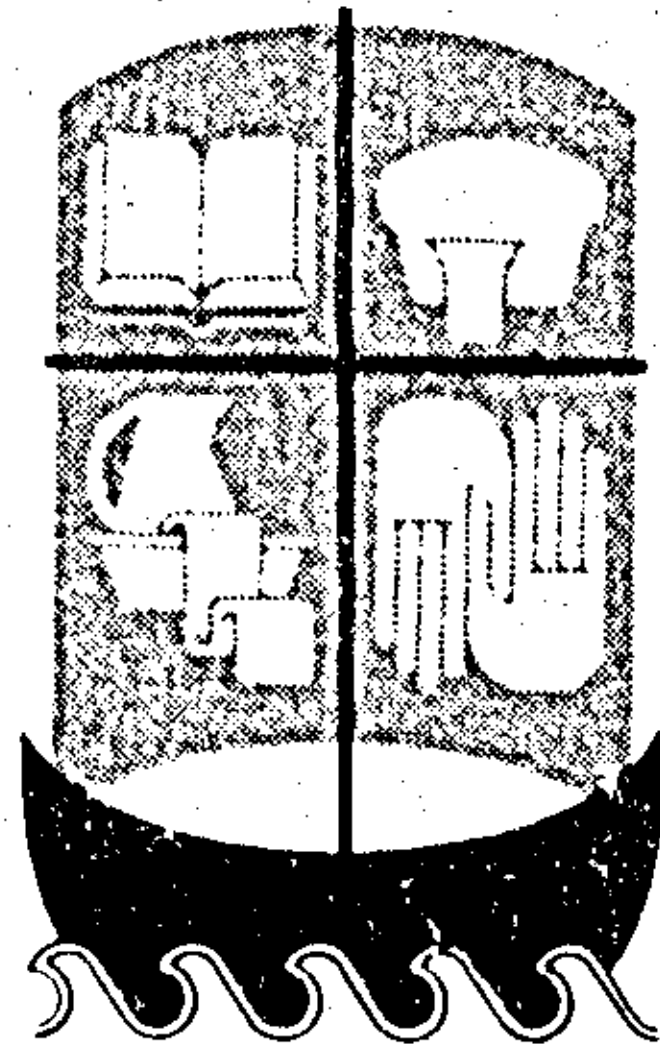
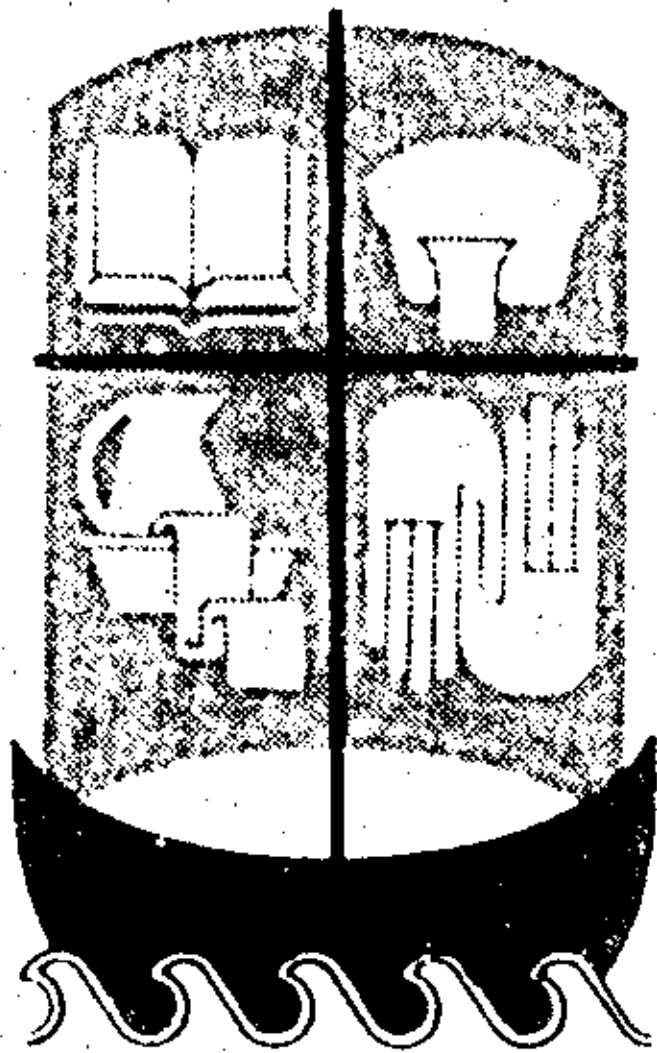


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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

Fellowship	February 4, 1984
Greenwood	May 5, 1984
Midway	August 4, 1984
New Hope	October 27, 1984

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## F I R S T   Q U A R T E R

February 5, 1983

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on February 5, 1983, with Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting following with the congregation singing led by Brother Randy Jackson, accompanied by Mrs. Sandra Jackson.

Rev. Herbert Waid led the group in prayer followed by congregational singing.

Brother Curtis Gay led the group in prayer prior to the morning devotion. Rev. Rick Cason, Pastor of the Bay Free Will Baptist Church, brought the devotion using the theme "Christ the Creator" in Colossians 1:16.

Rev. Turner called the meeting to order with a M/S/C to seat the appointed delegates. With the Roll Call of Churches there were 10 churches represented. There were 21 Deacons, 15 Ministers.

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

Committee members were appointed by the Moderator. There are as follows: FINANCE COMMITTEE: Curtis Gay, Mrs. Mary Murphy and Mrs. Inez Harrell. DIGEST COMMITTEE: Craig Brock, Mrs. Margie Harris and Mrs. Helen Blackwell.

Rev. M. C. Powell asked that Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary, be given a letter of good standing concerning himself.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt reminded all in attendance that the Union Association Camp Session would be August 7-12, 1983.

Rev. Lamar Parrish made a motion that the officers of the Union Association plan the program for the Quarterly Meetings. M/S/C.

There being no further business, Rev. Bobby Clyatt adjourned this session in prayer.

The Meeting resumed with the congregation singing and followed in prayer by Brother Elzie Franks.



Brother Bobby Clyatt read the proposed Constitution change to be adopted for 1984. There was a M/S/C to adopt. (See Constitution in back of these Minutes.)

The Morning Message was delivered by Rev. Bill Lewis using the theme "Christ the Redeemer". He emphasized the need for Christians to exalt Christ, for us to see the price paid for our sins and the purpose of our redemption.

After the singing of an invitational hymn, Brother Lamar Parrish led the offertory prayer. Brother Billy Hatcher 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 and Brother Fred Goolsby led the group in prayer. Rev. Bruce Gordon, Pastor of the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, brought the afternoon devotion using the theme "Christ the Sustainer".

The Executive Secretary, Herbert Waid, gave his report and also reported on several dates for up-coming events that the group would be interested in. He brought the group up to date on the Dublin and Gainesville Mission works. M/S/C to accept as information.

Brother Alton Everson gave the report from the Mission Board concerning the churches in the Union Association having a Missionary Conference in the fall of 1983. M/S/C to receive as information. Brother Everson also reported on Camp Mt. Bethel. There is to be a work day at the camp on February 10. M/S/C to accept as information.

Brother Lamar Parrish gave the Ordaining Council report as follows:

1. That the Union Association cannot at this time grant the Martin Association a letter of good standing concerning Rev. B.H. Parrish.
2. That the Moderator of the Union Association extend the right hand of full fellowship to Rev. Herbert Waid and Rev. Bill Lewis.

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

The reports from the committees were given as follows:

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	Balance	\$254.31
	Offering	70.61
	Dues	168.25
	Present Balance	<u>\$493.17</u>

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

<u>DIGEST COMMITTEE:</u>	10 Churches
	24 Delegates
	21 Deacons
	15 Ministers

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

Brother Bobby Clyatt reported from the Union Association Youth Rally Committee on the proposed guidelines for the Youth Rally. The Guidelines were adopted by vote. (See Youth Rally Report.)

Brother Clyatt, who is a member of this Advisory Committee for the Union Association Youth Rally Committee, gave his verbal resignation. Brother Randy Jackson and Rev. Bruce Gordon were asked to join Rev. Rick Cason on this Committee. M/S/C to accept these men to this Advisory Committee.

Rev. Bill Lewis was appointed public relations man from the Union Association to the Children's Home. M/S/C to accept this appointee.

The C.T.S. Competition is to be moved to the May Session beginning with 1983. There was M/S/C to grant this request.

Brother Rick Cason, Clerk for the Union Association, asked that the checking account for the Association be moved to Moultrie Federal Savings and Loan. There was M/S/C to grant this request.

Brother Cason read a resolution as follows:

Whereas, there will be occasions when the Executive Board will have to meet between Quarterly Association Meetings to transact the affairs of the Association,

Be it therefore resolved that:

The Association pay mileage expenses to Board Members \$ .20 (twenty cents) per mile as

approved by the Association. This is to be paid from the General Fund.

There was a M/S/C to accept this resolution as read.

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 in prayer by Brother Leroy Lightfoot.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

April 28, 1983

The Union Association Executive Board and the Ordaining Council have discussed the matter pertaining to Rev. B. H. Parrish, concerning his standing with the Union Association. The Ordaining Council stated that if Brother Parrish made things right with the Cairo Church, then he would be in good standing with the Association. On April 19, 1983 the Union Association Clerk received a letter from the Cairo Church stating that Brother Parrish had made things right with them. Upon receipt of this letter, I, as Clerk, forwarded on to the Martin Association a letter of good standing on Rev. B. H. Parrish.

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk  
Union Association of Free Will Baptists



## S E C O N D   Q U A R T E R

May 7, 1983

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on May 7, 1983, at Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. Ronnie Lawson, Pastor of Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church. Congregational singing was opened with "To God Be The Glory" and following prayer was led by Rev. Mance Cason, Pastor of New Home Free Will Baptist Church in the Martin Association.

The morning devotion was brought by Brother Curtis Gay, Deacon, Bay Free Will Baptist Church, using I Thessalonians 2:12 as his text. The theme of the meeting was "Walk Worthy". He spoke of several places in the Bible of the word worthy and its meaning to us as Christians.

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 M/S/C to seat these as delegates for the day. Visitors were recognized and welcomed to the meeting by Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator.

There were no petitionary letters.

Committee members were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Jack Faison, Eva Hutto and Mary Etheridge.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Randy Jackson, Lois Singleary and Evelyn Widner.

Rev. Elzie Franks dismissed the group in prayer for a short recess.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" and Rev. Bruce Gordon, Pastor of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, led the group in prayer.

C.T.S. Competition was presented by youth from the Midway Free Will Baptist Church as follows:

Primary - Angie Galloway, Bible Memorization  
Arts - Monica Gay, Declaration  
Arts - Lynn Taylor, Piano Solo

There was a M/S/C that these participants be declared winners of their competitions and represent the District in the State Competition. There was also M/S/C to pay registration fees and \$ .20 (twenty cents) per mile for the participants to attend the State Competition which is to be held at the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

There was a request to have a moment of silent prayer for Mrs. J. B. Rice.

The Morning Worship Service was opened once again with the congregation singing "Follow On" and Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary, led the offertory prayer. Ushers were Rev. Bruce Gordon and Fred Goolsby.

Rev. Steve Hasty, Pastor of Albany First Free Will Baptist Church, brought the morning message using I Thessalonians 2:12 as his text. The theme "Walk Worthy" was his main point. He reminded the congregation of the importance of walking worthy. Rev. Walter Brady, Pastor of Cairo Free Will Baptist Church, led in prayer of thanks for the food and dismissal from this portion of the meeting.

After lunch the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story" and Jack Faison led in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Fred Goolsby, Deacon, Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, using today's theme. He went in to the Christian walk, family life, church life, Bible study and prayer.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary, gave his reports and expounded on the events for May happenings throughout the State. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Bruce Gordon gave the Mission Board report as follows:

1. To have a Union Association Missions Con-



ference September 25-October 2, 1983. Rev. Bruce Gordon, Rev. Bobby Clyatt and Rev. Rick Cason will be responsible for organizing this conference. M/S/C to adopt this report.

2. Request for special offering to be received for Rev. Bill Reagan, Home Missionary to Canada. M/S/C to adopt this report.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt gave the Ordaining Council report. The Ordaining Council recommended that Rev. Walter Brady be ordained. M/S/C to adopt this report.

The reports from the committees were given as follows:

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	Balance	\$433.85
	Offering	153.50
	Dues	77.27
	Special Offering	58.00
	Present Balance	<u>\$722.62</u>

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

<u>DIGEST COMMITTEE:</u>	9 Churches
	26 Delegates
	16 Deacons
	10 Ministers
	3 Visiting Ministers

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

There was a M/S/C to give 10% of Quarterly income to the State Coop Plan.

There was M/S/C to give Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Walter Brady made a motion that a committee be appointed to differentiate between a licensed minister and an ordained minister to be put on paper. Rev. Herbert Waid responded to the question and suggested that the matter be referred to the State Executive Board. M/S/C to petition the State Executive Board for suggestions concerning duties of licensed and ordained ministers.

There was a M/S/C to adjourn. Rev. Bobby

Clyatt closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

July 9, 1983

The Union Association Executive Board met on July 9, 1983 at the Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church immediately following the Youth Rally and discussed the following matters:

1. The program for the Quarterly meeting to be held on August 6 was planned. Dr. Ken Riggs from Free Will Baptist Bible College would be the guest speaker.
2. That the Clerk be responsible for talking to someone from the Berlin Church to see if they wanted to remain in the Union Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

## T H I R D   Q U A R T E R

August 6, 1983

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met for their Quarterly Meeting on August 6, 1983 at Bay Free Will Baptist Church, Hartsfield, Georgia. The meeting was opened by the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Randy Jackson, Minister of Music at Midway Free Will Baptist Church, and accompanied by Sandra Jackson. Rev. Victor Neuenschwander, Pastor of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, led in prayer followed by the congregation singing "Faith Is The Victory".

The morning devotion was brought by Dr. Ken Riggs, Teacher at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. His text was Acts 2:42-47 the description of the early church. He also spent some moments discussing the College and its new programs.

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 was a M/S/C to accept New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Murphy, Georgia back into the Union Association.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed to the meeting by the Moderator.

Committee members were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Randy Jackson, Lester Lane and Kenneth Singletary.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Brenda Lawson, Price Irvin and Mary Etheredge.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Which will report at the October Meeting) Curtis Gay, Kenneth Murphy and Billy Hatcher.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. S. E. Newberry, Pastor of Greenwood Free Will Baptist



Church, after which the session reconvened with the congregation singing "Redeemed" and "He Brought Me Out". Rev. Herbert Waid led in prayer.

The offeratory prayer was led by Kenneth Murphy. The congregation singing continued with "My Jesus, I Love Thee" and Billy Hatcher followed with prayer.

The Morning Message was brought also by Dr. Ken Riggs using Matthew 16:17,18 as his text "I Will Build My Church". He made several strong points regarding right foundation, good faith, right fellowship, right format and the future. After the invitational hymn "Where He Leads Me" Rev. Lamar Parrish led in prayer of thanks for the food and dismissal from this portion of the meeting.

The Meeting was reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing "Sunlight" and "All For Jesus", followed by Jack Faison leading in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Randy Jackson using Colossians 4:2-6 as his text "The Christian Life".

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary, gave his report as follows:

1. Presented Certificate of Recognition to Jack Faison, Deacon, Bay Free Will Baptist Church, as nominee for Layman of the Year.
2. Reported on State Budget.
- Reported on New Sunday School Literature that is available at the Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia.
4. Introduced new Bookstore Manager, Rev. Victor Neuenschwander.
5. Reported on new Insurance and Retirement Program through the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk, read the following recommendation from the Executive Board concerning the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Berlin, Georgia:

Whereas, every associational level of our

Free Will Baptist Denomination (District, State and National) is composed of the next smaller bodies choosing to become part of the larger,

And whereas, the reason for this above associating together is to foster fellowship, encouragement and to attain scriptural goals that the individual church cannot attain by itself,

And whereas, the basis of agreement is complying with the Statement of Faith and Practices and the Church Covenant as stated in the "Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists",

And whereas, according to the Constitution of the Union Association Section 3-C, the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church has not conformed to these guidelines,

And whereas, a committee was sent to investigate their absence and failure to report at Quarterly Meetings since May 1981,

And whereas, the Church has not made any effort to restore itself to the Association,

Be it therefore resolved that as of August 6, 1983, that the Union Association withdraw fellowship from the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Berlin, Georgia for the above said causes.

M/S/C to adopt this resolution.

The Ordaining Council reported:

1. Accept return of David Williams credentials. M/S/C to adopt.
2. Request letter of good standing for Rev. Elzie Franks to be sent to the Martin Association. M/S/C to adopt.
3. Rev. C. W. Harrell and Rev. Victor Neuen-schwander be received into our association. M/S/C to adopt.
4. Rev. Benny Smith to be ordained. M/S/C to adopt.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt reported on the Union Association Missions Conference to be held September 25-October 2, 1983. M/S/C to accept as informa-



tion.

The reports from the committees were given as follows:

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	Balance	\$423.48
	Dues	168.50
	Offering	125.51
	Present Balance	<u>\$717.49</u>

M/S/C to accept this report.

There was M/S/C to give today's offering to the Free Will Baptist Bible College

<u>DIGEST COMMITTEE:</u>	10 Churches
	24 Delegates
	10 Deacons
	16 Ministers
	1 Visiting Minister

M/S/C to accept this report.

New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Sycamore, Georgia to be dropped from Union Association going to Chattahoochee Association. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Victor Neuenschwander, Christian Supply Store Manager, gave report on the Bookstore. M/S/C to accept as information.

Dr. Ken Riggs thanked the Association for their support to the Free Will Baptist Bible College and the offering which is to go to the College.

There was a M/S/C to send \$150.00 to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions to be used equally on the Crowson's and Bishop's Account.

There was a M/S/C to give Bay Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

There was a M/S/C to adjourn. Rev. Forrest Sellars closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

September 22, 1983

The Executive Board met on September 22, 1983 at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church and made the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. Herbert Waid be our speaker for the October Meeting, dealing specifically with our denominational structure.
2. That the Union Association Fellowship Committee be dissolved.

## F O U R T H   Q U A R T E R

October 29, 1983

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on October 29, 1983, at the Cairo Free Will Baptist Church, Cairo, Georgia.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Come and Dine" followed by Rev. Mance Cason, pastor of New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Martin Association, leading in prayer.

The 58th 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.

The visitors were recognized and welcomed by the Moderator. There were no petitionary letters.

Committee Members were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Betty Galloway, Eva Hutto and Jeannine Silvers.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Randy Jackson, Jimmy Single-  
tary and Mrs. Cleo Goff.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Curtis Gay, Kenneth  
Murphy and Billy Hatcher.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary, using I John 1:6,7 as his text. The theme "Group Involvement" which dealt with what the local association can do as a group of believers.

Rev. Forrest Sellars led the group in prayer before the break.

The meeting resumed with Rev. Bruce Gordon, Pastor of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, leading in prayer. The congregation singing included "Kneel At The Cross" and "Victory In Jesus", after which Rev. Walter Brady led the offertory prayer.

The Morning Message was brought by Rev. Herbert Waid using Ephesians 5:25 as his text. The

Church is the Bride of Christ pointed out how much Jesus loved the Church.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, led in prayer of thanks for the food and dismissal from this portion of the meeting.

The meeting reconvened with prayer by Rev. S. E. Newberry, Pastor of Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church, after which the congregation sang "The Old Country Church". Curtis Gay followed with prayer.

Rev. Victor Neuenschwander, Christian Supply Store Manager, gave the Bookstore Report. M/S/C to accept as information.

The afternoon devotion was also brought by Rev. Herbert Waid. His theme was "Representative Involvement".

Rev. Herbert Waid gave his Executive Secretary report. He reported on the COOP Plan, Georgia State Association Meeting which is to be held November 17-19, 1983, at Norman Park Assembly, Norman Park, Georgia. M/S/C to accept as information.

Randy Jackson, Chairman of the Union Association Youth Rally Advisory Board, gave the report on the Youth Rally. He thanked the churches that hosted the rallies thus far and made mention of the months, which are December, March, June and September. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Bruce Gordon gave the Union Association Mission Board report as follows:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 750.79
Receipts	280.00
Total	<u>\$1,030.79</u>

Disbursements:

Wallace Account	\$ 250.00
Mt. Bethel Camp Board	250.00
Excel Printers	46.80
Missionaries lunch	14.48
Total	<u>\$ 561.28</u>

Balance in Checking Account	<u>\$ 469.51</u>
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Savings Account Balance	\$ 169.74
Interest	10.05
Total	<u>\$ 179.79</u>

Total in Checking & Savings \$ 649.30

M/S/C to accept this report.

Gloria Clyatt, president of the Union Association District Woman's Auxiliary, gave the Auxiliary report with 74 in enrollment. M/S/C to accept as information.

Curtis Gay, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the Nominating Committee report as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Midway  
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Bruce Gordon,  
Spring Hill

Clerk: Rev. Rick Cason, Bay  
Assistant Clerk: Gail Sellars, Bay

Ordaining Council: Rev. W. G. Turner,  
New Life

Union Mission Board: Rev. Rick Cason, Bay  
Rev. Bruce Gordon,  
Spring Hill  
Rev. Lamar Parrish,  
Fellowship  
Rev. W. G. Turner,  
New Life  
Rev. Walter Brady,  
Cairo

State Board of Missions: Billy Hatcher,  
Spring Hill

State Board of Trustees: Kenneth Murphy,  
Midway

State Board of Camping: Fred Goolsby,  
Spring Hill

State Board of Christian Education:  
Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Midway

M/S/C to adopt this slate of officers.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt submitted his resignation on the ordaining Council. M/S/C to accept this recommendation. Rev. Rick Cason was nominated to replace Rev. Clyatt's unexpired term on the Ordaining Council. M/S/C to adopt.

Curtis Gay gave the Free Will Baptist Children's Report. Georgia gave some \$1,300.00 more



this year than they did last year. Twenty two children in the Home, with one girl in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Camp Director of the Union Association, gave the Camp Board Report. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Lamar Parrish gave the Ordaining Council reports as follows:

1. Letters of good standing have been received for Rev. C. W. Harrell, Rev. Victor Neuenschwander, and Rev. Benny Smith. The Moderator extended the right hand of full fellowship.

2. Rev. Benny Smith is to be ordained on Sunday, November 13, 1983, at 3:00 p.m.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	Balance	\$315.49
	Dues	222.25
	Offering	<u>77.35</u>
	Present Balance	\$615.09

M/S/C to accept this report.

M/S/C to give \$25.00 to Free Will Baptist Home Missions.

<u>DIGEST COMMITTEE:</u>	11 Churches
	28 Delegates
	12 Deacons
	15 Ministers
	1 Visiting Minister

M/S/C to accept this report.

The Union Association delegates to the State Association meeting are: Margaree Parrish, Geraldine Waid and Gloria Clyatt.

The Union Executive Board recommends that the Fellowship Committee be dissolved. M/S/C to adopt.

There was a M/S/C to offer the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

There was a M/S/C to give \$105.00 to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for Helen Welch Graduation Account.

Rev. Lamar Parrish made a motion to ask the State Office to set up a fund for Rev. Charlie

Harris Medical Fund. M/S/C

There was a M/S/C that the Union Association Mission Board be the go between for the State Office and Rev. Charlie Harris Medical Fund.

There was a M/S/C for the Union Association Executive Board to check into retirement for ministers.

Rev. W. G. Turner expressed his appreciation for serving as Moderator for the past two years.

There was a M/S/C to adjourn. Rev. Benny Smith dismissed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. Turner, Moderator

Rev. Rick Cason, Clerk

# UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP REPORT

August 7-12, 1983

Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia

Director: Rev. Bobby Clyatt  
Assistant: Rev. Bruce Gordon  
Evangelist: Rev. Ken Riggs  
Teachers: Rev. Bruce Gordon  
          Rev. Ken Riggs  
          Mrs. Gloria Clyatt  
          Mrs. Carolyn Riggs  
          Mr. Randy Jackson  
Recreation: Rev. Bruce Gordon  
              Mr. Fred Goolsby  
              Mrs. Barbara Goolsby  
Pianist: Mrs. Connie Lacey  
Cooks: Mrs. Jeannine Silvers  
          Mrs. Mary Ethredge  
          Ladies from Spring Hill and  
          Fellowship Churches

We had 68 Campers, 11 Counselors and 2 Cooks

There were two (2) first time decisions and  
three (3) rededications.

UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward from 1982 \$ 101.21

Receipts:

Interest (now account)	\$ 3.20	
Rev. W. G. Turner	10.00	
Snack Shop	58.33	
Excess food sold	22.31	
Campers fees	2,165.00	
Total Receipts		<u>2,258.84</u>

Total to account for \$2,360.05

Expenditures:

Postage	\$ 10.00	
Damage (Ping Pong Table)	15.00	
Miscellaneous	15.31	
Trophies	16.64	
Literature	33.46	
Doctor & Hospital	53.00	
Music Director	50.00	
Snack Shop	58.33	
Cooks	75.00	
Evangelist	250.00	
Camp Rent	842.00	
Food	854.79	
Total Expenditures		<u>2,273.55</u>

Balance on hand August 15, 1983 \$ 86.50

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Director



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
AY	66	1	1	0	3	40	NA	15	25	6	NA	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$ 1,567	\$16,790	\$ 9,219	\$ 258	NA	NA	\$ 496
AIRO	65	28	14	12	16	55	33	42	NA	6	NA	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$ 2,140	\$31,440	\$ 4,040	120	NA	\$611	NA
BELLSHIP	86	17	13	4	0	42	35	35	45	9	10	\$100,000	NA	\$12,073	\$25,613	\$ 5,200	\$2,210	NA	\$130	\$1,838
GREENWOOD	NO REPORT																			
MIDWAY	182	2	2	0	3	99	59	48	72	15	NA	\$120,000	\$30,000	\$ 6,023	\$52,327	NA	\$4,466	\$8,457	\$696	\$3,295
NEW HOPE	30	0	0	0	2	15	NA	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NEW LIFE	55	17	7	10	2	35	NA	18	NA	10	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ROULAN	52	NA	NA	NA	NA	40	35	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ROCTOR CHAPEL	35	9	0	9	6	22	NA	10	NA	NA	NA	\$ 30,000	NA	\$ 3,000	NA	\$ 2,700	NA	NA	\$ 24	NA
SPRING HILL	140	7	3	4	1	60	39	15	50	11	NA	\$ 80,000	\$40,000	NA	\$18,112	\$14,300	NA	NA	NA	NA
WYLVESTER	59	8	NA	8	13	32	NA	25	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 9,227	\$ 2,700	NA	NA	NA	NA

## UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH RALLY

The first Youth Rally for the year of 1983 was held January 15, 1983 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cairo. We had different Bible competitive games among the churches. The Rally was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The next Youth Rally was held April 16, 1983 at the New Life Free Will Baptist Church, Thomasville. We heard a tape concerning Rock & Roll Music and there were many decisions by the young people to quit listening to Satan's Music. It was at that Rally the officers for the was elected. They are as follows:

President: Ed Haire, New Life

Vice President: Wendell Hickman, Bay

Secretary/Treasurer: Patti Vick

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer:

Michelle Tucker, Midway.

It was also at that Rally that we begin using the attendance banner for the most in attendance from a church. The banner went to Bay Church.

The third Youth Rally was held July 9, 1983 at the Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church. The film "Where Eagles Fly" was shown. The attendance banner went to Midway Church.

The last Rally was held October 15, 1983 at Spring Hill. A message was brought by Rev. Billy Lewis and Mr. Fred Goolsby showed slides from the previous Camp Session. The attendance banner went to the Midway church.

The Youth Rallies have been enjoyed by all and we are looking for a better year this year.

Respectively submitted,

Youth Rally Committee

Randy Jackson, Chairman

Bruce Gordon

Rick Cason

# YOUTH RALLY TREASURER REPORT

Balance on hand May 1, 1983 \$107.48

Receipts: 48.60

Total Accountable \$156.08

## Disbursements:

Banner \$23.40

Checks 5.90

Film 62.48

Service Charge 20.60

Total Disbursements 112.38

Balance on hand December \$ 43.70

## GUIDELINES FOR THE UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH RALLY

I. Name: Union Association Youth Rally

II. Purpose: For the fellowship and spiritual uplifting of our youth.

III. Officers:

A. President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Song Leader, Pianist

B. Qualifications:

1. active member of church affiliated with the Union Association
2. dedicated Christian
3. participate in all activities of this Youth Rally

C. Responsibilities;

1. President: presides over business session, assist in program planning
2. Vice-President: presides over business session in absence of president, assist in program planning
3. Secretary/Treasurer: keeps minutes, keeps records of all monies received and disbursed, maintain a checking account in the name of the Union Association Youth Rally; with a member of the Advisory Committee as co-signer, responsible for all correspondence, assist in program planning.
4. Assistant Secretary: keeps minutes in absence of secretary and forwards them to secretary, assist in program planning.
5. Song Leader: lead in all congregational singing
6. Pianist: provide instrumental music

IV. Meetings: This rally shall meet the third Saturday in months of January, April, July and October at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.



V. Program: Shall be planned and executed by the president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, assistant secretary and the advisory committee.

VI. Attendance Award:

- A. The Quarterly attendance banner will go to the church with the best attendance, and the roll call of churches will begin 10 minutes after the meeting starts.
- B. The host church will not be counted toward the Quarterly banner, but will be counted toward the yearly award. Their yearly attendance will be divided by 3 instead of 4, as will be the case for the churches not hosting the rallies that year.
- C. A plaque will be presented to the church with the best attendance for the year.
- D. This plaque to be presented at the April Rally.

VII. Advisory Committee: Appointed by the Association to oversee the work of the Youth Rally.

## UNION ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD REPORT

At our Annual Quarterly meeting of the Union Association held October 29, 1983 a newly elected Mission Board was elected by the body. This new Mission Board met for it's first meeting on November 12, 1983 at the Bay Free Will Baptist Church. At this initial meeting we discussed the purposes of a Mission Board and how we wanted this Board to function. We also discussed the Annual Mission Conference being held in the Union Association and how effective these conferences were. There was also the mentioning of the starting of a new church in the Association in the future. In as much as possible we would like for your church to support the Mission Board, but most importantly, pray for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Rick Cason, Chairman  
Union Mission Board

### REPORT OF THE MISSIONS CONFERENCE COMMITTEE to the UNION ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD

Reference: September 25-28, 1983

Missions Conference

Missionaries: Foreign: Jim Moser, Brazil  
Robert West, Ivory Coast  
Home: Gary Elder, Kansas  
Mike Harrell, Arizona

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Schedule the Third Annual Union Association Missions Conference for September 23-30, 1984
2. Begin immediately to plan for the 1984 Conference.
3. That this Association ask an adjoining Association to have a Conference in conjunction with the Union Association if needs be to have a full week of services in the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Clyatt  
Rev. Ricky Cason  
Rev. Bruce Gordon

1983

UNION ASSOCIATION  
MISSIONS CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Total number of services conducted 20

Participating Churches

Union Association	No. Services
Spring Hill	4
New Life	3
Midway	4
Fellowship	4
Bay	4
New Hope	1

Total Combined Monthly Faith Committments\$ 161.00

Total Annual Faith Committments 1,932.00

Total Combined Cash Offerings 2,252.16

Total Amount Raised For The Year \$4,184.16  
(Cash plus committments)

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 8, 1983 at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church. The theme for the convention was "Enriched by Knowledge", and the theme scripture was I Corinthians 1:5. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "Where He Leads, I'll Follow", led by Deborah Murphy with Sandra Jackson at the piano. prayer was then offered by Rev. Bobby Clyatt. Mrs. Gloria Clyatt of the Midway Auxiliary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Edna Wilkes of the Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary brought the morning devotion using the theme scripture. Deborah Murphy led the congregation in singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee".

Mrs. Gloria Clyatt, Acting President called the meeting to order and Mrs. Linda Gay, Secretary, read the Minutes of the 1982 Annual Meeting. The Minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. Betty Galloway, Treasurer, and was accepted.

Mrs. Gloria Clyatt, Acting President, called the roll of the Auxiliaries. Delegates were present from five (5) auxiliaries. Auxiliaries represented and the number of delegates from each were: Bay - 1; Cairo - 2; Fellowship - 2; Midway - 2; Springhill - 2; Sylvester - 3. The total number of delegates present was 12. Motion, second and carried to seat delegates.

The Acting President then asked for petitionary Letters. There being none, she then called for the Registration Committee Report. The committee reported 12 delegates and 19 visitors present. Total registration was 31. Motion, second and carried to accept this report.

Mrs. Gloria Clyatt, Acting President, appointed the following committees:



RESOLUTIONS: Jeanine Silvers, Chairman  
Elizabeth Tucker  
Brenda Lawson

FINANCE: Betty Galloway, Chairman  
Inez Harrell  
Margie Harris

CREDENTIALS: Linda Gay, Chairman  
Marjorie Parrish  
Debbie Cason

The meeting was then adjourned for a short recess.

The Worship Service was opened with the congregation singing "We Love The Bible". Mrs. Nona Mae Sloan led in prayer. After receiving the offering, the congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers". Miss Deborah Murphy, Mrs. Connie Lacey and Mrs. Sandra Jackson of the Midway Auxiliary brought the special music singing, "Springs Of Living Water". Mrs. Gloria Clyatt introduced our speaker, Mrs. K. V. Shutes of the Fellowship Auxiliary. Mrs. Shutes used the theme "Enriched by Knowledge" and encouraged each lady to study the Bible. The meeting was then adjourned for lunch with Ann Lewis leading in prayer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION:

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "We Love The Bible". Special music was presented by Miss Deborah Murphy of the Midway Auxiliary, who sang, "He's Been So Good To Me". She was accompanied by Mrs. Sandra Jackson of Midway Auxiliary at the piano.

Mrs. Debbie Cason of the Bay Auxiliary brought the afternoon devotion using the convention theme, "Enriched by Knowledge", taking her scripture from I Corinthians 1:5.

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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Jeanine Silvers, Chairman  
1. Be it resolved that our local auxiliaries emphasize missions more in our activities of study, prayer and action.

2. Be it resolved that we have a Workshop to be held on the first Saturday in April at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church.
3. Be it resolved that the next Annual Meeting be held on the second Saturday in October, 1984 at Bay Free Will Baptist Church.
4. Be it resolved that the District Secretary include the names and addresses of each local auxiliary, President, Secretary and Treasurer in the Minutes to be printed in the Union District Association minutes.
5. Be it resolved that the Committee appointed to up-date the Constitution and By-Laws be retained until their work can be completed.
6. Be it resolved that we give our host Auxiliary a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

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

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Linda Gay, Chairman

Six Auxiliaries reporting:

Total Membership	77
Enrollment 1st of Year	96
New Members	0

Motion, second and carried to accept report of committee.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Betty Galloway, Chairman

Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 55.00
Members' Fees	129.50
State Project	353.00
Marietta Mission (Wallace Account)	90.00
Westville Mission Pastor (India)	12.00
Terry Eagleton	46.00
Dale & Sandra Bishop (Japan)	222.00
Missions Conference	20.00
Native mission	12.00
Foreign Missions (Local)	119.47
Love Offering, College Students (Local)	210.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	24.00
Co-Laborer	123.62
Children's Home	5.00

Youth Camp	360.00
Local Church Activities	1,441.23
Auxiliary Literature & Supplies	334.29
Other Special Offerings	60.00
Pre-Easter Offering	73.17
Total	<u>\$3,690.28</u>

The Finance Committee recommended that each speaker for the meeting today be paid \$10.00; that we pay the union District Association \$10.00 to help with the cost for printing the Minutes; and that \$25.00 be paid out of the District Treasury on the State Project. Motion, second and carried to accept report of committee and to carry out their recommendations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Debbie Cason, Chairman

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers to serve the next two years as officers in the Union District Association Woman's Auxiliary:

President: Gloria Clyatt  
 Vice President: Brenda Lawson  
 Secretary: Linda Gay  
 Treasurer: Betty Galloway  
 Mission Prayer Chairman: Brenda Jennings  
 Mission Action Chairman: Barbara Goolsby  
 Mission Study Chairman: LaRee Parrish  
 Field Worker: Helen Lewis

There being no other nominations, the slate of officers were elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Ann Lewis of the midway Auxiliary was in charge of the Installation Service, using the theme, "Keys To Service". She challenged each officer to learn the duties of her office and to strive to fulfill the duties during her term in office.

Gloria Clyatt, Acting President, appointed the following delegates to serve at the State Meeting to be held on November 17, 1983 at Norman Baptist Assembly in Norman Park, Georgia: LaRee Parrish, Melba Washington, Hazel Smith, Margie Harris, Elizabeth Tucker; Alternates: Gloria Clyatt and

Sandra Jackson.

Mrs. Ann Lewis of the Midway Auxiliary stressed the importance of attending the State Meeting and encouraged each lady to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gay, Secretary

DISTRICT OFFICERS

President -	Gloria Clyatt RR 4, Box 116 Moultrie, GA 31768
Vice-President -	Brenda Lawson RR 5, Box 166 Tifton, GA 31794
Secretary -	Linda Gay RR 4, Box 118 Moultrie, GA 31768
Treasurer -	Betty Galloway RR 4, Box 125 Moultrie, GA* 31768
Field Worker -	Helen Lewis 528 N. Main Street Moultrie, GA 31768*
Mission Study Chairman -	LaRee parrish RR 1 Hartsfield, GA 31756
Mission Study Chairman -	Brenda Jennings Sylvester, GA
Mission Action Chairman-	Barbara Goolsby Box 258 Putney, GA 31782



LOCAL OFFICERS

BAY AUXILIARY:

President - Debbie Cason  
RR 1, Box 60  
Hartsfield, GA 31756

Vice-President - Louvenia Kleedehn  
RR 1  
Hartsfield, GA 31756

Secretary/Treasurer - Jan Parker  
RR 1, Box 640  
Moultrie, GA 31768

Mission Study Chairman - Linda Faison  
Mission Prayer Chairman RR 4  
Moultrie, GA 31768

Mission Action Chairman- Pauline Gay  
RR 1  
Hartsfield, GA 31756

CAIRO AUXILIARY:

President - Inez Harrell  
844 Third Avenue N.E.  
Cairo, GA 31728

Vice-President - Angie Singletary  
RR 2  
Cairo, GA 31728

Secretary/Treasurer - Inez Harrell  
844 Third Avenue N.E.  
Cairo, GA 31728

Mission Study Chairman - Nell Boyett  
RR 2  
Cairo, GA 31728

Mission Prayer Chairman- Lorena Wisham  
706 8th Avenue N.E.  
Cairo, GA 31728

Mission Action Chairman- Wilma Harrell  
611 7th Avenue N.E.  
Cairo, GA 31728

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY:

President - Mrs. Lora Shutes  
1803 Antioch Road  
Albany, GA 31702

Vice-President - Nancy Hardin  
RR 4, Box 156 Park Place  
Albany, GA 31702

Secretary-Treasurer - Marjorie Parrish  
P.O. Box 69  
Funston, GA 31753

Mission Study Chairman - LaRee Parrish  
P.O. Box 69  
Funston, GA 31753

Mission Prayer Chairman- Judy Beaty  
RR 4, Box 541-B  
Albany, GA 31702

Mission Action Chairman- Mrs. Kate Harvey  
1803 Antioch Road  
Albany, GA 31702

MIDWAY AUXILIARY:

President - Gloria Clyatt  
RR 4, Box 116  
Moultrie, GA 31768

Vice-President - Sandra Jackson  
RR 3, Indian Lake  
Moultrie, GA 31768

Secretary-Treasurer - Deborah Murphy  
RR 4, Box 124  
Moultrie, GA 31768

Mission Study Chairman - Helen Lewis  
528 N. Main Street  
Moultrie, GA 31768

Mission Prayer Chairman- Connie Lacey  
RR 4, Box 124  
Moultrie, GA 31768

Mission Action Chairman- Ann Lewis  
528 N. Main Street  
Moultrie, GA 31768

SPRING HILL AUXILIARY:

President - Helen Blackwell  
RR 1  
Baconton, GA 31716

Vice-President - Barbara Goolsby  
Box 258  
Putney, GA 31782

Secretary-Treasurer - Wilma Q. Davis  
RR 1, Box 233  
Doerun, GA 31744

Mission Study Chairman - Hilda Watson  
RR 1  
Baconton, GA 31716

Mission Prayer Chairman- Jeannine Silvers  
RR 4, Box 539  
Albany, GA 31702

Mission Action Chairman- Melba Washington  
RR 4, Box 538  
Albany, GA 31702

SYLVESTER AUXILIARY:

President - Evelyn Widner  
Box 132  
Ty Ty, GA 31795

Vice-President - Brenda Lawson  
RR 5, Box 166  
Tifton, GA 31794

Secretary - Reba Lawrence  
Poulan, GA 31781



Treasurer - Margie Harris  
Box 131  
Ty Ty, GA 31795

Mission Action Chairman- Grace Aultman  
Poulan, GA 31781

Mission Prayer Chairman- Shirley Reynolds  
P.O. Box 955  
Sylvester, GA 31791

Mission Study Chairman - Hazel Smith  
707 Mitchell Avenue  
Albany, GA 31705



# UNION ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 1983

Balance Brought Forward, December 1982      \$    414.80

Dues Received from Churches:

February 5, 1983	\$168.25	
May 7, 1983	153.50	
August 6, 1983	168.50	
October 29, 1983	<u>222.25</u>	
Total Dues Received		\$    712.50

Regular Offerings Received:

February 5, 1983	\$ 70.61	
May 7, 1983	77.27	
August 6, 1983	125.51	
October 29, 1983	77.35	
December 21, 1983	<u>5.00</u>	
Total Offerings Received		\$    355.74

Designated Giving;

May 7, 1983	\$ 58.00	
October 21, 1983	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Designated		\$      68.00

Interest Earned to Checking Account      \$    17.48

Total Cash to Account For:      \$1,568.52

Disbursements:

Rev. Steve Hasty (Honorarium)	\$ 35.00	
Rev. Ken Riggs (Honorarium)	25.00	
Rev. W. G. Turner (Moderator's Honorarium)	35.00	
Rev. W. G. Turner (Executive Board Mileage)	24.40	
Rev. Rick Cason (Clerk's Honorarium)	70.00	
Rev. Rick Cason (Phone Reimbursement)	17.31	

Rev. Rick Cason	4.80	
(Executive Board Mileage)		
Georgia State Association	71.00	
(Cooperative Plan)		
Georgia State Association	156.00	
(Printing 1982 Minutes)		
Georgia State Association	155.00	
(State & National Fees)		
Georgia State Association	105.00	
(Free Will Baptist Child- ren's Home-Helen Welch Graduation Account)		
Georgia State Association	8.65	
(Printing Quarterly Programs)		
Georgia State Youth Conference	52.00	
(To Randy Jackson for mileage for Midway Church partici- pants in Youth Conference)		
Georgia State Youth Conference	55.00	
(C.T.S. Competition)		
Free Will Baptist Home Mission	58.00	
(Bill Reagan Account)		
Free Will Baptist Home Mission	25.00	
(General Fund)		
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions	150.00	
(Crowson's and Bishop's Accounts)		
Free Will Baptist Bible College (General Fund)	125.51	
U.S. Postmaster	98.20	
(Stamps)		
The Index	4.32	
(Office Supplies)		
Christian Supply Store	80.47	
(Bibles and Ordination Cer- tificates for Rev. Walter Brady and Rev. Benny Smith)		
Deposit Slips	4.38	
<u>Total Disbursements</u>		<u>\$1,360.04</u>
<u>Balance on Hand, December 31, 1983</u>		<u>\$ 208.48</u>

## 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 Saturday before fourth Sunday 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. (Womans Auxiliary, Master's Men, Superannuation, Youth Camp, Youth Rally etc.)
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) \$1.50 per active 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 Association, for three consecutive quarterly meetings;
    - (1) The Association Executive Committee shall 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 is expected to attend each session of this Association.
  5. Requirement of Churches. Each church shall send a report, two weeks prior 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 this constitution, decorum, the National Treaties, and conform to their usage.
  9. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the officers of this Association plus the chairman of each board. 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.



shall serve 5 years on a  
rotational basis, with one  
re-elected every year.

10. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of five (5) members. 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. 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 fo the association for inclusion in the minutes.
12. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this association by a majority vote.

#### ASSOCIATION DECORUM

1. The officers and board members 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. 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. Each Church should exercise due caution in the licensing, commending to ordination, and calling of a minister to fill the

Pastoral Office.

- b. Any ordained Minister coming to Union Association from another denomination shall 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, must be a member of that church and come before the Ordaining Council for questioning.
  - d. Minister and/or churches not complying with "b." and "c." above are out of fellowship with this Association.
1. 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.