

**UNION  
ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL  
BAPTIST  
MINUTES  
2014**

2014  
ANNUAL MINUTES

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

of the

UNION ASSOCIATION  
of  
GEORGIA  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Quarterly Sessions met at:

Greenwood Church, February 8, 2014

Midway Church, May 10, 2014

New Prospect, August 9, 2014

Poulan Church, November 8, 2014

## 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.

## 2015 ASSOCIATION CALENDER

Springhill Church.....February 14, 2015  
Sylvester Church.....May 9, 2015  
Bay Church.....August 8, 2015  
Bethlehem Church.....November 14, 2015

# UNION ASSOCIATION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

## MISSION BOARD

Rev. Charles Blanton	2015
Rev. Charles McCardle	2016
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2017
Rev. Herbert Waid, Chairman	2018
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2019

## ORDAINING BOARD

Rev. Herbert Waid, Chairman	2015
Rev. Charles Blanton	2016
Rev. Charles McCardle	2017
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2018
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2019

## RETIREMENT BOARD

Mr. Ike Davis, Chairman	2015
Mr. Charles Parks	2016
Mr. Duck Bozeman	2017
Mr. Virgil Holloway	2018
Rev. S.E. Newberry	2019

## YOUTH BOARD

Mrs. Dorothy Hardin	2015
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2016
Ms. Tammy Mercer	2017
Rev. Kirk Lavender	2018
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Chairperson	2019

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. Duck Bozeman	2015
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## SONG LEADERS

Rev. S.E. Newberry	2015
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Assistant	2015

## PIANIST

Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn	2015
Sherrill Barge, Assistant	2015

## REPRESENTATIVES TO GEORGIA STATE BOARDS

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. S.E. Newberry  
Rev. Chuck Scarborough  
Rev. James Sellers  
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  
Fellowship Church



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**UNION ASSOCIATION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2014**

Church	Active Members	Sunday School	CTS	WAC	Master's Men	Property Value
Bay	21					540,000
Bethlehem	25					
Cairo 1 <sup>st</sup>	30	30				220,000
Fellowship	21	12	3	6	4	196,000
Grace	39	24				400,000
Greenwood						
Midway	148	78	80	13		750,000
New Hope	10	4				
New Prospect	45	35	25	10		
Poulan	26	26	26			
Spring Hill	93	30	15	5	4	145,000
Sylvester	14			5	3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,251,000</b>
2013 Totals	492	241	166	41	15	2,251,000
2013 compared						
To 2014	-20	-2	-17	-2	-4	0

# ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## 2014 First Quarter Meeting – MISSION DAY

February 8, 2014 at the Greenwood Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "Send the Light." The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave the welcome. Rev. Charles McCardle led in prayer. Rev. Herbert Waid introduced Chris and Tori Sargent, our missionaries for the day. Chris and Tori introduced themselves and explained their ministry God has for them in Spain. Their objectives will be to minister to the North Africans, go also to Morocco, and minister to the Spaniards. Chris read from Romans 10:14-15.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders.

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	28
Deacons	9
Ministers	11
Visitors	20

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried. There was a motion and second made to seat the delegates and it carried.

There was no Executive Committee Report but the Clerk pointed out that \$1100.00 had been sent by 11 churches to be sent to the missionaries account. A motion and a second was made to receive the information and it carried.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mr. Virgil Holloway, Chairperson, Mr. Leonard Bundy, and Mr. John Nelms.

The morning offering was taken; it was designated as a personal gift to our missionaries, Chris and Tori Sargent. The Rev. Stuart Bundy and Rev. Wilbur Harris served as the ushers. Rev. Stuart Bundy led in prayer.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He reported on the upcoming retreats. The couples retreat

will be February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> at Lake Blackshear. He also announced that the State Youth Competition will be at the First Free Will Baptist

Church in Albany on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. Mission Report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He gave us information on how they are trying to sell the property in Cartersville. The Mission Board will meet at the State Meeting. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information.

**DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:** Youth Board Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She told us about the money we raised for Miles for Missions. We raised around \$1800.00 on the day of the walk-a-thon, and received more the following weeks after for a final total of \$3,113.00. She also told of the District Youth Competition at the Bay Church on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. There was a motion and second to receive the report and it carried.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. Virgil Holloway as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$5,030.91
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,176.00
Offering (Sargent personal)	\$ 462.00
Designated (Sargent account)	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
New Total	\$7,768.91
Youth Fund Balance	\$4,892.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$4,763.09

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

**MISC. BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Randy Jackson wanted to table the marriage amendment until the May meeting. There was a motion and second made to table it and it carried. The Moderator asked for volunteer delegates to the State Association at the Bethlehem Church in Crisp County in March. Mrs. Celia Newberry and Mrs.

Geraldine Waid volunteered and were accepted. The Rev. Herbert Waid made a motion that the Moderator or Clerk fill any vacancy at the State Meeting if necessary. There was a move and second and it carried.

The call was given for a rising vote of thanks to the host church. It was moved and second and carried.

Announcements were called for:

Poulan Church will have revival March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Homecoming April 5<sup>th</sup>. Grace Church will have Homecoming June 1<sup>st</sup>. State Women's Retreat will be April 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion, second and carried to adjourn.

#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

We began the Worship Service with singing, "The Regions Beyond." The host pastor, Rev. S.E. Newberry and Mrs. Sherrill Barge sang for us, "How Long Has It Been," which was our special music for the day. Chris Sargent then brought the message to us with scripture reading from Isaiah Chapter 6. He talked about improper worship and true worship and God's Holiness. He also talked about when the call goes out, who will be the one to say, "Yes, Lord I'll Go," just as Isaiah did. We finished the service by singing, "I Surrender All," and were dismissed in prayer and blessing of thanks for the lunch by the Moderator.

## UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### 2014 Second Quarter Meeting

May 10, 2014 at the Midway Church

The meeting opened with the host pastor, Rev. Randy Jackson, giving a warm welcome to everyone. The Song Director then led the congregation in singing, "Sunlight". The Rev. William Smith then led us in prayer. Our guest speaker for the day was the Rev. Wayne Miracle, representative from Welch Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. He als

is our GA State Association Moderator, Moderator of the South GA Association, and Pastor of the New Life Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Statesboro, Ga. He brought the morning devotion to us and gave us a short testimony about himself. Brother Miracle also told us about Welch College and its many different courses of education. He told us that eighty percent of our missionaries were trained at the college. There is also classes offered online for those who cannot relocate to the college. He encouraged us to raise money and support the college.

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

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	20
Deacons	5
Ministers	14
Visitors	<u>17</u>
Total Present	56

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried. Our moderator then welcomed the visitors. The ministers and deacons were then recognized and they voted to seat the delegates.

The clerk then read the Executive Committee Report. There was a motion made and a second to receive the report and it carried.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mrs. Betty Lewis, Chairperson, Mrs. Sue Griffin, and Mrs. Linda Holland.

The morning offering was taken; it was designated to be sent to Welch College. The Rev. James Sellers and Rev. S.E. Newberry served as the ushers.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He reported on the State Youth Competition. We had two entries from our Association. They were Elizabeth Wright and Sydney Scheuring, both did well, and Sydney will represent us at the National in Texas. He also said that the ministers retreat went well this year and that



the ministers wives retreat will be in September. There was a motion and second to receive the report and it carried. Mission Report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He gave us information on the property in Cartersville. It is still for sale.

**DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:** Youth Board Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. Sister Dorothy Hardin will need help in kitchen at Jr. Camp this year. She also told us about the youth competition this year and the two youths that had entered. There was a motion and second to receive the report and it carried.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Betty Lewis as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$5,571.79
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,221.00
Offering (Welch College)	<u>\$ 315.00</u>
New Total	\$7,107.79
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$4,955.61

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

**MISC. BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The marriage amendment was taken off of the table. Our moderator read the marriage amendment and asked if we wanted to add this to our constitution and by-laws. There was a move and second to accept it and it carried.

The Amendment approved was: Marriage – Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the scriptures. The Union Association of Free Will Baptists recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this Association, its pastors, staff and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

The call was given for a rising vote of thanks to the host church. It was moved and second and carried.

Announcements were called for: Bethlehem will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual womens day event in August and ask all ladies attending to respond by July 25<sup>th</sup>. Grace Church will have Homecoming June 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a motion, second and carried to adjourn.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

We began the Worship Service with singing, "At Calvary." Rev. Kirk Lavender then led us in prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Randy Jackson and his wife Sandra Jackson sung for us, "Oh What a Day", and "I'm Too Near Home To Turn Back Now", which was our special music for the day. Brother Wayne Miracle also brought the message to us for the worship service. He read from Matthew 4:23-25. Jesus ministry should be the pattern for our ministry. Churches too often get caught up in entertaining rather than true ministry. How do we minister like Jesus did? As Jesus taught the scriptures, so must we stick to the scriptures in teaching. When Jesus preached, He proclaimed the good news of salvation to all. He taught, He preached, and He also demonstrated by being compassionate, kind and showing His love for mankind. After Brother Miracle finished, we then had prayer and blessing on the food and adjourned for lunch.

## UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> 2014

The Executive Committee met April 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 at J Harvey's Restaurant in Moultrie at 6:00 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough; Clerk, Rev. Kirk Lavender; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Herbert Waid; and Retirement Board Chairman, Rev. S.E. Newberry. Spouses attending were, Mrs. Geraldine Waid, Mrs. Celia Newberry, and Mrs. Kim Lavender.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Randy Jackson after which there was good fellowship around the table.

Rev. Randy Jackson discussed the marriage amendment that was tabled at the February Association Meeting. He passed out a copy of a proposed amendment that will be discussed and voted on at the May Meeting. The amendment will be placed in Article III Section 3 Subsection B as item #5 in the BY-LAWS if the vote is passed by the Association.

The committee was made aware of the inactive attendance of Rev. James Osborn. Chuck Scarborough; Chairman of the Ordaining Board was put in charge of handling this concern. Rev. Scarborough will contact Rev. Osborn and bring the situation before ordaining board.

Rev. S.E. Newberry gave a report on the State Mission Board. The property in Cartersville is still on the market to be sold.

Rev. Randy Jackson, Junior Camp Director, gave a report on Junior Camp, and said camp workers are needed. He passed out registration forms for camp. The forms are due by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Kirk Lavender reported that two youth will participate in State Competition.

Mrs. Geraldine Waid suggested that we think about having a Musical Service for a future Association Meeting.

Rev. S.E. Newberry encouraged all of us to pray about the need for us as an association to think about the future of our churches in the upcoming years. There is an urgent need for young pastors and young adults in our churches and association to carry on the Lord's work.

We selected our speaker for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be Rev. Wayne Miracle for our devotion and the morning worship. Rev Wayne Miracle will be representing Welch College in Nashville, Tennessee, to our Association. Brother Miracle is our Georgia State Association Moderator, Moderator of the South Georgia Association and Pastor of the New Life Fellowship Church in Statesboro, Georgia. Rev. Herbert Waid will be the alternate if needed.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed in prayer.

# UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## 2014 Third Quarter Meeting

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the New Prospect Church

The meeting opened with our song leader leading the congregation in singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The Rev. Stuart Bundy then led us in prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Kirk Lavender, then gave everyone the welcome for the day. He then brought the morning devotion to the congregation. The text he used for the devotion was from 2 Thess. 3:1-13. He encouraged the church to stay steadfast in prayer, separate themselves from anyone that is disorderly, and to not get lazy, but be not weary in doing well.

After the devotion our moderator then welcomed the visitors. The ministers and deacons were then recognized and they voted to seat the delegates.

The clerk then read the Executive Committee Report. There was a motion made and a second to receive the report and it carried.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mr. Mark Scheuring, Chairperson, Mr. Virgil Holloway, and Mrs. Rhonda Roberts. A Nominating Committee was also appointed, which consisted of: Brother Wilbur Harris, Chairperson, Brother Chuck Scarborough, and Brother Eric Mitchell.

The morning offering was taken. The Rev. Stuart Bundy and Brother Leonard Bundy served as the ushers.

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

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	24
Deacons	5
Ministers	8
Visitors	<u>15</u>
Total Present	52

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education: Brother Randy Jackson gave us information for the senior citizens retreat which will be in November. Mission Report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He gave us information on the property in Cartersville. There is a group that is possibly interested in buying the property.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Ordaining Board: Rev. Chuck Scarborough said they were still looking for some contact information for Rev. James Osborn. This was received as information. Youth Board: Rev. Randy Jackson said that camp worked out better this year because of the arrival date change. This was received as information.

The Rev. Danny Williams was also with us from the Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home. He gave us an uplifting report on the Children's Home and showed us a slideshow with some pictures from the Children's Home. He thanked everyone for their prayers and support and asked for their continued prayers and support of the Children's Home.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. Mark Scheuring as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$6,131.22
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,221.00
Offering	<u>\$ 229.00</u>
New Total	\$7,581.22
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,135.28

There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report. There was a motion and second made to give the morning offering to the Children's Home, and it carried.

MISC. BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Rev. Herbert Waid made a motion to change our association meetings to having refreshments during our recess and doing away with lunch, unless the host church wants to serve lunch provided they have given notice one association in advance. There was a move and second to accept the change and it carried.

The call was given for a rising vote of thanks to the host church. It was moved and second and carried.

Announcements were called for: Grace Church will have revival Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> with the Brother Keith Lloyd speaking every night. Bethlehem will have Homecoming Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> There was a motion, second and carried to adjourn.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

We began the Worship Service with singing, "Freely, Freely." Brother Eric Mitchell then led us in prayer. Marissa Tomlinson and Casey Young sang for us, "Who Am I", and "Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone", which was our special music for the day. Brother Herbert Waid brought the message for the worship service. He read from Mark 12:18-25. The title of the message was, "Whose Wife Will She Be in the Resurrection." He told us what Jesus was talking about when he said that we would be like the angels in heaven. He told us the difference between angels and humans. We will not be angels, but as the angels are in heaven. What will this change mean to us? We will see sin as God sees it; Jesus will be there, it is no place for anyone who rejects Jesus. Brother Waid showed us just how much God is willing to forgive our sins and how God will forget those in eternity that has rejected that forgiveness. He told us that when we get to heaven we will be in many wonderful ways as the angels. We will be glorified, stable, strong and independent, no longer feeling the need to marry, no longer to have earthly family relationships, but our heavenly relationship will exceed all we have previously known. After Brother Waid finished, He closed prayer and the host gave directions for lunch. We then had prayer and blessing on the food and adjourned.

## UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 24<sup>TH</sup> 2014

The Executive Committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 at J Harvey's Restaurant in Moultrie at 6:30 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev.

Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough; Clerk, Rev. Kirk Lavender; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Herbert Waid; and Retirement Board Chairman, Rev. S.E. Newberry. Spouses attending were, Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Mrs. Celia Newberry.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Kirk Lavender, after which there was good fellowship around the table.

After the meal, the moderator called for the clerk to read the minutes from the last executive committee meeting.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough gave us a report on Rev. Jim Osborn, and said that he has not been able to get in touch with him, and that he would have to find some different contact information for Brother Osborn.

The executive board then began a discussion on our current association meeting services. Rev. Herbert Waid made a motion to change our meeting services to having refreshments during our morning break and no longer serve lunch. This would accommodate our smaller churches and relieve them of the burden of having to prepare lunch for such a large crowd.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough made a request that the executive committee skip New Hope Church this association meeting because of the stress it would put on his church. The request was granted and New Prospect graciously accepted the responsibility. This change will affect the others churches as the hosting schedule will be brought forward three months.

Rev. S.E. Newberry gave a report on the State Mission Board. The property in Cartersville is now being rented by a group with the option to buy if they choose to do so.

Rev. Randy Jackson, Junior Camp Director, gave a report on camp, and said that junior camp and teen camp went really well. Junior camp had 17 workers and 56 campers this year.

We selected our speakers for the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be Rev. Kirk Lavender for our devotion and Rev. Herbert Waid for the morning worship.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed in prayer.

# UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## 2014 Fourth Quarter Meeting

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Poulan Church

The meeting opened with our song leader leading the congregation in singing, "This Is My Father's World." The Rev. Chuck Scarborough then led us in prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Charles McCardle, then gave everyone the welcome for the day. The Rev. Charles Blanton brought the morning devotion to the congregation. The text he used for the devotion was from 2 Timothy 4:6-8. He showed us how Paul's life for Christ showed forth through his testimony and his works for the Lord. As Paul left those encouraging words to Timothy, they can be an encouragement for each of us. And when Paul came to the end of his life here upon earth, he was ready to leave because he had fought a good fight for the Lord Jesus.

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

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	18
Deacons	7
Ministers	12
Visitors	<u>9</u>
Total Present	46

There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried. Our moderator then welcomed the visitors. The ministers and deacons were then recognized and they voted to seat the delegates.

The clerk then read the Executive Committee Report. There was a motion made and a second to receive the report and it carried.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mrs. Patsy Barrett, Chairperson, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, and Mrs. Katrina Young.

The morning offering was taken. The Rev. Chuck Scarborough and Rev. Charles Blanton served as the ushers.



STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping Report was given by Brother Wilbur Harris. The camp board discussed different ways to increase the activities for the teens. The 2014 teen camp had 360 campers and 105 workers. There will be an increase in teen camping fees from \$175 to \$190 or there will be an early bird registration for \$165. Junior camp fees will remain the same at \$85. The 2015 teen camp will be May 31-June 5 and the junior camp will be June 28-July 2. Christian Education: Brother Randy Jackson gave us information for the couples retreat which will be in February. The speaker will be Brother Roy Harris. Also the State Youth Competition will be at the Albany Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mission Report was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry. He told us that now was not the time to begin a new church in North Georgia and to pray for the mission board so they can move when the time is right.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board: Rev. Herbert Waid said that the India Missions will be our focus for this year for our mission's conference in February. He encouraged all the churches to continue their support by donating \$100 to our guest missionary this year. Ordaining Board: Rev. Chuck Scarborough reported that the ordaining board would be meeting with Brother Eric Mitchell for ordination. Brother Eric is the new pastor at the Cairo Church. Youth Board: Mrs. Kirsten Saunders gave us a date for the Walk-A-Thon this year which will be January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. She will be sending out all the information for the Walk-A-Thon by mail to all the churches.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Patsy Barrett as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$6,674.91
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,212.00
Offering	<u>\$ 195.00</u>
New Total	\$8,081.91
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,264.95

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

There was a motion and second made to give the morning offering to Chris and Tori Sargent, and it carried.

The clerk then read the obituary report. He read from 1 Thessalonians 4 and then read the names of those on the obituary report. After a moment of silence the clerk lead us in prayer.

Brother Wilbur Harris then read the nominations from the nominating committee. The moderator called for nominations from the floor and there were none. There was a motion and second made to receive the nominations and it carried.

MISC. BUSINESS AND ANNOUCEMEMENTS: The moderator called forth Rev. Herbert and Sister Geraldine Waid and they were recognized for their many years of wonderful service and hard work for the Union Association as Clerk. The Association presented them with a card and a \$100 gift card. The moderator also announced the possibility of an old fashioned singing meeting at our spring meeting.

The call was given for a rising vote of thanks to the host church. It was moved and second and carried. There was a motion, second and carried to adjourn.

After our business meeting the host church provided us with refreshments in the social hall while we had a short time of Christian fellowship.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

We began the Worship Service with singing, "Count Your Blessings." Reverend R.C. Wiggins then led us in prayer. Brother Larry Waltman sang for us, "Amazing Grace", which was our special music for the day. Brother Chuck Scarborough brought the message for the worship service. He read from 2 Timothy 3: 1-9. In his message, he told us that it is easy for us to all wonder way away from God, and we need to watch out for those small steps of sin that will separate us and lead us farther away from God. Even though the nation may turn away from God and even though we are living in the last days, now is not the time to turn our backs

on God. God has given us the opportunity to follow Him and we must keep our eyes on Him at all times. We can and must depend on God's Word. These are the things that keep us close to God in these troublesome times. After his message, Brother Chuck then turned the service over to our Moderator. We were then dismissed in prayer and the service adjourned for the day.

**UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 28<sup>TH</sup> 2014**

The Executive Committee met October 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 at J Harvey's Restaurant in Moultrie at 6:30 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Chuck Scarborough; Clerk, Rev. Kirk Lavender; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Herbert Waid, Retirement Board Chairman, Rev. S.E. Newberry; and Youth Board Chairman, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. Spouses attending were, Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Mrs. Celia Newberry.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Chuck Scarborough, after which there was good food and fellowship around the table.

After the meal, the moderator called for the clerk to read the minutes from the last executive committee meeting.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough gave us a report on Rev. Jim Osborn, and said that Brother Osborn was very sick and not doing well, and the Ordaining Board would take no further action concerning him.

Rev. S.E. Newberry gave a report on the State Mission Board. The property in Cartersville is still being rented by a group with the option to buy if they choose to do so. He also gave us some information on Brother Ron Wallace and said that the mission board and Bro. Wallace agreed that right now was not a good time for him to begin a new work in North Georgia.

Rev. Randy Jackson gave a report from the Christian Education Board. The board has to make some price adjustments for the retreats. He

also commented that there would possibly be a low turnout for the National Association from many our youth since it will be so far away.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave us a report on the mission conference, and maybe we can focus our conference on the India missions.

We selected our speakers for the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be Rev. Charles Blanton for our devotion and Rev. Chuck Scarborough for the morning worship.

We also discussed the agenda for the next meeting and decided that recess and refreshments would be after all the business was done and have the worship service after the recess. We also decided that the clerk would read the obituary report, making it more convenient time wise.

Rev. Randy Jackson dismissed in prayer.

**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

### 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. MARRIAGE:**

Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the scriptures. The Union Association of Free Will Baptists recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.

Accordingly, this Association, its pastors, staff and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. 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

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.