

**UNION**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**MINUTES**  
**2012**

2012  
ANNUAL MINUTES

of the  
87<sup>th</sup> SESSION

of the

UNION ASSOCIATION  
of  
GEORGIA  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Quarterly Sessions met at:  
Poulan, February 11, 2012  
Spring Hill Church, May 12, 2012  
Sylvester Church, August 11, 2012  
Bay Church, November 10, 2012

## 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.

## 2013 ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Bethlehem Church.....	February 9, 2013
Cairo, First Church.....	May 11, 2013
Fellowship Church.....	August 10, 2013
Grace Church.....	November 9, 2013

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. Wilbur Harris, Ordaining Board Chairman  
Rev. S.E. Newberry, Retirement Board Chairman  
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Youth Board Chairman  
Mr. Duck Bozeman, Parliamentarian

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Herbert Waid, Chairman	2013
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2014
Rev. Charles Blanton	2015
Rev. Charles McCardle	2016
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2017

ORDAINING BOARD

Rev. Wilbur Harris, Chairman	2013
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2014
Rev. Herbert Waid	2015
Rev. Charles Blanton	2016
Rev. Charles McCardle	2017

RETIREMENT BOARD

Mr. Virgil Holloway	2013
Rev. S.E. Newberry, Chairman	2014
Mr. Ike Davis	2015
Mr. Charles Parks	2016
Mr. Duck Bozeman	2017

## YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Kirk Lavender	2013
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Chairperson	2014
Mrs. Dorothy Hardin	2015
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2016
Ms. Tammy Mercer	2017

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. Duck Bozeman	2013
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## SONG LEADERS

Rev. Randy Jackson	2013
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Assistant	2013

## PIANIST

Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn	2013
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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. Stuart Bundy	Bethlehem Church
Rev. Wilbur Harris	Sylvester Church
Rev. Randy Jackson	Midway Church
Rev. Kirk Lavender	New Prospect Church
Rev. Charles McCardle	Poulan Church
Rev. S.E. Newberry	Bay and Greenwood Churches
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	New Hope Church
Rev. James Sellers	Grace Church
Rev. Herbert Waid	Fellowship Church
Rev. Bill Barksdale	
Rev. Thomas Holloway	
Rev. Marshall Kennedy	
Rev. James Osborn	
Rev. R.C. Wiggins	



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UNION ASSOCIATION STATICS  
for the year 2012

Church	Active Members	Sunday School	CTS	Women WAC	Master's Men	Property Value
Bay	22	16				413,000
Bethlehem	27					
Cairo, 1 <sup>st</sup>	40	30		6		220,000
Fellowship	22	12	3	6	5	196,000
Grace	47	15				400,000
Greenwood						
Midway	138	78	80	15		750,000
New Hope	8	5				
New Prospect	35	24	20	8		
Poulan	30	30	30			
Spring Hill	80	45	30	7	6	145,000
Sylvester	20					
Totals	469	255	163	42	11	2,124,000

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

First Quarter Meeting – MISSION DAY

February 11, 2012 at the Poulan Church

Our meeting opened with the Moderator extending a welcome. The Song Director led in singing, "The Banner of the Cross." Visiting minister, Rev. Bill Lewis, led in prayer. The Host Pastor gave a welcome. The Devotional Time started with the Dale and Sandra Bishop singing, by request, "Amazing Grace" in Japanese with everyone joining in the last verse in English. Sandra thanked everyone for their support of their ministry in Japan for almost 40 years. Then she shared facts about their work in Japan at the present time. Their ministry is varied and it is very encouraging. God has answered prayer. She asked prayer for a nine year old boy who has an interest in becoming a Christian. She closed with reading and explaining Jeremiah 33:3.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders.

Churches reporting	12
Delegates	23
Deacons	8
Ministers	11
Visitors	<u>20</u>
Total Present	62

There was a motion and second to receive the report and seat the delegates. It carried. The visitors were recognized as they were asked to stand.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Bill Lewis from the Little River Association who shared the desire of the churches of the Little River Association joining the Union Association. He asked that the Association consider this because of non-interest and non-participation of some of the Little River Association Churches. It was decided that the Executive Committee of the two Associations meet and discuss the matter.

The Executive Committee Report was given by Rev. Herbert Waid who reported that the Committee met after the regular Association Meeting at the New Prospect Church in November of 2011. There was no business to take care of so they had a short time of fellowship and prayer with the new Executive Committee members.

He then called attention to the Finance Report and pointed out that our State (\$50) and National (\$1,800) Dues were paid from the General Fund.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Ms Tammy Mercer, Chairperson, Mr. Duck Bozeman and Mr. Wes Starling.

The morning offering, designated as a personal gift to Dale and Sandra Bishop, was taken. Rev. Randy Jackson and Rev. Kirk Lavender served as ushers. Rev. Jackson led in a prayer of thanksgiving for the offering.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He emphasized the Retreats that the Board sponsors for our benefit. The Couples retreat is this month. The Minister's Retreat is in March and he encouraged the churches to send their pastors (pay the fees) for a time of spiritual renewal. He also announced that the State Teen Camp would be the first week in June, 3-8. He emphasized getting registrations in early. The report was received as information.

The Moderator declared a short recess.

STATE BOARD REPORTS CONTINUED: Mission Board report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He gave a good report on the Cartersville Mission. Mission Pastor, Bill Crank has a positive attitude and they have determined to make a new start and build for God's Glory in Cartersville.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: The Youth Board report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She gave an exciting update on the "Miles for Missions" Walk-A-Thon held on Saturday, January 28. Dale and Sandra Bishop, who are with us today, were our missionaries. Seven of our churches participated and a total of \$3,599.45 was raised as a gift to the Bishops to show our love for them and their ministry. Our participating churches are certainly to be commended for their enthusiastic support. It was a blessing to be together and work together for His cause! She announced that next Saturday would be our Annual Skating Party for the youth, and young at heart. The Youth Competition will be March 24 at the Bay Church. She encouraged all of our churches to get their youth involved.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Ms. Tammy Mercer as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$5,772.40
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,264.50
Offering (Bishop Personal)	\$ 382.00
Designated (Bishop Account)	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
New Total	\$8,518.90
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,531.05
Minister's Retirement Balance	\$3,236.71

There was a motion made seconded and carried to receive the report.

The Moderator asked for volunteers to be delegates at our State Meeting next month in Macon. 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 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:

The State Youth Competition will be May 5 in Albany.

Prayer was requested for Rev. James Sellers who was not well.

Other requests were given by the raising of hands.

There was a motion, seconded and carried to adjourn.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

We began the Worship Service with singing, "Rescue the Perishing." The Host Church had special music rendered by Deanna Luke and her girls, beautifully singing, "Amazing Grace." Missionary Dale Bishop, whose mother had died early that morning in Arkansas, brought the message. He began by relating how the great tsunami of March 2011 affected them and their part in the relief efforts. He related that many doors were opened for the Gospel witness during this traumatic time. It touched our hearts as he related telling how so many heard the Gospel Story for the first time. His scripture was from 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. We were convicted as his message made us all realize anew our responsibility to reach the lost.

The Host Pastor gave directions for lunch and asked God's blessings on the food.



UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPISTS

Second Quarter Meeting, May 12, 2012

Spring Hill Church, Georgia

The meeting opened with the Moderator and the Host Pastor giving a warm welcome to everyone. It was Rev. James Sellers 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday and we sang to him. The Song Director then led in singing, "When We All Get To Heaven." Rev. Stuart Bundy led in prayer. The Devotional was given by Rev. Wilbur Harris. He brought a very interesting message using the word "devotional." We need to devote our lives to Christ, "all" of us. We are to be devoted to the cause of Christ over all else.

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

Churches reporting	12
Delegates present	20
Ministers Present	14
Deacons Present	8
Visitors	<u>24</u>
Total Present	66

We accepted Rev. R.C. Wiggins into our fellowship and the Moderator gave him the right hand of fellowship in welcome.

The Ministers and Deacons were recognized and they voted to seat the delegates. Visitors were then recognized and welcomed.

The Executive Committee Report was read by Assistant Clerk, Rev. Kirk Lavender. There was a motion made and seconded to receive the report and it carried.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee consisting of: Mrs. Glenda Gibbs, Chairperson, Mr. Virgil Holloway and Mr. Larry Walton.

The offering was taken with Rev. Randy Jackson and Rev. W.G. Turner serving as ushers. Rev. Chuck Scarborough asked God's blessing on the offering. We voted for the offering to be designated to our general fund.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping was given by Rev. Wilbur Harris, who reminded us of Teen Camp the first week in June. Christian

Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. State Youth Conference was just held last week. Bible Competition dominated the Youth Conference this year which was great. He gave a list of Union Association youth who would be representing us at the National. He promoted next year's Minister's Retreat and encouraged all of our ministers to attend. The speaker will be Rev. London who used to be affiliated with Focus On The Family ministries. Mission Board was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry who gave an update on the work in Cartersville. The work has been revived and they are encouraged.

Our Moderator reported on the meeting with the Little River Association representatives concerning their proposed merger. Union Association Executive Board plans to attend the next Little River Association meeting on July 28 at 9:30 A.M. at the Ozias Church in Pearson. Other interested parties are welcome to attend.

We had a short recess.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Youth was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She encouraged our churches to participate in Youth Competition in various categories. She reported that our Skating Party in February was enjoyed and was a good time of fellowship. She encouraged participation in our Junior Camp. If you need more information you can contact her or Director, Rev. Randy Jackson.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Glenda Gibbs which was received by vote.

General Fund Balance Forward	\$4,498.47
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,293.00
Offering	<u>\$ 238.00</u>
Total in General Fund	\$6,029.47
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,405.54
Minister Retirement	\$3,503.13

Announcements were called for.

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

Mr. Billy Faison reminded us of the meaning of Memorial Day, and read a story on prayer.

We adjourned from the business session.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service opened by singing, "My Jesus, I Love Thee." Special music was rendered by Mrs. Sue Hall and Mr. Leonard Bundy who sang, "God Of The Mountain."

The Morning Message was by Rev. R.C. Wiggins. His subject was "Reviving the Redeemed." His scripture was Micah 6:8. His encouraging message had three points, Reveals, Requires, and Restores. The song of invitation was, "Is Thy Heart Right With God?"

Closing prayer and Blessing on the food was by Rev. Charles Blanton.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES, May 12, 2012

The Executive Committee met at the Spring Hill Church after the Association adjourned. The following members were present:

Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson

Clerk/Treasurer, Rev. Herbert Waid

Youth Board Chairperson, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders

Retirement Board Chairperson, Rev. W.G. Turner

The speakers for our August 11, 2012 Session meeting with the Sylvester Church were selected:

Rev. W.G. Turner will bring the Morning Devotional

Rev. Kirk Lavender will bring the Morning Message

Plans were made for the Executive Committee, and anyone else who would like to go, to represent the Union Association to the Little River Association meeting at the Ozias Church, Saturday, July 28, 2012 at 9:30

a.m. As things stand now, all who will go are to meet at the Midway Church, Moultrie from where we will either "share-a-ride" and/or caravan for the trip. Leaving time will be no later than 8:00 a.m.

Our Moderator is heading up the trip so if you are planning to go let Brother Chuck know. He will also need to know the number going.

<p>UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Third Quarter Meeting August 11, 2012 at Sylvester Church</p>
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The meeting opened with singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Rev. Stuart Bundy led in the opening prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Wilbur Harris gave a welcome to the delegates and visitors and then the Moderator gave a welcome. There was an announcement made concerning the death of one of our pastors, Rev. W. G. Turner. We honored his memory with a moment of silent prayer and Rev. Chuck Scarborough led in prayer. The Devotional was brought by Rev. Charles Blanton. He used as his text Psalm 23. The message was very appropriate and related somewhat to the death of one of our fellow laborers. He made it fit to each of us personally.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. A motion to receive the report was made, seconded, and carried.

Churches Represented	12
Delegates	24
Ministers	12
Deacons	8
Visitors	<u>22</u>
Total registered	66

The elected delegates were seated by vote of the standing delegates and the visitors were recognized.

The Executive Committee Meeting minutes were read by the Clerk. The Minutes of our last meeting was accepted at the same time by a motion and second.

The Clerk also read a report of our meetings with the Little River Association concerning a merger. There was a motion made, seconded and carried to receive this report.

#### Report on the Proposed Merger with the Little River Association

Six months ago (February 11, 2012) Rev. Billy Lewis visited our association meeting representing the Little River Association with a request that we (the Union Association) unite with them making the two associations just one association.

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, members of our Executive Committee met with the Little River leadership at a Tifton restaurant and examined in some detail the possible merger. It was decided that the Union Association Executive Committee would visit the Little River Association Semi-Annual session on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at the Ozias Church in Pearson, Georgia, for fellowship and further consideration of the proposed merger.

On Saturday, July 28, 2012 the Union Association Executive Committee:

Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson

Clerk/Treasurer, Rev. Herbert Waid

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Rev. Kirk Lavender, and

Mrs. Geraldine Waid, visited the Little River as promised.

After the adjournment we along with the Little River leadership met and our Moderator spoke in some detail about the lack of interest in the merger that he had observed among our people. This set the mood for the rest of the discussion. Thereafter, there was ample discussion by each one

there. It seemed most everyone was satisfied that it would be best for all concerned if we continue as we are now with two separate associations.

If either association in the future feels that conditions warrant reopening the proposition then we could again consider the merger. However, no future meeting is planned and at present and we are not considering merging the two associations.

The Moderator appointed the Finance Committee: Rev. Kirk Lavender, Mrs. Sandra Jackson and Mrs. Patsy Barrett. He appointed the Nominating Committee which is to report at our next meeting: Rev. Charles McCardle, Rev. Stuart Bundy, and Mr. Duck Bozeman.

A motion was made and carried to give today's offering as a "Love Offering" to the Turner family. Rev. Wilbur Harris and Rev. Charles Blanton served as ushers. Rev. Harris asked God's blessing on the offering.

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. He also encouraged attendance at the Senior Retreat in November. Our Brother Randy Jackson and Rev. Len Blanchard will be speaking. He also reported on the Youth Competition and praised the good number of competitors from our District and encouraged even more participation.

District Camp Board report was given by Camp Director Rev. Randy Jackson. This year's camp with the other three associations went very well. There were seven young people saved and many went forward for rededication or for prayer. There will be a future announcement concerning next year's camp session.

State Mission Board report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He said that the Cartersville Mission Church has gotten a fresh start and things are going better but still needs our prayers.

District Mission Board report was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. He said that the Committee had met and they have temporarily approved Doug and Miriam Bishops as our Missionaries. Doug is the son of the Dale Bishops and has been approved to go to Japan. They have alternate plans if this does not work out.

District Youth Board report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She gave the date for the Annual Miles for Missions Walk-A-Thon which is Saturday, January 26, 2013.

These reports were received as information.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Rev. Kirk Lavender and there was a motion to receive, it was seconded and carried.

General Fund Balance forwarded	\$5,351.70
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,254.00
Offering	<u>\$ 296.00</u>
Total	\$6901.70
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,405.13
Minister's Retirement Balance	\$3,777.24

Announcements were as follows:

- New Prospect is having a Singing on September 1. There will be a Fellowship Supper at 5:00 p.m. and singing starts at 6:30 p.m. Featured singers will be Shadows of Reverence.
- Revival at Grace Church, September 2-7 with Rev. Stuart Bundy speaking.

Miscellaneous Business was called for. We gave a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church.

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

#### MORNING SERVICE

We opened the worship service with singing, "That Glad Reunion Day." Special music was rendered by a trio from the Sylvester Church: Rev. Wilbur Harris, Mrs. Kyra Himeobin and John Himeobin who sang "Crying In The Chapel" and "House of Gold."

Rev. Kirk Lavender brought the Morning Message. His text was 2 Timothy 3:1-17. He titled his message, "Keep On Keeping On." It was a stirring message as he challenged us to hold on to and stay with the Truth, Jesus Christ. We were dismissed and had the blessing on the food by Rev. James Sellers.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – August 11, 2012

The Executive Committee met at the Sylvester Church after the Association adjourned. The following members were present:

Moderator: Rev. Chuck Scarborough  
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson  
Clerk/Treasurer, Rev. Herbert Waid  
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Rev. Kirk Lavender  
Youth Board Chairperson, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders  
Parliamentarian, Mr. Duck Bozeman

The speakers for our November 10, 2012 Session meeting with the Bay Church were selected:

Rev. Herbert Waid will bring the Morning Devotional.  
Rev. S.E. Newberry will bring the Morning Message.

The theme was to be "Speakers Choice."

As we were adjourning Rev. Randy Jackson observed that it might be good to resume our Executive Committee Fellowship/Planning meetings prior to our regular association meetings.



**UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Fourth Quarter Meeting, November 10, 2012

Bay Church, Colquitt County, Georgia

The meeting opened with singing, "Happy Birthday" to Clerk Herbert Waid for his 80<sup>th</sup>. Then the congregation sang, "Blessed Assurance." The Moderator and the Host Pastor both gave a welcome. Prayer was offered by visiting Preacher, Rev. Danny Williams. Rev. Herbert Waid brought the devotional message. His text was from Mark 5:11-20. Surprise, This Is Your Life! The same demons that oppressed and possessed the sick man are working against each of us. No Christian is exempt from Satan's hatred. We must be alert to our danger and constantly live dependent on the Lord to do for us what He did for the demon possessed.

The **Digest Report** was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. There was a motion and second to receive the report.

Churches represented		12
Delegates	24	
Ministers	10	
Deacons	8	
Visitors	<u>17</u>	
Total registered	59	

The Standing Delegates were recognized. There was a motion to seat the church delegates and it carried. Visitors were recognized.

The Executive Committee Minutes were read by the Clerk. A motion to accept the report was made, it was seconded and carried.

Committees were appointed:

Finance Committee appointed for the day was:

Mrs. Judy Harris, Mrs. Kim Lavender, and Mrs. Jan Parker

Obituary Committee appointed for the day was:

Rev. Marshall Kennedy, Mrs. Gina Holloway, and Mr. Alex Shivers

### **State Board Reports:**

Camp report was given by Rev. Wilbur Harris. Teen Camp was a great success again this year. The State Board will continue to support each Association for Junior Camp.

Christian Education report was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He reported that the Senior Citizens Retreat was a great retreat. He encouraged us to Pre-register for the Couples Retreat early. It is in February 2013, Minister's Retreat is April 15-16, 2013. The State Youth competition will be at the Albany, First Church, on May 4. This report was received as information.

Mission Board report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He reported that our Mission work in Cartersville is still going but with difficulties. He asked for prayer for our missionary and the board. It was received as information.

Report from the Alabama Children's Home was given by Rev. Danny William. The Home continues to take care of many children who need a home. Basically their children are from Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi. It was a glowing report of how God is blessing in the lives of the children that they are able to help.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the morning offering to the Alabama Children's Home. The Moderator asked God's blessing on the offering and Rev. Randy Jackson and Rev. S.E. Newberry served as ushers. The amount received was \$401.00.

Mr. Billy Faison gave a short reminder that this is Veteran's Day week-end and veterans present were recognized. A short recess was declared by the Moderator.

### **Union Board Reports:**

Mission Board report was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. He announced that the Doug Bishop family, Japan, will be the featured missionary for our Annual Missionary meeting in February. Doug is the third child of Georgia's own Dale and Sandra Bishop. Each church is asked to give \$100.00 for the Doug Bishop missionary account and an offering will be

taken at the February meeting for personal needs. He then asked Rev. Danny Williams, Chairman of our National International Mission Board (as well as Alabama Children's Home Representative) to give a missions update. He told of the outcome of the Coin Bank drive this year. Over one million dollars was raised which allowed all missionaries to return to their fields.

Retirement Board report was given by Mr. Clint Hardin. He reported that the Cairo Church has submitted a request for Mrs. Nancy Turner, widow of Rev. W.G. Turner, to receive the quarterly gifts from the board. He made a motion that we give her the quarterly allotment. Motion carried. He also made a motion that the Association increase the amount of the gift from \$150.00 to \$200.00 each quarter beginning in the first quarter of 2013. Motion carried. The Board also requested that the form for applicants be revised.

Youth Board report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She promoted the Annual Walk-A-Thon, "Miles for Missions." This year our missionary is the Doug Bishop family. 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 Walk-A-Thon which is on January 26, 2013. She encouraged even more participation to help raise funds for our missionaries. She also said that the date for the upcoming District Competition will be sometime in March 2013.

**Finance Committee Report** was given by Mrs. Judy Harris, it was seconded and it carried:

Old General Fund Balance	\$5,918.28
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,212.00
Offering	\$ 401.00
New General Fund Balance	\$7,531.28
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,405.54
Ministers' Retirement Fund	\$4,040.82

**Obituary Committee Report** was given by Rev. Marshall Kennedy as follows:

- Bethlehem Church: Blane Fowler, Jan. 18, 1959 – Aug. 14, 2012
- Cairo, First Church: Wilma Day Harrell, Oct. 5, 1931 – May 30, 2012  
Rev. Willie G. Turner, June 29, 1922 – Aug. 9, 2012
- Fellowship Church: Lehura Taft Delk, Sept. 27, 1947 – Nov. 6, 2011
- Grace Church: Lorene Alderman Dunn Swicord,  
Nov. 8, 1921 – June 4, 2012  
Katherine Smith Sellers, Aug. 1, 1938 – Oct. 15, 2012
- Midway Church: Christine Harper, Jan. 14, 1931 – Sept. 20, 2012  
Linda Giles, Sept. 15, 1947 – April 30, 2012  
Shirley Harrell, Aug. 22, 1935 – April 18, 2012  
Marion Green, Aug. 19, 1922 – April 10, 2012  
Nell Parrish, Sept. 20, 1930 – Jan. 29, 2012  
Montine Gay, May, 17, 1914 – Jan. 22, 2012
- New Hope Church: Jack Ricks, -- , Oct. 2012  
Lollie Tucker, -- , Dec. 2011
- Spring Hill Church Larry Shiver, March 5, 1949 – Sept. 20, 2012

A prayer in memory of these was offered by Rev. Marshall Kennedy.

**Nominating Committee Report** was given by Rev. Charles McCardle. Changes in nominations are listed below: (All positions are listed in front of these Minutes.)

A motion was seconded and carried to accept this report.

**Miscellaneous Business:** We had a Rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for their gracious hosting.

**Announcement:**

Midway Revival will be November 26-30. Rev. James Judkins from Colquitt is the Evangelist.

We were adjourned from the business session.

## MORNING WORSHIP

The Morning Worship began with singing "Blessed Be the Name." Special music: "How Great Thou Art" by Mr. Tatum Shivers and "Keep Me in Your Will" by Mrs. Robin Shivers. Rev. S.E. Newberry brought the message using as his text Ezekiel 37:1-14. The message centered on how God can put life back into dry bones and if He can do that, He can revive the church today. We have to trust Him for revival.

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

A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

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.

## 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

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.

BY- LAWS
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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 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

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 presented in writing one conference in advance.

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. 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.