

UNION
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
MINUTES

2008

**2008
ANNUAL MINUTES**

**of the
83rd SESSION**

of the

**UNION ASSOCIATION
of
GEORGIA
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Quarterly Sessions met at:
Greenwood Church, February 9, 2008
Midway Church, May 10, 2008
New Hope Church, August 9, 2008
New Prospect Church, November 8, 2008**

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.
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 and Parliamentarian at the conclusion of the Annual Session.

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

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| Poulan Church..... | February 14, 2009 |
| Spring Hill Church..... | May 9, 2009 |
| Sylvester Church..... | August 8, 2009 |
| Bay Church..... | November 14, 2009 |

UNION ASSOCIATION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Moderator
Rev. Randy Jackson, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Herbert Waid, Clerk/Treasurer
Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, Assistant Clerk
Rev. Herbert Waid, Mission Board Chairman
Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Ordaining Board Chairman
Mr. Blane Fowler, Retirement Board Chairman
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Youth Board Chairman
Mr. Duck Bozeman, Parliamentarian

MISSION BOARD

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Rev. Wilbur Harris | 2009 |
| Mr. James Silvers | 2010 |
| Rev. Marshall Kennedy | 2011 |
| Rev. Ricky Purvis | 2012 |
| Rev. Herbert Waid, Chairman | 2013 |

ORDAINING BOARD

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| Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Chairman | 2009 |
| Rev. S.E. Newberry | 2010 |
| Dr. Bill Frye | 2011 |
| Rev. W.G. Turner | 2012 |
| Rev. Wilbur Harris | 2013 |

RETIREMENT BOARD

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|----------------------------|------|
| Mr. Jackie Goff | 2009 |
| Mr. Charles Sumner | 2010 |
| Mr. Charles Parks | 2011 |
| Mr. Clint Hardin | 2012 |
| Mr. Blane Fowler, Chairman | 2013 |

YOUTH BOARD

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| Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Chairperson | 2009 |
| Rev. Rocky Duckworth | 2010 |
| Mrs. Dorothy Hardin | 2011 |
| Mrs. Laurie Harper | 2012 |
| Rev. Kirk Lavender | 2013 |

PARLIAMENTARIAN

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| Mr. Duck Bozeman | 2009 |
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SONG LEADERS

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| Rev. Randy Jackson | 2009 |
| Mr. Charles Parks, Assistant | 2009 |

PIANIST

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| Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn | 2009 |
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REPRESENTATIVES TO GEORGIA STATE BOARDS

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| Board of Camping - Dr. Bill Frye | 2011 |
| Board of Christian Education - Rev. Randy Jackson | 2011 |
| Board of Missions - Mr. Charles Sumner | 2011 |
| Board of Trustees - Rev. Chuck Scarborough | 2011 |

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| DIRECTORY OF PASTORS AND CLERKS |
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BAY CHURCH, Colquitt County

Rev. S.E. Newberry

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| ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS |
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| Rev. Bill Barksdale | Spring Hill Church |
| Rev. Rocky Duckworth | Poulan Church |
| Rev. Wilbur Harris | Sylvester Church |
| Rev. Randy Jackson | Midway Church |
| Rev. Kirk Lavender | New Prospect Church |
| Rev. S.E. Newberry | Bay and Greenwood Churches |
| Rev. Ricky Purvis | Bethlehem Church |
| Rev. Chuck Scarborough | New Hope Church |
| Rev. James Sellers | Grace Church |
| Rev. W.G. Turner | Cairo, First Church |
| Rev. Herbert Waid | Fellowship Church |
| Rev. Curtis Alligood | |
| Dr. Bill R. Frye | |
| Rev. Marshall Kennedy | |
| Rev. James Osborn | |

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| ROLL OF DEACONS |
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BAY CHURCH

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| Hayward McRae | Hwy 319 S, Moultrie GA 31768 |
| Alex Shivers | 444 Walter Norman, Hartsfield GA 31756 |

BETHLEHEM CHURCH

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| Tommy Cato | PO Box 162, Berlin GA 31722 |
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CAIRO, FIRST CHURCH

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| James Adams | 560 11 th Ave NE, Cairo GA 39828 |
| Edward Baxter | 200 Free Willie Ln, Whigham GA 39897 |
| Ronnie Bell | 357 Rawls Rd, Cairo GA 39828 |
| Gene Cox | 1608 Midway Rd, Cairo GA 39828 |
| Jimmy Cox | 576 Rich Rd, Cairo GA 39827 |
| Kelvin Harrell | 1338 Woodland Ch Rd, Cairo GA 39827 |
| Eric Mitchell | 283 Woodland Rd, Cairo GA 39827 |

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Clint Hardin | 6023 James Dr, Albany GA 31705 |
| Virgil Holloway | 251 Park Place, Albany GA 31705 |

GRACE CHURCH

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| Duck Bozeman | 838 EW Booth Rd, Sumner GA 31789 |
| Ernie Dukes | PO Box 415, Coolidge GA 31738 |

GREENWOOD CHURCH

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Donald Harris | 8120 Pinecliff Rd, Camilla GA 31730 |
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MIDWAY CHURCH

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| Darrell Gay | 207 Walter Murphy, Moultrie GA 31768 |
| Roscoe Gay | 2560 Lower Meigs, Moultrie GA 31768 |
| Art Harvin | 175 Ragin Rd, Moultrie GA 31768 |
| Wayne R. Lacey | 235 Walter Murphy Rd, Moultrie GA 31768 |
| Brady Mercer | 594 McElroy Rd, Moultrie GA 31768 |
| Matt Sauls | 785 Sauls Rd, Moultrie GA 31768 |
| Grady Sloan | 191 Ragin Rd, Moultrie GA 31768 |

NEW HOPE CHURCH

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| Jacky Goff | 2610 Hwy 319 S, Coolidge GA 31738 |
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NEW PROSPECT CHURCH

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| Adam Lavender | 1248 Maude Williams, Ashburn GA 31714 |
| Carlton Williams | 1174 Maude Williams, Ashburn GA 31714 |

POULAN CHURCH

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| Wayne Carlton | 468 Northwood Dr NW, Poulan GA 31781 |
| Hal Ivey | 891 Sumner Rd S, Sumner GA 31789 |
| Jack D. Powell | 335 Old Mail Rd, Sylvester GA 31791 |
| Larry S. Waltman | 1072 P.T. Salter Rd, Poulan GA 31781 |

SPRING HILL CHURCH

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| Leonard Bundy | 222 N Jackson St, Baconton GA 31716 |
| Stuart Bundy | 443 Cool Springs Rd, Doerun GA 31744 |
| Glenn Etheredge | 6027 Jenkins Rd, Albany GA 31705 |
| Charles McCardle | 737 Morey Rd, Albany GA 31705 |
| James Silvers | 659 Pine Tree Ln, Albany GA 31705 |

SYLVESTER CHURCH

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|-------------------|---|
| J.W. Gibbs | 155 Oakland Heights, Sylvester GA 31791 |
| Melvin Rutherford | 109 York Rd, Sylvester GA 31791 |

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| ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE |
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| Mr. Blane Fowler | 218 Redding Rd, Pavo GA 31778 | 229-859-2775 |
| Dr. Bill R. Frye | 126 Hunton St, Poulan GA 31781 | 229-299-4164 |
| Mrs. Dorothy Hardin | 6023 James Dr, Albany GA 31705 | 229-435-5016 |
| Mrs. Laurie Harper | 975 Tree Farm Rd, Moultrie GA 31768 | 229-981-0669 |
| Rev. Marshall Kennedy | PO Box 2634, Moultrie GA 31776 | Cell 891-0669 |
| Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn | 369 Faison Rd, Hartsfield GA 31756 | 229-941-5227 |
| Rev. James Osborn | 1908 Barnes St, Plant City FL 33563 | 813-764-7390 |
| Mr. Charles Parks | 236 Robert Rd, Moultrie GA 31788 | 229-324-3584 |
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UNION ASSOCIATION STATICS
for the year 2008

| Church | Active Members | Sunday School | CTS | Women WAC | Master's Men | Property Value |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Bay | 19 | 16 | | | | \$ 413,000.00 |
| Bethlehem | 36 | 30 | | | | |
| Cairo, First | 47 | 30 | | 6 | | \$ 220,000.00 |
| Fellowship | 23 | 18 | 18 | 7 | 4 | \$ 196,000.00 |
| Grace | 26 | 25 | | | | \$ 200,000.00 |
| Greenwood | 15 | | | | | |
| Midway | 134 | 78 | 80 | 17 | | \$ 750,000.00 |
| New Hope | 33 | 20 | | | | |
| New Prospect | 35 | 25 | 20 | 8 | | |
| Poulan | 29 | | | | | |
| Spring Hill | 142 | 45 | 30 | 6 | 8 | \$ 145,000.00 |
| Sylvester | 31 | | | | | |
| Total | 570 | 287 | 148 | 44 | 12 | \$1,924,000.00 |

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
First Quarter Meeting, February 9, 2008
At the Greenwood Church
MISSION DAY EMPHASIS

The meeting opened with singing "Jesus Saves." Mrs. Sherrill Barge served as pianist for the day in Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn's absence. Rev. Fred Hersey, Foreign Missions representative, led in prayer. The Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, and the host pastor, Rev. S.E. Newberry welcomed the delegates and visitors.

The Moderator asked Rev. Fred Hersey to give his report for general Missions giving using the "Mission Coin Bank." Rev. Hersey told of the great results that using the bank had profited our mission works around the world. Last year the receipts were \$510,000. This amount gave each missionary account \$20,000 and funded our 3 mission schools. This year the goal is \$750,000. He asked that each church pick up banks today.

Our Mission emphasis speaker, Rev. Nathan Snow, Missionary to Japan, brought the devotional. His text was from 1 Corinthians 15. The main reason for our witnessing is to tell others about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are three reasons for the Resurrection: It is prophesied, recorded and salvation requires it. It is our responsibility to take the message of the Resurrection to the unsaved world.

The Digest report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She reported a total registration of 76. Rev. W.G. Turner made a motion to receive the report and Rev. Randy Jackson seconded and the motion carried.

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| Churches represented | 12 |
| Delegates present | 33 |
| Deacons present | 10 |
| Ministers present | 11 |

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| Visitors present | <u>22</u> |
| Total present | 76 |

The Executive Committee Minutes were read by the Clerk. The motion from last quarter's minutes to table a motion concerning the Church Dues was taken off the table. The clerk read that motion and a motion to adopt was made by Rev. S.E. Newberry and seconded by Rev. James Sellers. It carried. The passing of this motion means that the Constitution Article V, Representation, Section 4 will be changed to read: Each church shall be requested to pay a minimum fee of \$12.00 per active member; broken down on a quarterly basis of \$3.00 per active member. This fee shall include the annual church registration fee to the State Association for National Representation, Page 32 in the 2007 Minutes.

A Finance Committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Gene Sellers, Chairman, Mrs. Judy Peacock, and Mrs. Pat Frye.

State Board Reports: Camping – Rev. Bill Frye reported that the Board meets next week.

Education – Rev. Randy Jackson reported on the upcoming Couples Retreat, the Ministers' Retreat in April and the State Youth Conference in May. He urged us to take advantage of these Retreats. Mrs. Patsy Barrett seconded the motion to receive as information and it carried.

Mission – Mr. Charles Sumner reported that the Missionaries had their 3 year evaluation. Valdosta Church is still struggling and that Missionary Bill Lewis and his wife have had physical problems. About 7 acres of property has been secured with the money from the sale of the old church with a little left over. The church in Cartersville continues to grow and Missionary Bill Crank and his wife are doing fine. They are in desperate need of parking space at the location of the present meeting place. The newest missionaries, The Jay Hollis family are still seeking out methods to get started in the Harris County area. Rev. S.E. Newberry seconded the motion to receive as information and it carried.

District Youth Board – Mrs. Kirsten Saunders reported that our 1st Annual “Miles For Missions” Walk-a-thon was a terrific success and a great time of fellowship. We raised \$1,067.00 for the Nathan Snow family, missionary to Japan. There were 30 walkers and 7 support people who participated. She reported that the District Youth Competition will be on March 8 at Bay Church and the State Youth Conference will be May 3 at White Oaks Church in Macon. She urged every church to bring their youth even if they are not competing. The District Youth Camp in conjunction with the Martin and Midway Associations will be June 8-13. This Camp is for youth in grades 1-6. Rev. Randy Jackson is the Director. Mrs. Patsy Barrett seconded the motion to receive as information and it carried.

We had a recess and the Ordaining Board met with Brother Purvis of the Bethlehem Church.

We reconvened with singing, “When We All Get To Heaven,” with Mrs. Sandra Jackson serving as pianist.

District Ordaining Board – Rev. James Sellers reported that they examined the new Berlin Pastor, Ricky Purvis, and all questions were answered satisfactory and the Board requests that he be taken under the watchcare of the Association for one year. He comes to us from the Southern Baptist denomination. Rev. W.G. Turner seconded the motion and it carried.

The Alabama Children’s Home report was given by Mr. Charles Sumner. The Home had 24 children but some problems arose and some of the children had to be sent home. Some new house parents, Mike and Sandra Nabors will be joining the staff. The motorcycle ride this year included 600 bikers and they brought in \$41,000. A gospel sing for the Home brought in \$60,000. The Home is now considering a pavilion for the

bikers to use. God is blessing with other large donations. Rev. W.G. Turner seconded a motion to receive and it carried.

The morning offering was taken with Rev. S.E. Newberry and Rev. Bill Frye serving as ushers. Rev. Newberry led in prayer. The congregation sang, "Joy Unspeakable."

Mrs. Celia Newberry and Mrs. Geraldine Waid volunteered and were elected as delegates to the State Association. There was a motion made by Rev. Randy Jackson that the Moderator, Assistant Moderator or the Clerk be authorized to appoint delegates at the meeting if necessary. Rev. James Sellers seconded the motion and it carried.

Announcements were called for. It was reported that all the renovations to the Greenwood Church were done to honor their Pastor, Rev. S.E. Newberry, for his 25 years of being their Pastor.

REVIVALS: *Bethlehem Church*, March 16-19, Evangelist: Rev. S.E. Newberry – Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday begins at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Church, April 21-25, Evangelist: Rev. Curtis Alligood – 7:00 p.m. nightly

Spring Hill Church, April 7-11, Evangelist: Rev. Harold Williams – 7:00 p.m. nightly

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

We started the services with singing, "My Jesus I Love Thee." The Host Church special music was rendered by Mrs. Sherrill Barge who played and sang, "When Jesus Comes" and "So Send I You." Before the prayer many names were called for special prayer. Some of those included: Paul Creech, Jan Parker, Louvenia Kleedehn. Edward and Doll Baxter, Rev. Bill Frye, Latrelle Barksdale's nephew, Randy Jackson

whose parents both went to be with the Lord recently, Paul Irvin, Jim Osborn, Clementine Faison, James Sellers grand-daughter, Brandi, Ann Lavender's niece. Rev. W.G. Turner led in prayer.

The Morning Message was brought by our Missionary to Japan, Rev. Nathan Snow. He gave an overview of the printed materials he had and thanks for supporting him. He asked us to consider the "Big Picture" of Free Will Baptist world-wide evangelism. He talked about and gave statistics for our ministry around the world and used a power point presentation to illustrate where God is using Free Will Baptists and our converts. He gave an update on his family and the work in Japan. He quoted William Carey who said. "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." His whole presentation was very impressive and challenging.

Finance Committee report was given by Mr. Gene Sellers.

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| General Fund Balance Forwarded | \$1,317.21 |
| Offering | 597.00 |
| Designated - Mission Conference | 1,000.00 |
| Dues collected | <u>888.00</u> |
| General Fund Total | \$3,802.21 |
| Youth Fund Total | 4,975.80 |
| Minister Retirement Fund Total | 553.58 |

Mr. Charles Sumner made a motion to receive the report. Mr. Leonard Bundy seconded and it carried.

Rev. James Sellers made a motion that we give a rising vote of thanks to Greenwood for their gracious hosting. Rev. S.E. Newberry gave directions for lunch. Rev. James Sellers dismissed in prayer asking a blessing on the lunch.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 9, 2008

The Executive Committee met immediately following the First Quarterly Session at the Greenwood Church. Those present for the meeting were: Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Rev. Randy Jackson, Rev. James Sellers, and Rev. Herbert Waid.

The only business conducted was planning the program for the May 10, 2008 session to be held at the Midway Church.

- (1) Rev. William Smith is to be asked to have both the Devotional and Morning Messages
- (2) If William Smith will not commit then we will use our own:
 - (A) Devotional Message by Rev. W.G. Turner
 - (B) Morning Message by Rev. Bill Barksdale

Speakers may choose to preach on any subject they feel led to use.

*Note: If Rev. William Smith speaks at our May 10th Session then Brothers Turner and Barksdale will preach for us at our August 9th session.

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| UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS |
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| Second Quarter Meeting, May 10, 2008 |
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| Midway Church, Colquitt County, Georgia |
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The meeting opened with singing, "When I See the Blood," led by Mr. Charles Parks. The Moderator and the host pastor, Rev. Randy Jackson, gave warm welcomes. Rev. William Smith, State Executive Secretary/Treasurer, brought the devotional message. His text was from

2 Timothy 3:8-17. He began by pointing out this message of trusting God's Word is for all Christians not just the ministers. He gave five points why we can trust the Word: (1) it is inspired; (2) it is inerrant; (3) it has authority; (4) it is indestructible; (5) it has impact.

The Registration Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders.

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| Churches represented | 12 |
| Delegates | 23 |
| Ministers | 13 |
| Deacons | 9 |
| Visitors | <u>12</u> |
| Total registered | 57 |

There was a motion by Rev. Randy Jackson to seat the delegates, Rev. S.E. Newberry seconded and it carried.

The Moderator introduced "taking care of the budget" since the new Quarterly Fees have come into effect. The Clerk gave some details on the Retirement Board Funds and made a motion that we raise the percentage from 5% to 27% to be allocated to that Board from the Quarterly Dues. Mrs. Patsy Barrett seconded the motion and it carried.

The Finance Committee appointed for the day was:

Mr. Charles Parks, Mr. Tom Barfield, Mr. Blane Fowler

Rev. Bill Barksdale, by letter, resigned his positions in the Association, Ordaining Board member and Mission Board member, because of ill health. He also asked to be excused from speaking at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Billy Faison for the executive committee to nominate replacements for these positions and bring the nominations back to the Association for a vote at the next Quarterly Meeting. Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn seconded, and it carried.

State Board Reports:

Camp Board report was given by Dr. Bill Frye who informed us of the planned upcoming Teen Camp and encouraged all the churches to send their teens. It was received as information.

Christian Education Board report was given by Rev. Randy Jackson who reported on the Minister's Retreat in April and challenged the churches to encourage their pastor to attend and even pay his way. He reported on the State Youth Competition on May 3. The names of all the competitors going to the National were read from the following churches: Bay, Fellowship, Midway and New Prospect. He challenged the churches to send their pastor's wife to the Minister's Wives Retreat in the fall. The report was received as information.

Mission Board report was given by Rev. William Smith in the absence of Mr. Charles Sumner who was ill. The report included encouraging reports of the Harris County, Cartersville and Valdosta Missions and also our work in Fairbanks, Alaska. It was received as information.

A moving Memorial for our Veterans was conducted by Mr. Billy Faison after which Rev. S.E. Newberry dismissed us in prayer for a short recess.

The Moderator asked for a discussion on what to do with the morning offering. After a little discussion Mrs. Patsy Barrett made a motion to put the offering into the General Fund. Mr. Billy Faison seconded the motion and it carried.

The congregation sang, "Standing on the Promises." Mr. Tom Barfield and Mr. Blane Fowler served as ushers and Mr. Fowler led in a prayer of blessing on the offering.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

Mission Board report was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. He report consisted of a big "Thank You" to all of our churches who participated in our Mission Conference last quarter. The participation was outstanding from the churches and the Youth Board sponsored "Miles for Missions" Walk-a-thon. It was received as information.

Youth Board report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She announced Teen Camp and then gave information concerning our Association Junior Camp which is June 8-13 at Camp Tygart in Ray City. She asked our Camp Board Director, Rev. Randy Jackson to give more information. He explained our working with two other Associations and that camper Registration Forms should be sent in to him as soon as possible. He announced that most of the workers have been secured.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. Charles Parks:

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| General Fund Balance Forward | \$1,617.22 |
| Quarterly Dues Collected | 1,134.00 |
| Offering | <u>135.25</u> |
| General Fund Balance | \$2,886.47 |
| Youth Fund Balance | \$4,083.80 |
| Ministers' Retirement Fund | \$ 347.98 |

The motion to accept this report was seconded by Rev. Randy Jackson and it carried.

The Georgia Executive Secretary, Rev. William Smith, gave a report of National and State happenings: (1) He explained about the National Forms and Fees. (2) He strongly encouraged delegates and visitors alike to attend the business meetings at the National in July in Charleston, West Virginia. (3) He announced the "Team Church Georgia" which will be held at the Albany First Church in August. This will be sponsored and funded by Randall House Publications. (4) He encouraged us to take

advantage of the Retreats sponsored by the State Association. (5) He promoted our "Georgia Historical Archives" encouraging people to give articles to the Historical Society for permanent safe keeping.

A motion was made by Rev. James Sellers to give a rising vote of thank to the Midway Church for their gracious hosting today. That was done unanimously.

Announcements were called for. *Grace Church* will have their homecoming on June 1. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, lunch will be served. Afternoon singing will be by The Pafford's.

MORNING WORSHIP

The Morning Worship began with singing, "Victory in Jesus." Prayer requests were taken for the following people: Rev. Bill Barksdale, Rev. W.G. Turner and his wife, young man in Iraq who was burned, Don Parker, Clementine Faison, Danny Gay, Ruth Smith, Charlie Sumner, Myra Kimbral, Paul Creech, David Van Pelt, and the leadership of our country. There was also praise for a healing. Rev. James Sellers led in prayer.

Rev. William Smith brought the message using as his text, 2 Chronicles 6:7-16. The title of the message was, "The House Of God." In building the House of God we are making preparation for the next generation. The outline of the message was: (1) We Have a Mighty God, (2) The Temple (the church) is the House for God's People, (3) Even Strangers (non Jews—you and me) are invited. We are called to faithfulness in these points.

We were dismissed in prayer with a blessing on the lunch by Dr. Bill Frye.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met following the Association Meeting at the Midway Church May 10, 2008. Members present were: Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Rev. Randy Jackson, Rev. James Sellers, Mr. Blane Fowler, Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Mr. Edward Baxter, and Rev. Herbert Waid.

(1) The question arose about the receipt of Rev. Curtis Alligood's Letter of Good Standing from his previous association in Florida. It has been asked for but not yet received.

(2) Speakers for our next session were selected:

(a) Morning Devotional Message, Rev. Ricky Purvis.

(b) Morning Worship Service Message, Brother Kirk Lavender.

(3) Nominations for filling the vacancies made by Rev. Bill Barksdale's resignations were discussed and the following were nominated:

(a) Mission Board (until 2012), Rev. Ricky Purvis.

(b) Ordaining Board (until 2011), Dr. Bill Frye.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Third Quarter Meeting

August 9, 2008 at the New Hope Church

The meeting opened with singing, "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Chuck Scarborough, the Moderator, who is also the Pastor, welcomed the Association to the New Hope Church. Rev. Randy Jackson led in prayer. Rev. Ricky Purvis brought the Devotional using Luke 22:54-62 as his

theme text. The title of the message was, "Just One Look." The basis of his message was the accounting of Jesus looking at Peter after he denied Him three times. He pointed out that Jesus is looking at us with that same look. We have only today to live true to Jesus.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn as follows:

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| Churches reporting | 12 |
| Delegates | 26 |
| Ministers | 13 |
| Deacons | 8 |
| Visitors | <u>8</u> |
| Total in attendance | 55 |

Rev. S.E. Newberry seconded the motion to receive and seat the delegates and it carried. The Moderator called for a vote to approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Rev. Randy Jackson made the motion, Mrs. Patsy Barrett seconded and it carried.

The Clerk gave the report of the Executive Committee which included nominations for the two vacancies left by Rev. Bill Barksdale's resignations. The report was received after a motion by Rev. James Sellers and seconded by Rev. Wilbur Harris. The nominees elected were: Dr. Bill Frye, Ordaining Board and Rev. Ricky Purvis, Mission Board. Rev. S. E. Newberry made the motion to elect, Rev. W.G. Turner seconded and it carried.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance Committee: Mrs. Judy Peacock, Mrs. Sandy Whitman, Mr. Virgil Holloway; Nominating Committee: Rev. S. E. Newberry, Mr. Duck Bozeman, Rev. Wilbur Harris.

State Board Reports: Christian Education, given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He announced upcoming Minister Wives' Retreat September

18-20 at Red Top Mountain and Senior Retreat November 3-5 at George T. Bagby State Park and encouraged attending these outstanding retreats that have been planned. Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn seconded the motion to receive as information and it passed.

Mission Board report was given partially by Rev. Herbert Waid in the absence of the Chairman. He reported that the frame work for the new building in Harris County has arrived and will be erected soon. Rev. Randy Jackson reported there will be a free car wash on the new property in Valdosta on August 23rd. Some youth from the Midway Church are going to help in that ministry.

District Youth Board report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She reported on the Youth Competition and named the young people who competed. She also told of those who placed at the National level of competition. She praised the youth and those who worked the long hours with them and encouraged more of our churches to get involved. She also promoted our next "Miles for Missions" walk-a-thon in January of next year. Mr. Melvin Rutherford seconded to receive as information and it carried.

There was a motion made by Mrs. Patsy Barrett and seconded by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders that the offering today be given to Mr. Thomas Holloway's current Free Will Baptist Bible College account. He is a third year student at FWBBC from the Fellowship Church. The motion carried and an offering of \$302.00 was taken.

We were recessed with prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

District Board Reports continued after the recess. Mission Board was given by Rev. Herbert Waid who reported that plans are being made for our Annual Mission Day in February. It was received as information. Ordaining Board report was given by Rev. James Sellers. He informed us of the receipt of a Ministerial Letter of Good Standing for Rev. Curtis

Alligood from his previous District Association, the Central Florida Association, and that the Board recommends receiving him into full fellowship with us. It was seconded by Mr. Clint Hardin and it carried. The Moderator gave Rev. Alligood the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Jim Tolbert represented the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries based in Tennessee. His message was well received and many picked up brochures, etc. that he brought.

Announcements were called for. Please take note of the following:
Grace Church: Revival September 8-12 with Rev. Kent Barwick as Evangelist (7:00 p.m.)

Midway Church: Homecoming October 5 with speaker Rev. Irvin Murphy; Revival November 9-14 with Rev. Rick Cason as Evangelist

Rev. S. E. Newberry made a motion to give a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for the gracious way they received us and for the delicious meal. It carried with a unanimous vote.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The worship service opened by singing, "O How I Love Jesus." Special prayer requests were given: Mrs. Carmen Osborn who has bone cancer; Mr. Charles Sumner who is sick; Mrs. Cleo Goff who is not well and Mrs. Vonnie Goff who fell and is in a Nursing Home; Mrs. Jane Sellers who has pneumonia; Mrs. Jan Parker whose husband, W.D., just passed away. Prayer was offered for these and for the offering about to be taken by Rev. S.E. Newberry. Rev. S.E. Newberry and Rev. Curtis Alligood served as ushers.

The Morning Message was brought by Rev. Kirk Lavender. His Scripture text was 2 Kings 16:1-20 and his message was entitled "When

The Enemy Is Upon Us". He told how King Ahaz compromised. "He did not that which was right in the sight of God." Then from Isaiah 7:3-9 Brother Lavender pointed out Isaiah's warning to Ahaz. We need to stand on the Word of God without compromise and take heed to the many warnings in the Bible including the Ten Commandments. He admonished us not to be as Ahaz but to stay true to the teaching of the Word.

The Finance Report was given by Mrs. Judy Peacock. It was seconded by Dr. Bill Frye and was adopted.

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| General Fund Balance | \$2,270.27 |
| Offering | 302.00 |
| Quarterly Dues Collected | <u>1,252.00</u> |
| Total General Fund | \$3,824.27 |
| Minister Retirement | \$ 429.16 |
| Youth Fund | \$4,434.91 |

We were dismissed from this session with prayer by Rev. Bill Barksdale who also asked God's blessings on the lunch.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Executive Board met after the close of the Association meeting August 9, 2008 at the New Hope Church. The following members were present: Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Rev. Randy Jackson, Rev. James Sellers, and Rev. Herbert Waid.

Speakers of our next meeting, November 8, 2008, with the New Prospect Church are: devotional, Rev. Randy Jackson, and message, Rev. W.G. Turner.

An Executive Committee meeting was scheduled for October 30, 2008 at the Moultrie Western Sizzlin Steak House from 5 P.M. Spouses are invited to this meeting.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Fourth Quarter Meeting

November 8, 2008 at the New Prospect Church

The meeting opened with a welcome by the Moderator and the Host Pastor, Rev. Kirk Lavender. We sang "Love Lifted Me" and the Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough, lead in prayer. Rev. Randy Jackson brought the Devotional, "Living Water", using John 4:27-38. He pointed out that Jesus witnessed to the woman at the well and she in turn witnessed to the whole town. We must see the need to witness. The disciples worried about the physical but Jesus was concerned about the spiritual.

The Moderator called for prayer requests. Two special ones were mentioned: Rev. James Sellers who was having surgery this day for a broken bone and Rev. James Osborn's wife, Carmen, who is in intensive care and in very serious condition.

The digest report was given by Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn.

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| Churches Represented | 12 |
| Ministers Present | 9 |
| Deacons Present | 10 |
| Delegates Present | 25 |
| Visitors | <u>6</u> |
| Total Present | 50 |

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance: Mrs. Patsy Barrett, Mrs. Lola Riffle, Mrs. Lynn Barfield

Obituary: Rev. Wilbur Harris, Rev. W.G. Turner

The Moderator asked for suggestions for designation of the Morning Offering. Mrs. Patsy Barrett made a motion that the offering be designated to the Osborn Family which was seconded by Rev. Randy Jackson. Rev.

Kirk Lavender and Mr. John Holloway served as ushers after a prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. The hymn "O How I Love Jesus" was sung as the offering of \$253.00 was taken (later, November 12, \$50.00 was added making a total of \$303.00).

There was a motion by Rev. Randy Jackson that we approve the minutes of our last meeting. It was seconded by Rev. S. E. Newberry and approved.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education Board was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He reported on the recent Senior Retreat and promoted the upcoming Couples Retreat at Lake Blackshear. The State Camp will be in late June next year which is a change from the first of the month. The Youth Competition will be in the Spring and information will be forthcoming. Rev. Wilbur Harris seconded the receipt of the report and it carried. The Mission Board report was given by the Clerk who had received information from Mr. Charles Sumner who could not attend. Before he gave the Mission Report he gave the Alabama Children's Home Report also relayed from Mr. Charles Sumner. The Children's Home in Alabama is facing a lot of internal problems among Board Members and staff. The Superintendent was fired and there is a lot of turmoil which needs much prayer. Brother Charles, because of health problems feels he needs to resign from that stress. The State Mission works north of Columbus and in Cartersville are doing great. The Board is on hold about the work in Valdosta.

Rev. W. G. Turner prayed for the sick and dismissed for a break. He also mentioned our attitudes for our new President Elect, Obama.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS: Mission Board Report was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. Our annual Mission Day will be observed at our next Association Meeting in February at the Poulan Church. Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan, will be our featured speaker. As is our

practice, each church will be asked to contribute \$100.00 for her account and an offering will be taken at the Association Meeting as a personal gift. Youth Board Report was given by Mrs. Dorothy Hardin in the absence of Chairman Kirsten Saunders. The "Miles for Missions" walk-a-thon will be January 31, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. at the McCrary Sports Park in Moultrie. It was a great time of fun and fellowship last year and we urge more participation this year. Packets with instructions were given to each church. Clint Hardin seconded the motion to receive the report and it carried. Ordaining Board Report was given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough who reported that an Ordaining Service will be scheduled for Kirk Lavender in the near future.

Since the Children's Home Report had already been given the Moderator promoted the Tennessee Family Ministries and told how it had grown and reminded us of the good report that Representative Jimmie Tolbert gave at our last Association Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Obituary Report was given by Rev. Wilbur Harris. The following names were listed:

| <u>Church</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Born</u> | <u>Died</u> |
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| Bay Church: | Willie Don Parker | 7-3-37 | 5-17-08 |
| | Hazel Rhodes Melton | 5-5-28 | 10-25-08 |
| Cairo, First: | Clara Norman | 3-19-26 | 8-28-08 |
| | Lorene Lowe | 4-15-22 | 9-21-08 |
| | Dolly Asbell | | 11-6-08 |
| | William Ruff | | 11-8-08 |
| Greenwood: | Price Irvin | 1-7-18 | 9-15-08 |
| Midway: | Eloise Gay | 5-21-47 | 11-5-07 |
| | Vera Murphy | 7-1-17 | 4-10-08 |
| | Edna Murphy | 4-3-25 | 5-19-08 |
| | Leonard Dunlap | 10-20-15 | 8-26-08 |
| New Hope: | Judy Ann Whitaker Rehberg | 2-22-51 | 10-30-08 |

the business session, Rev. W.G. Turner seconded and we had a break before the Morning Service.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The worship service opened by singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Prayer was offered by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. Special music was rendered by the Host Church with Mr. Adam Lavender singing, "Come Down On Me." The message, "Earnestly Contend for the Faith," was brought by Rev. W.G. Turner. He used Jude as his text. He said we must resist the devil. He gave Scriptural examples of the three Hebrew children and Joseph. He pointed out that we must not be ashamed of the Gospel and in everything have faith for He has promised to be with us. He quoted Jesus as saying, "Be faithful unto death and I will give you life." He encouraged us to be faithful to the end. He closed his message with prayer.

Instructions for lunch were given by Pastor Lavender who dismissed us and asked God's blessing on the food.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF GEORGIA**

PREAMBLE

The object and purpose of the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia shall be to unify and strengthen the work of the various churches composing the association; and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Association will hereafter be known as the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia.

ARTICLE II – CHURCH INDEPENDENT

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.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

This Association shall be composed of the various Free Will Baptist Churches in good standing.

Section 2

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 the 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) Place 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.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

This body shall meet alphabetically with the churches on the second Saturday in the following months: February, May, August, and November. This body shall not adjourn formally until all business is settled.

ARTICLE V – REPRESENTATION

Section 1

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.

Section 2

Each church represented at this Association shall be entitled to three elected delegates who are expected to attend each session

of this Association including both morning and afternoon sessions.

Section 3

Each church shall send a report two (2) weeks prior to each session, using the form adopted by the Association.

Section 4

Each church shall be requested to pay a minimum fee of \$12.00 per active member, broken down on a quarterly basis of \$3.00 per active member. This fee shall include the annual church registration fee to the State Association for National Representation.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD, STANDING BOARDS

Section 1

The officers of this Association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer and Parliamentarian. They shall be elected for a two year term on odd calendar years.

Section 2

There shall be an Executive Board composed of the officers of this Association plus the Chairman of each Board.

Section 3

The standing board of this Association shall be the following: Mission Board, Ordaining Board, Retirement Board, and Youth Board. Each board shall consist of 5 members, each elected for a 5 year term on a rotating basis and shall be elected yearly as terms expire.

ARTICLE VII – RULES

This Association shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association, by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided that the proposed changes have been presented in writing, one conference in advance.

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ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

All of the churches affiliated with this Association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association. Applications for membership must contain a statement to this effect.

Section 2

Churches desiring to affiliate themselves with this Association must present a petitionary letter, and representation; adopt this Constitution and By-Laws, and conform to their usage.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1

The duties of the moderator shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall be empowered to appoint any committee necessary; unless requested otherwise by the body itself.

Section 2

The duties of the Assistant Moderator shall be to preside at the request or in the absence of the moderator, and shall assist him in such ways as are necessary and advisable.

Section 3

The duties of the Clerk-Treasurer shall be to keep accurate minutes of the Association, to compile the minutes of the various boards and auxiliaries, to prepare and publish them. It shall further be the duty of the Clerk-Treasurer to take care of all necessary correspondence. He shall be in charge of offerings and to disburse them as directed by the Association.

Section 4

The duties of the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be to assume the position of the Clerk-Treasurer in the event the Clerk-Treasurer is absent or unable to perform his duties.

Section 5

The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be to keep the association meetings in accordance with the rules of the parliamentary procedure as per the Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF THE BOARDS

Section 1 – Executive Board

It shall be the duties of the Executive Board to transact business for the Association when not in session. Decisions made by the Executive Board shall be subject to final approval by the Association and must be recorded in the minutes. The Executive Board may be called into session by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator if the need arises.

Section 2 – Mission Board

It shall be the duty of the Mission Board to supervise the missionary program of this Association, to solicit cooperation of churches and individuals, and to set up missionary conferences.

Section 3 – Ordaining Board

A. The duty of this board shall be to examine candidates for the ministry according to the rules set forth by the ordination guidelines of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

B. THE GUIDELINES OF THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. THE LICENSED MINISTER:

A person must be licensed for the 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.

2. QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS

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.

3. DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

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

4. THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

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.

5. THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

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

6. THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN:

Free Will Baptists, committed to the doctrine of congregation 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.

C. An ordained minister coming to the 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 the Union Association.

- D. 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.
- E. 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, revoked or ordained. (The method mentioned here is the normal practice of most churches and associations.)
- F. 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.
- G. Each church should exercise due caution in licensing, commending to ordination, and calling of a minister to fill pastoral office.
- H. Ministers and/or churches not complying with the above rules shall be ruled out of fellowship with this Association.

Section 4 – Retirement Board

- A. The duties of this Board shall be to determine the eligibility of potential Retirement Fund receivers that have been recommended by their churches, and thereafter, to recommend the approval of the proposed quarterly allocation of these funds to the Union Association in session.
- B. Qualifications of Retired Ministers:
1. If having obtained the age of sixty-five (65) years, and
 2. If having served a period of five (5) years, which the last three (3) have been with the Union Association and,
 3. If he is a member of and in good standing with one of our member churches and the Union Association, and
 4. If his church so recommends him, he may be considered.
- C. Any minister who by accident or sickness has been rendered permanently unable to continue as a Minister of the Gospel, may be considered, provided he meets the qualifications as stated in the above paragraph B, numbers 2, 3 and 4.
- D. A Minister's Widow may be considered if she is a member in good standing of a church that is a member of the Union Association and her church recommends her.
- E. Each recipient shall receive the same amount of retirement funds (If any recipient's funds shall be raised or lowered, all recipient's funds shall be similarly adjusted.)
- F. The Retirement Board shall regularly review all current cases to determine if the recipients are or are not in compliance with these guidelines.

Section 5 – Youth Board

- A. Plan and promote youth camp and all activities that go with the planning of said camp.**
- B. Plan Associational Youth activities in order to promote fellowship among our youth.**

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by a 2/3 vote of the members present provided that the proposed changes have been tabled in the morning session and taken off the table in the afternoon session for consideration.

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| ASSOCIATION DECORUM |
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- 1. 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.**
- 2. No person can speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Moderator.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. Members wishing to be excused from the session shall request permission from the Moderator.**
- 5. The Association has the right to decide what matters shall be admitted for it's consideration.**

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day and ascended 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 3:5; 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 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; 1 Timothy 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ who died for him. But as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought 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; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practices. 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; 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 bought 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." 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 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 supported 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, 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 judgment 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.