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**Quarterly Sessions met at:
Fellowship Church, February 14, 1998
Grace Church, May 9, 1998
Greenwood Church, August 8, 1998
Midway Church, October 10, 1998**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Session shall be opened with prayer.
2. Church Letters are to be called for, and the name 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 at the conclusion of the Annual Session.

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

New Hope Church.....	February 13, 1999
New Prospect Church.....	May 8, 1999
Poulan Church.....	August 14, 1999
Proctor Chapel Church.....	October 9, 1999
Spring Hill Church.....	February 8, 2000

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UNION ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

convened with
Fellowship, Grace, Greenwood, and Midway
Free Will Baptist Churches

1998 OFFICERS

Rev. James Sellers	Moderator
Rev. S. E. Newberry	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Herbert Waid	Clerk
Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn	Assistant Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. James Sellers	1999
Rev. S. E. Newberry	1999
Rev. Herbert Waid	1999
Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn	1999
Mr. Glenn Etheredge	1999
Rev. Lamar Parrish	2001
Rev. Bud Hill	2002

ORDAINING BOARD

Mr. Glenn Etheredge	1999
Rev. Elzie Franks	2000
Rev. Bill Barksdale	2001
Rev. Bud Hill (Chairman)	2002
Rev. James Sellers	2003

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New Prospect	157 Cutoff Rd, Ashburn GA 31714-4222
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Spring Hill	659 Pine Tree Ln, Albany GA 31705
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UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
FIRST QUARTER, MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 1998

The Union Association of Free Will Baptist met at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church on February 14, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. Rev. James Sellers served as Moderator, Rev. Benny Smith as Clerk, Rev. W. G. Turner as Song Leader and Sis. Louvenia Kleedehn as Pianist.

Services begin with prayer offered by Rev. William Smith, the new State Executive Secretary, followed by the congregation singing "Glory To His Name" led By Rev. Turner.

The Moderator then welcomed everyone to the session. The Host Pastor, Rev. Lamar Parrish then welcomed the Association to Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church and gave facility information

At this time the Moderator introduced Rev. Bill McCoy to bring the Morning Devotion. Rev. McCoy used for his Text, Jude Verses 1-7, using the thought that we need to remember who God is and what the Word of God is. He reminded us that we need to be grounded in Gods Word and know what things are for or against God. We need to remember it, keep it and learn to let God speak to us, and then obey God.

We then begin the the Business Session of the Association with the Moderator calling for the roll call of Churches, Ministers and Deacons. The roll call was taken and then the elected delegates were named. Rev. Elzie Franks moved to seat the delegates, motion was seconded and a unanimous vote seated the delegates.

The Moderator then recognized the visitors present and gave a welcome to the new State Executive Secretary.

The Clerk then read the minutes of the last session and the Executive Board Report. Bro James Silvers moved to accept the minutes and Executive Board Report as read. Rev. Wilbur Harris Seconded the move and the motion carried.

The Moderator then asked for the following Reports:

State Executive Secretary: Rev. William Smith

Rev. Smith explained that he called his job, "Promotional Secretary", because he wants to promote Free Will Baptist in Georgia. Then he gave a brief Resume of himself. He then reported that he wanted to help churches find new pastors and at this time he only had one resume on file at the State Office. He asked if we had any ministers available to let him know?

At this time Rev. Smith Explained about the Acts 1:8 Program and would like for all churches to participate. He also wanted each church to pick up a poster from the table in the foyer. . He reported that Union Association gave \$32,000 to the Georgia State Association last year and thanked us for our giving. He explained that the Monthly Bulletin has a different look and format, also that it would have an article each month by one of our ministers. He said that it would have a section on the sunday school lessons each month. He said he would except invitations to visit and would try to help you any way he could. He said he would fill in for the pastors if he was free. Rev. Smith said he had a burden for Free Will Baptist in Georgia and wanted to serve us not us serve the State and hoped Georgia Free Will Baptist would grow larger in the new millennium. He said he would like to get churches that are not in the Association to come in with us. Received as information:

State Mission Board: Rev Claude Richardson

No report, except Rev. Wm. Smith Reported that the North Fayette Church had sold and was relocating. There attendance was up and averaging around 30. He asked us to pray for the State Mission Board in the decisions they need to make.

State Camp Board: Bro. Glenn Etheredge

No report. Bro. Etheredge Said he had not been notified of any meeting. Bro. Wm. Smith noted that the Camp Board would meet at the Western Sizzlin in Tifton, March 2, 1998 and that the State Teen Camp would be July 26-31 at the FFA Camp at Coventon, Georgia.

State Trustee Board: Bro. Kenneth Murphy

Rev. Claude Richardson Reported That Bro. Kenneth Murphy was recovering from a stoke and needed our prayers. No Report

State Christian Education Board: Rev. Bud Hill

It was reported that there would be Ministers Retreat April 21, 22, and 23 at Jekel Island and the only charge would be \$10.00 and cost of food. Also reported that the State Youth Conference is coming up in May and to let the State office know if you had any competitors. Rev. W. G. Turner moved to accept this report and Bro. James Silvers seconded. Motion carried to receive the report.

As information Rev. Wilbur Harris reported that he had accepted New Prospect Church Free Will Baptist Church in Turner County as Pastor and that it is possible they would want to join the Association. This was received as information.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Digest:

Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn

Mr. Jackie Goff

Mr. James Silvers

Finance:

Mrs. Bonnie Walker

Mr. West Starling

Rev. Wilbur Harris

The session was then dismissed for a brief recess.

The session reconvened with prayer by Rev. Virddie Bailey and then the congregation singing "In The Shadow Of The Cross" followed by song "There is Power In The Blood". Bro Sellers then mentioned a correction in the minutes concerning the election of the Song Leader and that Rev. Turner was the Song Leader. Then continuing the service, special music was brought by Rev. Wilbur Harris singing "No One Cares For Me Like Jesus.

The Moderator called for ushers for the offering, Rev. W. G. Turner and Bro. Barrett served as ushers. Rev Turner Gave the Offertory Prayer.

The Moderator then introduced Rev. S. E. Newberry to bring the morning message. Bro. Newberry used for a topic "Supreme Service" and his text was John 21: V15-25.

He began by talking about "Distractions" and they can sometimes discourage us. He Said our love for God needs to be real and we need to let the spirit lead us in the direction God wants us to go. Churches need to get back to being spiritual. He asked us, have our churches grown any? He told us that membership may be up, but is attendance up. Using the text "Lovest thou me --Feed my Sheep" and said somebody needs to tend the sheep. That we not only need to get people in the church but need to teach them. Peter went from a fisherman to a Pastor and God plans for our life and God intends for us to learn so we can teach others. Jesus asked Peter did he love him more than these, meaning fishing and other things of the earth. Bro. Newberry pointed out that somethings may not be wrong but just may not show our love for Christ. He pointed out that we follow Jesus even if it means leaving family and that we need to love God more than anything and serving him should be our first priority. He showed us that approving love is when we prove our love by serving God with our whole being. He encouraged us to not waste time or be distracted by it and then not obey and do what we are supposed to do for God.

We were then given information concerning lunch by the Host Pastor and he asked his Brother, Enoch Parrish to ask Gods blessing on the food and dismiss us for lunch.

After a wonderful lunch and fellowship we begin the afternoon session with prayer led by Rev. Bud Hill. After prayer the Song Leader led the congregation singing the song " Bring Them In".

Rev. Claude Richardson then brought the afternoon devotion using the text Romans 12: 1-2 with the though "Dedication". Rev. Richardson encouraged all Christians to be dedicated to God with all our heart. He said we should be willing to die for God, but that God wanted us alive and sacrifice our life to him. He also said God wants us Holy and acceptable. He said this is Gods reasonable service and we can only do God service, if we have been transformed. He said we proved our dedication by our everyday life even in obeying the law of the land and that when we brake mans law we brake Gods law. Rev. Richardson closed with prayer.

Before the afternoon business begin, Rev. Sellers announced he had to leave due to a death in his church and that the Assistant Moderator, Rev S. E. Newberry, would be in charge of the remaining business for the session.

Business continued with the remaining reports.

Union Mission Board:

No report

Superannuation Board:

No report.

Ordaining Board:

Rev. Bud Hill moved to accept Rev. Virddie Bailey into fellowship with Union Association and to accept his ordination from the Congregational Methodist Organization. Rev. W. G. Turner seconded the move and motion carried.

Youth Committee Report:

Rev. Benny Smith reported that he had checked into the possibility of securing Houston Baptist Association's Camp in Crisp County for our summer camp session. He said that he had sent letters to the Pastors wanting input into what the churches wanted for camp concerning ages for camp and that if they wanted to encourage the teen to go to the State Teen Camp this summer or do we need to have two separate camps. He also told us that he and the committee would need helpers for the camp session and that they could use older teens as Jr. Counselors.

Rev. Danny Araujo said if we could not get help we might not be able to have camp. We then asked for input from the association and was encouraged to try to have camp. Rev. Smith then told the association that the committee would need permission to secure a camp site when they got one.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough moved to accept the report and give the committee permission to secure a camp site. Rev Bud Hill seconded the motion and motion carried.

Rev. Bud Hill move to give the youth committee today's offering to go towards this year's camp session. Rev. Elzie Franks seconded and motion carried

Bro. Claude Richardson suggested the churches find out what each church wants and can do and let the committee know.

Digest Committee Report:

Churches Represented:	12
Delegates Present:	28
Deacons Present:	9
Ministers Present:	13
Total Delegates:	50
Visitors Present:	13
Total Present:	63

Bro. James Silvers moved to accept the report, Rev. W. G. Turner seconded, motion carried.

Finance Committee Report:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$127.85
Offering:	\$89.00
Quarterly Dues Collected:	\$416.00
Monies Designated:	\$20.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$652.85</u>

Finance Report Continued:

<u>Youth Fund Balance:</u>	<u>\$1418.64</u>
<u>Ministers Retirement Balance</u>	<u>\$3220.85</u>

Rev. Wilbur Harris moved to accept the report, Bro. Glenn Etheredge seconded motion carried

The moderator Called for miscellaneous business.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough moved to give the State Office money to make up the balance from printing the minutes to \$200.00 which would be \$185.00. Rev. Claude Richardson seconded, motion carried.

Rev. W. G. Turner moved to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Association. Motion was seconded and carried.

The moderator called for announcements and prayer request.

Prayer Request:

Bro. John Henry Ivey
Charles Barnard Family
Bro. Kenneth Murphy
Leaders of our Nation

Announcements:

Revival at Midway March 15th - 20th with Rev. Damon Dodd.

Rev. at Bethlehem 16th - 20th with Rev. W. G. Turner.

Rev. W. G. Turner moved to Adjourn and Bro. Glenn Etheredge Seconded motion was carried with standing vote. Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed the session with prayer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

February 14, 1998

The Executive Board met on February 14, 1998 at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church following the association meeting.

Members present were, Rev. S. E. Newberry, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Rev. Bud Hill and Rev. Benny Smith.

Moderator, Rev. Sellers had left a theme to be considered for the next session and it was approved as follows. The Theme for the day, "The Work", Morning Devotion, "The Christian Work" the Morning Worship, "The Ministers Work" and the Afternoon Devotion, "The Churches Work".

The following Speakers was chosen, Morning Devotion, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Morning Message, Rev. William Smith and the Afternoon Devotion, Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

It was decided to remind the churches how the number of delegates is determined.

Rev. Hill requested we inform the churches that the Ordaining Board needs to know at least two weeks before the Quarterly Meeting if they need to meet with a minister or someone from one of the churches.

Rev. Hill suggested that we bring up the situation with the safe deposit box and get approval for the Clerk to pay the \$100.00 to have it opened.

The Board also suggested that the Clerk take roll call of the Churches, Ministers, Deacons and Delegates at the same time. M.S.C..

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bud Hill.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
SECOND QUARTER, MEETING MAY 9, 1998
THEME OF THE DAY "THE WORK"

The Union Association of Free Will Baptist met at Grace Free Will Baptist Church on May 9, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. James Sellers as Moderator, Rev. Benny Smith as Clerk, Rev. Bud Hill as Song Leader and Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn as Pianist. The theme for the day was "The Work"

Our Song Leader began services leading the congregation in the hymn "Sunlight" then called on Rev. Robert Simpson to pray. At this time the Moderator welcomed everyone to the session and the Host Pastor, Rev. Benny Smith, also welcomed the Association to the church and gave facility information.

The Moderator introduced the Morning Devotional Speaker, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Pastor of Fellowship Church. Rev. Parrish brought a wonderful message following the theme for the day "The Work" And the topic "The Christian Work" using for his text Acts 1:8. Rev. Parrish concluded with prayer.

The Business Session begin with the roll call of the Churches, Delegates, Pastors and Deacons. All the churches of the Association were represented but four Churches had not sent letters, But they were allowed to appoint delegates. The Association Clerk requested that if there was a mix up in addresses of Clerks of the Churches to get him information to correct this problem. Standing Delegates were recognized and a move and second was received to seat the Elected Delegates.

The Moderator then recognized our visitors and corresponding messengers.

As a corresponding messenger our State Executive Secretary Rev. William Smith gave his report at this time and told about the happenings within the State Office. He told us that the Churches were responding to the Acts 1:8 Program and how he hoped more would respond so our Missionaries could be completely supported by the Churches of Georgia. He informed us that Ronald And Janice Wallace had already arrived in Alaska and had started having Services. Also reported that the Creeches would be home this summer for furlough and the Bishops would be home next summer. Other Georgia Missionaries, Debbie Griffin and the Snows were on the field in Japan and that the Snow had been blessed with new baby. Rev. Smith Reported that the State Youth Conference would be held next week at the Baxley F.W.B. Church in Baxley, Georgia. Reported a great Ministers Retreat at Jekel Island, told of the upcoming 1999 National Association Meeting in Atlanta and that it would cost the State Association \$30,000 but giving credit to the former Executive Secretary, Rev. Herbert Waid, for starting a plan to fund it a few years ago that the funds had already been raised for this event. He then Announced that Rev. Claude Richardson had an article in the Promotional Bulletin and that if anyone had something for the Bulletin to send it to him. He had given those present a written report with upcoming events on the back. This report was received as information.

The Clerk then read the minutes of the last session and the Executive Board report. Rev. Robert Simpson moved to accept the minutes and Executive Board report as read. Bro. Charles Rhodes seconded and the motion carried. Rev. Bud Hill did ask it be noted and corrected about him being Song Leader.

At this time the Moderator called for petitionary letters and received a letter from the New Prospect F.W.B. Church in Turner County for membership with this body. Bro. Ken Willis made a move to accept them and seat their delegates, Rev. W.G. Turner seconded and motion carried. The Moderator gave the right hand of Christian fellowship to their, Pastor, Rev. Wilbur Harris.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees.

Digest:

Mrs. Kathrine Sellers

Mrs. Inez Harrell

Mrs. Geraldine Waid

Finance:

Mrs. Patsy Barrett

Mr. Charles Sumner

Mr. Billy Faison

Because of the time, the session was dismissed for a brief recess and all other reports and business would resume in the afternoon session.

The Morning Service began with the Song Leader leading the congregation singing, "Standing On The Promises" and Rev. Herbert Waid leading us in prayer followed by the congregation singing "His Way With Thee. Sis Judy Peacock then rendered the special music singing "He Washed My Eyes With Tears" accompanied by Sis. Kleedehn on the piano.

Because he had to leave after lunch Bro. Glenn Etheredge ask that he be able to give the State Camp Board Report at this time, he read a letter from the State Office concerning the resignation of Bro. Jack Lasyaker as Camp Board Chairman and that they were going to meet May 16, 1998 at Baxley to elect a new Chairman. Bro. Etheredge explained that due to employment reasons he has not been able to attend board meetings and requested the Association accept his resignation from the Board and nominate someone to replace him. This was received as information until the afternoon session.

Rev. S.E. Newberry and Rev. Verdie Bailey served as ushers and Bro. Bailey prayed the offertory prayer and they received the days offering.

The Moderator then introduced the speaker for the Morning Message, Rev. William Smith. Rev. Smith used for his text Mathew 28:19-20 & II Timothy 4:2 following the theme for the day with the topic "The Ministers Work". Rev. Smith's message was inspiring and uplifting to all present. He closed with prayer.

The Host Pastor gave directions for lunch and Rev. Bud Hill dismissed that portion of the meeting and asked Gods blessing on the meal.

The session reconvened after lunch with Rev. Hill leading the congregation singing, " I Want To Be A Worker", followed by prayer led by Rev. W.G. Turner.

Moderator, Rev. Sellers then asked Rev. Chuck Scarborough to come bring the Afternoon Devotion. In following the theme for the day "The Work" Rev. Scarborough topic was "The Churches Work". He used for his text Acts 4:31-35. The congregation enjoyed the message.

The Moderator begin the afternoon business by calling for the following reports.

State Mission Board: Rev Claude Richardson No report

State Camp Board: Bro. James Silvers

Bro. Silvers had went as proxy for Bro. Etheredge and reported that the State Teen Camp would be July 26-31 at the Georgia FFA-FHA Center in Covington, Georgia.

State Trustee Board: Bro. Kenneth Murphy No report

State Christian Education Board: Rev. Bud Hill

Reported that Rev. William Smith had given most of his report. Reminded us of the upcoming Youth Conference and Competition at the Baxley F.W.B Church in Baxley, Georgia. He also noted that there was not as many youth competing due to the distance to the National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahomo this year.

Union Mission Board: Rev. Lamar Parrish No report

Superannuation Board: Bro. Glenn Etheredge No report

Ordaining Board: Rev. Bud Hill No report

Youth Committee Report: Rev. Benny Smith

Rev. Smith Reported that the Junior Youth Camp would be held July 19-23 at Houston Baptist Camp in Crisp County and that the Committee would need helpers for the camp. The ages for camp would be 6-12 with some exception to those that had just turned 13 and could not go to the State Teen Camp. Rev Smith asked the Association to pray for the camp session.
Received as information

Digest Committee Report:

Churches Represented	14
Delegates Present.	32
Deacons Present	9
Ministers Present	13
Total Delegates	54
<u>Visitors Present</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Present	64

Sister Kathrine Sellers gave report and made move to accept report, Bro. Charles Rhodes seconded an motion carried.

Finance Committee Report:

Balance Brought Forward	\$63.75	<u>Youth Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1428.44</u>
Offering	\$97.00	Ministers Retirement	
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$580.50	<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$3322.16</u>
<u>Monies Designated</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	Received Check From State Office	
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$761.25</u>	<u>for Youth Camp</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>

Sis. Patsy Barret gave Finance Report and moved to accept report, Bro Ken Willis seconded, motion carried.

The Moderator called for miscellaneous business. Rev. S.E. Newberry made a move to accept Bro. Etheredge's resignation made earlier and nominated Bro. James Silvers to replace him on the State Camp Board. Mr. Donald Harris seconded and motion carried. Bro. Silvers said he would accept the position but would not be able to attend the meeting on May 16, 1998. Rev. Sellers appointed Rev. Chuck Scarborough to go as a proxy for Bro. Silvers.

The Congregation gave the Host Church a standing vote of thanks for hosting the Association.

Rev. Herbert Waid announced that his wife and he had purchased the house that had served and their residence and office while they were employed as State Executive Secretary and Bookkeeper.

The Moderator called for announcements and prayer requests.

Prayer Request:

Sis. Lora Shutes

Bro. Ken Willis

Bro. James Silvers

Rev. James Sellers

Rev. Benny Smith

Announcements:

Next meeting will be at Greenwood F.W.B. Church in Mitchell County.

Rev. William Smith dismissed the session with Prayer.

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board of Union Association met on May 9, 1998 after the regular Association Meeting at Grace F.W.B. Church. Those present were Rev. James Sellers, Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. S.E. Newberry, Rev. Lamar Parrish and Rev. Benny Smith.

After a discussion about the New Prospect Church joining the Association, Rev. Bud Hill moved to ask the Church in a letter to vote in conference on their standing on Item # 8 of the Association Constitution on Page 38 of 1997 Minutes and let the Executive Board know whether they agree or disagree.

Rev. Sellers asked Rev. Parrish and Rev. Hill to Work on constitutional change concerning other churches joining the Association.

Rev. Parrish suggested putting a Digest of Churches back into the minutes. The Board suggested that the Moderator read Item 3b on dues in the constitution. We discussed the safe deposit box and its contents and what we might could do with them. The Board decided for Laymen do the speaking at the meeting in August at the Greenwood Church and the Clerk to set it up with Mr. James Silvers, Mr. Donald Harris as possibilities. Rev. Sellers dismissed the meeting with prayer.

**UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
THIRD QUARTER MEETING, AUGUST 8, 1998
Theme: Laymans Day**

Union Association of Free Will Baptists met for our Quarterly Meeting at Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church on August 8, 1998. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. James Sellers, Assistant Moderator Rev. S. E. Newberry served as Moderator, Rev. Benny Smith as Clerk, Mr. Leonard Bundy as Special Song Leader for Layman's Day at the Association Meeting, and Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn as Pianist. The Theme for the day was to have Laymen speakers and let them choose their subjects to speak on.

The session begin with the congregation singing "The Sweetest Name I Know" and then prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. Special music was by the Leonard Bundy Family singing "I'm Bound For A Land". The Moderator then introduced the Lay Speaker for the Morning Devotion, Mr. Stewart Bundy. Bro. Bundy used for his thought "Christian Love" using John 13: 34- 35 for his main text. The congregation was really moved by Bro. Bundy's message.

As Moderator and Host Pastor, Rev. S. E. Newberry welcomed everyone to this session of the Association and gave instructions as to the facilities of the church.

At this time Rev. Lamar Parrish requested prayer for Rev. Herbert Waid because he had fallen and injured his head. This special Prayer was led by Rev. Claude Richardson.

The Moderator opened the business session and called for the roll call of Churches, Delegates, Pastors, and Deacons. The roll call was taken and the Elected Delegates were recognized and also the Standing Delegates. It was moved and seconded and carried by the Standing Delegates to seat the Elected Delegates.

The Moderator call for, but there was no petitionary letters. He then asked if anyone needed to give their report early and since there was none he proceeded to appoint the following committees.

Digest:

Rev. Chuck Scarborough
Mr. Tim Bundy
Mr. Craig Giddens

Finance:

Mrs. Marjorie Parrish
Mrs. Doll Baxter
Mrs. Ruth Richardson

Nominating: (For the Annual Session in October)

Rev. Chuck Scarborough
Mr. Edward Baxter
Mr. James Silvers.

The session was dismissed for a brief recess with prayer by Rev. Terron Stonecypher.

The session was re convened with the congregation singing "I Shall Not Be Moved" and prayer by Mr. Gordon Parrish. The Service continued with the congregation singing the old favorite song "Amazing Grace". The Moderator called for Mr. J. C. Young and Rev. Bud Hill to serve as ushers for the offering and Rev. Hill prayed the offertory Prayer. Rev. Lamar moved that the offering go to Missionary family of Rev. James Munsey, Mr. James Silvers seconded, and motion carried. Special music was then rendered again by the Bundy Family singing "The Question Is".

The Moderator then introduced Mr. James Silvers, the Lay Speaker for the Morning Message. Bro. Silver's message was on "The Promises of Our Heavenly Father". His main text was II Peter 1:4, but he used many other Scriptures that showed us the promises of God. Bro. Silvers really inspired everyone with this touching message.

The Host Pastor then gave instructions for lunch and Rev. Elzie Franks prayed the blessing for the food and the dismissal prayer for the lunch break.

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "I Will Meet You In The Morning" and special music by The Bundy Family singing "Who Am I" and "The Darkest Hour is Just Before The Dawn".

The Moderator introduced Mr. Donald Harris for the afternoon devotion. He begin with prayer and used for his thought "Gods Good". The congregation enjoyed Bro. Harris's message very much.

The moderator begin the afternoon business session by calling for the following reports.

State Executive Secretary: Rev. William Smith

No Report.

State Mission Board: Rev. Claude Richardson

Reported the North Fayette Church had been sold and the church was trying to relocate. They had a land proposal but it didn't work out because they could not get it rezoned but they have another good prospect for land. Mrs. Pasty Barrett moved to receive the report and Rev. Lamar Parrish seconded and motion carried.

State Camp Board: Mr. James Silvers

Reported the Camp Board would meet September 19, 1998 in Perry, Georgia. Received as information.

State Trustee Board: Mr Kenneth Murphy

No Report.

State Christian Education Board: Rev. Bud Hill

Reported that the Board would meet the last Saturday in August. He encouraged the ministers wives to attend the Ministers Wives Retreat at Jekyll Island, September 17-19 1998. Rev. Hill moved to receive the report and Rev. Terron Stonecypher seconded and motion carried.

Mission Board: Rev. Lamar Parish

No Report.

Superannuation Board: Mr. Glenn Etheridge

No Report.

Ordaining Board: Rev. Bud Hill

The Ordaining Board met with Rev. Daniel Araujo on Tuesday August 4, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church to examine him to be ordained in the Ministry of Jesus Christ. They moved, seconded and carried for Rev. Araujo to be ordained to Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Free Will Baptist Church, upon the receiving of a letter of recommendation from the Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church. Submitted by: Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Bill Barksdale and Rev. Elzie Franks. Rev. Hill moved to receive the report and the recommendation of the board, Mr. James Silvers seconded and motion carried.

Youth Committee: Rev. Benny Smith

Reported a great camp session at the Houston Baptist Camp in Crisp County with 52 campers and workers. It was truly a week of worship and fun with 5 first time commitments and several recommitting their lives to Christ. Rev. Smith encouraged the Association to pray about our youth programs and see what we could do to help encourage our young people to stay with our Free Will Baptist Churches. Also to look into the possibility of the Association planning to have their own camp and having a camp for our teens also next year. Mrs Patsy Barrett moved to receive the report, Mr. Edward Baxter seconded and motion carried.

Rev. Elzie Franks moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks, Rev. Claude Richardson seconded and the congregation stood in appreciation of the churches hospitality.

After some discussion on the constitution of the Association, Rev. Bud Hill moved for the Moderator to appoint a committee to review and rewrite the constitution as needed to present to the Association for approval. Rev. W. G. Turner seconded and motion carried

At this time we received the committee reports for today.

Digest Committee Report:

Churches Represented:	13
Delegates Present:	31
Deacons Present:	8
Ministers Present:	13
Total Voting Delegates	52
Visitors Present:	16
Total Attendance:	68

Rev. Chuck Scarborough gave and moved to receive the report, Rev Bud Hill seconded and motion carried

Finance Committee Report:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$336.06
Offering	\$155.53
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$568.50
<u>Monies Designated</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1080.09</u>

Other Finance Reports

<u>Youth Fund Balance:</u>	<u>\$1408.68</u>
<u>Ministers Retirement Balance</u>	<u>\$3220.85</u>

Mrs. Marjorie Parrish gave and moved to receive the report, Mr. Edward Baxter seconded and motion carried.

The Moderator then read section 3b of the constitution, concerning how the dues for the Association was to be calculated annually and quarterly, and that the Association paid the state for the churches National Representation Fee.

The Moderator then appointed the committee to work on the Association Constitution as follows. Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, and Rev. Claude Richardson.

Rev. Benny Smith suggested the committee look into making the youth committee into a board with representatives from each church. Received as information

Rev. Benny Smith moved to adjourn, Mrs. Patsy Barrett seconded, motion carried.

There were several announcements and prayer requests and the session closed with prayer by the moderator Rev. S. E. Newberry.

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board met following the Association Meeting at the Greenwood Church on August 8, 1998. Those present were Mrs Louvenia Kleedehn, Rev. S. E. Newberry, Rev. Bud Hill and Rev. Benny Smith. The only business was a request from the Clerk to buy a file cabinet and other needed supplies. The Board agreed that the clerk had the authority to buy supplies as needed. The program for the next Association Meeting was discussed, the theme would be "Harvest Time" using for the text "Matt 9:37-38, Luke 10:2 and John 4: 35-38. The meeting was closed with prayer.

**UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
4TH QUARTER MEETING OCTOBER 10, 1998
THEME OF THE DAY "HARVEST TIME"**

The Annual Meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Midway Free Will Baptist Church on October 10, 1998 beginning at 10:00 AM. Rev. James Sellers served as Moderator, Rev. Benny Smith as Clerk, Rev. Bud Hill as Song Leader, and Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn as Pianist.

The session began with congregation singing and prayer by Rev. Herbert Waid. The Host Pastor, Rev. Claude Richardson, gave a welcome to the Association to the Midway Church and gave information of the facilities. Rev. Richardson then blessed us all with special music singing "God Will Wipe Away All Tears". At this time Assistant Moderator Rev. S. E. Newberry, introduced Rev. James Sellers for the Morning Devotion. Before beginning his message Rev. Sellers gave the Moderators welcome to the Churches of the Association. The Message followed the theme for the day "Harvest Time" and Rev. Sellers thought was "Preparing for the Harvest" using John 4:35 for his text. The message stirred the hearts of all and Rev. Sellers closed with prayer. Rev. Sellers requested prayer for Bro. Curtis Gay as he was in the hospital.

At this time the Moderator called for the reading of the letters of the churches and roll call of the ministers and deacons. Rev. S. E. Newberry moved to seat the delegates sent by the churches and Rev. W. G. Turner seconded. The Standing Delegates then voted and motion carried.

The Moderator then instructed the Clerk to read the Minutes of the last Meeting and the Report of the Executive Board. After reading the Minutes and Report of the Executive Board the Clerk, Rev. Benny Smith made a move to receive them, the move was seconded By Mr. James Silvers, motion carried.

There were no Petitionary Letters so the Moderator asked for any reports that were ready. Since the Executive Secretary of the State Association was not present there was no report from his office.

Rev. Lamar Parrish reported that the Constitutional Committee had met twice but was not ready because the were still working on the constitution. Received as information Since it was almost time for the break the Moderator appointed the following committees.

Digest:

Chairman: Mr. Billy Faison
Mr. Guyton Adams
Miss. Bonnie Sisk

Finance:

Chairman: Mr. Edward Baxter
Mr. Donald Harris
Mr. Jackie Goff

Rev. Elzie Franks dismissed us for Break.

After the break the Moderator called the session back to order and Rev. Hill led the congregation singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Before going to the Lord in prayer there were several prayer requests, Rev. Lamar Parrish prayed. The Moderator asked Mr. James Silvers and Mr. Gordon Parrish to serve as ushers to receive the morning offering, Bro. Silvers gave the prayer of thanks for the offering. Rev. Claude Richardson then presented more special music singing "Will Jesus Find Us Watching" and "He Is Just Picking Flowers" accompanying himself on the guitar.

The Moderator then introduced the speaker for the Morning Message, Rev. Benny Smith. Rev. Smith, following the theme of the day, used for his topic "The Harvest" and texts Mathew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2, and John 4:35-38, Rev. Smith closed with prayer. The message showed us a need to win souls to Christ. The Host Pastor then gave instructions for lunch and prayed the prayer of dismissal and thanks for the noon meal.

Rev. Bud Hill brought us back to order with the congregation singing "Work For The Night Is Coming" and leading us in prayer. Mr. Gordon Parrish blessed us with special music singing "Bring Them In". Since the Moderator had to leave, Assistant Moderator Rev. S. E. Newberry led the Afternoon Session and introduced the afternoon speaker, Rev. Robert Simpson. Rev. Simpson used for his text Mathew 9:37 & 38 and closed with prayer. The message also showed us a need for winning the lost.

The Afternoon Business began with the Moderator calling for the following reports.

Georgia Mission Board: Rev. Claude Richardson

No Report

Georgia Trustee Board: Mr. Kenneth Murphy

No Report

Georgia Camp Board: Mr. James Silvers

Reported the Camp Board had met September 19, 1998 at Shoneys in Perry, Georgia, and had elected as Chairman, Rev. Gene Cross, and Assistant Chairman, Rev. Rod Goodman. Reported that the State Teen Camp was a great success with 101 teens attending. Mr. Silvers announced that the State Teen Camp will be at Coventon again next year. Bro. Silvers reported the Board asked the Churches to be patient and give the Board another year to work on getting another Camp as some of the Board Members were new on the Board. Financial report of the State Camp Board is as follows.

Balance as of September 17, 1998	
Camp Savings:	\$178,546.76
Camp Board Account:	\$22,446.05
Over All Total:	\$200,992.81

Bro. Silvers Moved to receive the report, Rev. W.G. Turner seconded and motion carried.

Georgia Christian Education Board: Rev. Bud Hill

The State Board of Christian Education met and planned the years activities. The Ministers Wives Retreat met and the report is that it was and outstanding retreat. The Senior Citizen Retreat Will Be Held at Epworth By The Sea, at St. Simon, Island, October 19-21, try to attend if possible. Rev. Hill commented that the C.E. Bd. has other retreats in the plans.

Note: Sister Geraldine Waid reported the Minister Wives Retreat was enjoyed by all that attended. Rev. Hill moved to receive the report and Mr. Edward Baxter seconded, motion carried.

Ordaining Board: Rev. Bud Hill

The Ordaining Board met Saturday, October 10, 1998 at 9:00 AM to examine Rev. Wilbur Harris for ordination. After the examination the Board voted to accept him. The date of ordination to be set. Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. James Sellers, Rev. Bill Barksdale and Rev Elzie Franks

Superannuation Board: Mr. Glenn Etheridge

No Report.

Youth Committee: Rev. Benny Smith

Rev. Smith asked Mr. Gordan Parrish to report on plans for a Youth Lock-In. Mr. Parrish reported that a Lock-In was planed for the next Friday and Saturday, October 16 & 17 at the Midway Church. He asked the churches to let him know how many were coming. Rev. Smith reported that the finances of the Youth Fund was in real good shape which is reported later in this report. Moderator Rev. S. E. Newberry encouraged us to get involved with the our youth. Rev. Bud Hill moved to receive the report, Rev. Claude Richardson seconded motion carried.

Digest Committee:

Churches Represented:	14
Delegates Present:	32
Deacons Present:	9
Ministers Present:	13
Total Delegates	54
<u>Visitors Present:</u>	<u>16</u>
Total Present:	70

Rev. Lamar Parrish moved to receive the report, Rev. Bud Hill seconded, motion carried.

Finance Committee:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$532.00
Offering:	\$125.50
Quarterly Dues Collected:	\$562.50
<u>Monies Designated:</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$708.00
Total With Days Receipts	\$1240.33

Other Finance Reports:

Youth Fund Balance \$1437.11

Ministers Retirement Balance \$3497.84

Mr. Edward Baxter gave the report and moved it be accepted, Rev. W. G. Turner seconded, and motion carried.

The Moderator asked if there were any other reports before the Nominating Committee Report as that should end the days business.

Mrs. Geraldine Waid read a letter from the Wallaces in Alaska, They spoke of their work and concerns for their first winter in Alaska. They asked for prayer for encouragement.

Rev. Lamar Parrish moved to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks, Rev. Bud Hill seconded, everyone stood in appreciation of the hospitality the Church had given.

Rev. S. E. Newberry reported he was now at Bay Church on second and fourth Sundays at 9:00 AM.

Rev. Lamar Parrish moved to give the days offering to the Youth Committee for the upcoming Lock-In. Rev. Elzie Franks seconded and motion carried.

**Nomination Committee: Mr. James Silvers, Mr. Edward Baxter
and Rev. Chuck Scarborough**

Ordaining Board: Rev. James Sellers Term Expires 2003

Mission Board: Rev. Bill McCoy Term Expires 2003

Superannuation Board Mr. Edward Baxter 3 Years

Youth Committee: Mr. Gordan Parrish 1 Year

Mr. Stewart Bundy 1 Year

Mrs. Bonnie Walker 1 Year

Clerk Of Association: Rev. Herbert Waid Term Expires 1999

Rev. Lamar Parrish moved to accept the report and receive nominations from the floor. There were none and Rev. Claude Richardson moved to accept the the report and elect officers as nominated. Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn seconded and motion carried.

Rev. Elzie Franks moved to adjourn, Mr. Gordan Parrish seconded and motion carried.

Rev. S. E. Newberry dismissed this Annual Meeting of the Union Association with Prayer.

Executive Board Report

Those present were Rev. S. E. Newberry, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Benny Smith, and new Clerk, Rev. Herbert Waid. Mr. Edward Baxter and Mr. Gordan Parish were present as they were asked to be concerning the Superanuation Board.

The first thing the board talked about the old records in the safe deposit box and agreed there was no reason to keep the box.

It was then agreed that the clerk could get supplies as needed.

We discussed the Ministers Retirement Fund and asked the Board to look in to putting the money into a better savings account in place of the current checking with interest account.

Planned the program for the February Meeting with the theme being "Beginnings" with speakers own text. The Speakers will be, Morning Devotion, Rev. Terron Stonecypher, Morning Message, Rev. W. G. Turner, and Afternoon Devotion, Rev. Herbert Waid.

The Board then agreed to give the Mission Board the August, 1999 meeting at the Poulan Church and if possible to have Home Missionarys, Rev. and Mrs. James Munsey, with the Creeches as backup.

Rev. Lamar Parrish moved to adjourn, Mrs Louvenia Kleedehn seconded, and motion carried.

UNION ASSOCIATION

FINANCE REPORT

Date	Beginning Balance	\$1,483.49
1/1/98	Association Balance	\$64.85
	Youth Balance	\$1,418.64

Date	Description of Receipt	Deposit Amount
1/2/98	Dues	\$146.00
2/18/98	Dues & Offering	\$525.50
5/12/98	Dues, Offering & Donation to Youth Camp	\$947.50
7/23/98	Youth Camp Dues Canteen Receipts	\$1,409.55
7/23/98	Dues	\$15.00
8/11/98	Dues & Offering	\$744.03
10/19/98	Dues & Offering	\$708.00

Total Receipts	\$4,495.58
Balance Brought Forward	\$1,483.49
Total Monies to Account For.	\$5,979.07
Balance As of November 31, 1998	\$1,878.69
Including Association Balance of:	\$337.95
And Youth Fund Balance of:	\$1,540.74

UNION ASSOCIATION DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check #	Purpose	Amount
1/13/98	Draft	Safe Deposit Box	\$36.00
1/2/98	244	Print Minutes	\$15.00
1/26/98	245	Stamps	\$32.00
2/18/98	246	Ministers Retirement	\$83.20
2/18/98	247	Coop, Missions & Etc;	\$396.60
4/2/98	248	Deposit Youth Camp	\$100.00
5/12/98	249	Ministers Retirement	\$116.10
5/19/98	250	Coop, Missions & Etc;	\$228.05
	251	Void	\$0.00
6/2/98	252	Clerks Fee	\$15.00
	253	Void	\$0.00
6/2/98	254	Postage & Stamps	\$35.45
6/29/98	255	Paper & Envelopes	\$16.56
7/7/98	256	Camp Supplies	\$58.44
7/16/98	257	Camp Gro. & Supplies	\$476.45
7/16/98	258	Camp Supplies	\$67.99
7/18/98	259	Cash For Canteen	\$100.00
7/18/98	260	Camp Supplies	\$65.00
7/19/98	261	Camp Supplies	\$38.44
	262	Void	\$0.00
7/23/98	263	Camp Evangelist	\$350.00
7/23/98	264	Camp Lifeguard	\$100.00
7/23/98	265	Camp Rent	\$452.02
8/11/98	266	Minister Retirement	\$113.70
8/11/98	267	Clerks Fee	\$15.00
8/25/98	268	Coop, Missions, & Etc	\$382.38
9/19/98	269	Paper	\$8.25
10/10/98	270	Youth Activities	\$50.00
10/19/98	271	Ministers Retirement	\$112.50
10/24/98	272	State & National Dues	\$395.00
10/24/98	273	Coop, Missions Etc;	\$226.25
10/24/98	274	Clerks Fee	\$15.00
Total Disbursements For 1998			\$4,100.38
Total Monies To Account For:			\$5,979.07
Less Total Disbursements			\$4,100.38
Balance as of Novenber 30, 1998			\$1,878.69
Includes Association Balance of:			\$337.95
And Youth Fund Balance of:			\$1,540.74

Ministers Retirement Fund					
Starting Balance:		\$3,260.85			
			20% of Dues & Interest		
Withdrawals:			Deposits:		
Date:	Check No.	Amount:	Date:	Amount:	Balance:
2/14/98	117	\$40.00			\$3,220.85
	Mildred Harris		2/18/98	\$83.20	\$3,304.05
			2/28/98	\$5.66	\$3,309.71
			3/31/98	\$6.32	\$3,316.03
			4/30/98	\$6.13	\$3,322.16
5/9/98	118	\$40.00			\$3,282.16
	Mildred Harris		5/12/98	\$116.10	\$3,398.26
			5/31/98	\$6.45	\$3,404.71
			6/30/98	\$6.30	\$3,411.01
			7/31/98	\$6.52	\$3,417.53
8/8/98	119	\$40.00			\$3,377.53
	Mildred Harris		8/11/98	\$113.70	\$3,491.23
			8/31/98	\$6.61	\$3,497.84
			9/30/98	\$6.47	\$3,504.31
10/10/98	120	\$40.00			\$3,464.31
	Mildred Harris		10/19/98	\$112.50	\$3,576.81
			10/31/98	\$6.74	\$3,583.55
Balance as of November 31, 1998					\$3,583.55

Roll Call Sunday 3/29/98

Church	Attendance	Conversions
Bay	25	
Bethlehem	110	
Cairo	59	
Fellowship	32	
Grace	26	
Greenwood	13	
Midway	74	
New Hope	28	
Poulan	53	
Proctor Chapel	20	
Spring Hill	48	1
Sylvester	62	
Wrights Chapel	25	
Total	575	1

1998 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
of
THE UNION ASSOCIATION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Union Woman's Auxiliary District meeting convened on September 26, 1998 with the Midway Church. The pastor, Brother Claude Richardson, welcomed everyone to the church. President Connie Lacy opened the meeting. Lora Shutes led the congregation in the song, "In The Service Of The King." Prayer was by Janine Silvers. Special music was rendered by Dee Norton and Wendy Miller, "Open My Eyes." Mrs. Geraldine Waid gave the devotion, "Glimpses of Hope" using Romans 8:22-28. She spoke of women of the Bible and the hope they had. A love offering was received for Brother and Sister Waid.

President Connie Lacy appointed the following committees:

Credentials Committee:	Patricia Ramsey Melba Washington Mary Hill
Registration Committee:	Dorothy Hardin Dee Norton Janine Silvers
Finance Committee:	Lora Shutes Wendy Miller Mary Harper

Dismissed for a brief recess. Meeting reconvened with congregational hymn, "Brighten The Corner" led by Lora Shutes. Prayer by Betty Lewis. The following reports were given:

Credential Committee:	Reported 5 churches represented with a total of 46 members. M.S.C. to receive.
Registration Committee:	Reported 7 officers; 8 delegates; 5 members; 3 visitors for a total of 23 present.
Finance Committee:	Reported amount for dues of \$494.50. Love offering for the Waids was \$81.45. M.S.C. to receive this report.

Delegates for the State Association meeting to be held with the Albany Church on November 12 are: Patsy Barrett, Melba Washington, Janine Silvers, Mary Hill, Wilma Davis, Ruth Richardson, Connie Lacey, Mary Harper, Margie Harris and Geraldine Waid.

Minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Ladies were reminded of the 24 ½ pint jars of jelly each auxiliary will be responsible for the National meeting Auxiliary Banquet which will convene in Atlanta in July 1999.

Worship service opened with hymn, "Make Me A Blessing." Prayer by Lora Shutes. Special music given by Wilma Davis and Deena Jones, "Precious Memories." Brother Herbert Waid brought the morning message using scripture Proverbs 31:10. He spoke of Sarah as a role

model—her character, influence, and care and how important Sarah was to her husband in the calling of God on their lives. He compared her influence to the influence women today have on those around them and as we care for others Angels surround us constantly.

Meeting closed by singing hymn, "Let My Life Be A Light." Dismissed with prayer. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Hill

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. I Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love 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. I 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; II Corinthians 5:12; Titus; I John 5:1, 10, 13.

4. We believe in the Beginning God made man upright; and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell; and by that means brought himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death. Genesis 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the repentance and knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved; for which Christ has commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15; I Timothy 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believe 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; I John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practices. II Timothy 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the Gospel. Luke 14:16, 20; Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, 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; 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 the 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 the wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doth 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's sin, for "of such is the Kingdom of God". I Corinthians 15:22; Matthew 18:25; Mark 9:36-37; Matthew 19:13.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of this means of grace and not out of the use of these means, eternal life is promised to men. Revelation 22:14-15; 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 or 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; 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 are 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 intoxication 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 it's poor, and all it's 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 obligation 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 my 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 God sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. This Association will hereafter be known as the Union Association of Original Freewill 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 it's influence to promote a moral, spiritual and benevolent program,

utilizing all its institutions and auxiliaries. (Woman'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 represented at this Association shall be entitled to a minimum of three (3) appointed delegates up to one hundred (100) members plus one (1) additional delegate per each additional one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof.

(b) \$4.00 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 \$20.00 per church registration fee to the State Association for National representation.)

(c) When member churches or 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) 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 quarterly meeting;

(b) No voting privileges until such church or churches and minister or ministers attend two (2) successive quarterly meetings, at which 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 the 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, and to receive and disperse funds in the interest of missions support. A detailed report of the Board's work shall be submitted to the last 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 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 Sunday observed upon the designated day established by the National Association. This day is currently set for the fourth (4) Sunday of November annually.

(c) there shall be an Association wide Missions Conference to be held every fourth (4) year. (Next Conference should be 1995/1999.)

12. There shall be an Ordaining Board composed of five (5) members belonging to the Association. Members of this Board shall be elected by the Association for a five (5) year term on a rotation basis. The duty of this Board 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 Board comprised of three (3) members, in good standing of the Association, serving three (3) year rotating terms 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 their responsibility of this Board to ensure the continuing eligibility of those individuals receiving these monies.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a majority vote.

ASSOCIATION DECORUM

1. The officers of this association shall be elected at the close of the last session of the odd calender years. The board members shall be elected yearly as terms designate.

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 it's 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 the right to decide what matters shall be admitted to it's consideration.

9. When a person is called to the Gospel Ministry and desires to be licensed to preach, he shall approach his local church and request to be licensed. The church shall 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 shall be granted a license to preach for a period of one year. At the end of 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 has become 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 licensing, commending to ordination, and calling of a minister to fill pastoral office.

b. An ordained minister coming to the Union Association from another denomination shall be placed on a one (1) year waiting period under the watch care of this Association, before being accepted into the Union Association.

c. A minister coming to any church of the Union Association must be a member of that church and come before the Ordaining Council for questioning.

d. Minister and/or churches not complying with "b" and "c" above are out of fellowship with this association.

11. This Decorum may be amended at any session of this 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 also must 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 laying on of hands.

DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

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

THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

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

THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

5. Traditionally and historically, Free Will Baptists in the State of Georgia have not ordained women to the Gospel Ministry. So far as we are able to discern, this is still the true sentiment over the State. Therefore, until the thinking of our Free Will Baptist constituency becomes more definitive on this matter, we do not propose to ordain women.

THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN:

6. Free Will Baptist, 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 *UNION* ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST OF GEORGIA, I PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUENCY OF SAID *UNION* ASSOCIATION:

1. To preach the Word of God in it's fullness 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 *Union* 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 *Union* 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 freely with the free consent of my heart and mind, or if I shall 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 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 Dr. J. D. O'Donnell

HISTORY: *Marching Through Georgia* by Rev. Damon C. Dodd

GOVERNMENT: *Free Will Baptist Treatise*

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE: *Biblical Graphics* by Dr. Roger C. 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.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD GUIDELINES

Recommendation the Union Association of Free Will Baptist 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 of 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 obtained 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 requirements 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 actually involved in a local church 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" members will serve three (3) year rotating terms and may succeed themselves if the Association so elects.

THE PLEDGES

PLEDGE TO THE 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.

PLEDGE TO 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.

PLEDGE TO THE 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.