

**UNION  
ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
MINUTES**

**2011**

2011  
ANNUAL MINUTES  
of the  
86<sup>rd</sup> SESSION  
of the  
UNION ASSOCIATION  
of  
GEORGIA  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Quarterly Sessions met at:  
Greenwood Church, February 12, 2011  
New Hope Church, May 14, 2011  
Midway Church, August 13, 2011  
New Prospect Church, November 12, 2011

## 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

Poulan Church.....February 11, 2012  
Spring Hill Church.....May 12, 2012  
Sylvester Church.....August 11, 2012  
Bay Church.....November 10, 2012

UNION ASSOCIATION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Moderator  
Rev. Randy Jackson, Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Herbert Waid, Clerk/Treasurer  
Rev. Kirk Lavender, Assistant Clerk  
Rev. Herbert Waid, Mission Board Chairman  
Rev. Stuart Bundy, Ordaining Board Chairman  
Mr. Clint Hardin, Retirement Board Chairman  
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Youth Board Chairman  
Mr. Duck Bozeman, Parliamentarian

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Kirk Lavender	2012
Rev. Herbert Waid, Chairman	2013
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2014
Rev. Charles Blanton	2015
Rev. Charles McCardle	2016

ORDAINING BOARD

Rev. Stuart Bundy, Chairman	2012
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2013
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2014
Rev. Herbert Waid	2015
Rev. Charles Blanton	2016

RETIREMENT BOARD

Mr. Clint Hardin, Chairman	2012
Mr. Blane Fowler	2013
Rev. S.E. Newberry	2014
Rev. W.G. Turner	2015
Mr. Charles Parks	2016

YOUTH BOARD

Mrs. Laurie Harper	2012
Rev. Kirk Lavender	2013
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Chairperson	2014
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2016

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. Duck Bozeman	2012
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SONG LEADERS

Rev. Randy Jackson	2012
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Assistant	2012

PIANIST

Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn	2012
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REPRESENTATIVES TO GEORGIA STATE BOARDS
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Board of Camping – Rev. Wilbur Harris	2016
Board of Christian Education - Rev. Randy Jackson	2016
Board of Missions – Rev. S.E. Newberry	2016
Board of Trustees – Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2016

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Rev. Charles McCardle

Rev. S.E. Newberry

Rev. Chuck Scarborough

Rev. James Sellers

Rev. W.G. Turner

Rev. Herbert Waid

Rev. Bill Barksdale

Rev. Thomas Holloway

Rev. Marshall Kennedy

Rev. James Osborn

Rev. R.C. Wiggins

Spring Hill Church

Bethlehem Church

Sylvester Church

Midway Church

New Prospect Church

Poulan Church

Bay and Greenwood Churches

New Hope Church

Grace Church

Cairo, First Church

Fellowship Church



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UNION ASSOCIATION STATICS  
for the year 2011

Church	Active Members	Sunday School	CTS	Women WAC	Master's Men	Property Value
Bay	22	16				413,000
Bethlehem	21					
Cairo, 1 <sup>st</sup>	44	30		5		220,000
Fellowship	26	12	3	6	5	196,000
Grace	46	25				400,000
Greenwood	12					
Midway	140	78	80	17		750,000
New Hope	15	5				
New Prospect	45	45	35	8		
Poulan	33	33	33			
Spring Hill	93	45	30	7	6	145,000
Sylvester	19					
Totals	516	289	181	43	11	2,124,000

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

First Quarter Meeting – MISSION DAY

February 12, 2011 at the Greenwood Church

The meeting opened with singing, “Bringing In The Sheaves.” Rev. Danny Thomas, visiting pastor, led in prayer. The welcome was given by the Moderator and the Host Pastor. Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Herbert Waid, introduced our Missionary speakers for the day, Heath and Joni Hubbard, pointing out that Joni is a Georgian who grew up in the Albany Church and that her grandfather pastured the Midway Church in our Union Association a few years ago. Heath gave the devotional using excerpts from Psalm 119.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders as follows:

Churches reporting	12
Delegates	32
Ministers	12
Deacons	12
Visitors	<u>24</u>
Total Present	80

Ministers and deacons were acknowledged and asked to vote to seat the delegates. Visitors were recognized.

Rev. Fred Hersey, visiting representative for the International Mission Board, promoted the Coin Banks to help raise money for Missions. He asked that each church participate by signing up and picking up banks. Our people responded well.

The Moderator appointed the following Finance Committee: Mr. Larry Waltman, Chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Fowler, Mrs. Faye Arnold.

The morning offering was taken with Rev. S.E. Newberry and Rev. Kirk Lavender serving as ushers. Rev. Newberry asked God’s blessing on the offering. The congregation sang, “Jesus Saves” as the offering was taken.

STATE BOARD REPORTS were called for: Camp Board was given by Rev. Wilbur Harris. He encouraged our churches to send their youth to either Junior Camp or Teen Camp. Christian Education Board was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He told of the upcoming Couples Retreat with a still a few vacancies. State Youth Competition will be at the Double Branch Church on May 7. He urged the ministers to attend the Minister's Retreat. The speaker this year will be Dr. Robert Picirilli. The report was received as information. Mission Board Report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He reported that the Missions are doing well but that the Board is facing financial problems.

The Moderator asked for a motion to approve last quarter's minutes. They were approved.

DISCRICT BOARD REPORTS : Youth Board was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She gave an exciting report of the Miles For Missions Walk-A-Thon on January 29. Nine churches participated with 70 walkers! The money raised for this year's missionaries was \$3,001.00. Our people enjoyed the day of giving themselves to help in the ministry of God this way. Next Saturday, February 19, there will be skating for the youth in Moultrie at Freckles Skating Rink sponsored by the Youth Board. The Youth Competition will be March 18 at Bay Church. Junior Camp will be shortened this year, ending on Thursday instead of Friday. Those dates are June 12-16.

Ordaining Board report was given by Rev. Marshall Kennedy. He announced that the South Georgia Association has asked for a letter of good standing for Rev. Rocky Duckworth and that the Board recommends he be given one. Rev. W.G. Turner seconded the motion and it carried. He reported that the Board had examined Mr. Stuart Bundy and they recommend that he be ordained. That motion carried and it was announced that the Ordination Service will be on February 23 at the Spring Hill Church.

The Moderator asked for volunteers to be delegates at our State Meeting next month in Albany. Mrs. Celia Newberry and Mrs. Geraldine Waid volunteered and were elected. The Moderator and Clerk were given the authority to appoint an alternate if needed.

The Finance Committee report was given by Mr. Larry Waltman and approved as follows:

General Fund Forward	\$4,466.61
Quarterly Dues Collected	1,158.00
Offering	337.25
Monies Designated (Missions)	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,961.86
Youth Fund Balance	\$6,794.10
Minister Retirement Balance	\$2,219.64

The Moderator asked that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their gracious hosting. It carried with everyone standing.

Announcements were as follows:

Midway Church Revival will be March 13-15 with Rev. Mance Cason as the Evangelist.

The Moderator then asked for special prayer requests. They included: Mr. Jacky Goff, Chairman of our Retirement Board, having his cancerous bladder removed on Monday; Mrs. Ann Lewis, having part of her liver removed because of cancer; Mrs. Nell Parrish has pancreatic cancer; Mrs. Pauline Gay broke her hip in a fall; Billy and Clementine Faison at the death of daughter, Becky.

The Moderator declared a recess.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

We began the Worship Service with singing, "He Keeps Me Singing." We then went into the Missionary Program. Joni sang, "I Am Yours." Rev. Danny Thomas sang, "Let The Beloved of God." Heath gave information about their appointment to Spain and their expected work there with the Spaniards as well Muslims groups who have emigrated from North Africa. He used a Power Point program to show us the message as he talked. Heath then brought a timely message from the Book of Jonah.

An altar call was given as we sang the closing hymn, "Have Thine Own Way."

The Host Pastor gave directions for lunch. Rev. Fred Hersey dismissed in prayer and asked God's blessings on the food.



UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPISTS  
Second Quarter Meeting, May 14, 2011  
New Hope Church, Georgia

The meeting opened with singing, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Rev. James Sellers led in prayer. A Welcome was given by the Moderator / Host Pastor, Rev Chuck Scarborough. The Devotional was given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. His text was Isaiah 1:1-3 and 11:16-18. The subject was "Sin" and he ended with I John 1:7.

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

Churches reporting	12
Delegates present	22
Ministers Present	13
Deacons Present	7
Visitors	<u>25</u>
Total Present	67

We had prayer for several who have special physical needs including Mr. Jacky Goff, Chairman of our Retirement Board whose cancer has spread.

Standing delegates were recognized. They voted to seat the delegates. Visitors were welcomed by the Moderator. The Executive Committee Report was read by the Clerk. They were approved as read.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee consisting of: Mr. Leonard Bundy, Chairman, Mr. Larry Walton and Mr. Randy Riffle.

The offering was taken with Rev. Kirk Lavender and Mr. Glenn Etheredge serving as ushers. Rev. Chuck Scarborough asked God's blessing on the offering and we sang, "Blessed Redeemer." We voted for the offering, \$228.00, to be designated to our guest speaker, Thomas Holloway.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping was given by Rev. Wilbur Harris. He reminded us to send in applications for our teens for Camp, which is the first week in June. Christian Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He reported that the Minister's Retreat was great with Dr. Robert Picirilli speaking. Bible Competition dominated the Youth Conference this year which was great. There were 95 young people registered. He promoted the fall Minister Wives Retreat in September and commended our Association for good participation in State activities. (As District Camp Director he announced that the Junior Camp will be shortened this year. It will end on Thursday instead of Friday.)

We had a short recess.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Ordaining was given by Chairman Marshall Kennedy. He said the Board met with Thomas Holloway and they recommend him to be ordained to the ministry. A motion was carried in favor of this ordination. Retirement: Jacky Goff resigned as Chairman due to health issues. Mr. Clint Hardin was elected to fill the chairman position. Youth was given by Mrs. Dorothy Hardin. Our association had youth from 3 churches to participate in Youth Competition in various categories. We had 6 first places and these young people will represent at the National Youth Conference in July. She encouraged participation in our Junior Camp.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. Leonard Bundy which was received as information.

General Fund Balance Forward	\$4,060.76
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,206.00
Offering	<u>\$ 228.00</u>
Total in General Fund	\$5,494.76
Youth Fund Balance	\$4,035.26
Minister Retirement	\$2,457.30

Announcements were called for.

There is an Ordination Service planned for Thomas Holloway this afternoon at the Fellowship Church at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

There was a motion to give a rising vote of appreciation to the host church and it carried.

Billy Faison conducted a Memorial Service for our veterans. It was a moving service as he explained the meaning of all the flags and other items of remembrance. The National Anthem was played and at the end Taps was played. After the presentation, the Moderator asked for all the veterans present to stand. We had 10 veterans with us.

We adjourned from the business session with prayer by Rev. W.G. Turner.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service opened by singing, "At the Cross." Mr. Glenn Etheridge led in prayer. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Sherrill Barge and Rev. S.E. Newberry who sang, "I'm Satisfied."

The Morning Message was by Mr. Thomas Holloway, ordination candidate. His subject was "Who Jesus Christ Really is," and his scripture was I John 1:1-4.

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STATE BOARD REPORTS were given:

State Christian Education Board by Rev. Randy Jackson. He encouraged the minister's wives to attend the Minister's Wives Retreat in September with Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges speaking. Also, he encouraged attendance at the Senior Retreat in November. Rev. Billy Hanna and Rev. Kent Barwick will be speaking.

State Mission Board report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He said that the Cartersville Mission Church is still struggling and still needs our prayers.

These reports were received as information.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

Youth Camp Report: Rev. Randy Jackson gave a great report of our Junior Camp this year with four associations working together, Georgia Union, Martin, Midway and Union. There was an average of 111 campers with 10 salvation decisions and 12 rededication decisions. There were 15 workers (+five on Wednesday). On Tuesday, the campers and workers went to Wild Adventures and had a great time. There were no injuries! The shortened session, 4 days instead of 5, worked out really well for this age group.

Ordaining Board Report: Rev. W.G. Turner, Chairman, reported that the Board met and interviewed Rev. W.C. Wiggins, member of the Midway Church, at the Midway Church on August 8<sup>th</sup> at four o'clock p.m. We found Brother Wiggins in order and recommend him to our fellowship under the watch care of the Association, pending receipt of his credentials from West Florida Association. This recommendation was approved by a vote of the body.

Mission Board Report: Chairman Herbert Waid gave the report that the Board will work on our next Mission Day which is in February of 2012.

Youth Board Report: The report was given by Mrs. Kirstin Saunders. She reported that we were well represented at the National Youth Conference and our young people did well. Tatum Shivers of the Bay Church won First Place! His entry was in conceptual art and he made a beautiful wooden cross for the Bay Church. He had the cross on display. Sydney Scheurling of Midway Church won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Bible Memorization in her age category. Elizabeth Wright from the Fellowship Church was in Bible Memorization and did well but did not place. She was present and demonstrated her category by quoting Psalm 40:1-8. The Chairman encouraged all of our churches to get their youth involved and gave out Guideline Manuals to the churches. She also encouraged all of us to see the new Christian Film that will soon be showing titled, "Courageous." It is the latest movie made by the Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. There will be a Bowling Party on September 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fun Park in Albany. Youth Board member, Rev. Kirk Lavender, will be in charge of all arrangements for this district outing for our youth (and adults).

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. Leonard Bundy. There was a motion to receive, it was seconded and carried.

General Fund Balance forwarded	\$4,603.44
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,251.00
Offering	<u>\$ 218.00</u>
Total	\$6,072.44
Youth Fund Balance	\$4,035.84
Minister's Retirement Balance	\$2,707.92
Junior Camp Balance	\$1,953.75

Miscellaneous Business was asked for. There was a motion to give the Midway Church, our host for the day, a rising vote of thanks. It was seconded and carried with everyone standing.

Announcements were as follows:

- Midway Homecoming will be a 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration on October 2 with Rev. Ronald Wallace as guest speaker
- Revival at New Hope will be September 18 - 21 with Rev. Bobby Whittaker speaking
- Revival at Cairo, First Church will be September 19 -23 with Rev. Stuart Bundy speaking
- Revival at Grace Church, September 11-16 with Rev. Keith Lloyd speaking.

We were adjourned from the business session and had a short break.

#### MORNING SERVICE

We opened the worship service with singing, "My Jesus I Love Thee." Rev. S.E. Newberry led in prayer. Rev. Randy and wife, Sandra, sang, "I Am Too Near."

Rev. James Sellers brought the Morning Message. His text was Jeremiah 6:10-19 with emphasis on verse 16. He gave a great challenge for us to live for God every day and not be ashamed to let people know where we stand. There was an altar call while the congregation sang, "Have Thine Own Way," as dozens came to the altar to pray.

We were dismissed and had the blessing on the food by Rev. Randy Jackson.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – August 1, 2011

The Executive Committee met at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Moultrie on August 1, 2011. The following members were present: Moderator, Chuck Scarborough; Assistant Moderator, Randy Jackson; Clerk, Herbert Waid; Assistant Clerk, Louvenia Kleedehn; Ordaining Board Chairman, Marshall Kennedy. Spouses present were: Mrs. Janelle Kennedy, Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Mr. Dick Kleedehn.

Rev. Randy Jackson led in prayer and we enjoyed our meal and fellowship time.

Camp Board Director Randy Jackson reported that everything went well at our Junior Camp this year. The average attendance was 111 with 90 campers and 21 workers. There were 10 salvation decisions and 12 rededications. Thankfully there were no injuries to report. Overall, it was a great camp session with four associations participating.

There was a discussion concerning the program for our next meeting. We decided not to have a theme but give the speakers freedom to choose their topics. For the Morning Devotional we chose Rev. Charles McCardle to bring the devotional and Rev. James Sellers to bring the Morning Message. The alternate speaker chosen was Rev. Stuart Bundy.

There was a suggestion that next year, maybe for our May meeting that we observe Youth Day and have those who are participating in Youth Competition present the program.

Brother Waid reminded us that our next National Dues will increase next year. The increase will be \$50.00 more per church making the total per church \$150.00.

Rev. Herbert Waid dismissed in prayer.

The motion to accept this report was carried.

We were adjourned from the business session.

## MORNING WORSHIP

The Morning Worship began with singing "The Family of God" led by Assistant Song Leader, Rev. Wilbur Harris. Special music, "The Blood Is Still There," was rendered as a solo by Mrs. Katrina Young, Rev. Randy Jackson brought the message using as his text Acts 8:8. The message was about Phillip who had a Master to serve and a message to deliver.

The Host Pastor gave directions for lunch. We were dismissed in prayer with a blessing on the lunch by Rev. Kirk Lavender.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Committee met at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Moultrie on October 27, 2011. The following members were present: Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Clerk, Rev. Herbert Waid, and Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn. Spouses present were: Mrs. Sandra Jackson, Mrs. Geraldine Waid, and Mr. Dick Kleedehn.

Rev. Randy Jackson led in prayer and we enjoyed our meal and fellowship time.

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Youth Board report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She reported that our District Youth Bowling outing was a great success and the fellowship among the youth was good. She then promoted the Annual Walk-A-Thon, "Miles for Missions." She passed out a packet of materials to help the churches in raising money. She praised our churches' response in the past and asked for support for the next one which is on January 28, 2012. She encouraged even more participation to help raise funds for our missionaries. She said that the date for the upcoming District Competition will be sometime in March 2012. Plans are underway for a January 21 Youth Rally. She encouraged all our churches to involve their youth. It was received as information.

**Obituary Committee Report** was given by Rev. Charles McCardle:

Bethlehem Church: Guyton Adams, May 12, 1934 – Jan. 12, 2011

Ruby Johnson, May 12, 1934 – Jan 12, 2011

Lois Hill, July 4, 1916 – May 30, 2011

Cairo, First Church: Rebecca Turner Harrell, 1958 – Sept 12, 2011

Grace Church: Shirley Clark, --- Jan. 5, 2011

Midway Church: Rayford Dunlap, Feb. 2, 1933 – April 4, 2011

New Hope Church: Jacky Goff, July 15, 1944 – July 2, 2011

Becky Carlton, Sept. 29, 1962 – Jan. 9, 2011

Jason Sammons

New Prospect Church: Jimmy Walker, March 16, 1946 – May 8, 2011

Rody Watson, Oct. 1933 – Oct. 2011

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Poulan: Paul Himioben, Feb 9, 1931 – Nov 21, 2010

Dean Childers, --- June 5, 2011

Sylvester Church: Bernice Duckworth, May 4, 1924 – Sept. 1, 2011

Margie Harris, July 8, 1917 – Feb. 2, 2011

A moment of silence in memory of these was held and Rev. Charles McCardle led in prayer.

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There was a motion, a second and it carried to elect as read.

**Announcements:** We had a Rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for their gracious hosting. New Prospect was commended on the beautification of their Church facilities.

There was a motion to raise the offering amount of \$203.00 for the Wallace Account to \$300.00 and take it out of the General Fund. Motion carried.

**Finance Committee Report** was given by Mr. John Himeoben:

Old General Fund Balance	\$5,358.94
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Offering	203.00
New General Fund Balance	\$7,027.94
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,643.70
Ministers' Retirement Fund Balance	\$2,970.70

The motion to accept this report was carried.

We were adjourned from the business session.

## MORNING WORSHIP

The Morning Worship began with singing "The Family of God" led by Assistant Song Leader, Rev. Wilbur Harris. Special music, "The Blood Is Still There," was rendered as a solo by Mrs. Katrina Young, Rev. Randy Jackson brought the message using as his text Acts 8:8. The message was about Phillip who had a Master to serve and a message to deliver.

The Host Pastor gave directions for lunch. We were dismissed in prayer with a blessing on the lunch by Rev. Kirk Lavender.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Committee met at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Moultrie on October 27, 2011. The following members were present: Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Clerk, Rev. Herbert Waid, and Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn. Spouses present were: Mrs. Sandra Jackson, Mrs. Geraldine Waid, and Mr. Dick Kleedehn.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF  
UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL  
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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.

**Section 3**

Each church shall send a report, 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

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BY- LAWS
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### 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 watch-care 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

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## ASSOCIATION DECORUM

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. Members wishing to be excused from the session shall request permission from the Moderator.
4. The Association has the right to decide what matters shall be admitted for its 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.