

**UNION
ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL
BAPTIST
MINUTES
2016**

2016
ANNUAL MINUTES

of the
91st SESSION

of the
UNION ASSOCIATION
of
GEORGIA
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Quarterly Sessions met at:

Cairo Church, February 13, 2016

Fellowship Church, May 14, 2016

Grace Church, August 13, 2016

Greenwood Church, November 12, 2016

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.

2017 ASSOCIATION CALENDER

Midway Church.....February 11, 2017
New Hope Church.....May 13, 2017
New Prospect Church.....August 12, 2017
Poulan Church.....November 11, 2017

UNION ASSOCIATION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Randy Jackson, Moderator	2017
Rev. Chuck Scarborough, Assistant Moderator	2017
Rev. Kirk Lavender, Clerk/Treasurer	2017
Rev. Herbert Waid, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	2017
Rev. Stuart Bundy , Mission Board Chairman	
Rev. Charles Mc Cardle, Ordaining Board Chairman	
Mr. Eric Mitchell, Retirement Board Chairman	
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Youth Board Chairman	
Mr. Virgil Holloway, Parliamentarian	2017

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Stuart Bundy, Chairman	2017
Rev. Herbert Waid	2018
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2019
Rev. Charles Blanton	2020
Rev. Charles Mc Cardle	2021

ORDAINING BOARD

Rev. Charles McCardle, Chairman	2017
Rev. Wilbur Harris	2018
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2019
Rev. Herbert Waid	2020
Rev. Charles Blanton	2021

RETIREMENT BOARD

Mr. John Himioben	2017
Mr. Virgil Holloway	2018
Rev. S.E. Newberry	2019
Mr. Ike Davis	2020
Rev. Eric Mitchell, Chairman	2021

YOUTH BOARD

Vacant	2017
Rev. Kirk Lavender	2018
Mrs. Kirsten Saunders, Chairperson	2019
Mrs. Dorothy Hardin	2020
Rev. Stuart Bundy	2021

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. Virgil Holloway	2017
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SONG LEADERS

Rev. S.E. Newberry	2017
Rev. Wilbur Harris, Assistant	2017

PIANIST

Mrs. Sherrill Barge	2016
Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, Assistant	2016

REPRESENTATIVES TO GEORGIA STATE BOARDS

Board of Camping – Rev. Wilbur Harris	2017
Board of Christian Education-Rev. Randy Jackson	2017
Board of Missions – Rev. S.E. Newberry	2017
Board of trustees – Rev. Chuck Scarborough	2017

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ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Charles Blanton	Spring Hill Church
Rev. Stuart Bundy	Bethlehem Church
Rev. Wilbur Harris	Sylvester Church
Rev. Randy Jackson	Midway Church
Rev. Kirk Lavender	New Prospect Church
Rev. Charles McCardle	Poulan Church
Rev. Eric Mitchell	Cairo, First Church
Rev. S.E. Newberry	Bay and Greenwood Churches
Rev. Chuck Scarborough	New Hope Church
Rev. James Sellers	Grace Church
Rev. Herbert Waid	Fellowship Church
Rev. R.C. Wiggins	

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UNION ASSOCIATION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2016

Church	Active Members	Sunday School	CTS	WAC	Master's Men	Property Value
Bay	22					540,000
Bethlehem	44	30				148,322
Cairo 1 st	36	30				220,000
Fellowship	21	12		7	4	196,000
Grace	24					400,000
Greenwood						
Midway	136	70	60	13		1,000,000
New Hope	8					
New Prospect	35	25	20			
Poulan	27	27				
Spring Hill	97	20	10	5	4	145,000
Sylvester	10			5	3	
Totals	460	214	90	30	11	2,649,322
2016 Totals	477	223	95	29	11	2,649,322
2014 compared						
To 2015	-17	-9	-5	+1	0	0

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

2016 First Quarter Meeting

Missions Conference

February 13th, 2016 at the Cairo, First Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "Redeemed" led by our song leader, Brother S.E. Newberry. Rev. Wilbur Harris then led us in prayer. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm welcome. Since today was our mission conference, we had with us Doug and Miriam Bishop and their children. Miriam led us in our devotion for the morning. She used 1st Corinthians 13 as her text from God's Word, which is often titled "The Love Chapter." Our focus this morning was on love for the unsaved, and our relationship with them in showing them the love of Christ. It should be our focus no matter where we are at in the world. She also quoted from Matthew 9:9-13 and encouraged us to build those relationships by giving our time and showing our hospitality to them even when that means opening our homes to them and showing them the Christian home and lifestyle. She left us with a quote from a former missionary, "We have all eternity to tell the victories won for Christ, but we only have a few hours before sunset to win them."

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders.

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	19
Deacons	5
Ministers	10
Visitors	<u>16</u>
Total	50

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: Mr. John Himioben, Chairperson, Mrs. Jane May, and Mrs. Vicki Bunn.

The morning offering was then taken up; Rev. S.E. Newberry and Rev. Chuck Scarborough volunteered as ushers and Brother S.E. Newberry led in prayer. Our morning offering was designated to our Missionaries.

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education: was given by Rev. Randy Jackson; the state youth competition will be Saturday, May 1st, 2016 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Homerville.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board Report: Rev. Herbert Waid gave us a report on the money that was raised at the Miles for Missions Walk-A-Thon and told us that the money will be given as personal gift to our guest missionaries. Youth Board Report: Mrs. Kirsten Saunders reported on the Miles for Missions Walk-A-Thon. She told us that 10 churches were represented at the walk-a-thon and the money raised totaled \$2,897.00. She also encouraged each one to continue their support of the missionaries even on a monthly basis.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. John Himioben as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$ 41.92
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,116.00
Church gifts to Bishop Account	\$1,150.00
Offering	<u>\$ 289.00</u>
New Total	\$2,596.92
Youth Fund Balance	\$3,109.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,825.82

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

The moderator then called for volunteer delegates to represent us at the next state association meeting. Two people were chosen, they are Mrs. Celia Newberry and Mrs. Geraldine Waid.

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

The moderator then called for any announcements. The Poulan Church will be having revival on March 14-16, 2016. The Rev. Eric Mitchell will be speaking at the revival.

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, "The Regions Beyond." Mrs. Linda Watson sang the special music for us for the day, which was titled, "I Counted On." After the special music, Rev. Herbert Waid introduced Brother Doug Bishop and also encouraged each church to continue support of our missionaries. Brother Doug Bishop then came before us and brought the morning message. He gave us some background of their history and testimony of how God has led them into the mission field. He also told of how they had already been in Japan for two years and how they had to return to the states to be approved by the mission board. They have been approved by the mission board and will return to Japan as career missionaries and will go back in January 2017 to spend another four year term doing God's work and spreading the gospel. He used his main text from Ecclesiastes 3:11. Even though he had read this scripture many times, it seems it suddenly stuck out to him as God was leading him into missions. As he spoke to us, he showed us that we need to keep our focus on God so that we know what God wants us to do with our lives. He also read from Romans 1:19-20

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

January 28th, 2016

The Executive Committee met January 28th, 2016 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 & Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Herbert Waid; Parliamentarian, Mr. Virgil Holloway; Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Charles Blanton; and Youth Board Chairman' Mrs. Kirsten Saunders. Also attending were Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn.

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 any reports to brought before the committee.

Rev. Herbert Waid reported from the mission board about our guest missionaries that will be at our mission conference and said that there could be a possibility that they would need a place to stay while they were here. He ask for the approval to get a hotel room for them if the need arose. The committee all agreed that it would be alright to pay for a room if our guest needed one.

Mrs. Kirsten Saunders reported from the youth board and confirmed that everything was ready for the Miles for Missions walk-a- thon that will take place on Saturday, January 30th, 2016.

Rev. Randy Jackson also reported that everything for camp was set and ready to go except for the speakers, and the fee for camp will continue to be set at \$85.00 per camper.

Rev. Kirk Lavender then reported that the general fund balance was low and suggested that the interest from the trust account could be designated to the general fund if we needed to. After some discussion among the committee, it was decided that it was best to leave the general fund balance as it is and let it build back up on its own.

After all the business was done for the evening, Mrs. Kirsten Saunders made a motion to dismiss, and a second was given by Rev. Charles Blanton, the motion carried and Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed us in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 2016 2nd Quarter Meeting

May 14th, 2016 at the Fellowship Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "He Abides" led by our song leader, Brother S.E. Newberry. Rev. Charles Blanton then led us in prayer. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm welcome. Our Moderator then turned the service over to Rev. Charles McCardle, who brought the devotion to us for the morning, he used Joshua 11:15 for his text and asked the question, Who do children look up to today, and who are they going to look up to in the future? Joshua was able to do all that he did, because he had a God fearing mentor, who was Moses. Many of the people that the children looked up to today are not god fearing and many are corrupt. Moses and Joshua looked up to God and knew that God would take care of them. We need to remember that some young person is looking up to us and what kind of a mentor are we going to be?

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 Digest Report was given by Rev. Chuck Scarborough.

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	16
Deacons	5
Ministers	12

Visitors	<u>14</u>
Total	47

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

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee for the day. They were: Mr. John Himioben, Chairperson, Mrs. Katrina Young, and Mrs. Rae Ann Dees.

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

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education: was given by Rev. Randy Jackson; the state youth competition went well. He made note that attendance was low and that the bible parts of the competition seemed to be low in participants. We received it as information. Mission Board: was given by Rev. S.E. Newberry; the board is just doing some planning right now and there maybe some exciting possibilities in the future and he asked us to continue to pray for the mission board. There was a motion and second made to receive the report and it carried.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board Report: Rev. Herbert Waid gave us a report on how the Bishops were doing. He told us of Dale and Sandra's retirement possibly in two years. Much of the support for them and Doug and Miriam has come from Georgia and Arkansas. Brother Waid also announced his resignation as chairman of the mission board after many years of outstanding service. He also reported that the mission board has chosen a new chairman which will be Rev. Stuart Bundy. After his report everyone showed their appreciation for Brother Waid's service as chairman by standing and giving him applause. Retirement Board Report: Rev. Kirk Lavender reported that the \$200.00 that was being sent to Mrs. Nancy Turner every quarter would no longer go out being that the

Lord has called her home. Youth Board Report: Rev Randy Jackson gave us information on Jr. Camp. It will be June 26th – 30th this year and campers and workers needed.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mr. John Himioben as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$ 415.74
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,215.00
Offering	<u>\$ 251.00</u>
New Total	\$1,881.74
Youth Fund Balance	\$2,989.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$5,927.14

The motion was made that the offering would be put in the general fund. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The moderator then proceeded to appoint a new member to replace Mr. Charles Parks on the retirement board and Rev. Eric Mitchell was nominated and chosen to take his place. Rev. James Sellers also said that Mr. Duck Bozeman also needed to be replaced on the retirement board. Rev. S.E. Newberry nominated Mr. John Himioben to take the position. Mr. John Himioben accepted and was appointed to take Mr. Duck Bozeman's place on the retirement board.

The moderator then called for any announcements. The moderator announced that everyone would receive a church security packet paid for by the state association. Mr. Charles Lassetter encouraged everyone to go out and vote and pray that the Lord would give this nation a good leader. Rev. Stuart Bundy announced that Bethlehem would have its annual Women's Day on August 6, 2016 at 10 am.

After the announcements we gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church. The motion was then made to adjourn from our business. There was a motion made, a second and it carried to adjourn.

Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed us in prayer and asked the blessing on the refreshments provided by the host church. We then

enjoyed a short break with refreshments and fellowship before the morning worship service.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "Breath On Me." Mr. Clint Hardin sang the special music for us for the day, which was titled, "Is Your All On The Alter." After the special music, Rev. Stuart Bundy brought the message to us for the day. His text came from Revelations 6: 1-8. He spoke of the coming antichrist and how he comes to conquer and how he is a counterfeit to Jesus Christ. Jesus came to save and the antichrist comes to conquer. All of those seals that he read of in Revelations are the products of the actions of the antichrist. He spoke of the peril of our nation and the only thing that can save our nation is the message of the cross. Even now, everyday prophecies are being fulfilled. Even though many may not like to hear politics in church, as Christians we have a voice and our Christians values and principles should shine forth throughout the land, in our churches, government and even in our school systems, because the coming antichrist will seek to destroy them all with his conquering agenda.

After the message we ended services for the day.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28th, 2016

The Executive Committee met April 28th, 2016 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 & Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Herbert Waid; Parliamentarian, Mr. Virgil Holloway, and Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Charles Blanton. Also attending were Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Mrs. Gina Holloway

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

After the meal the clerk read the minutes from the last executive meeting.

Our moderator then read a thank you letter from the Bishops thanking the association for the invitation to come to our last meeting and the enjoyable time they had with us and for everyone that has supported them.

The moderator then called for any reports to be brought before the committee.

Rev. Herbert Waid expressed his desire to turn over the Mission Board Chairman position to another member of the mission board. The committee all agreed that that would be a decision for the mission board to discuss.

The Clerk also reported that we would need a replacement member for the retirement board. Brother Charles Parks notified the clerk and said that he would not be able to continue to serve on the retirement board. After some discussion, the committee decided that the Moderator could appoint a new retirement board member at the next association meeting.

Rev. Randy Jackson also reported that the speaker has been chosen for teen camp and that Jr. Camp plans are going as scheduled.

Mrs. Geraldine Waid informed the committee that Mrs. Nancy Turner and Rev. Jim Osbourn had passed away.

The committee then proceeded to choose the speakers for next association meeting, and we chose Rev. Charles McCardle for our devotion and Rev. Stuart Bundy for our main message.

After all business was complete, Rev. Charles Blanton dismissed us in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

2016 3rd Quarter Meeting

August 13th, 2016 at the Grace Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "Down At The Cross" led by our song leader, Brother S.E. Newberry. Rev. Charles Blanton then led us in prayer. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm welcome. Our Moderator then turned the service over to Rev. Eric Mitchell, who

brought the devotion to us for the morning, he used Acts 16:9-10 for his main text. He also read from Acts 18:9-10 and Acts 2:17. He challenged pastors and church members to grab hold of God's vision, without a vision the people will perish. Many local churches have lost their vision for God and because of that many churches are dwindling down to nothing. We must not be afraid and be bold and reach out to the community and may we not lose the vision for the salvation of souls. After the devotion we moved on to the business portion of our meeting.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	26
Deacons	6
Ministers	11
Visitors	<u>25</u>
Total	68

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: Mr. Mark Scheuring, Chairperson, Mrs. Joyce Willis, and Mrs. Rhonda Roberts. The Moderator also appointed a Nominating Committee, Those appointed were: Rev. Wilbur Harris; Chairperson, Rev. Eric Mitchell and Rev. Charles McCardle.

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

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Christian Education: was given by Rev. Randy Jackson; the next event will be the Pastors' Wife Retreat. They will have Mrs. Janice Wallace and Mrs. Sandra Bishop as speakers. Also coming up is the Senior Citizens Retreat to be held at Fort Gaines. We received it as information.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Youth Board Report: Mrs. Kirsten Saunders gave everyone information on the Lock in that the First Free Will Baptist Church hosts every fall for the youth and encouraged any churches with youth to go out and be a part of it. Rev. Randy Jackson also reported on Jr. Camp and Teen Camp. For Jr. Camp we had a total of 70 campers and 25 camp workers with 10 salvation decisions. The next Jr. Camp will begin on Sunday, May 28th – June 1st, 2017 and Teen Camp will begin Monday June 5th – 10th, 2017.

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

General Fund Balance	\$1,208.04
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,221.00
Offering	<u>\$ 235.18</u>
New Total	\$2,664.22
Youth Fund Balance	\$2,989.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$6,255.19

The motion was made that the offering would be put in the general fund. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The moderator then called for any miscellaneous business. Rev. Herbert Waid reported that Rev. Thomas Holloway has joined the church where he is a pastor and also joined the association that his church is a part of. Although the Union Association has not received a written statement requesting his credentials, the Union Association can receive his spoken word on good faith. Since he has joined another association there is no longer a need to keep him on our roll. There was a motion made and a second to remove Brother Thomas from our roll of ordained ministers and

it carried. Rev. S.E. Newberry also brought up the idea about possibly changing the percentage of the dues being put into retirement fund for a while to help the general fund. Although the general fund is building back up, the executive committee will look over the finances to see if there is a need to make the change. Mrs. Dorothy Hardin asked if the Union Association could provide the snacks and drinks for Jr. Camp paid for with funds from the Youth Fund. The Youth Board was given the task of coming up with an amount to give which would probably be around \$500.00. There was motion and second made to use these funds and it carried.

The moderator then called for any announcements. The Grace Free Will Baptist Church will have homecoming the 3rd week in September with the Rev. Keith Lloyd as the guest speaker. Midway will also have homecoming the 1st week in October with the Rev. Ron Wallace as the guest speaker.

After the announcements we gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

Rev. S.E. Newberry dismissed us in prayer and we took a short recess.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "Have Faith In God." Mrs. Judy Peacock sang the special music for us for the day, which was titled, "There Is Jesus." Rev. James Sellers then sang "Time Has Made A Change" while Mrs. Jane May played the piano. After the special music, Rev. James Sellers brought the message to us for the day. His text came from 1 Peter 5:1-9. As Brother Sellers began his sermon, he gave us testimony of the days when he began preaching for the Lord. He could remember the times when there were wall to wall crowds on Sunday nights. He told us it was time to get back to the old way of preaching when there was no compromising the Word of God. When the true Word of God is preached, a sinner will not be able to sit under it. Sin will separate us from God, and in today's time our churches are filled with ungodly sinners openly living in sin. A life lived

like that will have a person out fellowship with God and they will live without God's blessing. He gave us more testimony of how God brought him out the ruins of sin and has changed his life. He can also remember when there was not only true shouting and praising God, but there was also true praying. It is time that God's people need to get concerned about their own welfare and salvation and the salvation of others. After the sermon, Rev. Sellers called for an invitation and the song leader led us in "Softly and Tenderly", and there were several people who went down to the alter and prayed. After the invitation and alter praying was done, Rev. Herbert dismissed us and ask the blessing for our lunch which was provided by the host church.

**UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 28th, 2016**

The Executive Committee met July 28th, 2016 at J Harvey's Restaurant in Moultrie at 6:30 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev. Randy Jackson; Clerk, Rev. Kirk Lavender; Assistant Clerk & Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Herbert Waid; Parliamentarian, Mr. Virgil Holloway; Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Charles Blanton; Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Stuart Bundy; and Retirement Board Chairman, Rev. Eric Mitchell. Also attending were Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Ms. Mary Grace Lavender.

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

After the meal the clerk read the minutes from the last executive meeting.

The moderator then called for any reports to be brought before the committee.

Rev. Stuart Bundy expressed his desire to maybe having two mission conferences a year, with one focusing on our National mission work and the other focusing on mission work in our local churches and communities.

Rev. Randy Jackson reported on camp. Jr. Camp was up this year with 30 more campers than last year with a total of 10 salvation decisions. He also talked about the idea of our district youth boards allocating funds to send to the Jr. Camp Fund. The dates for next year's camps will be May 28 – June 1 for Jr. Camp and June 5 – June 10 for teen camp.

The committee then proceeded to choose the speakers for next association meeting, and we chose Rev. Eric Mitchell for our devotion and Rev. James Sellers for our main message.

After all business was complete, Rev. Randy Jackson dismissed us in prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 2016 4th Quarter Meeting

November 12th, 2016 at the Greenwood Church

Our meeting opened with singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", led by our song leader, Brother S.E. Newberry. Mr. Clint Hardin then led us in prayer. The Moderator and the Host Pastor gave us all a warm greeting. Our Moderator then turned the service over to Rev. R.C. Wiggins, who brought the devotion to us for the morning. The title of his devotion was "Blessings of a Christian's Potential. He used Ephesians 4:1-4 for his main text. He also gave us the background from chapters 1-3. From it we learned about our access to be rich in the Lord, and our spiritual position in Christ. With all these blessings we have, we can do what the Lord wants us to, no matter what the circumstance is. The potential is there to do God's work and we cannot delay for the time is short. We can also be joyful while we are working, knowing that God is with us and that His grace abides on us. After our devotion we moved on to the business portion of our meeting.

The Digest Report was given by Mrs. Kirsten Saunders

Churches Reporting	12
Delegates	17
Deacons	4
Ministers	11

Visitors	<u>10</u>
Total	42

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: Mr. Jason Dees, Mrs. Joyce Willis, and Mrs. Ann Lavender.

The Clerk then read the Obituary Report of those that passed away in the year 2016. They are as follows: (Bay) Robert William Tucker; 10/26/1923-05/31/2016, (Cairo) Nancy Turner; 11/2/1930 – 04/24/2016, Doll Baxter; 09/15/1936 – 10/24/2016, (Midway) Danny Gay; 09/12/1939 -07/10/2016, Faye Gay; 12/19/1946 – 02/11/2016, (New Hope) Chester Taylor; Date of Death: 04/10/2016. After a short moment of silence, Rev. Stuart Bundy prayed for the family and friends of those who passed away.

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

STATE BOARD REPORTS: Camping: Rev. Wilbur Harris reported, the board met October 24th, 2016. The camping board went \$12,000 over budget this past year, so they are looking at some changes in spending for the youth camp. Brother Wilbur also encouraged everyone to send their youth to camp. There was a motion and a second made to receive the report and it carried. Christian Education: Rev. Randy Jackson reported on a great Senior Citizens Retreat, and praised our own Rev. S.E. Newberry for the wonderful job he did at the retreat. The couples retreat

will be coming in February, and the State Competition will be in May at the Albany Church. There was a motion and a second made to receive the report and it carried. Mission Board: Rev. S.E. Newberry said they will meet next week, and asked us to continue to pray for our missions. We received it as information.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS: Mission Board: Rev. Stuart Bundy told us that the board has not decided on a missionary for our missions conference as of yet. He also told us that we are still focusing on our home missions. We received it as information. Youth Board Report: Mrs. Kirsten Saunders handed out packets for the Walk-a-thon to be held in January and encouraged everyone to attend. Rev. Randy Jackson also reported about the possibility of the South Georgia Association joining in on our Jr. Camp. There was a motion and a second made to receive the report and it carried.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Rev. Kirk Lavender as follows:

General Fund Balance	\$2,093.65
Quarterly Dues Collected	\$1,158.00
Offering	<u>\$ 166.00</u>
New Total	\$3,417.65
Youth Fund Balance	\$2,989.63
Minister's retirement Balance	\$6,584.86

The motion was made that the offering would be put in the general fund. There was a motion and second made and it carried to receive the report.

The moderator then called for any miscellaneous business.

Nominating Committee: Rev. Wilbur Harris ask for a round of applause for Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn, for her many years of service as piano player for the Union Association. He then proceeded to read the nominations for the new officers and board members. After a motion was made and a second, all was in favor of accepting the nominations for the New Year. Rev. Herbert Waid let us know that the State Historical Society was down

to one person, which is Mrs. Geraldine Waid. He encouraged anyone that would like to help with the history of the Free Will Baptist to contact Mrs. Waid. Rev. S.E. Newberry also made a suggestion of maybe taking the Time Machine articles and publishing them into a book. We also sung Happy Birthday to Rev. Herbert Waid.

After all business was completed, we gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church; we then took a short recess for refreshments provided by the host church.

Morning Worship Service

We began our morning worship service with our song leader leading us in the hymn, "My Wonderful Lord." Rev. Kirk Lavender then lead us in prayer. Rev. S.E. Newbery, Mrs. Shirley Singleton, and Mrs. Sheryl Barge sang the special music for us for the day, which was titled, "I'm Free." Our morning message was brought to us by Rev. Randy Jackson. His message was titled, "I can see clearly now." The text he used from God's word was Mark 8:22-26. He showed us how God uses different methods and ways to reach different people, even though the message always stays the same. Jesus used many different methods to heal the blind, and he uses a variety of people, churches, and pastors to reach those unsaved people. If they are without Jesus they are in misery, just like the blind man. We need to be aware that our only competition is satan and we are not in competition with each other. We are called to bring people to Jesus. Let us watch as Jesus shows mercy to those who come to Him. After the message, we dismissed with an invitation while singing, "Softly and Tenderly."

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 27th, 2016

The Executive Committee met October 27th, 2016 at J Harvey's Restaurant in Moultrie at 6:30 p.m. Those present were: Moderator, Rev.

Randy Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Chuck Scarborough; Clerk, Rev. Kirk Lavender; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Herbert Waid; Ordaining Board Chairman, Rev. Charles Blanton; Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Stuart Bundy; and Retirement Board Chairman, Rev. Eric Mitchell. Also attending were Mrs. Waid and Mrs. Mitchell.

Rev. Kirk Lavender opened the meeting with a prayer of thanks for the meal, after which we enjoyed good food and fellowship.

After the meal the clerk read the minutes from the last executive meeting.

The moderator then called for any reports to be brought before the committee.

Rev. Stuart Bundy said that we might possibly have Brother Billy Bevans with us for our February mission conference to focus on our home missions and then maybe we could have The Hubbards with us later in the year as they would be back in the states. We also received an update from Brother and Sister Waid concerning Dale and Sandra Bishop; the Bishop's would also be returning to the states for 6 months to raise some new support for their mission work.

Mrs. Kirsten Saunders informed us that the Walk-A-Thon is being prepared and scheduled for January 28th, 2017.

Rev. Randy Jackson reported that the state youth camp is doing things a little different to save money and also the Senior's retreat is coming up soon.

Rev. Herbert Waid also informed us that it would be a good idea for the Union Association to look for a new assistant clerk.

The committee then proceeded to choose the speakers for the next association meeting, and we chose Rev. R. C. Wiggins for our devotion and Rev. Randy Jackson for our main message.

After all business was complete, Rev. Chuck Scarborough dismissed us 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.