

**UNION
ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL
BAPTIST
MINUTES
2015**

2015
ANNUAL MINUTES

of the
90th SESSION

of the

UNION ASSOCIATION
of
GEORGIA
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Quarterly Sessions met at:

Spring Hill Church, February 14, 2015

Sylvester Church, May 9, 2015

Bay Church, August 8, 2015

Bethlehem Church, November 14, 2015

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.

2016 ASSOCIATION CALENDER

Cairo, First Church.....February 13, 2016
Fellowship Church.....May 14, 2016
Grace Church.....August 13, 2016
Greenwood Church.....November 12, 2016

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. Charles Blanton, Ordaining Board Chairman
Mr. Charles Parks, Retirement Board Chairman
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Youth Board Chairman
Mr. Virgil Holloway, Parliamentarian

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Charles McCardle	2016
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2017
Rev. Herbert Waid, Chairman	2017
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2018
Rev. Charles Blanton	2020

ORDAINING BOARD

Rev. Charles Blanton, Chairman	2016
Rev. Charles McCardle	2017
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2018
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2019
Rev. Herbert Waid	2020

RETIREMENT BOARD

Mr. Charles Parks, Chairman	2016
Mr. Duck Bozeman	2017
Mr. Virgil Holloway	2018
Rev. S.E. Newberry	2019
Mr. Ike Davis	2020

YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Stuart Bundy	2016
Ms. Tammy Mercer	2017
Rev. Kirk Lavender	2018
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Chairperson	2019
Mrs. Dorothy Hardin	2020

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. Virgil Holloway	2017
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SONG LEADERS

Rev. S.E. Newberry	2016
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Assistant	2016

PIANIST

Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn	2016
Sherrill Barge, Assistant	2016

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. Charles McCardle
Rev. Eric Mitchell
Rev. S.E. Newberry
Rev. Chuck Scarborough
Rev. James Sellers
Rev. Herbert Waid
Rev. Thomas Holloway
Rev. James Osborn
Rev. R.C. Wiggins

Spring Hill Church
Bethlehem Church
Sylvester Church
Midway Church
New Prospect Church
Poulan Church
Cairo, First Church
Bay and Greenwood Churches
New Hope Church
Grace Church
Fellowship Church

ROLL OF DEACONS

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UNION ASSOCIATION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2015

Church	Active Members	Sunday School	CTS	WAC	Master's Men	Property Value
Bay	22					540,000
Bethlehem	43	30				148,322
Cairo 1 st	29	30				220,000
Fellowship	21	18		6	4	196,000
Grace	36					400,000
Greenwood						
Midway	149	75	65	13		1,000,000
New Hope	8					
New Prospect	35	25	20			
Poulan	25	25				
Spring Hill	95	20	10	5	4	145,000
Sylvester	14			5	3	
Totals	477	223	95	29	11	2,649,322
2015 Totals	472	239	149	39	11	2,251,000
2014 compared						
To 2015	+5	-16	-54	-10	0	+398,322

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

2015 First Quarter Meeting – MISSION DAY

February 14, 2015 at the Spring Hill Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "Bring Them In," led by our song leader, Brother S.E. Newberry. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm welcome. Rev. R.C. Wiggins also led us in prayer. Mrs. Geraldine Waid introduced our speaker for the day, which was Dr. Mark Hanna son Carlisle Hanna. Carlisle Hanna is missionary to India. India was our focus for this missions conference. Dr. Mark Hanna then brought the morning devotion to us. He spoke of the privilege it was to be brought up in a Christian Home and to live in India in a missionary home. He also read to us from John 12:26. He spoke of following the Lord Jesus Christ, and in following Him we must walk in His path. When we follow Christ, He will make us fishers of men and we must obey His word. There may be lots of sacrifices, and the road may be tough, we must lose our life to save it.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders.

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	25
Deacons	5
Ministers	10
Visitors	10

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.

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. Joyce Willis, Chairperson, Mrs. Thelma Wiggins, and Mr. Jeff Johnson.

The morning offering was taken; it was designated to be sent to Brother Carlisle Hanna's Account. The Rev. Chuck Scarborough and Rev. Charles Blanton served as the ushers. Rev. Chuck Scarborough led in prayer.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. He reported on the upcoming retreat. The couples retreat will be March 6th -7th at Lake Blackshear, Brother Roy Harris would be the speaker. This was received as information.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Ordaining Board Report was given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough. He told us about Brother Eric Mitchell's upcoming ordination service to be held at the Cairo Church on February 22nd. There was a motion and second to receive the report and it carried. Youth Board Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. She told us about the money we raised for Miles for Missions. We raised around \$2,410.00 on the day of the walk-a-thon, and received more the following weeks after for a final total of \$2455.00. We had 9-10 churches represented at the Walk-A-Thon with a total of 50 participants. There was a motion and second to receive the report and it carried.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. Joyce Willis as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$5,064.10
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,149.00
Offering (Carlisle Hanna)	\$ 305.00
Designated (Carlisle Hanna)	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
New Total	\$7,618.10
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,392.19

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

MISC. BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Moderator asked for volunteer delegates to the State Association at the Albany Church in Dougherty County in March. Mrs. Celia Newberry and Mrs. Patsy Barrett

volunteered and were accepted. The moderator made a motion that the Moderator 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:

Mrs. Sandra Jackson said March 19th was set WNAC meeting at the Albany Church, and April 17th and 18th would be the WNAC prayer retreat in Norman Park. The Poulan Church will hold revival April 6th-9th and homecoming will April 11th.

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 with special music brought to us by, Mrs. Sue Hall, Mr. Leonard Bundy, Mr. Tim Bundy, and Rev. Stuart Bundy. They sang the song, "I Know A Man Who Can." Dr. Mark Hanna then brought the morning message in which he read from Hab. 1:5. He shared a slide show with us and told us many stories and facts about India. The population consists of 80% Hinduism, 13.5% Islam, and 2.5% Christians. There is still great need for mission work in India. We have over 300 organized churches, 16 pastors and over 100 church planters. The Hanna's started their mission work in India around 1952 and Bro Hanna is still continuing his call even today. Dr. Mark asked us to continue to pray for the workers, leaders, believers, and the unreached in India.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 27th, 2015

The Executive Committee met January 27th, 2015 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; Retirement Board Chairman, Mr. Ike Davis; and Youth Board Chairman, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. Spouses attending were, Mrs. Sandra Jackson, Mrs. Patty Davis, and Mrs. Kim Lavender. Also attending were Mary Grace Lavender and Anna Lavender.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Kirk Lavender, 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 the progress of Bro. Eric Mitchell's ordination review and said the ordaining board would meet again at the upcoming association meeting. He also told us that the Little River Association would be sending for Rev. Marshall Kennedy's credentials and the ordaining board would look into that as well.

Mrs. Kirsten Saunders said that the Miles for Missions Walk-A-thon was still on for Saturday, January 31st. She also told us youth camp would be June 28th –July 2nd, 2015 and Teen Camp would be May 31st –June 5th, 2015.

Rev. Randy Jackson gave a report on the couples retreat which will be March 6th & 7th, and registration would be February 2nd.

We also discussed maybe having a special song service for our meeting in May.

Rev. Randy Jackson dismissed in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
2015 Second Quarter Meeting – Special Singing Service
May 9th, 2015 at the Sylvester Church
Theme: Psalm 100

Our meeting opened with singing, “This Is The Day,” led by our assistant song leader, Brother Wilbur Harris. Rev. Charles McCardle also led us in prayer. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm welcome. Before our morning devotion, Mrs. Sherrill Barge started off our special music for the day by singing, “I See Jesus.” She represented the Greenwood and Bay Churches. After the song, Rev. Wilbur Harris brought the morning devotion from Psalm 100. From his devotion we learned that we all can make a joyful noise unto the Lord and praise Him for being the Living God. We must not only praise Him with our mouths, but also with our actions and do it with gladness. Let us work for the Lord and not for men, always acknowledging Him as Lord of heaven and earth, always recognizing that it is God that blesses us, constantly giving thanks to God and praising His name.

The Digest Report was given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	20
Deacons	5
Ministers	11
Visitors	13

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.

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

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

Rev. Herbert Waid got up and gave us a wonderful testimony of his sickness and trials for the past few months. He thanked everyone in the association for their support and prayers.

The morning offering was taken; it was designated to be sent to the Welch College new campus fund. The Rev. Chuck Scarborough and Rev. Wilbur Harris served as the ushers. Rev. Chuck Scarborough led in prayer.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping Board: Rev Wilbur Harris gave us a report encouraging us to send the children to camp and teen camp would be May 31st – June 1st. There was a motion made and a second to receive the report and it carried. Christian Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson. There was very low participation in the Bible Competition this year, probably do to the fact that the Nationals will be so far away this year. There was a motion made and a second to receive the report and it carried.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board Report: Mrs. Geraldine Waid gave the mission report for Rev. Herbert Waid. She thanked everyone for participating in the last mission conference. She told how God had moved upon our hearts at the right time to support the mission work in India, seeing that there was an earthquake that just happened there. There was a motion and second to receive the report and it carried. Youth Board Report: Rev. Randy Jackson gave us info the Jr. camp forms he brought for each church. Anyone working at camp has to have a background check. Campers can to camp if they are going to the 1st grade thru the 6th grade. This was received as information.

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

General Fund Balance	\$5,418.37
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,131.00
Offering	<u>\$ 193.00</u>

New Total	\$6,742.37
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,502.42

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

MISC. BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Executive committee was given the task of looking at the finances to see if the association can help with the Welch College new building fund.

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:

The Cairo church will be having a sing tonight.

The Grace Church will have homecoming the 1st Sunday in June.

There was a motion made, a second and it 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 our morning worship service with our assistant song leader leading us in the hymn, "Heavens Jubilee." We then continued on with our special song service with singing for the rest of the day. There were many fine songs sung today along with some wonderful testimony. Even though I didn't quite get the name of all the songs everyone did an outstanding job, encouragement and thanks goes out to each one that participated in the service. May we pray that they will continue on praising the Lord with the gift of singing. The singers were as follows.

Bethlehem, Ike Davis: *Solo*

Cairo, Toni Mitchell: I Claim the Blood

Fellowship, Patsy Barrett: One Day at a Time

Grace, Judy Peacock: There is Jesus

Grace, Judy Peacock: The Blood and its Power
Bay & Greenwood, Sherrill Barge: I don't know about Tomorrow
Midway, Randy & Sandra Jackson: Oh What a Day
Midway, Randy & Sandra Jackson: I'm too near Home to Turn Back Now
Poulan, Charles McCardle: The Old Ship of Zion
Sylvester, Wilbur Harris: Through the Fire
Bethlehem, Brenda Oliff: Where are the Children
Cairo, Lynd Watson: Heaven's Point of View
Cairo, Lynd Watson: Medals for Mother
Fellowship, Gina Holloway: How Great Thou Art
Grace, James "Shot" Sellers: Time has made a Change
Poulan, Wayne & Jean Carlton: In the Shelter of His Arms
Sylvester, Wilbur Harris, John & Kyra Himioben: I've come too far to
Look Back
Sylvester, Wilbur Harris, John & Kyra Himioben: Jerusalem

After all the singing was done we closed for the day Rev. Randy Jackson dismissing us in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 23rd, 2015

The Executive Committee met April 23rd, 2015 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 Youth Board Chairman, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. Spouses attending were, Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Mrs. Kim Lavender. Also attending was Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn.

The meeting opened with a prayer of thanks for the meal, after which there was good food and fellowship.

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

Rev. Chuck Scarborough reported that the Little River Association could be sending for Rev. Marshall Kennedy's credentials at any time, since he is now pastor at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Kirsten Saunders and Rev. Randy Jackson gave us reports on the upcoming youth camps. The Church camp forms will be available at the upcoming association meeting and there will be several youth ministers from the participating associations speaking at youth camp.

Rev. Randy Jackson also commented about possibly having Bro. Wayne Miracle with us again at a future meeting to represent Welch College.

The committee then discussed the agenda for the upcoming May meeting and it was decided that we have a special song service for the morning worship with our theme for day being Psalm 100. We also decided to ask Brother Wilbur Harris if he could bring the morning devotion for us.

Before we dismissed Brother Herbert Waid brought our attention back around to the renovations and construction that will be taking place at Welch College. Maybe the Union Association could look at our finances and possibly help in some way. He also pointed out the importance of Free Will Baptist preachers sticking to the inspiration of the scriptures which are infallibly true and should be studied carefully and with much prayer to bring forth the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ, His glorification, and the growth of His body, the church.

Rev. Herbert Waid dismissed in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

2015 Third Quarter Meeting

August 8th, 2015 at the Bay Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "Love Lifted Me," led by our song leader, Brother S.E. Newberry. Rev. R.C. Wiggins then led us in prayer. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm welcome. Rev. S.E. Newberry then brought the morning devotion from Proverbs 25:11. His devotion was focused on Words. Using the right words is very

important. If we have something to say, it is important how we say it.
There is a right

time to speak and how we say it when we do. Reproving words are important and good for an obedient ear. Refreshing words are also good to speak, especially those of the gospel. Then there are those vain words which are useless and do not produce anything.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders.

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	22
Deacons	9
Ministers	11
Visitors	16

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.

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

After the executive committee report the moderator brought the executive committee's recommendation of giving \$5000.00 to the new Welch College campus fund before the Association and opened the floor for discussion. Rev Herbert Waid gave a short testimony of how the Lord led him to the college when he was just out of High School. Rev. James Sellers also spoke about praying for those that receive an education from the bible college and that they would use it for God's glory. After a motion was then made to send the \$5000.00 to the college and a second , all was in favor and it carried to send the money.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mr. Jeff Johnson, Chairperson, Mrs. Glenda Gibbs, and Mrs. Betty Lewis.

The morning offering was then taken up; Brother Virgil Holloway led us in prayer. After the offering the moderator appointed a nominating committee. Those appointed were: Rev. Wilbur Harris; Chairman, Rev. Charles Blanton, and Brother Ike Davis.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping Board: Rev Wilbur Harris said the board had not met, but he did say that youth camp went really well this year. Christian Education was given by Rev. Randy Jackson; there were 192 teens that come out to the lock in at the Albany Church. He also told us of the wonderful news of the salvations decisions by 5 children and 1 rededication at Jr. Camp this year. He also said that Senior Citizens Retreat will be at Fort Gaines again this year. Mission Board: Rev. S.E. Newberry said they will meet this month. He gave us info on the property that is being sold and said that it is going well. Also pray for the board as they look for areas to build Free Will Baptist Churches.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board Report: Rev. Herbert Waid told us that we are still looking for that missionary from Georgia to come to our mission conference in February. If we don't find one, Debbie Griffin may come who is representing the World Mission Offering this year. Youth Board Report: Mrs. Kirsten Saunders reported on camp and thanked everyone that worked at the camp this year and told us that the walk-a-thon is planned for January 30th, 2016.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. Jeff Johnson as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$5,795.49
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,140.00
Offering	<u>\$ 282.35</u>
New Total	\$7217.84
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,607.79

There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report. There was also a motion and second made and carried to send the offering to the bible college new campus fund.

MISC. BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Prayer requests were made for the following people: Rev. Charles McCardle, Sister Tammy Mercer and Family, Jan Parker, Ella Mae Giles family. We also had a praise report that Rev. Osbourn had preached again.

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 made, a second and it carried to adjourn. Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed in prayer.

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 our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "The Regions Beyond." Brother Ike Davis then led us in prayer. After the prayer Mrs. Robin Shivers sang the special music for us for the day, which was titled, "Master of the Wind." Rev. Eric Mitchell had the message for the morning service. He used the scripture, Ezekiel 3:17-20 and Ezekiel 33:7. He talked how the church had "Acceptable Sins," and it was because of the leadership in many of our churches. He spoke of the responsibility of the pastors to speak up against these sins that the church has become immune to. The pastors are to be watchman as spoken of in Isaiah 62:6. All preachers will give an account to God for their actions of warning the people. The church members also have a responsibility of taking heed to what their pastors say as spoken of in Hebrews 13:17.

After the message, Brother Eric turned the service back over to our moderator. Rev. James Sellers also addressed everyone on the morning refreshment time and asked everyone to think of another option or doing away with the refreshment time. After a dismissal prayer we adjourned service for the day.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 28th, 2015

The Executive Committee met July 28th, 2015 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, Mr. Ike Davis and Youth Board Chairman, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. Also attending were Mrs. Geraldine Waid, Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn and Ms. Mary Grace Lavender.

The meeting opened with a prayer of thanks for the meal, after which there was good food and fellowship.

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

Rev. Herbert Waid reported that there is not a missionary for the upcoming mission conference as of yet, but there may be a possibility that Debbie Griffin will be with us that day.

Rev. Randy Jackson told us that camp went very well even though the numbers were low. There were a total of 44 campers and 21 workers.

We then discussed the speakers for the next meeting and decided to ask Rev. S.E. Newberry to bring our devotion and Rev. Eric Mitchell to bring our main message.

In our May Association meeting the Executive Committee was given the task of looking at the finances to see if the Association can help with the Welch College new building fund. The Moderator brought the subject to our attention for discussion. Rev. Herbert Waid discussed the idea of doing a promotion for the college in some way and also giving some funds. After Brother Waid finished the committee examined the last finance report and after some discussion, Brother Chuck Scarborough made a motion that the amount of \$5,000.00 be brought before the Association to be voted on to send to Welch College. Mrs. Kirsten Saunders seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Rev. Herbert Waid dismissed in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
2015 Fourth Quarter Meeting

November 14th, 2015 at the Bethlehem Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "Deeper, Deeper," led by our song leader, Brother S.E. Newberry. Rev. James Sellers then led us in prayer. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm welcome. Rev. Charles McCardle then brought the morning devotion from Acts 22. His devotion was a challenge to each one of us. God expects us to do something rather than setting around doing nothing. Just as God changed Paul's life and from that point on Paul had a testimony to share and Paul shared it with others, so we to can use the testimony of our lives to spread the gospel. It does not matter at what time or what our age was when God changed us, we can use that testimony for Christ's kingdom so others can know Jesus also. After the devotion, Brother Frank Hall blessed us with his personal testimony of how he came to know the Lord Jesus and also talked of those who used their testimony in their witness to him.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders.

Churches Reporting	12
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Delegates	17
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Deacons	4
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Ministers	11
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Visitors	<u>14</u>
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Total	46
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There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried.

The moderator then recognized the ministers and deacons. There was a motion and second made to seat the delegates and it carried.

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. Dorothy Hardin, Chairperson, Mrs. Ann Lavender, and Mrs. Linda Holland.

The Moderator also appointed Mrs. Judy Harris to read the obituary report for the year.

The morning offering was then taken up; Rev. James Sellers and Rev. Chuck Scarborough volunteered as ushers and Brother Scarborough led in prayer.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping Board: Rev Wilbur Harris reported that the camping board had met and that everything was going well. He also said that the number of campers was down a bit on both the teen and Jr. Campers this year. The dates for the upcoming teen camp will be May 29th – June 3rd, 2016 and Jr. Camp will be June 26th – 30th, 2016. Christian Education: was given by Rev. Randy Jackson; the senior citizens retreat went really well and many from our own association were able to attend this year. The couples retreat has been cancelled due to renovations taking place at the Lake Blackshear Resort. Mission Board: Rev. S.E. Newberry said that they are in the regrouping stage and for everyone to continue to pray for the mission work and mission churches.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board Report: Rev. Herbert Waid gave us a report on the upcoming mission conference and told us that Doug and Miriam Bishop will be our guest missionaries this year, and that Debbie Griffin agreed to be a backup if necessary. We also learned that at least two people are being saved in India each week. That is great news from the India mission field. Ordaining Board Report: Rev. Herbert Waid gave a great report on our most recent ordained pastor, Rev. Eric Mitchell, and said he was an added blessing to our association. Youth Board Report: Mrs. Kirsten Saunders reported on the Miles for Missions and it is planned for January 30th, 2016. She also gave each church a packet with the info for the walk-a-thon and encouraged us to bring our youth.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Dorothy Harding as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$1,296.69
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,149.00
Offering	<u>\$ 204.00</u>
New Total	\$2,649.69
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,715.59

There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report. There was also a motion and second made and carried to put the offering in the general fund.

The Obituary Report was read by Mrs. Judy Harris after which Rev. Chuck Scarborough prayed for the family and friends of those who had lost loved ones. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Rev. Wilbur Harris. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report. The Moderator then each name and each one was voted on to receive the position.

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 made, a second and it carried to adjourn.

We then took a short recess before the morning worship service.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "Count Your Blessings." Mrs. Brenda Olliff sang the special music for us for the day, which was titled, "Ride Out Your Storm." After the special music, Rev. Stuart Bundy brought the morning message to us. His text was from Revelation 1:19-2. The message to the churches in Revelation not only represent church ages, but also are messages to each and every throughout the ages and the churches of today. No church or Christian person is immune to any of the troubles that were mentioned to churches in Revelation. The first is the lack of love in the Church.

People are going to do what they love, whether it's for Jesus or for themselves. If we will get back to our first love (Jesus) then God will bless the church. Next is the lack of true doctrine in the church. God placed us here to use that doctrine and even use that doctrine pick up others we they are down. He also talked about the lack of restraint, discipline and dedication. We need to hold ourselves accountable to God and to our other brothers and sisters in Christ, and be faithful in doing the works the Lord has given us to do. We also learned that the church can lack life. Young people, people in general are seeking life and the church needs to be full of life and a place where people can find that true life that can only be found in Jesus. Last of all there is the church that lacks everything that a church should be and it most desperately needs to turn to Jesus.

After the message we ended services for the day and we all went and enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by the host church.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING November 5th, 2015

The Executive Committee met November 5th, 2015 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. Also attending was Mrs. Geraldine Waid.

Our moderator opened the meeting with a prayer of thanks for the meal, after which there was good food and fellowship.

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

Rev. Herbert Waid reported that there is a possibility that we will have Doug and Miriam Bishop back with us for the upcoming mission's conference, but if they cannot come then Debbie Griffin would be available to come.

Rev. Randy Jackson reported that the couples retreat has been canceled due to remodeling at Lake Blackshear. He also said that Jr. Camp

is set for June 26-30, 2016 and that Teen Camp is set for May 29th-
June 3rd 2016.

We then discussed the speakers for the next meeting and decided to ask Rev. Charles McCardle to bring our devotion and Rev. Stuart Bundy to bring our main message.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough 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 diving 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.