (20) first time decisions and seventeen (17) rededications.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Director

UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward from 1981		\$ 635.28
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Interest (Now Account)	\$ 23.87	
Refunds	88.50	
Campers Fees	1,995.00	
Total Receipts		<u>2,107.37</u>
Total to account for		\$2,742.65
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Music director	\$ 50.00	
Cook	50.00	
Miscellaneous	93.92	
Donation for Camp Pump	200.00	
Evangelist	215.00	
Literature	342.61	
Camp Rent	638.90	
Food	1,069.01	
Total Expenditures		<u>2,641.44</u>
Balance on hand September 30, 1982		\$ 101.21

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Director

## UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

We had an extremely good year in the Union Association Youth Rally. The first Rally for the year was held on January 9, 1982 at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church. Our guest speaker was Rev. Reuben Cason. The second Rally was held on April 3, 1982 at the Springhill Church. The Church was in charge of the program for the evening. The third Rally was held on July 10, 1982 at the Sylvester Church. This Rally was held in the evening and there were outside games played and a cookout. The last Rally was held on October 9, 1982 at the Bay Church. A film entitled "Eighteen" was shown. All of our rallies have been well attended and we are looking forward to a good up-coming year. We appreciate your support for all of these rallies.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Chairman  
Rev. M. C. Powell  
Rev. Rick Cason

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward December 1981	\$31.08
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Youth Rally	\$36.08
Total to account for	\$67.16
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Stamps	\$ 6.80
Balance on hand November 2, 1982	\$60.36

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Powell, Treasurer

1982

UNION ASSOCIATION

MISSIONS CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Total Number of Services Conducted 23

Participating Churches:

Union Association	No. Services
Bay	4
Fellowship	4
Midway	4
New Life	3
Spring Hill	4

Little River Association	
Pine Level	1
Ozias	1
Corinth	1

Midway Association	
Berean	1

Total Combined Monthly Committments \$ 221.00

Total Annual Committments 2,652.00

Total Combined Cash Offerings 2,334.11

Total Amount Raised for the Year \$4,986.11  
(Cash plus Committments)

Note: We do not have the statistics from the Berean Service.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE UNION DISTRICT FREE WILL BAPTIST  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of the Union District Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held on October 9, 1982 at the Cairo Church. The theme for the convention was "Give Yourself Away", and the theme scripture was II Corinthians 8:5. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "At The Cross", led by Loretta Tucker with Sandra Jackson at the piano. Prayer was then offered by Margie Harris. Mrs. Inez Harrell of the Cairo Auxiliary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Margie Harris of Sylvester brought the morning devotion using the theme scripture of II Corinthians 8:5. She stressed the importance of sharing yourself with others and loving those who are unloved and won't love you in return. We should let God's love flow through us to others. Loretta Tucker of the Midway Auxiliary led the congregation in another song.

Mrs. Loretta Tucker, President, called the meeting to order and Mrs. Linda Gay, Secretary, read the Minutes of the 1981 Annual Meeting. The Minutes were approved as read. The Roll Call of the Auxiliaries was taken. Delegates were present from six (6) auxiliaries. Auxiliaries represented and the number of delegates from each were: Bay - 4; Cairo - 4; Midway - 4; Springhill - 4; Sylvester - 2; Fellowship - 3. The total number of delegates present was 21. Motion, second and carried to seat delegates.

The President then asked for Petitionary Letters. There being none, she then called for the Registration Committee report. The committee reported 21 delegates and 8 visitors present. Total registration was 28. Motion, second and carried to accept this report.

The President appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTION: Ruby Mitchell, Chairman  
LaRee Parrish  
Jan Parker

FINANCE: Betty Galloway, Chairman  
Vickie Gordon  
Clara Dickens

CREDENTIALS: Linda Gay  
Louvenia Kleedehn  
Jeanine Silvers

The meeting was adjourned for a short break with Mrs. Inez Harrell leading in prayer.

The worship service was opened with Mrs. K. V. Shutes of the Fellowship Auxiliary singing "Follow Me". Rev. Bruce Gordon of Springhill Church brought the morning message, taking his scripture from II Corinthians 8:5, Genesis 12:3, Exodus 1, Ruth 4:15, I Samuel 17, John 3:16 and Romans 12:1,2. He pointed out that the central theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is "Giving yourselves to the Lord", and spoke of several Bible characters who are noted for giving themselves totally and unreservedly unto the Lord: Moses, Abraham, Naomi, David and Paul. God gave His Son, and he doesn't ask that we give more than He has done Himself. We have to be willing to give ourselves away to be blessed of God.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch with Debbie Cason leading in prayer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION:

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Showers of Blessings". Special music was presented by Jan Parker of the Bay Auxiliary, who sang, "Let Your Heart Be Blessed". She was accompanied by Louvenia Kleedehn

of Bay Auxiliary at the piano.

Ann Lewis of the Midway Auxiliary brought the afternoon devotion using the convention theme and taking her scripture from II Corinthians 8:1-6 and Psalm 112:9.

An offering was then received with Sandra Jackson of the Midway Auxiliary leading in the offertory prayer.

The President then called for committee reports and the following reports were given:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Ruby Mitchell, Chairman

1. Be it resolved that we have a Workshop to be held on the First Saturday in April at Fellowship Church, with the host church being in charge of planning the program.
2. Be it resolved that the next Annual Meeting will be held on the Second Saturday in October at Midway Church.
3. Be it resolved that the President of our District Auxiliary obtain the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the presidents and secretaries of each local auxiliary and furnish this information to each auxiliary and the District Secretary.
4. Be it resolved that the District Auxiliary furnish the booklets required for each district officer upon induction of service.
5. Be it resolved that the committee working on the By-Laws of our District Auxiliary Convention, be retained for the coming year.
6. Be it resolved that the host church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the meeting today.

Motion, second and carried to accept report of committee and to vote on the resolutions items by item. Each resolution received a motion, second was unanimously carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Linda Gay, Chairman

Seven Auxiliaries reporting.

Total Membership	96
Enrollment 1st of Year	92
New Members	4
Present Enrollment	96

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Betty Galloway, Chairman

Member's Fees	\$124.25
State Project	320.65
Marietta Mission (Wallace Account)	138.00
Westfield Mission Pastor (India)	12.00
Dale & Sandra Bishop (Japan)	30.00
Crowson's Account (France)	120.80
Native Mission	11.00
Carlisle Hanna Account (India)	65.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	23.00
WNAC Emphasis	10.00
Co-Laborer	89.98
Pre-Easter (Foreign Missions)	30.95
Total	<u>\$975.63</u>

The Finance Committee recommended that today's offering of \$40.00 plus \$25.00 out of the treasury be sent to the Carlisle Hanna account. Motion, second and unanimously carried.

The President appointed the following delegates to serve at the State Meeting to be held on November 19, 1982 at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia: Margie Harris, Sandra Jackson, Vickie Gordon, Elizabeth Tucker, Pauline Gay, Alternate. The President authorized the Fellowship Auxiliary to appoint a delegate from their auxiliary if any of the ladies were able to attend the State meeting.

The Nominating Committee was appointed by the President to present a slate of officers at the next annual meeting to be held the Second Saturday of October at Midway Church. Those appointed to serve on this committee were:

Debbie Cason Bay Auxiliary

Inez Harrell  
Ann Lewis  
Dorothy Hardin  
Hazel Smith  
Wilma Davis

Cairo Auxiliary  
Midway Auxiliary  
Fellowship Auxiliary  
Sylvester Auxliary  
Spring Hill Auxiliary

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gay, Secretary



UNION ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 1982

Balance Brought Forward, December 1981     \$   167.49

Dues Received from Churches:

February 6, 1982	\$174.50	
May 1, 1982	198.75	
August 7, 1982	184.50	
October 30, 1982	<u>174.50</u>	
Total Dues Received		\$ 732.25

Regular Offerings Received:

February 6, 1982	\$80.09	
May 1, 1982	56.72	
August 7, 1982	71.75	
October 30, 1982	<u>68.83</u>	
Total Offerings Received		\$ 277.39

Designated Giving:

January 22, 1982	\$ 10.00	
August 7, 1982	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Designated		\$ 20.00

Total Cash To Account For:     \$1,197.13

Disbursements:

Rev. Ken Murphy	\$137.50	
(Printing 1981 Minutes)		
Rev. W. G. Turner	40.00	
(Moderator's Honorarium)		
Rev. Rick Cason	70.00	
(Clerk's Honorarium)		
Rev. Rick Cason	10.20	
(Phone Reimbursement)		
Georgia State Association	100.00	
(Camp Mt. Bethel)		
Georgia State Association	100.00	
(Rev. B. H. Parrish Account)		

Georgia State Association (Alabama Children's Home)	\$ 10.00	
Georgia State Association (State Delegates Fees and National Association Fees)	165.00	
U. S. Postmaster (Stamps)	80.00	
Index (Office Supplies)	31.41	
Christian Supply Store (Bible and Ordination Certi- ficate for Rev. Bruce Gordon)	38.22	
<u>Total Disbursements</u>		\$ 782.33
<u>Balance on Hand, December 31, 1982</u>		\$ 414.80

## 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 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 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; II Corinthians 5:12; Titus; 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 command-

ed 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 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; 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 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 whatso-



ever 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, 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; 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 Corinthians 5:10.

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

## ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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. Not 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 Moderator 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 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.



## ASSOCIATION DECORUM

1. The officers of this Association shall be elected at the close of the last session of the odd calendar year.
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 the 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 I Timothy 3:1-7.

#### *THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:*

5. 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.

#### *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 Roger 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.