



1990

Minutes  
of the  
65th Session

Union Association  
of  
Georgia Free Will Baptists

Convening with  
Midway, New Hope, Poulan, Proctor Chapel  
Free Will Baptist Churches

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 (2) years (Odd calendar years) there shall be an election of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, & Assistant Clerk.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Springhill.....	February 9, 1991
Sylvester.....	May 11, 1991
Bay.....	August 10, 1991
Cairo.....	October 12, 1991
Fellowship.....	February 8, 1992
Grace.....	May 9, 1992

1990 MINUTES

65th SESSION

UNION ASSOCIATION  
of  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

convened with  
Midway, New Hope, Poulan, Proctor Chapel  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

1991 OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Glenn Thomas	1991
Rev. James Sellers	1991
Rev. Walter Brady	1991
Rev. Benny Smith	1991
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	1995

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Lamar Parrish	1991
Rev. Glenn Thomas	1992
Rev. Bobby Whittaker	1993

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(1991)

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Rev. Benny Smith 109 Ford Street Poulan, Ga. 31781	1993
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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	Church St, 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. Bobby Whittaker P.O. Box 214 Reynolds, Georgia 31076 (912) 847-3788	New Hope

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Curtis Gay	RR 1, Hartsfield, Ga. 31756
Hayward McRae	RR 1, Moultrie, Ga. 31768
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CAIRO

Kelvin Harrell	RR 2, Box 307, Cairo, Ga. 31728
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Jimmy Don Eunice	Rt 5 Box 235, Moultrie, Ga. 31728
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ROLL OF DEACONS (Cont.)

GREENWOOD

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Price Irvin	RR 3, Camilla, Ga.	31730
Donald Harris	RR 3, Camilla, Ga.	31730

MIDWAY

Darrell Gay	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Roscoe Gay	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Charles Harper	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
William Lewis	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Kenneth Murphy	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Enoch Parrish	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Grady Sloan	Rt 6, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Farrell Tucker	Rt 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768

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Fondon Wooten	P.O. Box 184, Coolidge, Ga.	31738
Wilford Tucker	917 15th St, SW, Moultrie, Ga.	31768
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POULAN

Wayne Carlton	RR 1, Poulan, Ga.	31781
James Powell	608 N. Livingston St, Sylvester, Ga.	31791
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UNION ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 1990

Balance brought forward from December 31, 1989 \$1,584.01

DUES RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:

February 10, 1990	303.50	
May 12, 1990	470.50	
August 11, 1990	418.75	
October 13, 1990	<u>553.25</u>	
	1,746.00	1,746.00

REGULAR OFFERINGS RECEIVED:

February 10, 1990	55.00	
May 12, 1990	65.38	
August 11, 1990	43.70	
October 13, 1990	<u>51.05</u>	
	215.13	215.13

DESIGNATED GIVING:

February 10, 1990	20.00	
May 12, 1990	20.00	
August 11, 1990	20.00	
October 13, 1990	<u>20.00</u>	
	80.00	80.00

Total monies to account for: \$3,575.14

Balance on hand December 31, 1990 \$ 614.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Check	Amount	Purpose
233	50.00	Ga. State Assn. - Camp Deposit
234	31.50	Flowers by Barrett (Rice Funeral)
235	10.00	Moderator's Honorarium
236	15.00	Clerk's Honorarium
237	54.60	Mr. William Lewis (Committee of 10 Mileage)
238	195.00	Georgia State Association 10% Coop = 45.00 Crowsons = 150.00 (50.00/Mo x 3)
239	45.00	Moultrie Federal - Minister's Retirement
240	72.50	Union Youth Committee 50.00 Gift + 22.50 (5% Dues)
241	27.05	U.S. Postmaster
242	**.**	VOID
243	15.00	Clerk's Honorarium
244	10.00	Moderator's Honorarium
245	250.00	Kenneth Faison - Love Gift
246	250.00	Dale & Sandra Bishop (Ga. State Assn.)
247	**.**	VOID
248	50.00	Georgia State Assn. - 10% Coop
249	150.00	Georgia State Assn. - Crowsons (50 x 3)
250	50.00	Moultrie Federal - Minister's Retirement
251	25.00	Union Youth Committee
252	20.00	Georgia State Assn. - Designated Giving
253	40.00	U.S. Postmaster - Envelopes & Postage
254	10.00	Moderator's Honorarium
255	15.00	Clerk's Honorarium
256	55.00	Moultrie Federal - Minister's Retirement
257	25.00	Moultrie Federal - Safe Box Rental (#209)
258	**.**	VOID
259	215.00	Georgia State Association Crowsons - 150.00 (50 x 3) Children's Home - 10.00 10% Coop - 55.00
260	527.50	Union Youth Committee 27.50 (5% Dues) 500.00 (For Camp Use)
261	100.00	Moultrie Federal - Minister's Retirement Designated by Greenwood Church
262	375.00	1990 Minutes (200 Copies-Supplies/Expenses)
263	37.51	Clerk Telephone Reimbursement 1990
264	15.00	Moderator's Honorarium
265	25.00	Clerk's Honorarium
266	375.00	Georgia State Association Crowsons - 150.00 (50 x 3) State Dues - 45.00 (15 x 3) National Repr. Fee (11 x 10.00) 10% Coop - 60.00 Children's Home - 10.00
267	60.00	Moultrie Federal - Minister's Retirement
268	30.00	Union Youth Committee (5% Dues)

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1990

\$ 3,225.66

## 1990 Union Association Report Sheet

Church Name	Total Members	Members Baptism	Members Letter	Members Lost	Sunday School Membership	CTS Membership	Prayer Meeting	Women's Auxillary	Master's Men	Church Value	Parsonage Value	Church Recelpts	Co-op * Giving
Bay	49	0	3	1	45	NA	Y	NA	NA	200,000	40,000	21,479	2122
Calro	70	3	4	3	35	20	Y	10	NA	200,000	20,000	16,500	0
Fellowship	63	0	0	2	53	43	Y	14	10	150,000	NA	22,643	4505
Grace	48	0	8	0	41	NA	Y	NA	NA	200,000	NA	30,811	3426
Greenwood	25	0	0	0	6	NA	Y	NA	NA	50,000	NA	?	655
Midway	188	5	7	8	125	50	Y	14	NA	225,000	30,000	65,778	12,150
New Hope	39	0	1	0	25	NA	Y	NA	NA	50,000	NA	17,463	1459
Poulan	35	0	0	0	35	35	Y	NA	NA	70,000	NA	?	550
Proctor Chapel	45	1	0	2	20	NA	Y	NA	6	60,000	NA	9,240	80
Springhill	123	12	12	6	45	30	Y	10	NA	100,000	45,000	13,129	1642
Sylvester	70	0	0	0	50	NA	Y	13	7	80,000	NA	?	30
Mission Board													1070
Union Assn.													1640
ASSN TOTALS	755	21	46	22	480	178	11	61	23	1,355,000	195,000	197,043	29,249

Tabulated from data taken from church letters.

Where information was incomplete, existing data was taken and pro-rated to project yearly totals.

\*Represents Coop Designated/Undesignated



## FIRST QUARTER

February 10, 1990

The Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on Saturday, February 10, 1990 with the Midway Free Will Baptist Church. Officers for this session were as follows:

Moderator - Rev. Glenn Thomas  
Songleader - Rev. S.E. Newberry  
Pianist - Mrs. Connie Lacey  
Clerk - Rev. Walter Brady.

This session was opened with the immortal classic "How Great Thou Art" followed with our opening prayer by our clerk, Rev. Walter Brady. A welcome was then extended to all by our Moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas and the speaker for the morning devotion was introduced.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Elzie Franks, pastor of Cairo, speaking on the theme of the day, "Worship", addressing the thought, Worship through Prayer. Rev. Franks brought a very examining message containing the following highlights: "Do we really worship the Lord with our prayers? Jesus gave His disciples instructions to pray and faint not, Paul commanded us to pray without ceasing, and we are to always pray for God's will to be done in our lives. He reminded us that the Bible says the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. He reiterated that in order for our prayers to have power and purpose, we must pray in the Spirit. Rev. Franks emphasized that our Christian life is only as strong as our prayer life. He closed with these final thoughts: There is power in prayer, prayer is the basis for any revival, we are commanded not to pray only for our loved ones, but also our enemies, and that our churches must return to Prayer. Real prayer will open our hearts and pocketbooks to the needs of others around us."

After this stimulating opening message we turned our attention to the business order of the day. The church letters were received and the delegates seated, the roll call of minis-

ters and deacons was held, the roll call of churches was read, visitors were welcomed to this session, and the minutes of the last session and the executive board meeting were read and adopted. M/S/C that Bill Lewis represent Union Association on the State Office Relocation Committee and that his travel needs be met according to our standard policy of .20 per mile. We were then dismissed for a brief time of fellowship with prayer by Bill Lewis.

The session reconvened for the morning worship service with the musical introduction "Majesty". Our songleader for the morning worship service was Mrs. Debra Murphy. Special music was provided by Mrs. Murphy singing, "The Love of God". The offering was received with Rev. Bobby Whitakker and Bill Lewis serving as ushers with Rev. Whitakker leading in the offertory prayer. The offertory hymn was "The Longer I Serve Him".

The morning message was brought by our Moderator and host pastor, Rev. Glenn Thomas. Rev. Thomas continued the theme worship, addressing the subject, Worship through Praise. After reading Psalm 150, he commented that the last five Psalms all have to do with worship. He pointed out that the simple phrase in the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father..." cost the very blood of Christ in order to be uttered. When the scripture says "Praise ye the Lord, the reference is to Jehovah God and we are to worship all He is and all He does. We are to give praise, not merely noise. It is the Blood of Christ that gives the ability to worship through redemption. Rev. Thomas defined praise as: adoration, magnify, to lift up, to honor. In Acts 17, Paul gladly revealed the true God as one worthy of worship. One of the greatest sins of Israel was they forgot God. Rev. Thomas emphasized that we cannot worship God without recognizing His majesty. Empty prayer becomes empty praise. He encouraged us

to restore the glory to our worship by acquainting ourselves with God. In John 4 their worship was meaningless because they knew not what they worshiped. Therefore Jesus revealed to them that the need was to worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Rev. Thomas also shared the thought that when worship stops, evangelism and teaching stops. In order to see people saved, we must travail in pain and anguish. The crying need of this generation is for our churches to be taught who God is! When Moses went before Pharaoh, he only had a stick in his hand, but he had God in his heart. Rev. Thomas closed this heart-touching message with these thoughts: God is still God, He is still on the throne, and He still knows our needs. Rev. 5 teaches that everything in Heaven worships Him, and that we are to worship Him as well.

After this truly revealing message on worship through praise, we were dismissed for lunch and fellowship with the prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

After lunch, we reconvened for the afternoon session with the song "Amazing Grace" followed with prayer by Rev. James Sellers, pastor of Grace Church. A thank you card was then read from the family of Mrs. J.B. Rice regarding flowers sent to her funeral on behalf of Union Association in commemoration of her years of faithful service as clerk.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Gerald Brown, pastor of Springhill Church, speaking on the subject of "Worship through Preaching." He stated that we should not be nearly as grieved at the death of Christ as well should be glad that He lived. Rev. Brown shared that many would not believe in Christ's Day except they actually saw with their own eyes. He pointed out that sometimes the Word of God makes you think, other times it makes you choose.

After this third enriching message of the day, we turned to the afternoon business. A letter of thanks was read from the Crowsons, Missionaries to

France, in appreciation for our giving to their account faithfully.

The following reports were given:

STATE MISSION BOARD - Benny Smith. He read a letter from Rev. Chuck Scarborough concerning the status of our various mission works in the state. Tifton has new pastor, Rev. William Smith, Athens needs prayer. Dublin facing the possibility of closing and reforming.

UNION MISSION - No formal meeting held. Still testing Thomasville for a possible mission work. Ad to run in the near future. At the last Home Mission Sunday in Nov. only three churches participated. Foreign Mission Sunday - last Sun. in April.

CAMP BOARD - Now have new roof on the dining room.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - No Report

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - No Report

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Youth Rally set for May 5th at Fellowship Church. March 30-April 1 is the State Youth Retreat at Camp for ages 12-18. Cost = \$18.00

ORDAINING COUNCIL - Request from the Cairo Church to accept Rev. Elzie Franks into Association pending receipt of letter from Martin Assn

#### DIGEST COMMITTEE

Churches	11
Ministers	10
Deacons	11
Delegates	23
Total Delegation	55
Visitors	3

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bal. Forward	\$1534.01
Dues Rcvd	303.50
Offering	55.00
Total	\$1892.51



SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE - Reports a balance of \$1184.18 in the Union Association Minister's Retirement Fund. Propose making a form for our churches to report their retired ministers and minister's widows. M/S/C

ACTION TAKEN ON EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Voted to fund youth activities with 5% of Association Dues. Voted to hold Union Assn. Fellowship Revival as proposed.

MISCELLANEOUS - A clarification was made concerning Union Assn. Foreign Missions Sunday. This is the last Sunday in April, not in May as thought by some.

Banner is awarded to Grace Church for highest attendance percentile at this meeting.

Rising vote of thanks to host church for their hospitality. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Benny Smith.

#### 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 UPKEEP 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 using the pool for the 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 the camp grounds.
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

## S E C O N D   Q U A R T E R

May 12, 1990

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia met on Saturday, May 12, 1990 with New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. In the absence of our Moderator and Clerk, Rev. James Sellers served as Moderator and Rev. Benny Smith served as Clerk. Rev. S.E. Newberry served as songleader and Mrs. Betty Barnes served as pianist. Services started with the song "Joy Unspeakable" followed with prayer by Rev. Elzie Franks.

After some opening remarks by today's Moderator, Rev. Sellers introduced our speaker for the morning devotion, Mrs. Sandra Bishop. Mrs. Bishop started the devotion by telling of her husband and their work in Japan. She also told about Japan and the need in Japan because there are so few Bible believing churches there. Her text for today was 2 Kings 7:3. She used the thought that God meets our needs and has blessed us. Therefore we should share what God has blessed us with, and we need to pray for missions, our pastors, and one another. She said we need to learn to "give". We need to use what God has given us to share with others. Another thought from the text was we "do not well" when we do not share. Mrs. Bishop closed the devotion by asking everyone to share what God had blessed them with and to support missions.

After this wonderful message we received the church letters and seated the delegates; then had the roll call of ministers and deacons. We then had a count of members from each church to award the attendance banner. Our Moderator then welcomed visitors to this session of Union Association. Our visitors were Mrs. Sandra Bishop, missionary to Japan, and Rev. William Smith, missionary pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton. The minutes of the last session, the Fellowship Revival, and the Executive Board meeting were read and adopted. The Moderator then appointed committees as follows:

DIGEST: Guyton Adams, Leo Porter, Glenn Etheredge.

FINANCE: Donald Harris, Pauline Gay, Edwin Smith.

At this time Rev. Chuck Scarborough gave a report on the Double in a Decade Program sponsored by the Home Missions Department. He asked all pastors to participate and to read the mail they receive concerning this. At this time we were dismissed for fellowship by Rev. James Sellers.

The session reconvened for the morning worship with the song "Jesus Saves" followed by prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish. The song "Send the Light" was sung, followed by the receiving of today's offering. The ushers for today were Bro. Curtis Gay and Bro. Guyton Adams. The offertory prayer was by Bro. Curtis Gay. Special music was provided by Rev. Bobby Whittaker singing "Jesus was man, yet He was God". The morning message was then brought by guest speaker, Rev. William Smith, mission pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton. Using John 4:23-42 for a text, and the thought "The sinner that became a missionary" he pointed out that we were all sinners and needed a Saviour, and that without Christ, all are lost. He stated that the book of John tells a lot about missions, and that Jesus was a missionary to the sinner. He asked us to notice the changed sinner and that it was Christ that made the change in each of us. The woman at the well heard of the Messiah and also told of the Messiah. He said we need to reach out to the sinner and minister to the sinner and not to be a respecter of persons. The woman at the well compelled other sinners to come and see. When someone sees a change in someone else, they want to



see what caused it. When the church is doing something, the community wants to see what is going on. He said that we as saints need to be concerned about spiritual needs as well as physical. Rev. Smith encouraged us to be faithful to God's work, to be witnesses for Christ anywhere and everywhere, and to be missionaries, at home and abroad. He closed by encouraging everyone present to support Foreign and Home missions. After this wonderful message, Rev. Bobby Whittaker, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone and told of the provisions for lunch. We were then dismissed for lunch by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

After a wonderful lunch and fellowship, we reconvened for the afternoon session with the song "Only trust Him". We then had a special treat with special music by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Rev. James Sellers, Rev. S.E. Newberry, and Rev. William Smith singing "O the glory did roll". The afternoon message was presented by Rev. Chuck Scarborough, continuing the theme for today: "MISSIONS". Rev. Scarborough used for his text Acts 17:15-16. His thought was that we ought to be stirred when we listen to the Holy Spirit. He also stated that many times we let other things stand in the way of our doing for the Lord. He said that we need not only to have a field, but that we need to work that field. He closed by asking each of us to pray that God would use us.

After this encouraging message we then directed our attention to the business of today. The following reports were given:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - No Report

STATE MISSION BOARD - Tifton church doing well. Riverdale (Burns) in the new church building. Athens church is interviewing two men for pastor. Albert Rawlings is now at Dublin, and Northside Church in Atlanta is moving to a new local.

UNION MISSION BOARD - 1991 is the year for the next conference. Input is needed to make plans.

UNION CAMP BOARD - Duct is in for air conditioning. A drain line was added and a new top put on canteen. Next workday 1st Saturday in June. State Teen Camp June 10-15 Union/Twin Cities Camp August 5-10. Bro. Chuck challenged churches to help with funds to repair the camp roofs. Bro. Lamar reported the air conditioning would be ready by camptime.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - No Report

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Youth Activities in two weeks

ORDAINING COUNCIL - No Report

UNION YOUTH COMM. - Thank you for the 5% of dues given them. Report on the Youth Rally held at Fellowship Offering at youth rally given to Bishops.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD- No Report

EXECUTIVE BOARD - Report was read earlier with the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE	- Balance forward	1643.41
	Offerring	65.38
	Dues	470.50
	Designated Giving	<u>20.00</u>
	Total	2199.29

DIGEST COMMITTEE	- Churches represented	8
	Delegated present	21
	Deacons present	7
	Ministers present	<u>7</u>
	Total Delegates	35
	Visitors	2

Attendance banner was awarded to Greenwood Church for the highest percentile of members present. It was mentioned that Rev. Kenneth Faison was in very bad health and that he had high medical costs. We need to pray for him and support this faithful servant of the Lord. Rev. Lamar Parrish moved that we send \$250.00 to Bro. Faison and given \$250.00 to the Bishops. MSC A move was entertained to give the host church a standing vote of appreciation. MSC. There being no further business to attend to, we had a MSC to adjourn and were dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Benny Smith,  
Assistant Clerk

## THIRD QUARTER

August 11, 1990  
Poulan

The Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia met Saturday, August 11, 1990 with the Poulan Free Will Baptist Church. Those directing this session of Union Association were Moderator: Rev. Glenn Thomas, Clerk: Rev. Walter Brady, Songleader: Rev. S.E. Newberry, and Pianist: Ms. Marsha Powell. This session opened with the song, "There is Power in the Blood" followed with prayer by Rev. Robert Simpson. We then had opening remarks and a welcome by both the Moderator and the host pastor, Rev. Benny Smith.

The morning devotion was presented by our Songleader and also the Pastor of Greenwood Church, Rev. S.E. Newberry. His message dealt with the thought: "The Word Goes Forth", using the scripture from Mark 4:14-20. In this passage of scripture we find the parable of the Sower and the Seed. In his message, Rev. Newberry presented the following: The Question: "Why don't we assemble together?" What are we accomplishing and what aren't we? He emphasized that results take place when the Word goes out! He lamented the shallowness of Christianity today (having no depth of the Word and the Word having no root in our lives), the thorns of this life (problems, cares, riches-stressing that we are not to let things hinder us in our service for the Lord), and then closed with a look at the fruitful life giving us this simple equation: salvation + dedication = fruitfulness. Rev. Newberry reiterated the fact that the Word will keep us from the world or the world will keep us from the Word. The Word will still do his job if we will simply do ours. Rev. Newberry closed this revealing time of sharing the Word of God with prayer.

We then turned our attention to the preliminary business of Union Association. The followed items were attended to: 1)Received the Church Letters, 2)Seated the Delegates, 3)Had the Roll Call of Ministers and Deacons, 4)Had the Roll Call of Churches, 5)Read the Minutes of the Last Session, and 6)Read a thank you note from the Faisons regarding the \$250.00 Love Gift given them. The Moderator then appointed the following committess:

DIGEST: Chairman-Kenneth Murphy, Dorcas-Scarborough, Mrs. Odell Irwin

FINANCE: Chairman-Rev. James Sellers, Irene Boyd, Mary Etheredge

We then dismissed for a time of fellowship.

After a wonderful time of fellowship, we reconved for the express purpose of worshipping Him whose business we had come to take care of today. We opened our worship time with the song, "Whosoever Meaneth Me" followed with prayer by Rev. Edwin Smith. The morning offering was received with Rev. Chuck Scarborough and Glenn Etherdge serving as ushers and Rev. Glenn Thomas praying the offertory prayer. The offertory music was a beautiful instrumental rendition of the song "O Come Angel Band". Special music was then provided by Miss Deana Smith singing, "Jesus will be what makes it Heaven for me."

The Morning Message was delivered by Rev. Benny Smith, Pastor of Poulan Church, Assistant Clerk of Union Association and also Secretary/Treasurer of the Union Mission Board. Rev. Smith used for this text 1 Corinthians 1:2 and presented the following thoughts in his message:

1. That it is good to take care of the business of God, to fellowship



with one another, but it is best to worship God.

2. All those that God has called, have been called for a particular job. Looking at Bible History, some called to be kings, prophets, judges, etc., but all called to be saints.
3. We are called to walk holy before the Lord. Need to start the day with God, to go forth with the Word on our mind, and the Lord in our heart. It takes a holy calling to do a holy work.
4. God still hears and answers prayer.

Rev. Smith closed with this thought: We should live with Jesus, live for Jesus, and live like Jesus. Saints of God - Live your calling! After this time of sharing from the Word of God, Rev. Smith closed his message with prayer. We then were given the details concerning lunch and were dismissed for lunch and fellowship by our Moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas.

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Where He Leads, I'll Follow" followed with prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish. The afternoon devotion was by Rev. Robert Simpson, pastor of Proctor Chapel. Rev. Simpson spoke on "The Unmatched Statement", Philippians 1:21 "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain." Rev. Simpson made the following points in his message: 1) Paul turned poverty into praise, 2) a prison in a prayer-meeting, and 3) problems into prospects. How? By his total commitment to God and by his being in a constant spirit of prayer. The message was closed out with prayer by Rev. Benny Smith.

We then directed our attention to the reports of Union Association:

Executive Secretary:	No report.
State Mission Board:	Report given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. No meeting. Athens-has no man yet, still looking. Dublin-doing good. Had 12 campers. Albert Rawlings now pastoring at Dublin. Riverdale (Burns) now in building. Tifton-Doing good. Rev. William Smith, pastor. Rex Lynn at Rome as Associate Missionary.
Union Mission Board:	Needs to meet after this session briefly.
Double In a Decade:	Rev. Glenn Thomas gave the report. Stressed that this program would work through the existing missions programs of our denomination.
Camp Board:	Air Conditioning work is finished. Roof has been put on the cafeteria and canteen. Camp Board to meet August 18th. He then gave the reports for this year's camp sessions. This year had a total of 7 sessions involving 9 assns. The following statistics were given: 311 campers, 77 workers, 37 visitors, 37 salvation decisions, 49 other decisions, total of 54 other commitments. The following statistics were given regarding the Union/Twin Cities Camp: 53 campers, 16 workers, 4 visitors, Total of 73 persons. 4 salvation decisions, 6 rededications, and 22 total commitments to some sort of Christian service.



Finance Report:	Balance Brought Forward	\$1312.74	
	Offering today	43.70	
	Dues	418.75	
	Total	\$1775.19	M/S/C

At this time Rev. Gerald Brown made a motion that Union Association give \$500 to Camp Mt. Bethel for roofing needs. M/S/C.

Trustees: Comments on the proposed moving of the State Office.  
 Christian Education: Rev. Lamar Parrish-Announced that the State Assn was having a seminar on Thursday at 1:30 regarding Churches and the Tax Laws. He recommended that all pastors and church treasurers attend this seminar if at all possible.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Lamar Parrish-Spoke of the Assn. Constitution. Mentioned that the Ordaining Council has counselled with Rev. Ronnie Lawson concerning his attendance at the Association Meetings. Rev. Lawson has pledged to be more diligent regarding this. A prayer of support for Rev. Lawson was led by Rev. James Sellers. M/S/C.

Union Youth Committee: No rally held since last session. The next rally is scheduled for October 6th. The Union Association Youth Committee mentioned the possibility of the Union Assn. Youth having one of our Assn. Programs. M/S/C.

SuperAnnuation Board: Reports a current balance of \$1312.09.

Digest Committee:	Churches in Association	11	
	Churches represented	10	
	Ministers	11	
	Deacons	8	
	Delegates	21	
	Total Delegation	40	M/S/C

Miscellaneous: Pay Mileage for the Executive Board members to their meetings.

Attendance Banner awarded to Greenwood Church. M/S/C for the Executive Board to plan a program to involve our youth. The Feb 1991 session will be at Springhill Church. Possibility of having the puppet ministry of the Sylvester Church as part of the program.

Miscellaneous: A Motion/Second was put forth for the association to appoint a committee to look at the feasibility of moving the State Office to the Camp if the State Association fails to settle upon Macon as the new location of the State Office. After some discussion this Motion/Second was withdrawn.

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A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the host church for their hospitality. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Leonard Dunlap.

-WDB-

## FOURTH QUARTER

October 13, 1990

The Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia met with Proctor Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 13, 1990. Rev. Glenn Thomas served as Moderator, Rev. Walter Brady as Clerk, Rev. S.E. Newberry as Songleader, and Mrs. Betty Barnes as Pianist. The session opened with the song "More About Jesus" followed with prayer by our Georgia State Executive Secretary, Rev. Herbert Waid. The Moderator then extended a welcome to all present and we were also welcomed by our host pastor, Rev. Robert Simpson.

The Morning Devotion was presented by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Pastor of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Whittaker used for his text Luke 11:1-4, and Luke 9:28-29, speaking on the subject of "the Transfiguration". Rev. Whittaker described the transfiguration as a change in the countenance of Jesus, and stated that when Jesus prayed, his countenance was altered. He emphasized that prayer will change things in our lives as well. He stressed the fact that the Lord leads each Christian, that Luke's gospel deals with the human side of Christ, that Luke dealt greatly with the prayer life of our Lord, and that no one ever prayed like Jesus. He reiterated that Christ is still praying for us today in His High Priestly ministry at the right hand of God. In his message, Rev. Whittaker made the following points: 1)the Possibilities of Prayer - accomplished through the relationship of adoption, 2)our Attitude in prayer - must be sincere and in a spirit of worship (hallowedness), and 3)the Goal of all prayer - thy will be done. He noted that some things are God's will for all believers, but that God also has an individual will for each Christian. He encouraged each of us to yield to the will of God in our lives, and closed with a fervent reminder that lack of prayer is killing us and our churches. Rev. Whittaker closed in prayer asking that God would teach us to pray more.

After this heart-searching devotion (message) we then began the business of the day with the receiving of the church letters, the roll call of ministers and deacons, the roll call of churches and attendance, the welcoming of visitors, the reading of the minutes of the last session, and the calling for Petitionary Letters, of which there were none. The Moderator then appointed committees as follows:

DIGEST: Chairman-Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Teresa Halloway, Cleo Goff

FINANCE: Chairman-Rev. Benny Smith, Estelle Ennis, Mary Etheredge

NOMINATING: Chairman-Rev. Elzie Franks, Ted Simpson, Kenneth Murphy

After this, we were then dismissed for a time of fellowship with prayer by Kenneth Murphy.

The morning worship service convened with the song "I'll be a Friend to Jesus" followed with prayer by Donald Harris; the song service continued with the songs "Heavenly Sunlight" and "I must tell Jesus". The offering was received with Glenn Etheredge and Ted Simpson serving as ushers with the offertory prayer by our Moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas. The offertory instrumental was by Mrs. Betty Barnes and was entitled "I know a man who can." Special music was then provided by Rev. Robert Simpson singing "I know my Saviour Cares."



The Morning Message was by our Clerk, Rev. Walter Brady, using Acts 16 for his text, speaking on the subject: Christians with atomic bomb testimonies and firecracker lives. He stressed the need for Holy living so our lives might be empowered with the spirit of God, that when we live as we should, things happen when we pray, and people will take notice that something is different about those who name the name of Christ. He closed with the thought that many so-called Christians today would be terrified if God were to actually speak to them and do something with their lives. After this time of sharing from the Word of God, we were welcomed to lunch by the host pastor, Rev. Robert Simpson, and the prayer of blessing upon the food and fellowship was offered by Rev. S.E. Newberry, our songleader and also pastor of Greenwood Church.

After a wonderful time of fellowship around the table, we reconvened for the afternoon session. Rev. Bobby Whittaker served as pianist and Rev. Newberry led the congregation in the song "I would not be denied" followed with prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. The afternoon devotion was by Rev. Elzie Franks, pastor of Cairo Church. Rev. Franks shared the following thoughts in his devotion: 1) Christians have the most perfect power and absolute authority of any people on the earth, 2) We must stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, 3) we dare not become entangled again in the things of the world, 4) that God wants US, not our leftovers. After this third message of exhortation for the day, the Moderator then guided this session of Union Association into the business at hand. The following reports were given:

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** October 14th-Laura Belle Barnard Day, Stressed the importance of Coop giving, successful couples retreat.  
Sept 8th-Committee of Ten-finished work on the proposed State Office move-report to be given at the State Assn. Announced that the current state income did not have the money required for the move, and did not want to bother any existing ministries, and that alternate funding would include borrowing the money from a bank or by gifts from our churches for this purpose. Rev. Waid also mentioned that some might be able to purchase the land and donate, etc. M/S/C.

**STATE MISSION BOARD:** Report was given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.  
Burns work in Atlanta progressing.  
Dublin-Albert Rawlings-increasing monthly.  
Tifton-Rev. William Smith-seems to be increasing.  
Atlanta-Brian Ray-Seeking to reach Buppies (black urban professionals)  
Rex Lynn at Rome as an Associate Missionary.  
Athens-looking at a man-still undecided.

**UNION MISSION BOARD:** Board needs to meet today after session complete.  
1991 Missions Conference plans in the works (May)  
Encourage support of our missionaries  
No developments yet on Thomasville. M/S/C  
Rev. Benny Smith encouraged churches that give to the Home Missions Day the last Sunday of November to be sure to advise the Mission Board of their response so they can receive proper credit in our records.

CAMP BOARD: Rev. William Smith is the Grounds Director, use of the camp should be coordinated with him. Boys dorm now shingled. Still need to finish work on the shelters. Word of appreciation for Assn. support of camp. M/S/C.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Going to paint the outside of the State Office. M/S/C

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Report given by Rev. Lamar Parrish. Board met in August. Planned the 1991 Competitive activities, Youth Retreat, Speakers were lined up for the couples retreat and the Minister's retreat. Thursday afternoon at 1:30 at the State Assn. -Tax Laws and Churches - encouraged all pastors and treasurers to attend.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Rally planned for Saturday, October 19-20. Friday night campout with a rally Saturday morning. M/S/C

ORDAINING COUNCIL: No report.

SUPERANNUATION BD: Balance on hand of \$1478.86.

DIGEST COMMITTEE:

Churches represented	10	
Delegates present	16	
Deacons present	8	
Ministers present	10	
Visitors present	<u>1</u>	
Total Delegation	43	M/S/C

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 927.69	
Dues	553.25	
Offering	<u>51.05</u>	
Total	\$1531.99	M/S/C

NOMINATING COMM: Ordaining Council-Rev. Bobby Whittaker-succeed himself  
Mission Board-Rev. Chuck Scarborough-succeed himself  
State Camp Board-James Silvers to replace Lester Lane  
Guyton Adams if James Silvers unable.

DELEGATES TO STATE: 1. Guyton Adams, 2. Kathaleen Thomas, 3. Pauline Gay  
Moderator empowered to appoint others as required.

MISCELLANEOUS: Banner awarded to Greenwood Church for highest percentile of attendance.  
Cairo Church-song service tonight  
Fellowship Church-begins revival tomorrow night  
Dismissed with prayer by Guyton Adams.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Walter Brady - Clerk

## Greenwood Church History

The Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church was organized on Christmas Day, 1892 with fifteen members on roll. Rev. Wit Sellers was called as the first pastor. After three years of meeting in a school house, a church was built. Contributors to this first church building were J.T. Lee, Richard Lewis, Clay Davis, Wit Sellers, and others, Two acres of land were purchased for the church. One acre of the land was nicely timbered, and this timber was sold about 1935 to put a metal roof on the church building.

Rev. C.G. Harvey was called as pastor in 1937 and served through 1946. In 1937 a move was made to repair the church in general and the work was completed in 1939. Results of this work were: new weather boarding, painted inside and outside, electric lights were added, and a choir loft built. The parsonage was built in 1943 and the youth camp, which now serves as Sunday School rooms and social hall has been added. Greenwood built a new church in 1957 and was dedicated March 3, 1957 by Rev. Paul Irvin. Greenwood has continued to add and build. The church has been remodeled inside with new pews and a new sound system. Rev. S.E. Newberry is the present pastor and has been serving Greenwood Church for eight years.

Jake Singleton, Clerk  
November 10, 1990



## SUPERANNUATION BOARD GUIDELINES

Recommendation that the Union District Association amend the Constitution and By-Laws to add the section "SUPERANNUATION FUND" and to allow for the election of a board to consist of three (3) members, to oversee the fund which would allow that:

- SECTION 1: Retired ministers who have served the Union Association for a period of at least five (5) years, are members of the Association and are in good standing with the Association, will be given a quarterly supplement of money (the amount to be decided annually by the Board as funds are available) when they shall have attained the age of sixty-five (65) years.
- SECTION 2: Any qualified minister who by accident or sickness, has been rendered permanently unable to continue as a Minister of the Gospel, upon recommendation of his church, the "SUPERANNUATION BOARD", and the approval of the Association, be given this same supplement.
- SECTION 3: At the minister's death, this same quarterly supplement be continued to his widow as long as she shall live or remain a widow, provided she meets the same qualifications as set forth for the ministers.
- SECTION 4: Any Free Will Baptist Minister, retired, or Free Will Baptist Minister's widow, who is presently in the Union Association, who is actively involved in a local church and supports the Union Association as of January 1, 1989, and otherwise meets criteria set forth in sentences 1 and/or 2 above, shall be deemed to have met the qualifications to receive the supplement.
- SECTION 5: The "SUPERANNUATION BOARD" shall review each recipient case at each annual associational meeting to see if they are still in compliance with these guidelines.
- SECTION 6: The SUPERANNUATION BOARD will serve two (2) year terms and may succeed themselves if the Association so elects.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The annual meeting of the Union District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held September, 29, 1990, with Cairo Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Jesus Calls Us" directed by Mrs. Lora Shutes, accompanied on the piano by Connie Lacey. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Irene Brown. Rev. Elzie Franks, Pastor of Cairo Church, extended a very warm welcome to those present. Dorothy Hardin brought the scripture reading Psalm 96, and then leading in prayer. An offering of \$137.00 was received by Jessica Hardin and Melissa Washington.

Special Music by Debbie Griffin "God Still Loves The World" was ably rendered.

The business meeting was called to order, by the president. The credentials committee report was given with a M/S/C to accept the report and seat the delegates.

The following committees were appointed with the exception of the nominating committee which was elected.

REGISTRATION	Glenda Bell
CREDENTIALS	Jeannine Silvers
RESOLUTIONS	Mrs. Lora Shutes Mrs. Kathleen Thomas
FINANCE	Connie Lacey Peggy Barrett
NOMINATING	Nancy Hardin Melba Washington Connie Lacey Glenda Bell Mrs Elzie Franks

There was an intermission for the committees to meet.

The business meeting re-convened with the congregation singing "I Surrender All." and Bro. Glenn Thomas led in prayer.

Debbie Griffin was given a love gift of \$137.00.

The following committees reported.

Credentials:	Auxiliaries reporting	5
	Membership beginning year	55
	Members added	1
	Members lost	3
	Total Members	53

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## Resolutions

1. We recommend that this convention request the State Woman's Auxiliary Conception to adopt as our Lora Shutes State Missions Project for 90-91 the accounts of all of our Foreign Georgia missionaries. We further recommend that the funds be divided as follows: Bishop's Account 30%, Crowson's Account 30%; Creech's Account 20%; Debbie Griffin's Account 20%.
2. That our annual workshop be held with the Fellowship Church the first Saturday in April and we secure Debbie Griffin to teach a study course on Japan. That our annual convention be held with the Midway Church the Fourth Saturday in September.
3. That the offering received today be given to Debbie Griffin as a personal love gift.
4. That this convention authorize the president of the convention to appoint the necessary committees for the annual convention at the annual workshop. These committees should meet before the convention and be ready to report to the convention.
5. That each Auxiliary elect a member to serve on the nominating committee before the annual convention.
6. That each auxiliary be urged to increase their giving to National and State Home Missions and that we co-operate with our Double-Decade Missions Program.
7. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

M/S/C to accept the report and vote on each item. Each item was read and passed.

## Finance

In the absence of our treasurer the committee recommended that the offering today be given to our speaker. M/S/C

## Nominating

We recommend that Melba Washington be elected to serve as president and Dorothy Hardin as vice-president, with Connie Lacey to serve on the state nominating committee and Nancy Hardin as an alternate. M/S/C

The minutes of the meeting was read and there was a motion and second and carried that they stand approved.

Debbie used Jeremiah 48: 11-12 and 11 Samuel 17: 26&45 and Joshua 24:14&15 to illustrate how the Lord had used circumstances in her life in Japan to mold her into the person that could serve him.

Respectfully submitted

Jeannine Silvers, Secretary



# Union Association Fellowship Revival

March 2-3, 1990  
Bay Free Will Baptist Church

The Union Association Fellowship Revival was held on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 2-3, 1990 at the Bay Free Will Baptist Church. At the Friday evening service, six of the Union Assn. churches were represented. The pianist for both night's services was Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn and the songleader for both services was Billy Wilson, both of the Bay Church. The revival service on Friday was opened with the song "Send a Great Revival", followed by a welcome from Rev. Chuck Scarborough, host pastor, and prayer by rev. S.E. Newberry. This was followed by the singing of the hymns "Send the Light" and "Revive Us Again".

Following announcements and prayer requests, we were encouraged to attend the Saturday night service, and also informed of a time of fellowship after the Saturday night service. Special prayer was offered for Mrs. Laura Murphy and for our lost loved ones and friends. Prayer was also offered for revival. Following this the songs "Jesus Saves" and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing". Special music was provided by Miss Daisy Scarborough singing "Open My Eyes That I Might See".

Rev. James Sellars, Pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church then brought a very moving message on the Love of God using John 3:16 for his text. The Holy Spirit moved and we believe that decisions were made for the Lord. Everyone present was moved by the proclamation of God's Word. All were challenged by the message of God's Love and were challenged to serve God more faithfully. The service was closed with an invitation to draw closer to God and a benediction prayer.

The service Saturday evening opened with the song "Revive Us Again" followed with prayer by Jack Faison. Then the songs "Joy Unspeakable" and "When We All Get To Heaven" were sung. Revival services at Grace Church were announced, as well as services with Rev. Bruce Gordon to be held at Springhill Church, both from April 1-4. These announcements were followed with prayer requests by those who were sick or had special needs. This special prayer was offered by Curtis Gay. A count of the churches present revealed that seven of our eleven churches were represented. We then sang "Victory in Jesus". Special music was provided by the Bay Church with Mrs. Jan Parker singing "Here comes Jesus." Other special music included the songs "The Wedding" and "The Promised Land".

The message was brought by Rev. Walter Brady, clerk of Union Association speaking on the need to repair the gates and altars of our churches, using for his text the opening chapters of the Book of Nehemiah. He stressed the need for us to see ourselves and our churches as God sees us, and to be moved to do something about it. Rev. Brady shared the story of Nehemiah weeping over the ruins of his beloved city, and how he then went to work, doing what had to be done. Rev. Brady encouraged us to do likewise. A time of rededication and commitment was made by many at the altar of God and the closing prayer was offered by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. We then adjourned to the Bay Church Fellowship for a wonderful time of refreshment and fellowship, with the refreshments provided by the Bay Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Walter Brady, Clerk

1990  
UNION ASSOCIATION  
YOUTH COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT

Regular Account

Income	Paid Out
3/28- \$72.50 from Union Assoc.	Ck. 101: 5-5, Bishops, \$72.06
5/7- \$23.06 from Rally offering	Check charge: 5-10 \$8.32
5/21- \$25.00 from Union Assoc.	Ch. 102: 5-18, St. fee \$10.00
9/21- \$27.50 from Union Assoc.	Ch. 106: 12-21, Camp Res. \$50.00
10/17- \$30.00 from Union Assoc.	
Income: \$178.06	Paid Out: \$140.38
Balance: \$37.68	

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Camp Account

Income	Paid Out
\$500.00 from Union Assoc. Designated for Camp	Ck.103: 10:8, Mit. Stew. Hdr. \$27.72 for lumber for roofs
	Ck.104: 10:9, Malcom Freeman, \$180.50 Remb. for vents for roofs
	Ck. 105: 10:15, Billy Jacks Hdr. \$20.77 Tools for camp roof
Income: \$500.00	Paid Out: \$228.99
Balance: \$271.01	

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Total Income: \$678.06  
Total Paid Out: \$369.37  
Balance On Hand: \$308.69

1990 Union Association

Mission Board Report

January 11, 1991

Our Mission Board was involved basically in promoting the Union Association Home and Foreign Missions Days. We also were able to add a little to the offering received from the churches. This was due to the gifts from the churches to the Mission Board.

Also because of the gifts from the churches to the Mission Board, we were able to give monthly support to the Crowsons who were in a financial crisis.

Some discussion was also given to starting a mission in a city in the area. Nothing has been confirmed concerning this thought.

Also we discussed the Mission Conference to be held in the Union Association in 1991.

In Christ,

Chuck Scarborough, Chairman  
Robert Simpson  
Leonard Bundy  
Benny Smith  
Charlie Sumner

1990

Youth Committee Report

January 11, 1991

Our Youth Committee was involved in two activities during 1990.

The Union Association Youth Rallies were one of these activities. These were held at different churches in our association and one outing and cookout at Camp Oak Haven in Colquitt County. The attendance was low but everyone that attended had a good time in the Lord. One of these rallies was devoted to the C.T.S. Competition.

The Union/Twin Cities Camp session was another activity in which we were involved. This was a very productive camp session. We had 53 campers, 16 workers, and 4 visitors in attendance at our camp session. Out of the 16 workers we only had 3 including myself representing Union Association. The other workers were from the Twin Cities Association. We had 22 Union Association campers. The best part of all of this is that we had 4 salvations and 27 rededications.

In Christ,

Chuck Scarborough,  
Chairman,

Linda Gay  
Jeannine Silvers



## Union Association Executive Board

January 20, 1990

The Union Association Executive Board met Saturday, January 20, 1990 at the Bay Free Will Baptist Church with all members present. The meeting was opened with prayer by our Moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas. The meeting was then called to order to handle the business that had come up for consideration. The first item of business concerned the moving of the state office to the Macon area. The State Assn. had proposed a preliminary meeting on Feb. 17, 1990 at 10:00 at the White Oaks Church in Macon of a committee formed of one member of each association to handle the process of moving the state office. By unanimous approval Mr. Bill Lewis was selected to represent Union Association on this committee. Rev. Thomas is to contact Bro. Lewis and confirm his acceptance of this responsibility.

In discussion at the associational meetings it had often come up concerning the funding of our Union Assn. Youth Committee from the association. After discussion among the members of the Executive Board and Rev. Chuck Scarborough, our Youth Committee Director concerning the needs of the Youth Committee, it was decided to give the Union Assn. Youth Committee an initial gift of \$50.00 and to place them in our budget for 5% of the Union Association Dues. Also approved was this camp session to be held August 5-10 and the clerk is to go ahead and pay the \$50.00 registration fee.

The program for the next Quarterly Meeting for Feb. 10 was scheduled with the theme of the day to center on "Worship." The messages of the day are to be: Worship through Prayer, Worship through Praise, and Worship through Preaching." The morning devotion will be by Rev. Elzie Franks, pastor of Cairo; the main message by Rev. Glenn Thomas, pastor of Midway; and the afternoon devotion by Rev. Gerald Brown, pastor of Springhill.

Also scheduled was our second annual Union Association Fellowship Revival to be held Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, 1990 at the Bay Church. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. and the Friday message will be by Rev. Walter Brady, our Clerk, and the Saturday message will be by Rev. James Sellars, pastor of Grace Church. A great time was had by all who participated in last year's meetings, and we look forward to an equally exciting time this year as well.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough has done some preliminary consideration on the early stages of promotion of a proposed new work in Thomasville, and is to continue his efforts in this area and report to the association his findings.

After a good meeting, the following announcements were made: Revival services planned at Midway on March 26-30 and Sept 10-14 and at Grace on April 2-6 and Sept 3-7. Refreshments were graciously provided by the Bay Church and we were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

Respectfully Submitted - Walter Brady, Clerk

# Union Association

## Executive Board

April 21, 1990

The Union Association Executive Board met on Saturday, April 21, 1990 at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church with all members present. Rev. Glenn Thomas, our Moderator, opened the meeting with a scripture reading from Philippians 3:8-14. After Rev. Thomas shared a brief message from the Word of God, we were led in prayer by Rev. Benny Smith.

After a brief discussion of the importance of these Executive Board Meetings, it was agreed that a meeting should be held prior to each Association Meeting and a schedule was developed accordingly. The first order of business for this meeting was to put together the program for the upcoming May Session of Union Association. It was decided that the thrust of the day's activities should focus upon missions. Mrs. Sandra Bishop, missionary to Japan will bring our morning devotion, Rev. William Smith, Home Missionary to Tifton will bring the main message, and Rev. Chuck Scarborough, as Chairman of Union Association Mission Board would bring the afternoon devotion. Rev. Scarborough is to be in charge of making the arrangements and contacting our guest speakers.

Rev. Thomas then shared the newest Free Will Baptist Program, Double in a Decade. He is to present this to Union Association and each church is to be encouraged evaluate themselves and set their own goals. The clerk is to place a spot on the May 12th program for this to be presented. It was also proposed that as part of this program, each church give an annual report so as to evaluate our progress, and make revised plans as required.

Discussion was made concerning the Committee for the Relocation of the State Office. Mr. Bill Lewis is the Union Association member on this committee and it is requested that he give a report of the activities of this committee to the Union Association, and to keep the Association up to date on their progress.

Also discussed was the Union Mission thrust. April 29th is to be Union Association Foreign Missions Day. Discussion was made concerning the next full Missions Conference which should be held in 1991.

Also discussed was the lack of attendance by many of our standing delegates to Union Association. Concerned was expressed over the possible reasons for this, and preliminary plans were made to begin an outreach program to those who are standing delegates, but do not participate in the Union Association Activities. Our clerk was instructed to begin this outreach, contacting those who absent themselves, to see if there were any specific reasons or needs. This outreach is to begin with our ministers and will then progress further. Rev. Brady is to draft a letter and receive approval from our Moderator before sending it out. This letter is to express our love and concern, but also to point out the need for fellowship with one another, plus the obligation we incur per paragraph 3C of our Union Association Constitution.

There being no further business to attend to, we were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Glenn Thomas. An announcement was made regarding the Union Youth Rally to be held May 5th at Fellowship Church. We then partook of refreshments provided by the Midway Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Walter Brady, Clerk



Union Association Executive Board  
June 30, 1990

The Union Association Executive Board met on Saturday, June 30, 1990 at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church with all members present. The meeting opened with scripture reading from Psalm 126, followed with comments from our Moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas. After sharing from the Word of God, Rev. Thomas shared with us the program, "Double in a Decade". He stressed how important this program was and the great urgency that each of our churches get involved in this program and do their part. He stated that the only way for our churches to get this vision and participate is for our pastors to catch this vision, reminding us of the words of the scripture, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Discussion was also made at this time concerning general church growth, the proposed mission work in Thomasville and other areas, as well as those churches in our district that have gone independent.

The next item of discussion concerned the association absentees, both as churches and individuals. General discussion was made concerning this topic, regarding the why's and wherefore's, how to's, and what's, but was left open for further prayer and thought. Several references were made to the Constitution of Union Association and our responsibilities regarding this. This subject to be dealt with again at a later meeting.

The program was put together for our next session of Union Association which is to be held August 11th at the Poulan Church. The theme of the day will be Speaker's Choice with the following personaliies:

Morning Devotion - Rev. S.E. Newberry  
Morning Message - Rev. Benny Smith  
Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Robert Simpson

There was no further business to attend to, so this meeting was closed with prayer by our Clerk, Rev. Walter Brady.

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Union Association Executive Board  
August 25, 1990

The Union Association Executive Board met on Saturday, August 25, 1990 at the Midway Church with the following members present: Rev. Glenn Thomas, Rev. James Sellers, and Rev. Chuck Scarborough. It was noted that our Clerk was absent due to the death of his father. The board established the program for the next session of Union Association to be held October 13, 1990 with the Proctor Chapel Church. Speakers for the day are to be:

Morning Devotion - Rev. Bobby Whittaker  
Morning Message - Rev. Walter Brady  
Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Elzie Franks

The theme of the day is to be "Speaker's Choice". The board then discussed the 1991 Missions Conference to be held in May of 1991. The next Executive Board meeting was scheduled for December 29th at the Midway Church. Dismissed in prayer.



Union Association Executive Board  
December 29, 1990

The Union Association met on Saturday, December 29, 1990 at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church with all members present. The Moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas opened the meeting with the sharing of scripture from Psalm 2:1-12, and Malachi 1:1, addressing the following issues:

- 1) That today's Christian has no real hunger for the things of God,
- 2) We have our own form of worship and many don't really care what God thinks of it,
- 3) We can't really preach a message to our people as ministers until we have first been touched by the message,
- 4) The emphasis today is too much on the performance of the preacher, rather than the message of the Lord.

After this time of soul searching from the Word of God, we then turned our attention to the business at hand. The first order of business was the program for the February 1991 session to be held at Springhill Church. Per discussion at a previous association meeting it was decided that this program would have a youth emphasis, utilizing the youth of Springhill Church, the youth of the Sylvester Church, and other available youth. Brother Chuck is to be responsible for putting together the program and then advising our clerk in a timely fashion to print the day's schedule.

The clerk then presented a request from Rev. S.E. Newberry regarding his desire to have Brother Herman Hersey of Nashville as a guest speaker at the Greenwood Church, with the Greenwood Church to be the sponsor. Brother Newberry had requested the possibility of having Brother Hersey on an associational weekend, and the possibility of the association allowing Brother Hersey to speak that day, and one of our other churches hosting Brother Hersey that Sunday evening. The Executive Board was in favor of this suggestion and voted to give Rev. Newberry approval to schedule Brother Hersey at his availability, and the association would cooperate in this matter. The date of this meeting is left to Rev. Newberry's discretion and Brother Hersey's availability.

There was then much discussion about the May 1991 session having a mission emphasis. It was proposed by Brother Chuck that we have an association wide supper the Saturday night before the conference begins on Sunday with an invitation extended to everyone in the association. Brother Glenn then spoke of a proposal that if every person in the Free Will Baptist denomination gave \$10.00/twice yearly above and beyond their tithe, that we as a denomination would never have a need for our missionaries to constantly travel raising support. They then could simply travel and share what God was doing through their respective ministries.

The Executive Board then scheduled the third annual Union Association Fellowship Revival to be held Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, 1991, beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. This revival is to be held at New Hope Church if agreeable with their pastor (yes, Clerk has spoken to Rev. Whittaker). The speakers for this revival are to be: Friday-Rev. Lamar Parrish, Saturday-Rev. S.E. Newberry.

The meetings were then scheduled for the next year being as follows for the information of Union Association: (all meetings at 6:00 p.m.)

March 30, 1991 at Grace

June 29, 1991 at Bay

August 31, 1991 at Midway

December 28, 1991 at Grace

The Executive Board noted that to be convenient to the majority of the Board if it met with the approval of all members, that the meetings be held in the Moultrie local and our clerk be instructed to pay mileage to those board members outside of the Moultrie area. This mileage to be paid at the rate of \$.25 per mile. At this time there being no further business to attend to, we were dismissed with prayer by our clerk, Rev. Walter Brady, and shared in a time of fellowship and refreshment together with the refreshments provided by the host pastor and church.

Submitted: Rev. Walter Brady - Clerk

## 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 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 where with 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 back 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; 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. 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 they 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 might 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, wuch 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; 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 away the grace of God unto 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 as the Apostle saith, because they received 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 the law of God in their own person are only subject unto the first death which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not by the guilt of Adam' 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 Scripture 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 conditons; 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 sacrement 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, 13:17, 5:14.



16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and believers are the only subjects 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 to 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 denomination enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may God 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 of Georgia.
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. (Women's Auxiliary, Master's Men, Superannuation, Youth Camp, Youth Rallies, etc.)
3. This body shall be composed of member churches in good standing and all ordained ministers, deacons, missionaries, and representatives of 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 (1/4) of the total amount per member per quarter. (This fee shall include the annual \$10.00 per church registration fee to the State Association for National representation.)
  - (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 appraised 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 (2) 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. (Note: Odd Calendar 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 Board 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 (5) 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 the board work shall be submitted to the last regular session of the association each year and shall be included in the minutes.
11. Under the guidance of the Union Association Mission Board, there shall be, in the interest of furthering the cause of Free Will Baptist Mission work, special mission activities as follows:
  - (a) There shall be a Foreign Missions Day observed the upon the designated day established by the National Association. This day is currently set for the last Sunday in April annually.
  - (b) There shall be a Home Missions Day observed upon the designated day established by the National Association. This day is currently set for the fourth (4th) Sunday of November annually.
  - (c) There shall be an association wide Missions Conference to be held every fourth year. (Next conference should be in 1991/1995.)
12. There shall be an Ordaining Council composed of three (3) ordained ministers belonging to the association. Members of this council shall be elected by the association for a three (3) year term on a rotation basis. The duty of this council shall be to examine candidates for the ministry according to the rules set forth in the association decorum. An annual report shall be submitted to the clerk of the association for inclusion in the minutes.
13. There shall be a Superannuation Fund Committee comprised of three (3) members whose responsibility shall be the evaluation of eligibility for those individuals meeting the criteria for Minister's Retirement Fund monies and to disburse the above mentioned funds appropriately. It shall also be the responsibility of this board to ensure the continuing eligibility of those individuals receiving these monies.
14. 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 his 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 should then 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. An 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 service 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 of 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 the State of 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 Minister's 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 Kingdom it stands,  
One Saviour, crucified, risen, and coming again,  
with life and liberty to all who believe,

# 1991

## Union Association Activities



January

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### February

- 9 Union Association - Springhill Church
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Midway (Feb. 15-17) Youth Evangelism Revival

### March

- 1 Union Assn Fellowship Revival (Mar 1-2) New Hope
- 22 Woman's Aux Retreat (Norman Park) March 22-23
- 30 Union Executive Board (Grace) 6:00
- 31 Easter Sunday/Roll Call Sunday Midway Revival (March 31-April 3)

### April

- 7 Time Change - Clocks 1 Hr Ahead Grace Revival (April 7-12)
- 8 Minister's Retreat (Norman Park) April 8-10
- 14 Homecoming - Poulan
- 27 Missions Conference Fish Fry Fellowship (April 27)
- 28 Union Assn. Foreign Missions Day MISSIONS CONFERENCE (April 28-May 1)

### May

- 5 Homecoming - Greenwood
- 6 Greenwood Revival (May 6-10)
- 10 State Youth Conference (Norman Park) May 10-11
- 11 Union Association - Sylvester Church
- 12 Mother's Day
- 19 Homecoming - Bay Homecoming - Fellowship
- 27 Memorial Day

### June

- 2 Homecoming - Grace
- 16 Father's Day
- 29 Union Executive Board (Bay) 6:00

### July

- 4 Independence Day
- 21 National Assn (Charleston, W. Va) July 21-25
- 28 Homecoming - Springhill Homecoming - Cairo
- 29 Springhill Revival (July 29 - Aug 2)

### August

- 10 Union Association - Bay Church
- 31 Union Executive Board (Midway) 6:00

### September

- 1 Grace Revival (Sept. 1-6)
- 2 Labor Day
- 8 Homecoming - New Hope Pastor Appreciation Day
- 9 Greenwood Revival (Sept. 9-13)
- 15 Midway Revival (Sept. 15-18) Homecoming - Sylvester
- 16 Sylvester Revival (Sept. 16-20)
- 20 Couples Retreat (Norman Park) Sept 20-21

### October

- 6 Homecoming - Midway
- 12 Union Association - Cairo Church
- 13 Laura Belle Barnard Day
- 20 Bay Revival (Oct. 20-23)
- 27 Time Change - Clocks 1 Hr Back

### November

- 13 State Womans Aux (Norman Park) Nov. 13-14
- 14 Georgia State Assn (Norman Park) Nov. 14-16
- 24 Union Assn. Home Missions Day
- 28 Thanksgiving Day

### December

- 25 Christmas Day
- 28 Union Executive Board (Grace) 6:00

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