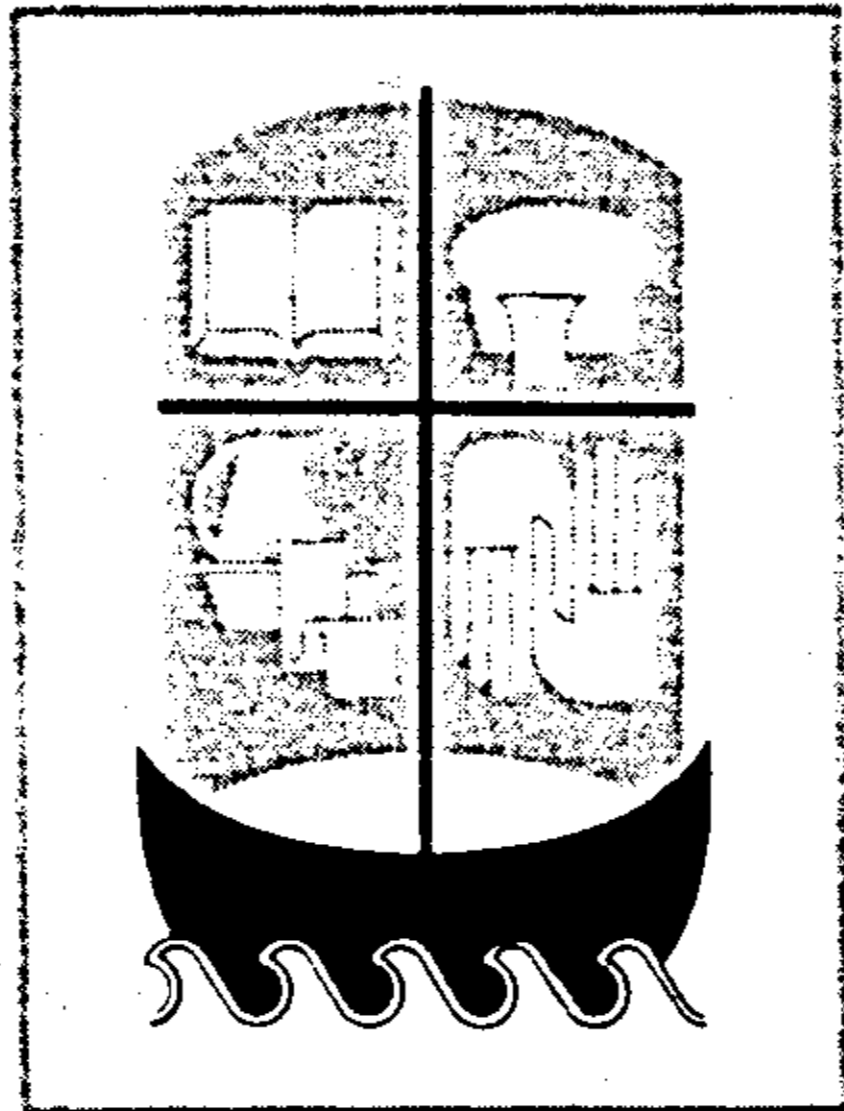


1987 MINUTES
OF THE
62ND SESSION
OF
UNION ASSOCIATION
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS



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

Proctor Chapel	February 13, 1988
Springhill	May 14, 1988
Sylvester	August 13, 1988
Bay	October 8, 1988

1987 MINUTES

62nd SESSION

UNION ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

convened with
GREENWOOD, MIDWAY, NEW HOPE, POULAN
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

1988 OFFICERS

Rev. Glenn Thomas	Moderator
Mr. James Silvers	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Walter Brady	Clerk
Rev. Benny Smith	Assistant Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Glenn Thomas	1988
Mr. James Silvers	1988
Rev. Walter Brady	1988
Rev. Benny Smith	1988
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	1988

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Lamar Parrish	1988
Rev. Glenn Thomas	1989
Rev. Bobby Whitakker	1990

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Cairo	U.S. Highway 84 East, Cairo, Ga. 31728
Fellowship	Highway 133 South, Albany, Ga. 31705
Grace	P.O. Box 154, Moultrie, Ga. 31776
Greenwood	RR 1, Camilla, Ga. 31730
Midway	RR 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
New Hope	RR 1, Coolidge, Ga. 31738
Poulan	RR 1, Poulan, Ga. 31781
Proctor Chapel	108 Proctor Street, Pelham, Ga. 31779
Springhill	RR 1, Baconton, Ga. 31716
Sylvester	Rt 4, Royal Street, Sylvester, Ga. 31791

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Rev. Ronnie Lawson RR 5, Box 166 Tifton, Ga. 31794 (912) 382-8149	Sylvester
Rev. S.E. Newberry Route 5, Box 228 Quincy, Fla. 32351 (904) 856-5669	Greenwood
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Rev. Glenn Thomas Rt 4 Box 116 Moultrie, Ga. 31768 (912) 985-6366	Midway

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Springhill

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Gene Sellars
Curtis Gay

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CAIRO

Kelvin Harrell
Raymond Joyner

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RR 2, Box 413A, Cairo, Ga. 31728

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GRACE

James Boyd
Clentis May

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2816 Sylvester Dr., Moultrie, Ga. 31768

GREENWOOD

Jake Singleton
Price Irvin
Donald Harris

82 Williford Dr., Camilla, Ga. 31730
RR 3, Camilla, Ga. 31730
RR 3, Camilla, Ga. 31730

ROLL OF DEACONS (Cont.)

MIDWAY

Roscoe Gay	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
Farrell Tucker	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
William Lewis	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
Darrell Gay	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
Enoch Parrish	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
Charles Harper	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
Kenneth Murphy	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
Grady Sloan	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768

NEW HOPE

David Cannon	P.O. Box 337, Coolidge, Ga. 31738
Arthur Wooten	P.O. Box 184, Coolidge, Ga. 31738
Wilford Tucker	917 15th St, SW, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
Jackie Goff	RR 1, Coolidge, Ga. 31738

POULAN

Wayne Carlton	RR 1, Poulan, Ga. 31781
James Powell	608 N. Livingston St. Sylvester, Ga. 31791
Jack Powell	RR 4, Box 76, Sylvester, Ga. 31791

PROCTOR CHAPEL

Marvin Timmons	204 Matthewson St, Pelham, Ga. 31779
Woodrow Myrick	Pelham, Ga. 31779
Robert Ted Simpson	Pelham, Ga. 31779

SPRINGHILL

Leonard Bundy	RR 1 Box 5T, Baconton, Ga. 31716
Glenn Etheredge	6027 Jenkins Road, Albany, Ga. 31705
James Ferguson	P.O. Box 258, Putney, Ga. 31782
P.M. Hatcher	RR 4 Box 545, Albany, Ga. 31705
James Silvers	RR 4 Box 539, Albany, Ga. 31705

SYLVESTER

Frank Reynolds	P.O. Box 955, Sylvester, Ga. 31791
John Nelms	RR 1 Box 207, Poulan, Ga. 31781
Clyde Lawrence	RR 1, Poulan, Ga. 31791

UNION ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 1987

Balance brought forward from December 31, 1986 \$ 574.32

DUES RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:

February 14, 1987	455.75	
May 2, 1987	452.50	
August 1, 1987	379.25	
October 10, 1987	<u>548.75</u>	
	1,836.25	1,836.25

REGULAR OFFERINGS RECEIVED:

February 14, 1987	75.59	
May 2, 1987	58.50	
August 1, 1987	67.00	
October 10, 1987	<u>40.43</u>	
	241.52	241.52

DESIGNATED GIVING:

February 14, 1987	67.00	
May 2, 1987	60.00	
August 1, 1987	.00	
October 10, 1987	<u>.00</u>	
	127.00	<u>127.00</u>

Total Receipts to Account For: \$2,213.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Check	Amount	Purpose
155	26.40	U.S. Postmaster-Stamps
156	30.51	Office Supplies-Cairo Messenger
157	10.00	Moderator's Honorarium
158	15.00	Clerk's Honorarium
159	6.76	Christian Supply Store-Communion Bread
160	100.00	Ga. St. Assn-10% Coop & Designated
161	53.00	Union Association Ministers Retirement
162	50.00	Camp Mt. Bethel-Youth Rally
163	26.40	U.S. Postmaster-Stamps
164	10.00	Moderator's Honorarium
165	15.00	Clerk's Honorarium
166	311.10	Ga. St. Assn-10% Coop & Designated
167	51.10	Union Association Ministers Retirement
168	10.00	Moderator's Honorarium
169	15.00	Clerk's Honorarium
170	45.00	Ga. St. Assn-10% Coop
171	45.00	Union Association Ministers Retirement
172	---	VOID
173	21.40	Nominating Committee Meeting Mileage
174	15.00	Moderator's Honorarium
175	25.00	Clerk's Honorarium
176	25.00	Moultrie Federal-Safe Box Rental
177	155.00	State Representation Fee
178	245.00	1987 Minutes-also includes Telephone Bills
179	55.00	Ga. St. Assn-10% Coop & Designated
180	117.00	Union Association Ministers Retirement (Includes some Designated Funds)
181	45.00	Union Mission Board-Designated
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	1,623.67	Total Disbursements

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1987

\$1,302.42

CAMP MT. BETHEL

SWIMMING POOL RULES

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING 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

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

February 14, 1987

The Union Association of the Free Will Baptists of Georgia convened on Saturday, February 14, 1987 with Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church. The session opened with the congregation singing the hymn "Footsteps of Jesus" led by our songleader, Rev. S.E. Newberry, accompanied on the piano by Sister LaRee Parrish. Rev. Alton Everson led the body in prayer, followed by the welcome extended to all by the Moderator, Rev. Bruce Gordon. Rev. Gordon expressed his appreciation to the Greenwood Church for their preparation for today's special activities.

The morning devotion was presented by Rev. Chuck Scarborough, speaking on the theme of the day, addressing the subject of Baptism. He used various scriptures for his text, all speaking of the importance of Baptism. After the morning devotion we had the receiving of the Church Letters, the seating of the elected delegates, and the Roll Call of Ministers and Deacons. There were no petitionary letters. After this the Moderator welcomed visitors to today's session, recognizing Rev. Jerry Wishum, the new pastor of Sylvester Church, and then asked for the Minutes of the last session to be read. The minutes were adopted as read. At this time, Sister Charlene Neuenschawnder pointed out that Randall House prints a book dealing with the Ordinances of the Church especially for children. Committees were then appointed by the Moderator as Follows: DIGEST: James Silvers-Chairman, Lorene Lowe, Mary Murphy. FINANCE: Horace Johnson-Chairman, Curtis Gay, Cleo Goff. We were then dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lester Lane.

The morning worship service commenced with the song "Saviour like a Shepherd" followed with prayer offered by Bro. William Lewis. At this time a special request was made that we remember Bro. Jack Faison in our prayers. Rev. Newberry then led us in the song "Break thou the Bread of Life" followed with the receiving of the morning offering by Rev. Robert Simpson and Bro. Curtis Gay with prayer by Rev. Simpson. After the offering our hearts were blessed and our souls stirred by a moving rendition of "How Great Thou Art" by Sister Lora Shutes.

At this time, our hearts having been prepared by the moving of the Spirit of God and tendered by the very appropriate selection of hymns by our songleader the worship service was turned over to the direction of Rev. Glenn Thomas, senior pastor of Union Association, to lead us in an Association wide Communion Service. Rev. Thomas spoke concerning the Lord's Supper as an emblem, concerning the wrong use of the time together, the abuse of Communion, and our unworthiness as mortal flesh. Rev. Thomas then directed the entire body of today's association as we participated in the breaking of bread in our observance of Holy Communion. After sharing in this sacred time together, we were welcomed to the breaking of the natural bread by the host pastor, Rev. S.E. Newberry. The prayer of thankfulness and dismissal was prayed by Rev. Victor Neuenschawnder.

The meeting reconvened after lunch with the song "Shall we gather at the river?" with prayer following by Bro. Max Hardin. The afternoon devotion continued the look at our Ordinances with Rev. Benny Smith addressing the subject of "The Washing of the Saints Feet." He spoke of Foot-washing being a symbol of servanthood and of daily cleansing. The afternoon devotion was followed by our association CTS competition. After a skillful demonstration by some of our youth concerning their memorization of the Word of God, we each made a secret commitment to be more diligent concerning the planting of God's Word upon the fields of our hearts.

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

MASTER'S MEN

Horace Johnson—Master's Men State Senator
Spoke of needs of Camp Mt. Bethel, needed workers, and
need for approximately \$20,000 to repair and rennovate
camp property.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Met with Rev. Jerry Wishum, new pastor of Sylvester
Church, and moved that we received Bro. Jerry into our
fellowship pending a letter of good standing from the
Little River Assn. The Moderator extended the right hand
of fellowship to Rev. Wishum.

MISSION BOARD

Missions Conference is scheduled and all activities are
coming together. Will announce all details later.

CAMP BOARD

Planning another workday.
Camp session this year August 2-7, 1987.

Digest Committee:

Churches	10
Delegates	20
Ministers	12
Deacons	<u>9</u>
Total	41

M/S/C

Finance Committee:

Bal. Brought Fwd.	527.41
Dues	455.75
Offering	75.59
Designated Giving	<u>67.00</u>
Total	\$1,125.75

M/S/C

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Neuenschawnder spoke of the Ministers/Wife Retreat
Spoke of activities of GBI
Youth competition at Norman Park
Rev. Neuenschawnder informed the Assn. of his resigna-
tion of the Bookstore.

BOOKSTORE

Rev. Glenn Thomas spoke of the need for us as Free Will
Baptists to support our denominational bookstore.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No report. Weather holding up any real work.

At this time there was some discussion concerning the change in the associational dues. After comments by several, Bro. Horace Johnson made a motion that a committee be appointed to check with each church, research this subject and report at the next meeting. This committee was appointed by the Moderator with the following members: Horace Johnson-Chairman, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Rev. Benny Smith. This committee is to report its findings and recommendations at the next meeting.

The following last minute announcements were made: remember Winford Floyd in prayer, SS Worskshop being held by Midway Association at Colquitt, Cairo in revival with Rev. Lamar Parrish week of March 15-20, Youth Rally at Midway Church on March 14, Women's Auxiliary Retreat March 20-21 at Norman Assembly, Feb. 21, at 9:00 prayer meeting at Fellowship Church to seek the face of God. All welcome.

There being no other business to attend to at today's session, Rev. Glenn Thomas made a motion that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

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

May 2, 1987

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met with the Midway Free Will Baptist Church of Moultrie on Saturday, May 2, 1987. The meeting opened with comments from our Songleader, Rev. S.E. Newberry concerning the blessings of serving Christ and of being in the House of the Lord today. He then led the congregation in the hymn "Stand up for Jesus." The opening prayer of today's session was offered by Rev. Robert Simpson, followed with the hymn "Standing on the Promises." Our pianist for today's meeting was Sis. Connie Lacey.

The Moderator, Rev. Bruce Gordon, then welcomed everyone to this session and commented on the blessedness of standing on the promises of God and the Word of God. He pointed out that we cannot stand in our own strength, but that the "joy of the Lord is our strength." The morning devotion was given by Rev. Alton Everson who pointed out that the programs of the church will work if we will allow God to use us. He emphasized that we cannot reach out until we first reach up. Rev. Everson also stressed the importance of being in the right place at the appointed time and the need for faithfulness to the House of God. He left us with the searching question, "How far behind Christ are we walking?" He used for his texts: Acts 2, 3, and Col. 3.

The church letters were then received, followed by the seating of the appointed delegates. The roll call of ministers and deacons was read, followed by the welcoming of visitors to this session. A special welcome was extended to Rev. James Sellars, Pastor of Moultrie Free Will, who was visiting with us. The Moderator then called for the reading of the minutes of the last session which were adopted as read. There were no petitionary letters. Committees were appointed as follows: DIGEST: Kenneth Murphy-Chairman, Velma Shiver, Jimmy Singletary. FINANCE: Donald Harris-Chairman, Nina Johnson, Helen Lewis.

At this time in our meeting, Bro. Horace Johnson presented the report of the Constitution Revision Committee concerning the revising of the church dues. He read the basic contents of the letter that had been sent to each pastor to share with his respective church. Rev. Lamar Parrish made a move that this report be tabled for now and voted upon in the business session this afternoon. M/S/C. We then dismissed for a few minutes of fellowship together after prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

The morning worship service commenced with the song "We'll work 'til Jesus Comes" followed with the offertory prayer given by William Lewis, with Bro. Lewis and Bro. Kenneth Murphy serving as ushers. Special music was presented by Rev. S.E. Newberry singing "Jesus is all the world to me."

The morning message was brought by our State Executive Secretary, Rev. Herbert Waid, speaking on the theme of the day, Church Growth. Rev. Waid's message was strong, direct, searching, and convicting as he emphasized that we do not grow because we do not want to grow! He pointed out that to overcome the problems we must: adjust our attitudes, establish God's Lordship, establish God's Headship, and most of all, establish God's life in us by dying to sin and self. He spoke of the pride and prejudice that is so prevalent in many of our churches. He also shared a tip on how to have sweet church business meetings by having Communion and Foot-Washing before the business session. At the close of this inspiring, intense, and specific message, we observed a moment of renewed dedication to God's will for each of our lives. We were welcomed to lunch and fellowship by the host pastor, Rev. Glenn Thomas, who also offered the blessing upon the food.

The meeting reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing "Showers of Blessing". We then observed a time of special prayer for Rev. William Bramble for some special needs as all ministers present gathered around Rev. Bramble and our Moderator led in this prayer. The afternoon devotion was given by our clerk, Rev. Walter Brady, using for his text 3 John 2, speaking of God's desire for the church to grow and prosper, and how so often we are side-tracked by meaningless issues and can't see the forest for the trees.

The Moderator then asked for reports of the Standing Boards:

MISSION BOARD

May 9, Fellowship supper planned for Missionaries, pastors, deacons, wives at Bay Church. Missionary Conference to begin May 10-13.

CAMP BOARD

Workday held at Camp Mt. Bethel on girl's dorm. Also moved some furniture.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No report.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No report.

BOOKSTORE

Rev. Glenn Thomas informed the body that the bookstore is presently under the operation of a committee formed of Rev. & Mrs. Waid and Rev. Curtis Alligood.

DIGEST COMMITTEE

Churches	10
Ministers	11
Deacons	8
Delegates	15
Visiting Minister	<u>1</u>
Total Delegates	34

M/S/C

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bal. Brought Fwd.	832.59
Offering	58.50
Dues	452.50
Designated Giving	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$1,403.59

M/S/C

STATE MISSION BOARD

No meeting since the last session.

MASTER'S MEN

Report given by State Senator Horace Johnson. Lord blessing Master's Men. Only 1 chapter in Union Association. Encouraged greater involvement.

At this time Rev. Lamar Parrish brought the subject off the table concerning the revision of the dues. He referred to the letter which had been sent to every church, recommending that the dues be dropped back to \$3.00 per active member and made a move that this become effective immediately. M/S/C. There was also a motion by Rev. Parrish that we give a love offering of \$200.00 to the Bishop account. Seconded by Rev. Alton Everson. Carried.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Moderator spoke of the need to appoint a youth committee at the annual session. Youth Rally to be held May 15-16 at Camp Mt. Bethel. Evangelist to be Rev. DeWayne Harvey of Ocala, Florida. M/S/C that Union Association pay the balance of a reasonable Honorarium for the guest speaker.

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Rev. Chuck Scarborough spoke of some changes that had been made at the Bible College and stressed it's importance to our denomination.

There was then some discussion concerning the constant changing of our meeting dates. Rev. Lamar Parrish suggested that we move our dates in May and August to meet on the 2nd Saturday so that we would have a constant meeting date for every session. This was put in the form of a move by Rev. Alton Everson. Seconded and Carried by the Association Body. This is to become effective with the 1988 Calendar year.

A motion was made by Horace Johnson that we give Midway Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality shown to us today. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Benny Smith.

T H I R D Q U A R T E R

August 1, 1987

The Union Association of the Free Will Baptists of Georgia met with New Hope Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, August 1, 1987. The theme for this session was "Revival-Time". The meeting opened with the congregation singing the hymn "Living by Faith" (the source of all real revival), led by our songleader, the Rev. S.E. Newberry, with the pastor of the host church, Rev. Bobby Whittaker serving as pianist. Bro. Lester Lane led the body in prayer after which the Moderator, Rev. Bruce Gordon extended a warm welcome to all present. Rev. Newberry then led the group in the song, "Take the Name of Jesus with you".

The morning devotion was presented by Rev. Jerry Wishum, new pastor of Sylvester Church speaking on the theme of the day, using Psalm 138 for his text. Rev. Wishum spoke of the need for the church to be an example to the world, of the need for the church to ask of the Lord those things which it needs and the necessity of being revived as churches in these the last days.

The morning devotion was followed by the seating of the appointed delegates, the roll call of ministers and deacons, the welcome of visitors to this session, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, and a call for petitionary letters. The Moderator then appointed committees as follows:

DIGEST: Inez Harrell-Chairman, Marvin Smith, Robert Ted Simpson.

FINANCE: Glenn Etheredge-Chairman, Lollie Tucker, Mary Murphy.

We were dismissed for a time of fellowship and intermission with prayer by Rev. Glenn Thomas.

The Morning Worship Service opened with Mrs. Betty Barnes serving as pianist and Rev. S.E. Newberry as songleader. After uniting our voices together in the song "Love Lifted Me", Bro. Jack Faison lifted us up before the throne of God in prayer. We then sang "Revive Us Again", which was followed by our offertory prayer given by Bro. Donald Harris. The ushers for today's offering were Bros. Wilford Tucker and Jacky Goff. Rev. Newberry then ministered through special music with the song "Without Him". Rev. William Bramble led in prayer.

The morning message was proclaimed by our Moderator, Rev. Bruce Gordon, pastor of Springhill Church. He spoke of the condition of the church today as stated in Rev. 3:14-22. He noted that in the day of the most need, the least ever is being done and that churches must see the need for revival. He spoke of how churches and Christians have lost the joy of serving the Lord and that few souls are being saved. Rev. Gordon shared some hindrances to revival: "don't have time!", lack of prayer, we don't listen to God, and we don't see sin as God sees sin. He closed by encouraging each church and member to confess sin and draw nigh unto the Lord. After a time of invitation and consecration, the Worship Service closed and we were welcomed to lunch by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, the host pastor. Bro. Kenneth Murphy dismissed the service in prayer and offered thanks upon the lunch and our fellowship.

After a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship, the Afternoon Session reconvened with the song "Who at my door is standing?" followed with prayer by Bro. Leonard Bundy. We were then offered a special treat when a quartet comprised of Bro. Jacky Goff, and the Revs. Newberry, Whittaker, and Wishum harmonized and blessed our hearts with the song, "I've Been to Calvary."

The Afternoon Devotion was presented by Rev. Chuck Scarborough, pastor of Bay Church speaking on the "Fruits of Revival". He asked the question "Have you ever seen a revival that set a church or community on fire for the Lord?" He then explained that he was "hankering" to see a real revival with lasting and definite results.

The Moderator called for reports from the Standing Boards and appointed committees which were as follows:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Rev. Glenn Thomas reported. 6,000+ delegates. Target 90 is working. Souls are being saved. Told of the new HymnBook. Rev. Ralph Hampton new Moderator.

UNION MISSION BOARD: Rev. Chuck Scarborough explained the giving of \$200.00 for Rev. Louie Nix by the board. M/S/C by Association to accept this report.

STATE MISSION BOARD: No report.

CAMP BOARD: Having good camp sessions. Decisions and rededications. Girl's dorm roof finished. Insulation/paneling. To do A/C in near future as funds are available. Camp Session: August 9-14.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No report.

BOOKSTORE: Going well. Should be out of debt by State Assn. in November. Decide future of bookstore at State Assn.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: No report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Lamar Parrish-Chairman Letters received on Rev. Jerry Wishum and Rev. Bobby Whittaker. M/S/C to receive into our fellowship. Moderator extended right hand of fellowship on behalf of Union Association.

DIGEST: 9 Churches
10 Ministers
10 Deacons
24 Delegates
44 Total M/S/C

FINANCE: 1016.39 Balance Brought Forward
379.25 Dues
67.00 Offering
1462.64 Total M/S/C

The Moderator discussed appointing a Nominating Committee at this session to plan for the officers elections to be held at the next session. This committee is: Horace Johnson-Chairman, Kenneth Murphy, Walter Brady.

Rev. Newberry led in a M/S/C to give New Hope Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting today's meeting. We were asked to be in prayer over the Bishop's problems because of the dollar/yen relationship. Midway Church will be in revival Sept. 8-13 with Rev. Ron Wallace. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

FOURTH QUARTER

October 10, 1987

The Union Association of the Free Will Baptists of Georgia convened on Saturday, October 10, 1987 with the Poulan Free Will Baptist Church. The day's activities opened with the congregation lifting up their voices in praise as our songleader, Rev. S.E. Newberry led us in worship through the song, "Glory to His Name" accompanied on the piano by Rev. Bobby Whitaker, pastor of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Alton Everson then led the congregation in our opening prayer, followed by the timeless hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". In today's absence of our Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough served as Moderator for today's session. Rev. Scarborough extended a warm invitation to all present for today's session and then directed us into the morning devotion.

The morning devotion was administered by our Songleader, Rev. S.E. Newberry, pastor of Greenwood Church. Rev. Newberry spoke on the theme of the day: "CHURCH GOVERNMENT", using for his text 1 Cor. 5:4. He spoke of: 1)the body gathered together, 2)the presence of the Holy Spirit, 3)the power of God which is upon us when we do that which is in His will. He pointed out the various types of church government and how each functions: Episcopal (ruled by the power of the leaders), Presbyterian (ruled by committees) and Congregational (ruled by the body of believers). Rev. Newberry seized this opportunity to stress the uniqueness of Free Will Baptists and our various beliefs, including but not limited to Theocracy (government headed by God) and the priesthood of the individual believer, looking only to Jesus Christ our as High Priest. He also pointed out some of the teachings of a congregational church: 1)recognizes the Lordship of Christ, 2)the liberty and equality of the individual believer, 3)the local congregation having the sole voice in its affairs, 4)voluntary fellowship and associational ties, 5)and how that acceptance of the above with the teachings of God's Word allows for a universal church comprised of all believers.

After this very informative, interesting, and encouraging morning devotion, our Moderator then received the church letters, seated the delegates to this session, called for the Roll Call of Ministers and Deacons, and welcomed our visitors to this session of the Union Association. Special visitors were Rev. and Mrs. James Sellars, pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church, and some of the members of Grace Church, Charlie Sumner and James Boyd.

The Moderator then asked for the reading of the minutes of the last session, followed by a M/S/C. The Moderator then called for petitionary letters and received a letter from the Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Moultrie, requesting to become part of the fellowship of Union Association. This letter was received and action was set aside to be handled during the afternoon business session. The Moderator then appointed committees to serve as follows:

DIGEST: Leonard Bundy-Chairman, Margie Harris, Jimmy Singletary

FINANCE: Glenn Etheredge-Chairman, Lollie Tucker, Mrs. Charlie Harris

The Moderator then noted that the Ordaining Council needed to meet with Rev. Sellars today. We were dismissed for a time of fellowship with prayer by Rev. Glenn Thomas.

We directed our hearts toward the Worship of our great God with Rev. Newberry leading us in the song "I would not be denied" accompanied by Rev. Whittaker, followed by the immortal classic "Victory in Jesus." The morning offering was received with Leonard Bundy and Glenn Etheredge serving as ushers with the offertory prayer offered by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. The offertory hymn was "How Great Thou Art". Following the receiving of the offering, special music was presented by the new minister of music at Midway Church, Steve Faison with a beautiful rendition of "It is well with my soul".

At this time the Moderator turned the service over to Rev. Glenn Thomas, pastor of Midway Church and also senior pastor of Union Association, for the proclamation of the Word of God. Rev. Thomas used for his text Matt. 16:18 with the theme: "Build my Church". He pointed out that God's structure for the church will always work. He also pointed out that God adds to the church (Acts 2:47), that the church is subject unto Christ (Eph. 5:24) and that the church is the church of the Living God, who is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). He emphasized that God has given no new revelations, that God has done all and said all, and that Jesus taught His followers, and told them to go teach others. He also reminded us that we are to do all in "...the name of Jesus" and that there is no responsibility without accountability. He quoted the words of Jesus in John 15 "...without me you can do nothing" and emphasized that according to Eph. 4 we should "love people to death". He closed by challenging us to remember that success comes only from obedience to God and that it is time for the church to have a good old-fashioned "Hallelujah Hoe-Down" (quote/unquote). The Moderator asked Rev.(s) Newberry and Smith to serve with Rev. Parrish on the Ordaining Council in the absence of Rev. Gordon, and since Rev. Thomas was having to leave at lunch. We were then welcomed to lunch by the host pastor, Rev. Benny Smith and were dismissed with prayer by Donald Harris.

After a wonderful time of food and fellowship, the afternoon business session opened with the song "His way with thee" with Ms. Marsha Powell at the piano. Prayer was offered by Horace Johnson and we turned to the Word of God in the afternoon devotion. Rev. Lamar Parrish, pastor of Fellowship Church, brought the afternoon devotion based upon the thought, "Being subject to the Higher Power". He used for his texts Matt. 8 and John 15. Rev. Parrish reminded us that God has the final say, when He says something, it is settled; it is not open for discussion or for us to choose, that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft--therefore we MUST be obedient, and that we as members of the body of Christ, MUST be subject unto Christ. He emphasized that Luke 9 included the words "...deny yourself..." and left us with a soul searching question, "Are you subject unto God?"

The Moderator then guided today's session into the business with the following reports:

STATE MISSION BOARD

Things currently going well around the state.
Looking for some target cities.

BOARD OF CAMPING

Report given by Horace Johnson. October is camp workday month. Much to do-Funds/Laborers needed

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Some work done to State Office. Carpet replaced.
Water problems corrected.

BOOKSTORE

Slowly progressing. Future still uncertain.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Lamar Parrish stated that the Council had met with Rev. James Sellars and Grace Church on June 21. The council recommends that Rev. James Sellars and the Grace Free Will Baptist Church be accepted into the fellowship of Union Association. M/S/C Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of Union Association to Grace Church and to Rev. James Sellars. The Council also recommends that we grant Rev. Alton Everson a letter of good standing to Martin Assn. M/S/C

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No report given.

UNION MISSION BOARD

No report given.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Recommend the following as officers for next 2 years:
Moderator - Rev. Glenn Thomas
Assistant Moderator - James Silvers
Clerk - Rev. Walter Brady
Assistant Clerk - Rev. Benny Smith
Ordaining Council - Rev. Bobby Whittaker
Union Mission Board - Rev. Robert Simpson
Leonard Bundy
Songleader - Rev. S.E. Newberry
Children's Home Rep - Curtis Gay
Youth Committee - Steve Faison-Chairman
Jeannine Silvers/Linda Gay
(Formed from Youth Rally/CTS Competition)
State Mission Board - Rev. Chuck Scarborough
State Camp Board - James Lane
State Christian Education Board - Rev. Lamar Parrish
State Trustee Board - C.K. Murphy
M/S/C to accept the entire slate.

Digest Committee

Churches	10	
Delegates	15	
Ministers	9	
Deacons	<u>10</u>	
Total	34	M/S/C

Finance Committee

Balance Brought Forward	\$1326.24
Dues	548.75
Offering	<u>40.43</u>
Total	\$1915.42

At this time the Moderator discussed the State Meeting. Horace Johnson volunteered to be a delegate, and others are to be appointed from those who can attend. The Moderator appointed a Minister's Retirement Committee (Horace Johnson-Chairman, Rev. S.E. Newberry, Rev. Lamar Parrish) to draw up guidelines for the disbursement of funds from the Minister's Retirement Fund and to present these at the next annual session. Rev. Parrish recommended that the Association encourage our people to attend the State Meetings. We then had a M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

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 September 26, 1987 at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Bring Them In," directed by LaRee Parrish, accompanied by Linda Gay at the piano. Prayer was offered by Rev. Lamar Parrish with a special request for Mrs. Eunice Hardin. Mrs. Marjorie Parrish gave everyone a very warm welcome. The morning offering was received.

Mrs. Lora Shutes, president, introduced our first speaker of the day, Rev. Glenn Thomas, pastor of Midway Free Will Baptist Church. He is a member of the Board Of Home Missions, former Home Missionary to the states of Kentucky and Michigan, and held pastorates in the states of Georgia, Michigan and Kentucky. Bro. Thomas' subject "THE OTHER SHEEP OF NORTH AMERICA" was ably presented. He charged us as Christians to have burdened hearts for the lost and to be committed to missions.

Mrs. Shutes called the business meeting to order and asked for the report of the credentials committee. The committee reported 5 auxiliaries reporting with representation dues paid. The delegates names were read and there was a motion, second and carried that the delegates be seated.

The president appointed the following committees:

REGISTRATION	-	LaRee Parrish Wanda Hand Nancy Hardin
CREDENTIALS	-	Jeannine Silvers
FINANCE	-	Brenda Lawson Evelyn Widner
RESOLUTIONS	-	Brenda Lawson Marjorie Parrish Gail Brady
NOMINATING	-	Inez Harrell LaRee Parrish Linda Gay Jeannine Silvers Margie Harris

There was a motion, second, and carried that these serve on the nominating committee.

The meeting recessed to give committees an opportunity to meet and conduct their business. Mrs. Geraldine Wade dismissed in prayer.

Mrs Shutes, again called the meeting to order with the congregation singing "Seeking The Lost." She then called for the committee reports.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	-	Jeannine Silvers, Chairman
Auxiliaries Reporting	-	5
Total Membership	-	59
Enrollment 1st. of year	-	55
New Members	-	4
Members lost	-	1
Present enrollment	-	59

There was a motion, second and carried to accept the report.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE	-	LaRee Parrish, Chairman
Auxiliaries represented	-	5
Local Presidents	-	5
District Officers	-	5
Visiting Ministers	-	2
Total Present	-	22

There Was a motion, second and carried to accept the report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE - Brenda Lawson, Chairman

1. We recommend that the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all district officers be published in the minutes annually.
2. We recommend that the meetings of this convention be held with the churches in alphabetical order.
3. That we give Fellowship auciliary a rising vote of thanks for hosting the district convention today.

There was a motion, second, and carried to accept the report and vote on the items one by one. All items passed without opposition.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE Linda Gay, Chairman

A new Constitution and By-Laws was presented to the conventio,. and there was a motion, second and carried to adopt the new Constitution and By-Laws.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE	-	Inez Harrell, Chairman
President	-	Lora Shutes 1803 Antioch Road Albany, Ga. 31705 Phone 435-5059

Vice-President	-	LaRee Parrish P.O. Box 69 Funston, Ga. 31753 Phone 941-5504
Secretary	-	Jeannine Silvers Rt. 4, Box 539 Albany, Ga. 31705 Phone 787-5948
Assistant Secretary	-	Wilma Davis Rt. 1, Box 233 Doerun, Ga. 31744 Phone 787-5793
Treasurer	-	Deborah Murphy Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga. 31768 Phone 985-6157
Assistant Treasurer	-	Linda Gay Rt. 4, Box 118 Moultrie, Ga. 31768 Phone 985-4793
Field Worker	-	Kathleen Thomas Rt. 4, Box 116 Moultrie, Ga. 31768 Phone 985-6366
Members-at-Large	-	Dorcas Scarborough Rt. 1, Box 60 Hartsfield, Ga. 31756 Phone 941-5276 Nancy Hardin Rt. 4, Box 156 Albany, Ga. 31705 Phone 776-7115 Connie Lacey Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768 Phone 985-2249

There being no further nominations there was a motion, second and carried that nominations cease and this slate of officers be elected.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Evelyn Widner, Chairman

An offering of \$30.00 was received and the committee's recommendation was to pay \$10.00 to the Union Association to help in printing the minutes. Motion, second and carried to accept their report. Due to illness the treasurer was unable to attend the meeting or submit a report so the following report was not approved by the body.

Balance on hand 9/30/86.....	\$ 140.78
Total Receipts.....	2434.02

Total.....\$2574.80
 Disbursements..... 2533.26
 Balance on Hand 9/30/87.....\$ 41.54

Members Fees.....\$ 112.00
 State Project..... 204.00
 Pre-Thanksgiving offering..... 64.75
 Bill Fulcher Account..... 130.00
 Luther Burns Account..... 65.00
 Ronald Wallace Account..... 36.00
 Pre-Easter Offering..... 55.00
 Sherwood Lee Account..... 150.00
 Mexican Pastors Fund..... 50.00
 Native Mission..... 12.00
 Debbie Griffin Account..... 445.00
 Dale Bishop Account..... 609.00
 Dot Harvey Loan Fund..... 77.00
 Special Projects for Students..... 42.00
 WNAC Emphasis Month offering..... 107.00
 Co.Laborer offering..... 74.82
 Eunice Edwards Loan Fund..... 87.00
 Retired Ministers..... 62.00
 Children's Homes..... 20.00
 Youth Camp and Projects..... 47.29
 Local Church Activities..... 782.94
 Auxiliary literature and supplies..... 409.97
 Other special offerings..... 93.58

Total Disbursements.....\$3786.35

Cash gifts sent directly to:

Foreign Missions..... 75.00
 Home Missions..... 36.55
 Children's Homes..... 30.00
 Youth Camp and projects..... 19.00

Total.....\$ 160.55

Non Cash Gifts:

Bible for high school graduate.....\$ 11.96
 Servicemen..... 30.00
 Children's Homes..... 50.00
 Missionary provision closet..... 82.94
 Debbie Griffin Shower..... 51.41
 Shower for burn out victim..... 45.00

Total non cash gifts.....\$ 271.31

Grand total disbursed.....\$ 4218.21

Mrs. Shutes appointed the following delegates to represent the district at the State Convention.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

Lora Shutes
Kathleen Thoman
Marjorie Parrish
Margie Harris
Brenda Lawson
Nancy Hardin
Jeannine Silvers
Connie Lacey
Linda Gay
Nina Johnson
Pauline Gay
Linda Faison

Mrs. Geraldine Wade gave a report on the National Convention, which met in Birmingham, Alabama in July.

The annual workshop will be held April 2, 1988 at the Bay Church. The annual convention will be held at the Cairo Church September 24, 1988.

The minutes of the meeting was read and there was a motion, second and carried to accept the minutes as read.

The program resumed with special music by the Sylvester Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Shutes introduced Mrs. Geraldine Wade, former missionary to Japan. Her topic was THE OTHER SHEEP OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA. Instead of speaking herself, she shared a tape of Missionary Robert Bryan, who was the speaker for the WNAC. Everyone enjoyed his message very much. The congregation sang "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" and after announcements were made, we were dismissed with prayer to enjoy a covered dish lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannine Silvers, Secretary

UNION ASSOCIATION MISCELLANEOUS REPORT SHEET

Church	Total Membership	Total Members Added	Received by Baptism	Received Other Ways	Lost by Letter	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Prayer Meeting Average Attendance	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Master's Men Enrollment	Value of Church	Value of Parsonage	Total Church Receipts	Cooperative Plan
BAY	82	2	0	2	2	38	NA	15	7	NA	150,000	50,000	21,085	3647
CAIRO	73	6	0	6	3	50	30	30	10	NA	160,000	20,000	17,936	1330
FELLOWSHIP	65	3	2	1	4	50	45	35	15	12	150,000	NA	21,242	6062
*GRACE	32	5	0	5	0	40	NA	?	NA	NA	200,000	NA	5,784	79
GREENWOOD	27	0	0	0	0	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	40,000	NA	?	563
MIDWAY	192	4	3	1	2	125	55	48	19	NA	150,000	30,000	53,382	7621
NEW HOPE	35	5	2	3	2	25	NA	15	NA	NA	45,000	NA	9,036	869
POULAN	37	1	1	0	0	37	37	NA	NA	NA	45,000	NA	?	707
PROCTOR CHAPEL	30	6	0	6	0	30	NA	10	NA	4	40,000	NA	5,760	00
SPRINGHILL	102	9	8	1	2	60	40	15	11	NA	100,000	45,000	9,769	00
SYLVESTER	53	1	1	0	0	27	NA	25	8	NA	60,000	NA	?	98

*Report for GRACE Church covers 3 months only.

UNION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP REPORT

The Union Association Youth Camp Session was held this year from August 2-7, 1987. A wonderful time was had by all who participated (counsellors, workers, and youth). There were a number of spiritual decisions and rededications. Actual statistics are not available for this record. Several requests were made to the appropriate persons with no response. I simply want to add that we will never know this side of eternity the tremendous importance of our camp sessions in the lives of our youth. May God bless each one who took part in providing this week for our youth in a very special way. I guarantee you on the authority of the Word of God that your sacrifice and labor of love will not go unrewarded. Thank you all who counselled, worked, cooked, provided transportation, or whatever you did. We look forward to an equally exciting time next year and promise you that recognition will be forthcoming in the future.

UNION ASSOCIATION MISSION CONFERENCE REPORT

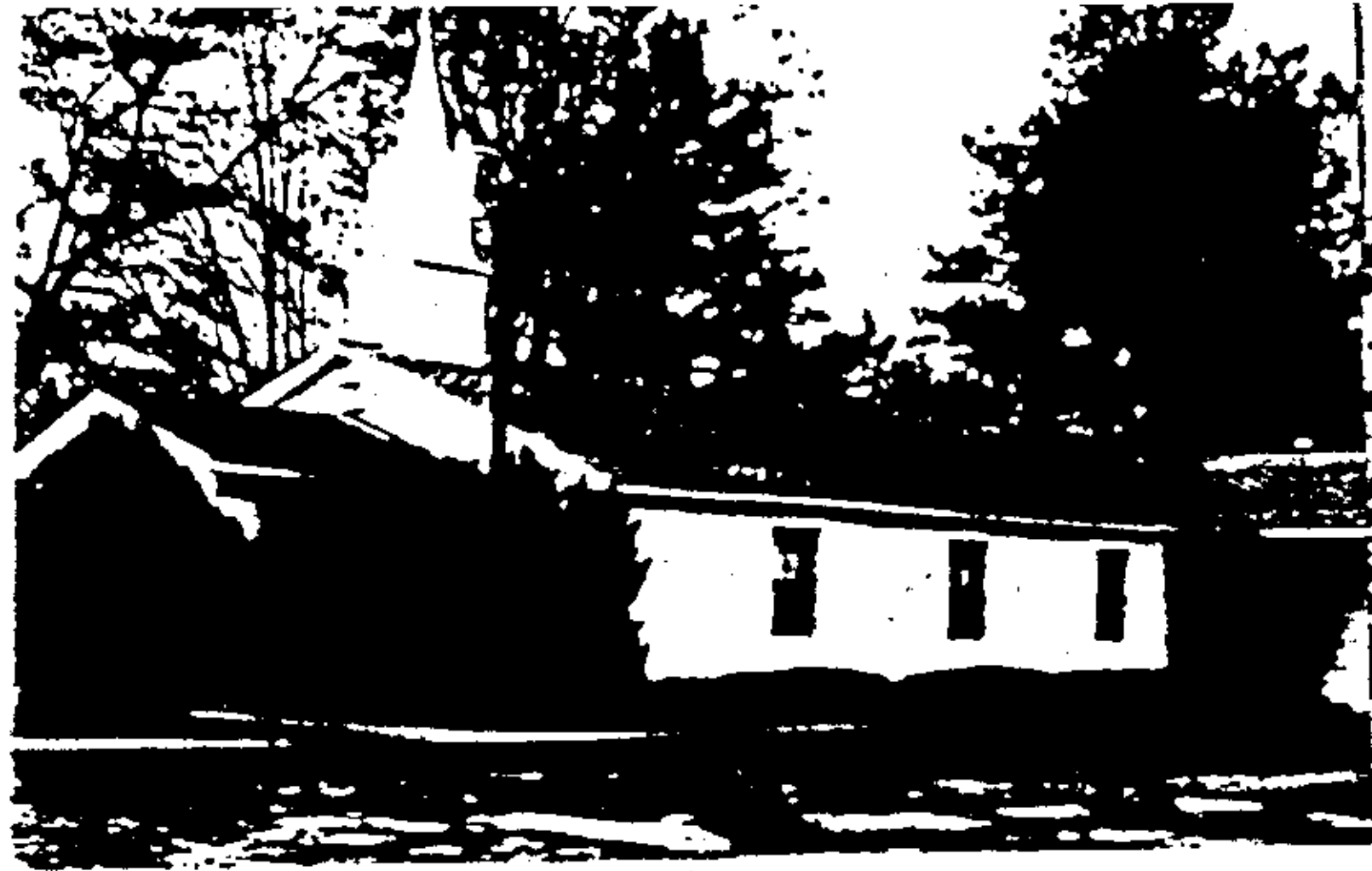
The Union Association Missions Conference was held May 10-13, 1987. The Conference activities commenced with a Missionary, Pastor, Deacon, Wives fellowship supper held at the Bay Church on Saturday May 9th. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all as we feasted upon fish and the trimmings. After a time of fellowship we shared in prayer especially for our conference. The conference was held and the following are the statistics from this year's session:

Missionaries: Home - Louie Nix
Bob White

Foreign - Don Sexton
Norman McFall

<u>Church</u>	<u>No. of Services</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Bay	2	?
Cairo	2	50.00
Fellowship	4	600.00
Greenwood	1	?
Midway	4	247.38
New Hope	1	?
Proctor Chapel	1	?
Springhill	4	?
Sylvester	1	?

As you can see from the report, there are a lot of unknown factors. We repeatedly requested the information from our churches without response. If you do not report to us your statistics, then we can not put your accomplishments in our minutes because they are unknown to us. You deserve to be recognized for everything you do. Let us know and we will let others know. Thank you all for your participation in this years conference. We look forward to them getting bigger and better every year.



CHURCH HISTORY
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST
CAIRO, GEORGIA

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Cairo was organized on July 25, 1951 with 20 members by Rev. K.V. Shutes of Camilla, Ga. (formerly of Alabama) and Rev. J.B. Bloss of Columbia, Tenn.

Rev. Shutes pastored from July 1951-53. Services were held in a tent on the Courthouse lawn, and then later were held in a small building across the street from the old Chevrolet dealership in downtown Cairo. In 1953 the land was purchased at the present location on Highway 84 (formerly 38 N/S Boulevard) for \$1000.00. It was here that the present church building was begun. The original church was a one room structure with a sawdust floor. These were good times back in 1953.

Then in 1967 the church borrowed \$10,000 to add the Sunday School Rooms, paint the outside, paint the inside, replace the roof, purchase carpet, and purchase a piano. This was a ten-year note which was paid off on July 20, 1973. (6 Years) In November 1975 the church bought a double-wide mobile home for use as a parsonage. This was on a ten-year note and was paid off on July 23, 1980. (4 years 7 months) In 1979 the church was remodeled inside. The walls were paneled halfway up and then plastered up to the ceiling. On Feb. 4, 1981 the church bought a used Dodge van for use in Children's Church and the Bus Ministry.

In March 1981 the church borrowed \$21,000 on a 20-year note for the purpose of extensive remodeling. The following was done: painted outside, added 32 feet to the front of the building, moved the entrance to the side, built church office and nursery, lengthened the sanctuary, bought padded pews, and other items. The Lord greatly blessed and the last payment of the note was paid on Dec. 5, 1983, thus repaying the 20 year note in 2 years 9 months. During 1983 the church also remodeled the entrance porch and paved the complete church drive.

At the Homecoming Services on July 24, 1983 the church had ground breaking services for an Annex, Educational, and Fellowship Building. This building is now complete except for some minor trim work inside. The eventual plans for this building may include a Christian Day Care Center. What of the future: Whatever God has for us. Let us claim Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish." The current seating capacity is approximately 200. The church growth has not been stupendous, but rather has been consistent down through the years.

A church is far more than just a building. The church is the people that make it up, give of their time and themselves, and provide a labor of love for the Lord and His people. While all members of the Body of Christ are important, it would be hard to recognize each one in a couple of pages. We hereby give thanks to each person who has ever had a part in the ministry of the Cairo Church. We give a special thanks to those mentioned below who have helped to direct the Cairo Church through the 36 years it has ministered to the Cairo community.

PASTORS:

Rev. K.V. Shutes	July 25, 1951 - Nov. 1, 1953
Rev. Woodrow Messex	Nov. 1, 1953 - Oct. 30, 1954
Rev. E.J. Wisham, Jr.	Nov. 19, 1954 - August, 1955
Rev. W.G. Turner	August, 1955 - Sept 29, 1957
Rev. Myrtice Goff	Sept 29, 1957 - Aug. 28, 1960
Rev. L.J. Baldwin	Sept 31, 1960 - Aug. 27, 1961
Rev. W.G. Turner	Oct. 1, 1961 - July 1963
Rev. Edwin L. Smith	July 1963 - October 1963
Rev. W.G. Turner	October 1963 - July 1972
Rev. Thomas Parish	March 1972 - July 1972
Rev. W.J. Plymel	July 16, 1972 - Dec. 29, 1974
Rev. Gerald Brown	Jan. 19, 1975 - July 6, 1975
Rev. B.H. Parish	July 13, 1975 - June 4, 1978
Rev. Marshall Kennedy	June 25, 1978 - March 1, 1980
Rev. B.H. Parish	July 30, 1980 - June 16, 1982
*Rev. Walter D. Brady	June 20, 1982 - Present Pastor

DEACONS:

Frank Parrish
 Rufus Ward
 Talmadge Sellars
 Abron Harrell
 Bennie Watson
 J.W. Watson
 Melton Harrell
 A.K. Lowe
 Howard Mobley
 Warner Wisham
 Roy Copeland
 Larry Turner
 Larry Watson
 Eric Mitchell
 Johnny Thomas
 *Ray Joyner
 *Kelvin Harrell
 L.C. Boyett

Gospel Sings were started
 on September 22, 1964.

CLERKS:

Ora Parrish
 Vivian Sellars
 Ora Parrish
 Betty Turner
 Pearl Watson
 Mable Wade
 Pearl Watson
 Wilma Harrell
 Gloria Batchelor
 Joyce Joyner
 Wilma Harrell
 Gloria Batchelor
 *Tamra Harrell

TREASURERS:

Rufus Ward
 J. Manning
 Abron Harrell
 *Inez Harrell

*Denotes current Church Officers as of January 1, 1988.

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 second ~~Saturday in the following months: February, May, August, and~~ 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) \$3.00 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.
