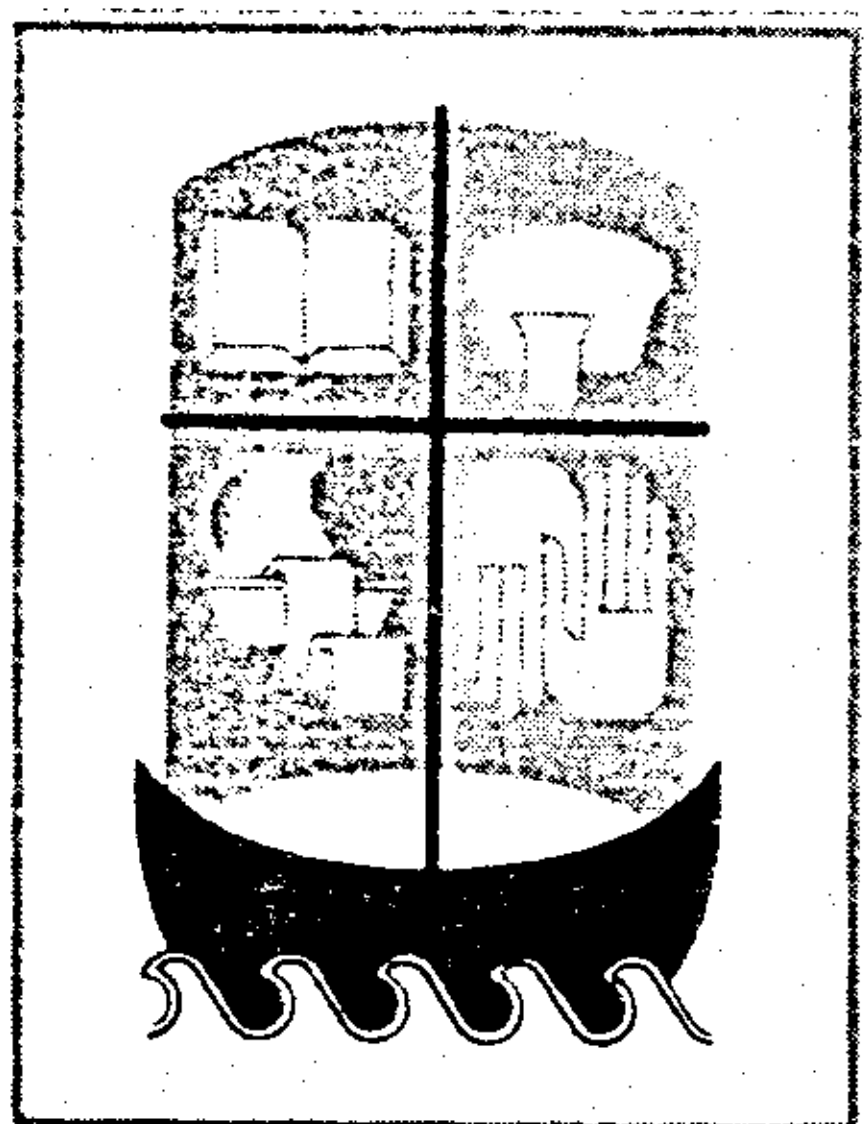


1985 MINUTES  
OF THE  
60TH SESSION  
OF  
UNION ASSOCIATION  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS



## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Session shall be opened with prayer.
2. Church Letters are to be called for, and 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) Nominating Committee
7. Miscellaneous Business
8. Unfinished Business
9. Reports of Committees
10. Session shall be opened for announcements.
11. Session shall be adjourned with prayer.

NOTE: Every two years there will be the election of: Moderator  
Asst. Moderator  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sylvester	January 25, 1986
Bay	May 3, 1986
Cairo	August 2, 1986
Fellowship	October 25, 1986

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of  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

convened with  
NEW LIFE, POULAN, PROCTOR CHAPEL, SPRINGHILL  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

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Rev. Bruce Gordon	Moderator
Mr. James Silvers	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Walter Brady	Clerk/Treasurer
Mrs. Ann Aldridge	Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Bruce Gordon	1986
Mr. James Silvers	1986
Rev. Walter Brady	1986
Mrs. Ann Aldridge	1986
Rev. Victor Neuenschawnder	1986

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W.G. Turner	1986
Rev. Bruce Gordon	1987
Rev. Lamar Parrish	1988

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Rev. Walter Brady 526 12th Avenue, SE Cairo, Ga. 31728	1987
Rev. Bruce Gordon RR 4, Box 587 G Albany, Ga. 31705	1988
Mr. William Lewis 528 North Main Street Moultrie, Ga. 31768	1989
Rev. Chuck Scarborough RR 1, Box 60 Hartsfield, Ga. 31756	1990

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Rev. S. E. Newberry RR 5, Box 228 Quincy, Fla. 32351 (904) 856-5669	Greenwood
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Rev. Ronnie Lawson RR 5, Box 166 Tifton, Ga. 31794 (912) 382-8149	Sylvester

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ROLL OF DEACONS

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Billy Wilson	RR 1, Hartsfield, Ga. 31756
Gene Sellars	RR 1, Hartsfield, Ga. 31756
Curtis Gay	RR 1, Hartsfield, Ga. 31756
Don Parker	RR 1, Box 640, Moultrie, Ga. 31768

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Kelvin Harrell	RR 2 Box 309, Cairo, Ga. 31728
Raymond Joyner	RR 2 Box 413A, Cairo, Ga. 31728
L. C. Boyett	RR 2, Cairo, Ga. 31728
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Max Hardin	RR 4 Parkway 156, Albany, Ga. 31705
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ROLL OF DEACONS (cont.)

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Price Irvin RR 3, Camilla, Ga. 31730  
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Farrell Tucker Rte 4 Box 387, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
William Lewis 528 North Main St, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
Darrell Gay Rte 4 Box 118, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
Enoch Parrish Rte 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
Benny Byrd Fourth Street, SW, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
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Jack Powell RR 4 Box 76, Sylvester, Ga. 31791

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Woodrow Myrick Pelham, Ga. 31779  
L.L. Goff Pelham, Ga. 31779

SPRINGHILL

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Glenn Etheredge 6027 Jenkins Road, Albany, Ga. 31705  
James Ferguson P.O. Box 258, Putney, Ga. 31782  
Fred Goolsby P.O. Box 342, Putney, Ga. 31782  
Billy Hatcher RR 1, Baconton, Ga. 31716  
P.M. Hatcher RR 4 Box 545, Albany, Ga. 31705  
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## F I R S T   Q U A R T E R

January 26, 1985

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on January 26, 1985 with New Life Free Will Baptist Church. The theme for the day was "Considering the Covenant". The meeting opened with Brother Randy Jackson leading the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves" followed with prayer by Rev. Ronnie Lawson. The assembly was then welcomed by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Clyatt, who commended the good attendance in spite of the extreme cold.

We then had the morning devotion by Rev. Victor Neuenschawnder, who used John 13:34 as his text, taking a historical look at the Covenant of God down through the generations. We then had a M/S/C to seat appointed delegates. There were no visitors or petitionary letters. This was then followed by the roll call of ministers and deacons. It was announced the 1984 Minutes were finished and were available for pickup. The Moderator commended the new clerk for his preparedness and work at having finished the minutes and having them ready for this session.

The following reports were then given at this time:

BOOKSTORE: Rev. Neuenschawnder announced the upcoming VBS.  
Dates to be announced later.

YOUTH RALLY: Randy Jackson-next Youth Rally to be announced in the near future.

MISSION BOARD: Rev. Neuenschawnder (Vice-Chairman) announced the possibility of a new work in Camilla is in the discussion stage. He also announced the plans for the fall Missions Conference.  
Present Mission Board Balance \$953.98

STATE MISSION BOARD: Billy Hatcher commented on the new work in the south Atlanta area by Rev. Burns.

There was a M/S/C to accept these reports as information. Committee members were then appointed by the Moderator and are as follows:

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Fred Goolsby, Randy Jackson, Cleo Goff

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Curtis Gay, Donald Harris, Rev. Walter Brady

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Benny Smith & Rev. Billy Lewis to serve for today's meeting.

Following the appointment of committees we then had the report of the CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: Georgia Bible Institute (GBI) is searching for a new president. Classroom studies as well as external studies are available.

It was also announced the First Annual Ministers/Wife Retreat is planned for Feb. 1-2, 1985 and the Annual Ministers Retreat has been scheduled for April 30-May 3, 1985. M/S/C to accept this report and announcements as information. At this time the meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Shepherd for a brief time of intermission and fellowship.

The meeting reconvened for the Morning Worship Service with Brother Randy Jackson leading the congregation in "Praise Him! Praise Him!" with Miss Thelma Combs at the piano, followed in prayer by Rev. David Harper. The offertory prayer was led by Rev. S.E. Newberry with Rev. W.G. Turner and Rev. Newberry serving as ushers. This was followed by the beautiful song "The Lily of the Valley". We were then led in prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough prior to the morning message.

Rev. Bill Lewis brought the morning message from Eph. 4, continuing the theme "Considering the Covenant". He stressed the simplicity of the Covenant, requiring only love, unity, and maturity to fulfill our duties both individually and collectively. We then dismissed for lunch and fellowship with Rev. W. J. Bramble leading in the prayer of dismissal and blessing upon the food.

After lunch we reconvened with the congregation singing "To God Be the Glory". The afternoon devotion was presented by Rev. W.G. Turner. He used Matthew 28:18-20 for his text; stressing the need for every church to be open minded toward education, to be part of the whole program, and to be the Light of the World. We were then led in prayer by Bro. Billy Hatcher.

The reports from the committees were given as follows:

DIGEST COMMITTEE:  
 11 Churches  
 11 Ministers  
 9 Deacons  
 18 Delegates

M/S/C to accept this report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance	\$273.56
Dues	210.35
Offering	63.00
Designated	40.00
TOTAL	\$587.91

M/S/C to accept this report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: The following recommendations were made:

- (1) To grant Letter of Recommendation on Rev. C.W. Harrell to Martin Assn.
- (2) To receive Rev. Alton Everson by letter from North Florida Assn. and to grant him a letter to Little River Assn.
- (3) To ordain Rev. David Harper at a date to be announced later.
- (4) To receive Rev. Chuck Scarborough pending Letter of Recommendation from Georgia Union Association.

M/S/C to adopt all four recommendations as given.

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 by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Clyatt.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Rev. Walter Brady, Clerk

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Union Association Executive Board met on Feb. 12, 1985 at Cairo Church. Those present: Bobby Clyatt, Bruce Gordon, Randy Jackson, Walter Brady. Opened in prayer by Bruce Gordon. A brief devotion was brought by Bobby Clyatt from Luke 17. M/S/C that the theme for the May Association Meeting be "The Christian View of Politics". The theme for the August Meeting will be "The Christians View of Moral Issues". There was discussion about a pulpit exchange on GBI Sunday, August 25. We were reminded of the Ministers Retreat. Clerk to write Herman Hersey for info dealing with endowments and programs for the Minister's Retirement Fund. Board recommends that Union Association may Camp Evangelist \$300.00 year. Dismissed in prayer.



## S E C O N D   Q U A R T E R

May 4, 1985

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met with the Poulan Free Will Baptist Church on May 4, 1985. Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by the congregational songs "To God Be the Glory" and "Jesus Saves", led by Bro. Randy Jackson accompanied by Miss Velvet Reynolds at the piano. The morning devotion was brought by the Union Association Clerk, Rev. Walter Brady, using for his text Matthew 5 with the theme "Ye Are My Lights". The devotion was followed by the roll call of ministers.

The Moderator then called the session to order with a M/S/C to seat the appointed delegates. There were no petitionary letters. Rev. Clyatt then appointed committees as follows:

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Lester Lane, Price Irvin, Rev. Robert Simpson

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. Walter Brady, Edward Haire, John Aldredge

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Randy Jackson, Rev. Benny Smith,  
Rev. Victor Neuenschawnder

The Minutes of the last quarterly session were read and was followed by a M/S/C to accept as read. The Moderator then asked for reports from the Standing Boards:

MISSION BOARD: Balance of \$1038.98

YOUTH RALLY: Advised of CTS Competition at State Meeting, White Oaks Church, Macon. Next Youth Rally to be held at Bay Church. M/S/C information.

CAMP BOARD: Announcement of Master's Men Workday and various Camp projects. M/S/C information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Still no decision on the new president for Georgia Bible Institute (GBI).  
Rev. Clyatt explained the external studies department and also gave the results of the State Minister/Wife Retreat and the Ministers Retreat. He announced the dates for the next Ministers Retreat April 1-4, 1986 and Minister/Wife Retreat Jan. 31-Feb. 1. M/S/C to accept as information.

At this time the Moderator stated that Union Association had received a letter of good standing on Rev. Chuck Scarborough from Georgia Union Association and Rev. Clyatt extended to Rev. Scarborough the Right Hand of fellowship. We were then dismissed for intermission and fellowship in prayer by Brother Lester Lane.

After a brief intermission the session reconvened for the Morning Worship Service with the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises" and "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms". Rev. Robert Simpson led in the offertory prayer with Rev. Simpson and Rev. S.E. Newberry ushering, which was followed by the congregation singing "Near the Cross". The morning message was brought by the Moderator on Christian Leadership, using for his text Acts 8. We were welcomed to lunch by Rev. Benny Smith, the host pastor and were dismissed with Rev. S. E. Newberry leading in the prayer of dismissal and thanksgiving.

The afternoon session reconvened after lunch and fellowship singing "Rescue the Perishing", followed in prayer by Brother Enoch Parrish. The Moderator then asked for the roll call of Deacons. The afternoon message (devotion) was brought by Bro. Randy Jackson on the theme "Walk of the Believer" from various texts. After this there was a M/S/C to accept the resignation of Bro. Billy Hatcher from the State Mission Board. The Moderator asked for reports from the committees and they are as follows:

DIGEST COMMITTEE:  
 10 Churches  
 10 Ministers  
 8 Deacons  
 19 Delegates

M/S/C to accept this report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance	\$248.38
Dues	186.85
Late Dues	26.50
Offering	58.34
Designated	<u>12.00</u>
TOTAL	\$532.07

M/S/C to accept this report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Recommend that Rev. Scarborough finish the unexpired term of Bro. Billy Hatcher on State Mission Bd.

M/S/C to accept this recommendation.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Recommend that Rev. David Harper be granted letter of Good Standing.

M/S/C to grant letter.

CAMP BOARD: Camp dates August 4-9, 1985.  
 Camp Evangelist-Rev. Ricky Cason.

M/S/C to receive this report as information.

M/S/C to pay Camp Evangelist \$300.00 from Union Association.

There being no further business, there was a M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. This was followed by a M/S/C to adjourn and we were dismissed in prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Clyatt.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Rev. Walter Brady, Clerk



## THIRD QUARTER

August 3, 1985

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met with Proctor Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on August 3, 1985. The session opened with Rev. Robert Simpson leading the congregation in singing "The Old Rugged Cross". A welcome was then extended by Rev. Bruce Gordon, the Asst. Moderator, serving as Moderator for today's session. We were then led in prayer by Rev. W.G. Turner. The congregation then sang "The Last Mile of the Way". Rev. Gordon then introduced the speaker for the morning devotion, Rev. Ronnie Lawson, Pastor of Sylvester Church. He used as his text, John 3:14 with the theme: "The Christian Purpose". His main thoughts were: the message to preach, the power to carry the message, as well as the promise of the King.

Rev. Gordon then read to the association the resignation of Rev. Bobby Clyatt, based upon Rev. Clyatt having left the pastorate of Midway Church, as well as leaving Union Association. Rev. Gordon called today's meeting to order with a M/S/C to receive the church letters and seat the appointed delegates. This was followed by the roll call of Ministers and Deacons. The Moderator extended a welcome to Rev. Alton Everson, who was visiting from the Little River Association. The Minutes of the last session were read, followed by a M/S/C to adopt as read. There was a call for petitionary letters, but there were none.

The Moderator then appointed committees as follows:

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Horace Johnson, Margie Marris, Allie Stokes

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Curtis Gay, Billy Hopkins, Myrtice Goff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Victor Neuenschawnder, Donald Harris  
Marvin Timmons

The Moderator then asked for the reports of the Standing Boards:

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Emphasized Laura Barnard Day.  
Reported on National Association.  
Told of book available on FWB History.

BOOKSTORE:

Going well. Availability of Christian toys as alternatives to secular amusements and toys.

MISSION BOARD:

Balance of \$1184.58. Plans being finalized for Missions Conference.

YOUTH BOARD:

No Report

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Emphasized importance of Free Will Baptist History.

CAMP BOARD:

Camp plans proceeding well. Some openings still available for last minute registration.

We were then dismissed for a brief intermission with prayer by Rev. S.E. Newberry.

The meeting reconvened for the Morning Worship Service with the song "Come and Dine" led by Rev. Robert Simpson. The morning offering was received by Rev. Alton Everson and Rev. Victor Neuenschawnder, with the offertory prayer given by Rev. Everson. This was followed by the old hymn "Down on my Knees". The morning message was brought by Rev. Chuck Scarborough, using for his text: Acts 2:42,46,47. His theme was Church Growth with a brief discussion of the Target 90 program. We were then welcomed to lunch by Rev. Robert Simpson, the host pastor. We were dismissed with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Gordon. The thanksgiving prayer was given by Rev. Lamar Parrish at the dining facilities.

After a wonderful time together in feasting and fellowshiping, we reconvened with the song "Standing on the Promises". We were led in our prayer by Rev. Victor Neuenschawnder. The afternoon devotion, brought by Rev. Simpson was from Acts 12:5 on the "Value of Prayer". The Moderator then asked for the reports of the appointed committees; given as below:

DIGEST COMMITTEE:

8 Churches

10 Ministers

8 Deacons

18 Delegates

36 TOTAL VOTING BODY M/S/C

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance \$445.07

Dues 190.35

Designated 15.00

Offering 57.75

TOTAL \$708.17

M/S/C to accept this report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Made the following recommendations:

(To last until the next voting session.)

MODERATOR - Rev. Bruce Gordon

SONGLEADER - Rev. S.E. Newberry

STATE BOARD OF CAMPING - Rev. Lamar Parrish

STATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD - Rev. Victor

Neuenschawnder

M/S/C to accept these nominations as given.

The clerk proposed the "possibility" of the Union Association Minutes being changed to the 8½ x 11 sheet size due to printing costs, etc. This was deemed acceptable by the delegation by a M/S/C. There was also a request that we present Rev. Bobby Clyatt a plaque of appreciation for his faithful service to Union Association. M/S/C that this be done. It was also expressed that we render thanks to the host church for lunch and their hospitality. M/S/C. We then had some last minute words about the Missions Conference. This was followed by a M/S/C to adjourn. We then dismissed in prayer with Rev. Walter Brady leading.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Walter Brady, Clerk



## F O U R T H   Q U A R T E R

October 26, 1985

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met with the Springhill Church for the 60th Annual Session of Union Association. Rev. Bruce Gordon, Moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The session opened with the song, "Send a Great Revival" led by Rev. S.E. Newberry, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Linda Gay. The morning devotion dealing with the work of the Master's Men was brought by Bro. Horace Johnson. He used for his theme: "The Purpose and Aim of the Master's Men". This was followed by a M/S/C to seat the appointed delegates. The Moderator again extended a welcome to those visiting with today's session. We then had the Roll Call of Ministers and Deacons. The Clerk then read the Minutes of the last session, followed by a M/S/C to adopt as read.

At this time there was a call for petitionary letters. Thomasville Free Will Baptist Mission, under the pastorate of Rev. W.G. Turner asked for membership status in Union Association. M/S/C to accept them as part of Union Association. The Moderator then read a letter from the New Life Church, resigning from Union Association. There was a M/S/C to accept this letter with deepest regrets.

The Moderator then appointed committees as follows:

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Donald Harris, Lorene Lowe, Sam Wider

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Glenn Etheredge, Dorcas Scarborough,  
Thelma Goff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Horace Johnson, William Lewis,  
Staffie Thomaston

Dismissed for intermission with prayer by Bro. James Silvers.

The meeting reconvened for the Morning Worship Service. The service opened with the congregation singing "I am Resolved" followed with Rev. W.G. Turner leading in prayer. This was followed by the glorious hymn, "My Saviour's Love". The morning offering was received with Bro. James Silvers and Bro. P.M. Hatcher serving as ushers. Bro. Hatcher led in the offertory prayer, followed with the song "Whosoever Meaneth Me".

Rev. Gordon, Moderator, then introduced the speaker for the Morning Message, Rev. Glenn Thomas, the new pastor of Midway Church. Rev. Thomas used for his text Joshua 1, with the theme "Conditions for Success". The service was closed with the hymn "Jesus I Come". We were then extended a welcome to lunch by the host pastor, Rev. Bruce Gordon, with the prayer of thanksgiving being offered by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

The session reconvened after lunch and fellowship with the song "He Keeps Me Singing" followed with prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. Again, The Master's Men were in charge of the program with Bro. Max Hardin giving the Afternoon Devotion based on the theme "What Master's Men Are Doing" as well as sharing his personal testimony. The Moderator then asked for the reports of the various Standing Boards:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Reported on Georgia Bible Institute  
State Association, Nov. 14-16  
Camp Board-State Director, Roger Spivey  
Laura Belle Barnard Day \$8,680 to date  
Atlanta Works - Ronald Wallace  
Luther Burns

STATE MISSION BOARD: Pray for the Dublin work.  
STATE CAMPING BOARD: Seeking caretaker for camp.  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: GBI Alumni Association, Youth Conference  
 Historical Society  
UNION MISSION BOARD: Discussion concerning moving Missions  
 Conference from Sept. to first of May.  
 Keep date flexible. M/S/C  
BOOKSTORE: Lord Blessing-all going well  
 M/S/C to accept these reports as information.  
ORDAINING COUNCIL: Recommend that we accept Rev. Glenn Thomas  
 and Rev. Alton Everson pending letter of  
 good standing. M/S/C  
DIGEST COMMITTEE: 10 Churches  
 11 Ministers  
 14 Deacons  
 24 Delegates

M/S/C to accept this report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance	\$302.37
Dues	358.35
Designated	20.00
Offering	78.00
TOTAL	<u>\$748.72</u>

M/S/C to accept this report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The following recommendations were proposed and  
 accepted by the voting delegation:

Moderator - Bruce Gordon - M/S/C  
 Asst. Moderator - James Silvers - M/S/C  
 Clerk - Walter Brady - M/S/C  
 Asst. Clerk - Ann Aldridge - M/S/C  
 Ordaining Council - Lamar Parrish to succeed himself. M/S/C  
 Union Mission Board - William Lewis to replace Lamar Parrish  
 who resigned due to appointment to State  
 Camping Board. M/S/C (Term expired)  
 Chuck Scarborough to replace W.G. Turner  
 who resigned due to conflict of interest  
 because of Thomasville FWB Mission. M/S/C  
 Youth Rally - Pending (?)  
 Songleader - S.E. Newberry - M/S/C  
 State Board of Missions - Chuck Scarborough - M/S/C  
 State Board of Camping - Lamar Parrish - M/S/C  
 State Board of Christian Education - Victor Neuenschawnder M/S/C

At this time the report of the Executive Board concerning the situ-  
 ation with New Life Church was read. Rev. Herbert Waid stated the report  
 should be accepted as read and the Executive Board should be commended  
 for their work toward resolving this situation in regards to Thomasville  
 Mission and New Life Church. M/S/C

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: M/S/C to amend Association Constitution  
 paragraph three (3) to grant members of  
 Union Association serving on State Bds.  
 voting privileges in Union Association.

M/S/C to extend to the host church a rising vote of thanks for their  
 hospitality. M/S/C to adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer at the altar  
 for Rev. W.G. Turner's upcoming surgery. Rev. Herbert Waid led in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Rev. Walter Brady, Clerk



## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Union Association Executive Board met Thursday Evening, August 22, 1985 at the Cairo Church with Rev. W. G. Turner and approximately 20 members of New Life Church of Thomasville, at the request of Rev. Turner and his group. While in Church Conference on August 17, 1985 New Life by a vote of 20 - 16 voted to withdraw from Union Association of Free Will Baptists and become an independent work. At this point, Rev. Turner resigned the church as pastor, due to his convictions about the work of the association toward fulfilling the Great Commission. Later that same evening Rev. Turner was asked by the 16 members who had voted to remain in Union Association and 4 other members who had now changed their minds if he would consider pastoring a new work in Thomasville as members of Union Association. Rev. Turner said yes to this. On Sunday afternoon, he contacted the Union Association Executive Board about forming a mission work in Thomasville, affiliated with Union Association. A meeting was scheduled between Rev. Turner, this group of members, and Union Association Executive Board for August 22. At this meeting Rev. Turner explained the situation at the New Life Church, supported in his explanation by this group, which included two Deacons and various other officers of the church, including the clerk.

After lengthy, open-minded discussion of the situation and possible courses of action, it was recommended by the Executive Board that this group return to New Life Church, call another conference, and attempt to vote to return to Union Association. Rev. Turner and his group explained several problem areas that had been encountered down through the years and stated they would rather forget about the existing building and just start a new work, free of all ties with New Life Church. It was then recommended by the Executive Board that Rev. Turner and these two Deacons meet with the two remaining Deacons of New Life Church and work out an agreement concerning the three (3) lots of land that had been purchased on which to locate their new church building. This entire group from New Life was in agreement that the remaining group at New Life Church could retain the church treasury and the existing building and this group just take the land on which to locate their new work. It was suggested that this meeting be in the immediate future and that the Executive Board be advised of the outcome. There then followed discussion about procedures for starting a new work: charter, constitution, bylaws, etc. as well as what support could be expected from the various denominational levels.

The group from New Life was advised until they had made the attempt to settle their situation with the remaining church body, and then if unsuccessful, formally dissolving their membership with New Life and Petition Union Association for membership status, there was little that we could do except offer prayer and moral support.

The meeting was conducted in a good spirit with an atmosphere of a resolution, but nevertheless, determined to continue their worship of the Lord Jesus as a body of believers. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Bruce Gordon, Moderator  
Rev. Walter Brady, Clerk



UNION ASSOCIATION MISCELLANEOUS REPORT SHEET

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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	Woman's Auxiliary Average Attendance	Master's Men Average Attendance	Value of Church	Value of Parsonage	Total Church Receipts	Cooperative Plan
BAY	80	6	0	6	3	45	NA	15	6	NA	150,000	50,000	19,430	1314
CAIRO	70	5	0	5	0	47	28	30	15	7	160,000	20,000	30,150	2214
FELLOWSHIP	49	2	0	2	3	40	28	35	5	6	150,000	NA	18,798	5577
GREENWOOD	27	2	0	2	0	16	21	NA	NA	NA	40,000	NA	NA	528
MIDWAY	188	3	3	0	3	87	49	48	13	NA	150,000	30,000	52,935	5819
NEW HOPE	30	1	0	1	1	20	NA	15	NA	NA	45,000	NA	7,650	789
POULAN	45	0	0	0	0	37	37	NA	NA	NA	45,000	NA	NA	339
PROCTOR CHAPEL	35	2	2	0	2	16	NA	10	NA	NA	30,000	NA	8,400	10
SPRING HILL	118	4	3	1	5	41	29	15	8	NA	100,000	45,000	16,224	1566
SYLVESTER	42	0	0	0	0	25	NA	25	NA	9	60,000	NA	9,032	NA
THOMASVILLE MISSION	20													

NO REPORT

UNION ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 1985

Balance brought forward from December 1984 \$ 298.56

Dues Received from Churches:

January 26, 1985	210.35	
May 4, 1985	213.35	
August 3, 1985	215.35	
October 26, 1985	<u>358.35</u>	
	996.40	996.40

Regular Offerings Received:

January 26, 1985	63.00	
May 4, 1985	58.34	
August 3, 1985	57.75	
October 26, 1985	<u>78.00</u>	
	257.09	257.09

Designated Giving:

January 26, 1985	40.00	
May 4, 1985	12.00	
August 3, 1985	15.00	
October 26, 1985	20.00	
December 7, 1985	<u>120.00</u>	
	207.00	207.00

Total Receipts to Account For: \$1,759.05

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Check</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
000	25.00	Ga. State Assn. 10% Coop
101	10.00	Moderator Honorarium
102	15.00	Clerk Honorarium
103	16.67	Randy Jackson-Plaque for Rev. Ricky Cason
104	151.00	1984 Minutes
105	27.50	Ga. State Assn. 10% Coop
106	27.50	Union Association Ministers Retirement
107	25.00	Moultrie Federal-Safe Deposit Box
108	22.00	U.S. Postmaster-Stamps
109	3.86	Christian Supply Store-Ordination Cert.
110	10.00	Moderator Honorarium
111	15.00	Clerk Honorarium
112	25.00	Ga. State Assn. 10% Coop
113	25.00	Union Association Ministers Retirement
114	10.00	Moderator Honorarium
115	15.00	Clerk Honorarium
116	25.00	Ga. State Assn. 10% Coop
117	25.00	Union Association Ministers Retirement
118	300.00	Camp Evangelist-Rev. Ricky Cason
119	26.40	U.S. Postmaster-Stamps
120	14.40	Plaque for Rev. Bobby Clyatt
121	15.00	Moderator Honorarium
122	25.00	Clerk Honorarium
123	155.00	Ga. State Assn. (Dues & National Rep.)
124	38.60	Ga. State Assn. 10% Coop
125	38.60	Union Association Ministers Retirement
126	25.00	Moultrie Federal-Safe Deposit Box
127	20.00	Designated-Union Mission Board
128	100.00	Designated-Ministers Retirement
129	28.60	Rev. Walter Brady-1985 Telephone Reimbursemnt

\$1,260.13

66.00

\$1,326.13

Monies Received Through Quarterly Meetings Designated Elsewhere than Union Association Treasury.

Total Disbursements

TOTAL RECEIPTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR:

\$1,759.05

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

\$1,326.13

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1985

\$ 432.92

## UNION ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD REPORT

Reference: September 22-25, 1985 Missions Conference

Missionaries: Foreign: Debbie Griffin - Japan  
 Allan Crowson - France  
 Home: Bob White - Kentucky  
 Mike Lake - Indiana

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Schedule the Fifth Annual Union Association Missions Conference for the first week of May (flexible).
2. Begin immediately to plan for the 1986 Conference.
3. To encourage and solicit support from the churches in Union Association for the Home Mission Board.
4. To encourage participation of churches who did not participate in the 1985 Conference.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE STATISTICS UNION ASSOCIATION 1985

<u>Participating Churches</u>	<u>No. Services</u>	<u>Cash Offerings</u>
Bay	2	\$
Cairo	4	506.00
Fellowship	4	500.00
Greenwood	1	175.00
New Hope	1	50.00
Midway	4	182.73
Springhill	2	150.00
Sylvester	1	
Thomasville Mission	1	
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Totals	20	\$1,563.73
Total Combined Monthly Faith Committments		\$ 233.00
Total Annual Faith Committments		\$2,796.00
Total Combined Cash Offerings		\$1,563.73
Total Amount Raised for the Year		\$4,359.73



UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP REPORT

August 4-9, 1985

CAMP MT. BETHEL, ASHBURN, GEORGIA

Director: Rev. Bruce Gordon  
 Assistant: Rev. Alton Everson  
 Evangelist: Rev. Ricky Cason  
 Teachers: Mrs. Wanda Spivey, Mrs. Staffie Thomaston,  
 Mrs. Janie Hopkins, Mrs. Shirley Reynolds,  
 Mrs. LaRue Parrish, Mrs. Dorcas Scarborough,  
 Mr. James Thomaston.  
 Cooks: Mrs. Jeannine Silvers and Mrs. Mary Etheredge.  
 Springhill and Fellowship Churches provided cakes.

We had 46 Campers, 9 Counsellors, and 2 Cooks.

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

YOUTH CAMP TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward from 1984		\$ 308.43
<u>Receipts</u>		
Interest	3.80	
Campers Fees	1,540.00	
Total Receipts	1,543.80	<u>1,543.80</u>
Total to account for		\$1,852.23
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Camp Rent	510.00	
Literature	124.32	
Funtime Supplies	38.36	
Trophies and Gifts	32.92	
Food and Cooking Supplies	746.87	
Honorariums for Cooks and Asst. Director	125.00	
Total Expenditures	1,577.47	<u>1,577.47</u>
Balance on hand Dec. 13, 1985		\$ 274.76

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Rev. Bruce Gordon, Director



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 12, 1985 at the Cairo Free Will Baptist Church in Cairo, Georgia. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "I Am Resolved", led by Rev. Walter Brady. Prayer was offered by Jeanine Silvers and Mrs. Inez Harrell welcomed everyone to the meeting. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Chuck Scarborough of Bay Free Will Baptist Church. He used Ruth 1:16 as his text and spoke on women who stand behind their husbands in God's work.

Deborah Murphy, acting as President in the absence of the president and vice-president, called the meeting to order, and Linda Gay, Secretary read the Minutes of the 1984 Annual Meeting. The Minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was given and approved. Deborah Murphy stressed the importance of the local auxiliaries sending all of their monies through the district treasurer in order that our district will receive credit for it on the state and national levels. The roll call of the Auxiliaries was taken. Delegates were present from five auxiliaries. Auxiliaries represented and the number of delegates from each were: Bay - 2; Cairo - 3; Fellowship - 2; Midway - 6; Springhill - 1. The total number of delegates present was 14. Motion, second and carried to seat delegates.

The President then called for the Registration Committee report. The committee reported 14 delegates, 4 visitors and 2 ministers present, with a total attendance of 20. Motion, second and carried to accept this report.

The President appointed the following committees:

Resolutions	-	Louvenia Kleedehn Lois Singletary
Finance	-	Deborah Murphy Cindy Harvin
Credentials	-	Linda Gay Elizabeth Tucker
Nominating	-	Connie Lacey Jeanine Silvers Inez Harrell Nancy Hardin Dorcas Scarborough

The meeting was adjourned for a short recess to give the committees time to meet.

The President again called the meeting to order and asked for the committee reports. The following reports were given:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE - Louvenia Kleedehn, Chairman  
Lois Singletary

1. Be it resolved that we have a Workshop to be held on the first Saturday in April at 9:00 o'clock A.M. at Midway Free Will Baptist Church with the host church being in charge of planning the program.
2. Be it resolved that the next annual meeting be held on the fourth Saturday in September at 9:00 o'clock A.M. at Springhill Free Will Baptist Church, with morning service only, and fellowship dinner following.
3. Be it resolved that the committee working on the By-Laws of our District Auxiliary Convention be retained for the coming year.
4. Be it resolved that each local auxiliary send their monies to the District Treasurer.
5. Be it resolved that the host church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.

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  
Elizabeth Tucker

Six Auxiliaries Reporting.

Total Membership	-	67
Enrollment 1st of year	-	68
New Members	-	7
Present Enrollment	-	67

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Deborah Murphy, Chairman  
Cindy Harvin

Members' Fees . . . . .	\$ 119.00
State Project . . . . .	1,698.35
District Project. . . . .	36.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering (Home Missions) . . . . .	105.00
Pre-Easter Offering (Foreign Missions). . . . .	95.16
Dot Harvey Loan Fund . . . . .	124.00
WNAC Emphasis. . . . .	25.00
Co-Laborer Offerings . . . . .	92.85
Special Projects . . . . .	92.20
Children's Home . . . . .	5.00
Local Church Activities . . . . .	1,711.08
Literature and Supplies . . . . .	289.37
Special Offerings . . . . .	260.00
TOTAL . . . . .	<u>\$4,534.01</u>

The Finance Committee reported that today's offering was \$26.76 and there was a balance in the treasure of \$28.02. They recommended that we pay \$10.00 to help with the expense of printing the minutes of the Union District Association and that we give \$30.00 to Debbie Griffin's Account. The Finance Committee's Report was accepted and there was a motion and second, and it was unanimously carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Jeanine Silvers, Chairman  
 Connie Lacey  
 Inez Harrell  
 Nancy Hardin  
 Dorcas Scarborough

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers to the meeting to serve the next two years:

President	-	Mrs. Lora Shutes
Vice-President	-	LaRee Parrish
Secretary	-	Mrs. Jeanine Silvers
Treasurer	-	Deborah Murphy
Mission Action Chairman	-	Connie Lacey
Mission Study Chairman	-	Nancy Hardin
Mission Prayer Chairman	-	Dorcas Scarborough
Field Worker	-	Ann Lewis

The President asked for other nominations from the floor, there being none, the slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

Deborah Murphy, acting President, appointed the following delegates to represent the district at the State Meeting:

Willie D. Bryant  
 Lois Singletary  
 Kathleen Thomas  
 Linda Gay  
 Dorcas Scarborough



Connie Lacey  
Nancy Hardin  
Elizabeth Tucker  
Dorothy Hardin

Mrs. Shutes, newly elected President, was authorized to appoint others who were present at the meeting.

Deborah Murphy, acting president, stated that the new officers would be installed at our Workshop to be held at Midway Free Will Baptist Church on the first Saturday in April. Helen Lewis, field worker is to be in charge of the installation service.

The Worship Service was opened with congregational singing. Mrs. Lora Shutes led in prayer. Special music was rendered by the Cairo church. Rev. Walter Brady, pastor of the Cairo church brought the message.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gay, Secretary

CAMP MT. BETHEL

SWIMMING POOL RULES

PLEASE READ THE ROLLING RULES BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL AREA. THEY ARE FOR THE POOL USER'S SAFETY AND TO HELP MAINTAIN PROPER CARE AND UP-KEEP OF THE POOL ITSELF. SO PLEASE OBEY THEM.

1. No one is to enter the pool area without the permission of the Camp Director. When not in a camping session, the Camp Caretaker must approve your using the pool area.
2. No running, pushing, jumping on people or "horseplay" in general is allowed. If you are being bothered by someone, report this to the lifeguard.
3. Lifeguards will be obeyed! To disobey a lifeguard will prohibit you from swimming for a duration of time set by the lifeguard.
4. If you see someone in trouble, call this to the lifeguard's attention immediately.
5. The lifeguard must be informed when anyone comes and when anyone leaves the pool area.
6. Non-swimmers must stay in the shallow end of the pool in water not over their heads.
7. Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board. Look before you dive so as not to dive on someone else.
8. No diving for coins or stones is allowed.
9. Groups will have "buddies". That is, all swimmers will have a partner to watch out for him.
10. No "cut-offs" are allowed for swimmers. Only regulation swimwear will be allowed in the pool.
11. No food, chewing gum, or drinks are allowed in the pool area.
12. No tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs are allowed anywhere on this camp ground.
13. No metal furniture (except aluminum) is allowed in the pool area.
14. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

Posted by,  
CAMP MT. BETHEL BOARD

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. First, we believe that there is but one living, true, eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day, to judge both quick and dead. 1 Timothy 2:3,6; Hebrews 2:9; St. John 8; Acts 2:4; Ephesians 3:1; Ephesians 6.

3. We believe there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. St. John 16:7,8; Acts 2:4; Ephesians 4:4,5. And He comes into our hearts. John 1.1,12; Galatians 4.4,16; 2 Corinthians 5.12 Titus; 1 John 5.1,10,13.

4. We believe in the Beginning God made man upright; and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell; and by that means brought himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death. Genesis 2.17; 3.19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved; for which Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16.15; Luke 24.47; John 3.15; 1 Timothy 2.4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that 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 another, 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; 1 John 5.10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. 2 Timothy 3.16,17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the gospel. Luke 14.16,20; Matt. 28.19,20; Luke 24.47; Acts 3.19; Mark 1.15.



9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, who offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as all might be happy, if they would give place to His divine teachings; therefore, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall at a future day, seal their own condemnation, and charge themselves with their own damnation, willfully rejecting the offer of His sovereign grace. Matthew 11.27; 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 brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves 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; 2 Peter 2.1; 2 Thessalonians 2.11,12; Romans 2.9,11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy having not actually transgressed 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". 1 Corinthians 15.22; Matthew 18.25; Mark 9.36,37; Matthew 19.13.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of this means of grace and not out of the use of these means, eternal life is promised to men. Revelation 22.14,15; Luke 13.34,35; Isaiah 1.19,20; Matthew 7.8; Jeremiah 6.16.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy 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 whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choices, 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 John 13.17; John 5.14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and believers are the only subject for baptism. Matthew 3.16; Mark 1.9,10; Romans 6.4; Acts 3.19,21; Colossians 2.12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgement at the last day. John 5.28,29; 2 Corinthians 5.10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matthew 25.46.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall hereafter be known as the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists.
2. This body shall meet alphabetically with the Churches on the first Saturday in February, May, and August, and the Saturday before the 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, missionaries, and representatives to State Boards shall be standing delegates.
  - (a) All churches representing at this Association shall be entitled to a minimum of three (3) appointed delegates plus one (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 (3) 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 of the church or churches and minister or ministers they shall be apprised of their standing, namely:
      - a. Placed on probation until the next regular quarterly meeting;
      - b. No voting privileges until such church or churches and minister or ministers attend two (2) successive quarterly meetings, at which time they would be reinstated as members in good standing.
4. Requirements of delegates: Each standing delegate is expected to attend each session of this Association.
5. Requirements 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 (2) years.



8. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must present petitionary letters, adopt this constitution, decorum, the National Treatise, 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.
10. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of five (5) members who shall serve for a term of five years with one member rotating off every year. 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 three 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.
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 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 (1) year waiting period under the watchcare of this association, before being accepted into 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. Ministers and/or churches not complying with "b" and "c" above are out of fellowship with this Association.
11. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

## AN ORDINATION STANDARD

### GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### THE LICENSED MINISTER:

1. A person must be licensed for a period of one year before he can be ordained. He must also be called to the care of one or more churches, or into other services which would require ordination.

#### QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS:

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

#### DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

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

#### THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

4. No individual shall be ordained to the gospel ministry who has been married and divorced, and in the process has more than one living companion. No individual shall be ordained whose wife has been previously married and divorced. NOTE: These regulations are set forth to comply with the Biblical standard for ministers found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

#### THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

5. Traditionally and historically Free Will 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 doctrine 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 \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

The above "Pledge of Integrity" is followed by an Application for Ordination to the Ministry, which includes a Doctrinal Examination of 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 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.

## THE PLEDGES

### UNITED STATES FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one nation, under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.

### THE HOLY BIBLE:

I pledge allegiance to the Bible,  
God's Holy Word,  
and will make it a lamp unto my feet,  
a light unto my path,  
and hide its words in my heart  
that I might not sin against God.

### CHRISTIAN FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag,  
and to the Saviour for Whose Kingdon it stands,  
One Saviour, crucified, risen, and coming again,  
with life and liberty to all who believe.