

MINUTES
—of the—
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
—of the—
BENJAMIN RANDALL CONFERENCE
—of—
Free Will Baptists
held with
Little Bethel Church
—at—
Reby, Bleckley County, Georgia
October 14, 15, 16, 17, 1930.

Elder J. R. Hunt, Macon, Ga.....	Moderator
Elder L. S. Yates, Montrose, Ga.....	Vice Moderator
Elder E. A. Atkinson, Waynesboro, Ga.....	Clerk
P. D. Yancey, Montrose, Ga.	Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. G. Cook, Cochran, Ga., Chairman,
J. F. Smith, Plainfield, Ga.
E. L. Long, Chester, Ga.

NEXT SESSION

To be held with Friendship Church, Summit, Ga. Beginning on Tuesday night after second Sunday in October 1931. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder F. M. Battle, on Tuesday night. Delegates will be met at the Bus Station in Graymont, Tuesday only. Information as to how to reach the church will be furnished by W. D. Brown, Summit, Georgia.

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HERALD

Esteeming the fellowship of our brethren, the august society of Free Will Baptists, a paramount unit of the denominational facilities for proper Christian functioning, and feeling as we do a consuming zeal for the success of our denomination, we note with profoundest humility, the action of 1930 session of the General Conference, in appointing a committee to "investigate the Benjamin Randall Conference." We have had no opportunity to assist the committee, composed of Elder C. J. Harvey, Bro A. D. Ivey, and Bro. T. J. Fort, in making a thorough investigation, and stand ready to exercise our utmost diligence in assisting such an investigation. We shall pray for continued membership in the General Conference, and for God our Father to fully vindicate our worthiness for fellowship in the great Free Will Baptist ranks. We are avowedly the Randall type of our denomination, and recognize that there are those of our denomination that are of the Palmer type, but feel that there is not a restraint to orthodoxy in this difference. We are here reminded that, in the ranks of our brethren, the Missionary Baptists, are a vast number of communicants that devoutly believe in the possibility of apostasy on the part of a child of God, but they work harmoniously with the church whose tenet doctrine is impossibility of apostasy. We also are reminded that, the great Methodist Episcopal Church was founded on the doctrine of sanctification being a second definite work of grace, and yet this great church functions throughout the world today in great harmony, with a ministry that is admittedly divided on this tenet doctrine of the church. We have had the sad duty to take a devout stand for discipline, but point, with pride, to the fact that we have placed, what we believe to be, the greatest safeguard around our ministry, of anybody in our denominational connection of which we have any knowledge. We are standing on the New Testament as our standard of faith and practice, and interpret it as we believe Benjamin Randall did. Our Articles of Faith and Doctrinal Views are practically copied from the Chattahoochee Association of Georgia, which has recently held it's 95th session, and recognized in history as fully orthodox. We pray for peace, and fellowship with our general connection, and reserve the tenet right of our denomination, to conduct our own affairs in divine order.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Subject, "GO"

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

TWO ESSENTIAL FACTS

First; calling. Second; obedience. God is calling us to "go." Our mission is to carry THE Gospel, to THE lost.

There are TWO essentials to preparation for the work of carrying this Gospel. First; we must have pardon and forgiveness of sins. Second; we must be baptized with the Holy Ghost, and fire. This cleanses us from the nature of sin. Two acts are performed in the disposing of sin. One is forgiveness of sins, wrought through repentance. The other is to destroy the nature of sin (the works of the devil) by the power of the Holy Ghost, wrought by consecration. We must be resurrected from death (deadness of sin) to a life of righteousness in Jesus Christ. Not only must we be resurrected from the dead, but we must have the grave-clothes taken off. We must be ridded of the garments of sin, and clothed in the garments of righteousness. This is the second work of grace taught by Jesus in St. John eleventh chapter. "Loose him and let him go." "Go" show himself, a living testimony. Not working out plans, but working in God's plans. Preach, or fill any place the Spirit reveals, to the uttermost parts of the earth, as partakers thereof, carrying the fruits of the Gospel to the lost. We are to go with our labour and God's money. The tithe is the Lord's, and it is to be paid into the treasury by God's people. The only way we can go successfully, is to be in harmony with God's word, and to be in harmony with God's Word we must adhere to God's plan. God's plan is, that we shall follow peace with all men, and if we follow peace with ALL men, we must not call on men of sin to finance God's programme.

We must go in the Spirit of God, financed from God's treasury, gaining ground all the way. We must immigrate to the fields of need and suffering, shod with the preparation of the Gospel, which can only be done by the use of God's plan. We are to go running, and looking, because the time is limited and short, and the harvest is great.

WE MUST GO

God has commanded, and we are only servants. God has predestinated the salvation of all men in Jesus Christ, and we are his witnesses. If we fail, others will be called to the stand, and we will be sentenced to the eternal prison for failure to appear at the scene of conflict. Fronted with these facts, and this evidence, let's rise and adopt God's plan, by demanding a clean ministry, and the Bible method of financing that ministry. Let us not stop at our conference, or country, but let's cross the deep. Let's rescue the heathen abroad.

Yours for God's cause,

F. M. BATTLE.



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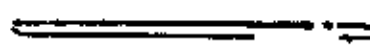
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

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BENJAMIN RANDALL CONFERENCE

—OF—

Free Will Baptists



Held with Little Bethel Church, Reby, Bleckley County Georgia,
October 14th, to 17th, inclusive, 1930.

Tuesday Evening

Introductory sermon by Elder L. S. Yates. Text, Ephe. 4:3. Subject; "Christian Unity." The Lord was manifestly present. After the sermon, Elder D. A. Bradham, asked for special prayer to be offered for his sick daughter. The Lord blessed in the prayer. Delegates were then assigned to their places of entertainment. The hour for meeting Wednesday was set at 9:00 A. M. Benediction.

Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.

Song, "I am Bound for The Promised Land." Prayer by Elder F. M. Battle. Elder J. R. Hunt, Moderator, then read Rom. 10:1-9., and commented briefly on "Properly directed Christian Zeal." The conference constitution was then read.

10:00 A. M.

Corresponding letters called for, and on account of some of the letters not having been completed, the prepared letters were read, and the regular order of business suspended to call for petitionary letters. Petitionary letter from New Haven Church was read, the church received and delegation admitted. Other corresponding letters were then presented and read. Sisters Laura Horne, and Ella Ruth Sullivan were elected to read the letters.

Churches and delegation as follows.

Bay Springs: J. H. Smith, J. F. Smith.

Beulah Springs: Hansel Smith, C. R. Evans.
Calvary: Miss Ella Ruth Sullivan.
Friendship: W. D. Brown, D. F. Hayes.
New Ebenezer: J. D. Sheppard, A. P. Scarborough, J. E. Dempsey, and A. G. Cook.
New Haven: Elder D. A. Bradham, M. A. Bradham.
New Zera: Elder E. A. Atkinson.
Pine Level: J. W. Nobles, F. L. Sheppard, and G. G. Long.
Little Bethel: (admitted later). W. O. Knighton, J. H. Wright.
Oconee:: Reports to be submitted later.
Letters received and delegation seated.
Conference bar fixed as the first two seats around the stand.
P. D. Yancey and J. D. Payne admitted to honorary membership.
Elder J. R. Hunt, elected moderator, and Elder E. A. Atkinson, elected Clerk. After the election Elder J. R. Hunt tendered his resignation as moderator, and it was declined by the body. Motion and second unanimously carried to proceed with business. Elder L. S. Yates put the motion. Elder L. S. Yates, elected Vice Moderator. Motion Carried to elect P. D. Yancey, Treasurer. Elder L. S. Yates elected Press Reporter.

11:00 A. M.

Motion carried that the chair appoint temporary devotional committee. D. F. Hays, E. L. Long, and J. F. Smith, appointed.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Corresponding messengers called for.

Corresponding messengers appointed as follows. Elder L. S. Yates, to the Martin Association. Elder J. R. Hunt to the South Georgia Association, Brother E. L. Long, and Bro. J. F. Smith, volunteered to go with Bro. Hunt.

11:30 A. M.

Devotional Committee made the following partial report. Elder E. A. Atkinson, to preach now, and Elder D. A. Bradham tonight. Motion carried to adjourn for preaching, fixing the hour to reconvene at 2:00 P. M.

Elder E. A. Atkinson brought a very inspiring message.

2:00 P. M.

Song: "Still Sweeter Every Day". Prayer by D. F. Hayes. Call to order by moderator.

Motion carried to add Bro. G. L. Nobles, and Bro. G. G. Long, to the corresponding messengers to the Martin Association.

Motion by F. M. Battle, second by A. G. Cook, that in-as-much as the Ogheechee Conference, and the Battle Creek Association were duly dissolved by unanimous vote of their respective delegations, (which were sent to Friendship Church, in Emanuel County for that

purpose,) on October 15th, 1927, to give room for the organization of what is now known as the BENJAMIN RANDALL CONFERENCE, and there being no evidence before this body of there ever having been a legitimate reorganization of the Ogheechee Conference, the BENJAMIN RANDALL CONFERENCE feels that it would be unethical for this body to offer correspondence with the purported Ogheechee Conference as a duly organized body of Free Will Baptists.

Appointment of Committees as follows:

Finance: M. A. Bradham, Miss Ella Ruth Sullivan.

Temporary Devotional committee made permanent: D. F. Hayes, E. L. Long, and J. F. Smith.

Motion carried that the hour for convening Thursday, be 10:00 A. M., and that we adjourn for supper, and preaching at 7:30 P. M. Prayer.

7:30 P. M.

Inspiring song service, members of the neighboring Methodist, and Missionary Baptist churches cordially assisting.

Elder D. A. Bradham brought an inspiring message.

Thursday, 10:00 A. M.

Song: "Saved Thorough Jesus' Blood. Prayer by Elder L. S. Yates. Devotional led by Elder F. M. Battle, who briefly spoke on "The Order of Christian Service."

Call to order by moderator. Regular order of business suspended, to admit the reading of a corresponding letter from Little Bethel Church. The church accepted and the delegation seated. W. O. Knighton, J. H. Wright, delegates.

10:30 A. M.

Bro. G. D. Floyd, of the Nazarene Church, Bro. J. R. Smith, of the Missionary Baptist Church, Bro. John Dorsey, of the Holiness Church, and Bro. Jack Garrett, of the Congregational Church, visiting brethren, introduced, and each of them made helpful and inspiring talks. They were admitted to seats.

11:00 A. M.

Ministerial, and other conference reports called for. The following ministers' reports were read, and their character passed.

Elder F. M. Battle,
Elder E. A. Atkinson,
Elder L. S. Yates,
Elder D. A. Bradham,
Elder J. R. Hunt,

Elder C. B. Ethridge had written the moderator a letter, stating that he hoped to be present Thursday, and his character was passed.

Motion carried to hold the 1931 session with Friendship Church,

Summit, Ga., Emanuel County. Elder F. M. Battle to preach the introductory, and Elder D. A. Bradham alternate. The introductory will be preached on Tuesday night. Delegates will be met in Graymont Bus station on Tuesday, and information may be had from W. D. Brown, Summit, Ga.

Motion carried that the Preachers, Deacons, and Deaconess meeting be held at Calvary Church, Macon, Ga., Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1931.

11:30 A. M.

Devotional committee reports that Elder J. R. Hunt, will preach now, and Elder F. M. Battle, at 7:30 P. M.

Motion carried to adjourn for preaching, and luncheon to reconvene at 2:00 P. M. Prayer. Five minutes intermission.

The sermon of the hour was to the text of Psalms 37:5., and context Luke 12:29-31. Subject, "Commit Thy Way Unto The Lord." The Lord blessed us with a consciousness of His Holy presence.

2:00 P. M.

Song, "Alas and did my Saviour Bleed". Prayer by Elder D. A. Bradham. Devotional led by Elder L. S. Yates. Call to order.

2:30 P. M.

Call for reports of committees. See reports.

Regular order of business suspended to permit Little Bethel Church to have charge for a brief period. The doors of the church were declared open for reception of members, and Elder J. R. Smith, presented himself for membership and was accepted. His name was added to the corresponding letter of the church, and the ordaining counsel was asked to give him elders orders, in lieu of his orders from the Missionary Baptist Church. Motion carried to grant the request.

Motion carried to give Bro. H. A. Drake, of Deep Creek Church, licens to preach, in lieu of licens from the church that he had held for several years and were expired.

G. G. Long, F. M. Battle, and D. F. Hays elected trustees for this conference year.

Motion carried to correct paragraph 3 of the constitution, as to number of trustees, to read "not less than three" instead of the way it now reads.

Executive committee elected as follows: A. G. Cook, Chmn., J. F. Smith, E. L. Long.

Ordaining counsel elected as follows: Elder L. S. Yates, Chmn., Elder E. A. Atkinson, Elder F. M. Battle.

Miss Laura Horne, elected Treasurer of the Mission Fund, and of the Ministerial Relief Fund.

Motion carried to destroy the manuscript of the 1929 session, and E. L. Long and F. M. Battle, was appointed to do so in the presence of the assembly.

Motion carried that the Ordaining Counsel make demand on O. L. Lyles, for the surrender of his credentials, and that the counsel be vested with authority to proceed in any manner necessary to obtain the surrender of the credentials.

Motion carried that chair appoint the Mission Board appointed Miss Laura Horne, Elder F. M. Battle, J. F. Smith, Miss Sarah Grimsley, and O. P. Scarboro.

Motion carried that C. R. Evans, J. D. Sheppard, and W. O. Knighton, be appointed to solicit, and devise means for raising funds to support the evangelistic activities of the conference.

Motion carried to elect Elder J. R. Hunt, Conference Evangelist, with authority to direct all evangelistic activities of the conference.

Motion carried that Elder J. R. Hunt, and Elder F. M. Battle, go to Oconee for a two weeks meeting, and that they draw on the mission treasury for funds to pay board.

Motion carried to send \$10.50 Ministerial Relief to Elder J. S. Wood.

Motion carried to have two hundred copies of the minutes of this session printed.

Motion carried to excuse Bro. W. D. Brown, and Bro. D. F. Hayes, from the rest of the session.

Motion carried to excuse Bro. J. D. Payne, for the rest of this session.

Motion carried to adjourn for supper, and preaching at 7:30, to reconvene at 9:30 A. M. Friday. Prayer.

7:30 P. M.

After a feelingly spiritual song service, Elder F. M. Battle, brought a powerful message on the subject of "Realities in the Realm of Saints and Sinners".

Friday, 9:30 A. M.

Song: "I'm Going That Way". Prayer by Elder J. R. Smith. Short lesson read by Elder L. S. Yates. Call to order.

The conference received, and had read, a letter from Deep Creek Church, asking for a letter of dismission from the conference, and same was favorably acted on. Motion carried to grant the letter, with assurances that this body will pray for Deep Creek Church, and hope for her early return to the conference for membership.

Motion carried that the churches raise at least \$1.50 each and send to treasurer at once to pay for printing minutes.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a committee to confer with Cool Springs Church, in an effort to restore the church to a state of

order, and brotherly fellowship with the conference. Elder J. R. Smith, Elder F. M. Battle, Bro. J. F. Smith, and Bro. W. O. Knighton, appointed.

Motion carried to appoint a committee to confer with the executive committee of the Chatahoochee Association, in an effort to restore fellowship between the Chattahoochee, and this body. Elder J. R. Smith, Elder F. M. Battle, Bro. J. F. Smith, and Bro. W. O. Knighton, appointed.

Motion carried that the clerk and moderator rewrite paragraph two (2) of our decorum, and the rewritten paragraph be considered at the 1931 session of this body, and if found satisfactory, it shall be ordered permanently amended. This carried by unanimous vote.

Motion carried extending the thanks of this body to Little Bethel Church, and this community, for their hospitality to us during this session.

Motion carried THAT NO DELEGATE NOR MEMBER WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE 1931 SESSION UNTIL FRIDAY, AND THIS MOTION BE WRITTEN IN CAPITAL LETTERS IN THE MINUTE.

Motion carried to receive the Circular Letter, and order same inserted in the minutes of this session. See circular letter.

Motion carried that sister Louisian Powell write the circular letter for our 1931 session.

Motion carried to pay the clerk ten dollars, and the moderator five dollars. See treasurer's report.

Motion carried to allow the Mission Treasurer to insert a corrected report in this minute, account of other funds coming in.

Motion carried to adjourn, to meet with Friendship Church, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October 1931.

The body gave evidence of great feeling of tenderness toward each other, as we stood to sing "God Be With You" and with felicitous handshaking, tears of joy attested the sublime fellowship that had marked the entire session. Benediction.

Elder J. R. Hunt, Moderator,
Elder E. A. Atkinson, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State of Churches and Character of Ministry

We your committee, find on investigation that all our churches are in full and regular standing, except New Cool Springs. We find that New Cool Springs is in a state of disorder, and recommend that a committee be appointed to make proper investigation and effort to restore the church to order. We find our ministers all in good stand-

ing except Bro. O. L. Lyles. We recommend that a committee be appointed to take up his credentials, and that his name be stricken from our minutes. We urge our preachers to be true to the churches and the people, and strive to be true to their calling. Our prayer is, that the coming year will be the best we have ever had, and that the uplifting Spirit will be upon our whole conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Dempsey, Chairman,

C. R. Evans,

W. D. Brown.

MISSIONS

We read in Mark 16:15, and in Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus' great command, to go into all the world, and to preach the Gospel to every creature. He said too, "greater works than these shall we do." Therefore, if we follow his great command and example, we will administer to the sick and suffering, set the captives free, and preach the Gospel to EVERY creature, because he is at the right hand of the Father to direct us in a broader campaign than he personally conducted. In this we will be willing to contribute of our means to further extend his kingdom, in the Bible way. Romans 10:14-15. We further urge, that our people, as loyal Christians, foster missions in it's every phase, by a scriptual contribution of our talents, prayers and means. Present your bodies a living sacrifice; pray for God to send laborers into his vineyard; and bring your tithes into his storehouse. We also recommend that all our members tithe, that the full progame of our conference, including weak churches; camp ground, and missions may be properly supported.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Laura Horne, Chairman.

W. O. Knighton,

J. H. Smith.

Sabbath Observance

We, your committee on Sabbath Observance, submit our report as follows. Being true believers in the Church of Jesus Christ, recommend and, urge our people to remember the Lord's day and keep it holy; and to abstain from labor on this day. To attend Sunday School and Church services. To abstain from excess of sight-seeing, joy-riding, and all unchristian pleasure seeking, and to conduct themselves as becometh Christians, to fulfill all righteousness.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. A. Long,

G. G. Long.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance submit the following report. We rejoice in the victories won by those which have been at work to overcome the traffic in alcoholic liquor. We praise God for all officers that are doing their best to enforce the law of prohibition. We rejoice in the statement and efforts that our president, Mr. Hoover, has made to bring about a better method of enforcing this law. We therefore pledge ourselves to give our support in the prosecution of offenders of the prohibition law, and in building up a better sentiment in favor of its observance. We urge our people to give their support in co-operation with every organization that is making any effort to bring about a better enforcement of this law, and to do all they can to encourage respect for the law. We deplore the increasing use of tobacco. In the form of cigarette, not only has our boys **FALLEN** to this use, but our girls are **FALLEN VICTIMS** to this arch enemy. The use of tobacco has been proven by experiment to be detrimental to the physical health of the user; to cloud and dull his brain, and lower his moral stamina. We therefore urge our people against the use of tobacco in any of its' forms. We notice the methods of the tobacco companies, to spread their propaganda in favor of the use of tobacco, by their advertising schemes which exploit our young men and women using their poisonous product. We call for our people to wage an offensive warfare against this evil, with no uncertain sound. We urge our preachers to preach against this evil, and that we do all we can to bring about a system of education that will teach our boys and girls the terrible effects of the tobacco habit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elder F. M. Battle, Chairman.

Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, believe that Sunday Schools are the best methods of training the mind of the rising generation, for that great and important task they owe our Master. Therefore, we urge all our churches to maintain an evergreen Sunday School, a mid-week prayer meeting, and to use the Free Will Baptist literature.

A. G. Cook,
J. D. Sheppard,
D. F. Hays.

Press and Schools

We, your committee on Press and Schools, realizing the great need of good wholesome literature for our Sunday School, League, and

Women's Missionary Society, and the importance of getting our denominational cause before the public, (because we believe we have the Bible doctrine) and feeling that a main factor in accomplishing this will be a press, recommend the maintainance of a press adequate to this need. We consider the recent beginning of a school for our young people near Hilton, Ga. (Zion Bible School) a favorable indication of denominational progress in this state and section. We propose to confer with officials of the school, and to support the school if found orthodox to the original Randall principles. We recommend that an investigating committee be elected, to confer with officials of the school.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder L. S. Yates,
J. W. Nobles,
Miss Laura Horne.

Suggestions

We, your committee on suggestions, submit the following. That this conference devise means by which the weak and needy churches may have ministerial care, and that all the churches be safeguarded against heresy. That all our members make a special study of the Bible, and teach it to their children in it's purity in their homes, and maintain a family elter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder D. A. Bradham,
A. P. Scarboro,
G. H. Peacock.

Finance Committee Report

We, your committee on finances, make the following report.

Received from the various churches as follows,

Conference Fund	\$43.82
Missions	22.25
Ministerial Relief	10.50

Total receipts (and properly distributed)\$76.57

M. A. Bradham, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought forward from 1929 session	\$ 37.62
Received on Evangelist's expenses	9.75
Received from J. R. Hunt, (Acct. Oconee, O. L. Lyles).....	20.00
Received from Mission Treasurer (Oconee fund).....	35.00

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Received from Mission Boxes, various churches.....	7.57
Received this session (conference fund).....	43.82
Received this session (Ministerial Relief).....	10.50
Received this session (Missions).....	22.25
Received special offering (Missions).....	5.00
Received on General Conference Fund.....	7.00

Total receipts\$198.51

Paid for minutes 1929 session.....	\$32.00
Paid for mission boxes	5.00
Paid to Evangelist	9.75
Paid on Oconee Church fund	55.00
Paid Mission Treasurer (Boxes).....	7.57
Paid Mission Treasurer (This session).....	27.25
Paid Ministerial Relief Treasurer.....	10.50
Paid Clerk	10.00
Paid Moderator	5.00
	<u>\$162.01</u>

Balance on hand.....\$ 36.50

P. D. Yancey, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Treasurer's Report

Received from former Treasurer	\$26.50
Received from this session	10.50

Total receipts\$37.00

Paid to Elder J. S. Wood (relief).....	10.50
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Balance on hand.....\$26.50

Miss Laura Horne, Treasurer.

MISSION

Treasurer's Report

On hand from last session	\$45.09
Received from Mission Boxes	9.57
Received from interest	1.18
Received from this session (and special offering).....	27.25

Total Receipts.....\$83.09

Paid on Oconee Church Fund.....	\$35.00
Paid expenses P. D. Yancey, to Oconee.....	3.97
	<u>\$38.97</u>

Balance on hand.....\$44.12

Miss Laura Horne, Treasurer.

DEACONESS REPORT

Macon, Ga., Oct. 7, 1930.

To the members and messengers composing the Benjamin Randall Conference and Free Will Baptists; GREETINGS:

I hereby submit the following report of my work since the last session, trusting that it may honor God, and that it may influence some of our young ladies, and cause them to hear God's call to Deaconess work:

Professional visits	931
Visits to the sick	108
Visits to Hospitals	6
Visits to Alms Home	3
Leagues organized	2
Prayer meetings led	11
Revivals assisted in	2
Amount received	\$46.24
Amount given to pastoral support	7.95
Amount given to all other causes.....	4.40
Amount solicited for Church expenses.....	20.35

Miss Laura Horne, Deaconess.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

MINISTER	Number of meetings held	Sermons preached	Prayer meetings held	Candidates baptized	Members received	Social calls made	Visited sick people	Marriages performed	Funerals conducted	Miles traveled	Money received	Expenses paid out	Churches organized	Raised for missions	Raised for charity
Elder E. A. Atkinson		34	6			4	8		2	165	3.30	8.50			
Elder F. M. Battle	1	71	19		1	39	32		1	427	26.00	4.35			3.25
Elder D. A. Bradham		37			10	7	16	5		930	.46	21.00	1		
Elder C. B. Ethridge	1	41				2	5			350	43.40	6.35			
Elder J. R. Hunt	6	198	39	11	25	386	73		4	6,984	836.17	169.93		28.57	25.71
Elder L. S. Yates	3	142	17	2	5	102	52	2		4,704	171.50	79.50		10.00	

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Ordained Elders

Elder E. A. Atkinson	Waynesboro, Ga.
Elder F. M. Battle	Danville, Ga.
Elder D. A. Bradham	Glennville, Ga.
Elder C. B. Ethridge	McBean, Ga.
Elder J. R. Hunt, 159 Jeff Davis St.	Macon, Ga.
Elder O. F. Sharpe	Claxton, Ga.
Elder W. M. Shirley	Atlanta, Ga.
Elder J. R. Smith	Chester, Ga.
Elder J. S. Wood	Reidsville, Ga.
Elder L. S. Yates	Montrose, Ga.

Licensed Ministers

H. A. Drake	Herndon, Ga.
W. J. Lindler	Claxton, Ga.

Consecrated Deaconess

Miss Laura Horne, 159 Jeff Davis St.	Macon, Ga.
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Deacons and their Church

W. W. Amerson.....	Macon, Ga.	Calvary
Sam A. Anold.....	Plant City, Fla.	Little Bethel
A. B. Bradham.....	Glennville, Ga.	New Haven
W. D. Brown.....	Summit, Ga.	Friendship
W. J. Brown.....	Swainsboro, Ga.	Friendship
S. A. Brown.....	Altamaha, Ga.	New Haven
A. G. Cook.....	Cochran, Ga.	New Ebernezer
T. A. Gray.....	Cochran, Ga.	Beulah Springs
D. F. Hays.....	Metter, Ga.	Friendship
H. L. Keen.....	Summit, Ga.	New Zera
W. O. Knighton.....	Dudley, Ga.	Little Bethel
J. V. Lamb.....	Plainfield, Ga.	Bay Springs
E. L. Long.....	Chester, Ga.	Pine Level
E. J. Manning.....	Montrose, Ga.	Beulah Springs
J. W. Nobles.....	Cochran, Ga.	Pine Level
J. F. Smith.....	Plainfield, Ga.	Bay Springs
L. E. Tanner.....	Oconee, Ga.	Oconee
A. L. Williams.....	Chester, Ga.	Pine Level

CHURCH CLERKS

Church	Clerk	Address
Bay Springs,.....	J. M. Smith,	Plainfield, Ga.
Beulah Springs,.....	Mrs. D. T. Coley,	Montrose, Ga.
Calvary,.....	Miss Ella Ruth Sullivan,	Macon, Ga.
Friendship,.....	W. D. Brown,	Summit, Ga.
Little Bethel,.....	J. H. Wright,	Dudley, Ga.
New Ebenezer,.....	E. R. Roland,	Cochran, Ga.
New Haven,.....	M. A. Bradham,	Glennville, Ga.
New Zera,.....	Jesse A. Wiggins,	Butts, Ga.
Oconee,.....	To Be Supplied	
Pine Level,.....	Elmer Leonard,	Chester, Ga.

OUR DEAD

Bro. R. Lander Wiggins, age 64, died July 17th, 1930. A wife and five children to mourn their loss, have our love and tenderest sympathies. We hope for Bro. Wiggins a broader comprehension of life on the other side of the great divide.

We bow our heads in worship to Him, who has in mercy extended the scepter of life on earth so liberally to our conference this year, and rise to praise him for the hope we have of eternal glory.

CONSTITUTION

PARAGRAPH 1. This conference shall be know as the BENJAMIN RANDALL CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

PARAGRAPH 2. This conference shall be composed of duly organized FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES, and the executive membership shall be composed of all ordained elders and deacons, licensed and consecrated deaconesses, licensed ministers, and delegates duly elected by the churches composing this conference.

PARAGRAPH 3. The officers of this conference shall be, a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer ,Executive Committee of not less than three, three Trustees, an Ordaining Counsel of three Elders, a Mission Board of not more than five, an Educational Board of not less than three, and a Press Reporter. All to be elected annually, at the Annual Conference, and to take office immediately after election.

PARAGRAPH 4. This conference shall have no power to dictate to the churches holding membership therein, but all the churches holding membership therein, shall be bound by the acts of this conference as the acts of the church, since this is an organization of churches (properly defined "the church") for the promotion of the general interests of the denomination. This conference shall have the right, however, to declare any church out of order, when such church is out of harmony with the NEW TESTAMENT PLAN.

PARAGRAPH 5. This conference shall have the right to hold, or convey, title to real estate, conduct tent and camp meeting, employ workers of whatever class needed to carry on it's work, and to affiliate with other organizations of the denomination, for the advancement of the FREE WILL BAPTIST cause. It shall have the right to establish schools, orphanages, a home for aged and infirm, operate a press, and to promote evangelical education generally.

PARAGRAPH 6. This conference shall hold annual sessions, beginning on Tuesday night after the second Sunday in October of each year, and the introductory sermon shall be preached on Tuesday night. Cushing's Rules of Parliamentary Practice, shall be final in disputed questions.

PARAGRAPH 7. No member, or delegate shall leave the conference until the close of the session, except for sickness or other good cause, and not then until he or she has been excused by the conference.

PARAGRAPH 8. This conference shall have a ministerial relief fund, for the care of it's indigent ministers and ministers widows who are widows in deed, and this fund shall be raised by the payment of fifty cents per capita of all male members of the churches composing this conference, and the payment of any amount desired by the female members. Donations from interested parties that are

not members of this conference shall be accepted, when offered to this object. This fund SHALL NOT BE DISBURSED EXCEPT BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THIS CONFERENCE, and a separate treasurer for this fund shall be maintained, who shall give bond when so required by the conference.

PARAGRAPH 9. MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside at all executive sessions of the conference, whether annual or otherwise. If however, the moderator cannot attend an executive session, and the vice moderator cannot attend, an elder in good standing of this conference may be elected to preside at that session. The moderator shall be informed of all the activities of the various boards and committees of the conference, and give advice when called upon for same; he shall keep in touch with all the activities of the conference, and encourage active auxiliary work.

PARAGRAPH 10. VICE MODERATOR: The vice moderator shall officiate in the absence of the moderator, and assist the moderator in the conduct of annual sessions when necessary.

PARAGRAPH 11. CLERK: The clerk shall keep accurate minute of all executive sessions of the conference, have minutes of all executive sessions printed annually after the annual session, keep consecutive file of minutes of the annual sessions of the conference, hold for proper distribution, all blanks used by the conference, and preserve all property pertaining to his office. He shall obtain bids for printing minutes, award the job to best bidder, and distribute the minutes according to executive order of the annual session of conference. He shall turn all property pertaining to his office over to his successor, immediately after the election of his successor.

PARAGRAPH 12. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have charge of all conference funds not otherwise provided for, keep accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, disburse the funds by order of the conference, and a complete report of the treasurer shall be printed in the minutes of each annual session. The Treasurer shall turn all records and property pertaining to his office, together with all funds on hand, over to his successor, immediately after the election of his successor.

PARAGRAPH 13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The executive committee shall be composed of elders or deacons, or both, and shall hold executive sessions (when necessary) in the interim between annual sessions, and an act of the executive committee shall be binding on the conference, if legally performed.

PARAGRAPH 14. TRUSTEES: The trustees shall hold title to all property of the conference, and convey same by authority of the conference. Provided however, that no property transaction shall be valid until approved by an executive session of the executive com-

mittee and the trustees, presided over by the moderator. The Trustees shall have the right to negotiate property transactions however.

PARAGRAPH 15. ORDAINING COUNSEL: The ordaining counsel shall be composed of elders, who, themselves measure up to every requirement of article eight of government and ordinances, and shall have the authority to pass on and ordain every applicant for ordination to the ministry, to pass on and consecrate every applicant to the office of deaconess, and they must be governed by article eight of "government and ordinances" in ordaining an elder, and article ten in consecrating a deaconess.

PARAGRAPH 16. MISSION BOARD: The mission board shall have control of the mission activities of the conference, and shall foster the cause of missions in keeping with action of conference in annual sessions.

PARAGRAPH 17. BOARD OF EDUCATION: The board of education shall have charge of the educational program of the conference, and shall execute the requests of conference in annual session.

PARAGRAPH 18. PRESS REPORTER: The press reporter shall have charge of press reports for the conference, and shall keep the press of our denomination informed of the activities of our conference that will concern our denomination generally.

PARAGRAPH 19. QUORUM: One third of the members of this conference shall be sufficient for a quorum, but no vote shall be valid on unusual or disputed matters unless two thirds of the members and delegates are present.

PARAGRAPH 20. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any two consecutive annual sessions.

CHURCH DECORUM

PARAGRAPH 1. THE PASTOR: The church may choose a pastor annually at the annual business meeting, which shall be one month prior to the last monthly business meeting of the conference year, or it may choose a pastor for an indefinite period, to terminate when either the church or pastor becomes convinced that another pastor would be more profitable to the cause of the Lord in that connection. Each call of a pastor must be accompanied by salary offer. In the event of necessity, however, the church may choose a pastor at any business meeting of the conference year, but the choice shall not be valid until the minute recording the choice has been adopted, at the regular monthly business meeting following the meeting at which the call was made. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, and must be notified of all call business meetings, but when the pastor cannot be present, or for cause does not sit as mod-

erator, some suitable member may be elected to sit as moderator in place of the pastor. The moderator must be governed by parliamentary rules, and must hold the members to such rules in business meetings. Cushing's Manuel of Parliamentary Practice is recommended as the standard. The pastor shall have charge of the spiritual activities of the church, and shall be an ex-officio member of all the auxiliaries of the church. But he shall not exercise lordship in any connection. Leaders of auxiliaries shall confer with the pastor, and they shall co-operate for the general welfare of the church.

PARAGRAPH 2. ORDAINING COUNSEL: The church recognizes no method of ordination to the ministry, or consecration to the office of deaconess, except the duly appointed ordaining counsel of the conference, and no licens shall be issued to a minister or deaconess, except at the annual conference. All applicants for credentials of any kind, must have the written recommendation of the church of which they are a member, for the credential applied for, and the ordaining counsel, which shall be constituted of three ordained elders, who, themselves measure up to every requirement of the ministry by this conference, must be governed by article (8) of Government and Ordinances, in ordaining an elder, and article ten (10) in consecrating a deaconess. The Ordaining Counsel shall also require applicants for credentials to possess an education adequate to the proper dignity of their calling, and where the applicant does not possess proper certificate of education, he or she may be required to take such course of study as will qualify the applicant for meritorious exercise of their calling. All ordinations of elders, and consecration of deaconess, must be conducted at the annual conference, and credentials, besides having the signatures of the proper officials, must have the conference seal.

PARAGRAPH 3. DEACONS: The church shall have two or more deacons, whose duty it shall be to superintend the support of the pastor, provide for the observance of the Lord's Supper at the expense of the church, labor with the lapsed members, assist widows (that are widows indeed), and orphans, the sick and poor, or any other object of charity, and to assist the pastor in any way for which he may call upon them. In case of dealing with female members of the church, the deacons shall call upon the deaconess (if there is one available) to assist them in bringing about desired results to the church.

PARAGRAPH 4. DEACONESSES: Deaconesses shall visit the sick, aid the poor and needy, the widows (that are widows indeed), and orphans—in conjunction with the deacons—and any other object of charity. They shall assist the deacons in dealing with lapsed female members of the church, and be assistant to the pastor in any work of the church for which he may call upon them.

PARAGRAPH 5. CLERK: Some suitable member of the church shall be elected clerk at the annual business meeting, and it shall be his or her duty to keep accurate record of all the monthly business meetings, to keep the roll book of the church in proper order, to preserve a file of the minutes of the annual conference, and do all the correspondence of the church that pertains to the transacting of its regular business. The clerk shall also have charge of the books pertaining to that office, and when a new clerk is elected, the retiring clerk shall turn all books and records of his office over to the new clerk immediately.

PARAGRAPH 6. TREASURER: The treasurer shall be of a suitable qualification, and elected by the church at the annual business meeting. He or she shall have possession of the funds of the church, and disburse same at the instance of the church, keeping an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements. The treasurer shall make quarterly reports to the church in its regular monthly business meeting, of all receipts and disbursements since his or her last report, and at the annual business meeting shall make report of the year's receipts and disbursements.

PARAGRAPH 7. SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: The church shall elect some capable member to the office of Sunday School Superintendent at its annual business meeting, and it shall be the duty of the superintendent to assemble a suitable corps of teachers, conduct a teachers' meeting once a week, give instructions on how to teach, supervise the arrangement of the classes in the Sunday school, and otherwise have general charge of the Sunday school.

PARAGRAPH 8. BUSINESS MEETINGS: The church shall have regular monthly business meetings for the transacting of its business, and a call meeting may be held when there has been at least ten days' previous notice given, and the moderator notified of the call, but no business shall be transacted at a call meeting except the business for which the meeting was called. Each church shall have a regular time in each month for the holding of its business meeting, and members failing to attend three consecutive business meetings shall be cited to show cause for non-attendance, and in case of unsatisfactory excuse for absence may be cited to appear for trial on charges of neglect of Christian duty. Visiting brethren from sister churches shall be allowed to make motions and seconds, and to discuss the issue involved, but shall not have the right to vote. The deacons or deaconesses, or both, shall report what they believe to be the spiritual condition of the church at each monthly business meeting, and matters dealing with lapsed members shall be considered after the report is made. It shall be the duty of the moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three spiritual members, to labor with any offenders reported at a monthly business meeting.

And the offenders shall be cited to attend the next monthly business meeting and show cause why they should not be expelled from the church. Business meetings shall be opened with prayer, and conducted as shown by regular business meeting form for order of business. There shall be a roll call at the annual business meeting, and oftener if the church desires. The moderator shall appoint a committee of not less than three to cite absentees at the annual business meeting, to show cause why they were absent and should not be dealt with.

PARAGRAPH 9. DEALINGS: No member shall be expelled until he or she has been cited to appear for trial, either verbally or in writing, and no witness shall be examined, that is not a member of the church, if either the accused or the church objects, until a vote is taken as to whether the witness shall be heard, and a two-thirds majority of those voting shall be necessary to admit the evidence of the witness objected to. All evidence in cases of dealing shall be minuted.

PARAGRAPH 10. MEMBERSHIP: Any member of other branches of the Christian church, that has been immersed and is satisfied with their baptism, may be received into the full fellowship of the church upon their statement, when it is made apparent that his or her Christian character is unimpeachable. No member shall be received, however, without the unanimous consent of the church, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church. Expelled members may be restored to full fellowship of the church, upon a satisfactory acknowledgement to the church and evidences of sincerity in repentance and confession of their former evil.

PARAGRAPH 11. CHURCH LETTERS: Members in good standing in the church, shall be granted letters of dismissal with recommendation to any other evangelical Christian church upon their request for same, but members holding letters of dismissal from the church shall be subject to be dealt with for any offense committed while they hold the letter and before received into another church. Church letters shall be good for only six months.

PARAGRAPH 12. MOTIONS: Any member making a motion shall stand, and when recognized by the moderator shall make the motion. Seconds shall likewise stand and be recognized before they shall second. No motion shall be considered when there is another motion and second before the body. On all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet. The moderator shall not vote except in cases of a tie, and when the moderator speaks on a motion he must nominate some brother in his place. A member upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases. But it shall be considered disorderly for a

member to absent himself from the business meeting when an important question is to be decided.

PARAGRAPH 13. ORDER: No member shall leave the house during a business meeting, or conference, without permission from the moderator. And members engaging in conversation or whispering during a business session shall be subject to be called to order by the moderator. Any member who speaks shall rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate. But no one shall speak more than twice on the same motion without permission from the moderator; and when a time limit for speaking has been agreed upon, no speaker shall exceed his time limit without permission from the body. Any speaker becoming angry and making unkind personal remarks, or otherwise causing disturbance in the meeting, or conference, shall at the discretion of the body be debarred from further participation in the business of that session. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it be necessary to call the speaker to order.

PARAGRAPH 14. THE LORD'S SUPPER: The church shall observe the Lord's supper at least four times a year. Members in bad standing should not commune; but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any. This being the Lord's supper, all Christians are invited to participate, and every person must examine themselves, and so take of the elements. But no person should take the bread and cup without washing feet.

PARAGRAPH 15. ADVICES: Fasting and prayer, humility, pious association, modest dress without conspicuous jewelry displays, moderation in cosmetics, reverence for the sacred stand, devotion in song and, all the decorum of early Christians is strongly urged as worthy of emulation by all members.

PARAGRAPH 16. CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS: This decorum may be amended or altered by a two-thirds majority at any two consecutive annual conferences.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 1. We agree that a Gospel church, or a unit of the church of Jesus Christ, is a community of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament; that these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches.

ARTICLE 2. We agree that the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of Gospel units or organized bodies, and the invisible church is the whole number of true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, both dead and living, whether they are connected with

the visible body or not; that connection with the visible body, however is incumbent upon all who have opportunity and are qualified.

ARTICLE 3. We agree that the establishment of a central body for the purpose of exercising universal control over the church except by instructed delegation from all the units, is a Catholic device born of earthly ambition, and is repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to apostasy and detrimental to the church, and liberty of men.

ARTICLE 4. We agree that Gospel churches are consummate in ecclesiastical government, and that each church has the right to an unrestricted administration of its own government. However, matters that affect the whole church shall be under supervision of all the churches. Therefore, churches may meet by chosen and instructed delegation, for the institution of proceedings in the interest of the whole church, and each unit (church) shall be bound by the action of said body of delegates, so long as the action of said body of delegates is within the meaning of their instructions. The conference formed by a body of delegates shall have no right, however to supervise or interfere with, the local governmental administration of any church.

ARTICLE 5. We agree that the authority of the church is designed for the perpetuation of Gospel salvation among men, and for the preservation of a true and orderly body of Christians on earth; that it is adequately suited to the purpose, but does not tend to the persons, property or consciences of men in any manner.

ARTICLE 6. We agree that God has set in order elders, (sometimes called bishops) deacons and deaconesses, for the proper conduct of the business of the church; that elders are all of the same rank, though they may perform different functions and are of no higher governmental authority than any other member of the church, but to be revered by all the church because of their divine calling.

ARTICLE 7. We agree that elders and deacons must be set apart to their respective offices by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and deaconesses by consecration services which may be conducted by a presbytery, but the services shall not require the imposition of hands; that elders and deaconesses must be called of God to their respective callings, but deacons shall be elected by the church upon evidence of their Gospel qualifications.

ARTICLE 8. We agree that an elder must be filled with the Holy Spirit, or "endued with power from on high," to be qualified for the full discharge of his duties, and that this qualification will be evidenced by his possession of every New Testament requisite for the ministry. Therefore, we will not license, nor ordain a man to the ministry, that has divorced a wife and married another while the divorced wife was living, or that otherwise, has two living wives, nor a man that drinks intoxicating beverages, or uses tobacco in any form,

or is greedy of filthy lucre, or indiscreet in conversation, or imprudent in home rule, or does not have his children in subjection with all gravity, or is otherwise lacking in any New Testament requirements for the ministry. If however, a man that was ordained prior to Oct. 15th, 1927 comes to us, who uses tobacco, he shall not be barred from the ministry, provided he is possessed with all other requirements of this paragraph. We urge all ministers, however, to quit the filthy habit of tobacco using.

ARTICLE 9. We agree that a deacon must be "full of the Holy Spirit," grave, not double-tongued, not given to wine, not greedy of filthy lucre, "holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience," and found blameless. Therefore, these qualifications must be proven in a man before we can ordain him a deacon.

ARTICLE 10. We agree that deaconess is "a servant of the church," and is therefore an assistant to the pastor and co-laborer with the deacons. She must be called of God to the duties of her office, which will be evidenced by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, with manifestation of diligence, chastity, and love for the church. Therefore, no woman shall be consecrated as a deaconess that dresses suggestively, has more than one husband, puts on a gay appearance, is jocular in disposition, uncovers her head, disfigures her appearance or in any other manner is unchaste in conduct.

ARTICLE 11. We agree that the only requisites to membership in the church are faith in Jesus Christ, and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in Jesus Christ essentially embraces belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe other requisites to membership in the church is an assumption of authority that constitutes a departure from the Gospel plan.

ARTICLE 12. We agree that baptism, being a church ordinance and a door to the visible church, can only be scripturally administered by those upon whom hands have been laid in ordination, and it thus becometh all christians to fulfill all righteousness.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, and adopted the articles of faith of the BENJAMIN RANDALL CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS as our articles of faith, we now give ourselves to each other by the will of God, and agree to the following church covenant:

We solemnly covenant before God that we will strive by His sustaining grace, to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree as members of the church and as Christians, to watch over each other in love, for mutual upbuilding

in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. To be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults one to another, to strengthen the feeble, kindly admonish the erring, to labor together for the upbuilding of the church and denomination, and for the salvation of the lost.

We promise that we will faithfully and conscientiously maintain secret and family prayer, and Religiously instruct those under our care.

We will endeavor to uphold the public worship of ALMIGHTY GOD, and the ordinances of His church, and not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for worship. That we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed, to the support of our pastor and the benevolences fostered by our church, as also to other necessary current expenses of our church.

Unless Providentially hindered, we will attend the public worship and social meetings of our church, report ourselves regularly at the monthly business meetings, and walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's house.

We further covenant and agreee that we will abstain from all vain amusements and conformity to the world and sin in any form; that we will not traffic in, use, nor furnish to others, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our church, such as Sunday School, education, missions, young people's auxiliaries, social and moral reforms, and all others that tend to the glory of God and the welfare of humanity.

May the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may join the glorified throng around the throne of God, in ascribing blessing, honor, glory and power, to Him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever. Amen.

If I fail to keep this covenant, I hereby agree that I shall be justly dealt with by this church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one eternally true and living God, Whose name is JEHOVAH, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of heaven and earth, inexpressably glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption, eternal and holy in every attribute of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Exodus 6:3; 2 Kings 19:5; Psalms 145:17; Isiah 40:28; Isiah 45:22; Mark 1:10-11; John 17:21; Ephesians 4:5-6.

ARTICLE 2. We believe that the Bible was written by men who were divinely inspired, and is a treasure of heavenly instruction, that has God for its author, the truth without any mixture of error for its matter, and full salvation for its end. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge all mankind, and shall therefore remain with us to the end of time as the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinions must conform. John 5:39; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:23; Revelation 20:12.

ARTICLE 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness and sublime innocence, in the likeness and image of God, his Maker; but by transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all men became sinners, being by nature utterly devoid of holiness, and by practice transgressors against God's holy laws. That in this state man is given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and their own sinful passions, and are, therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse. Genesis 1:27, 2:7, 3:6, 19, 23; Romans 5:12; Galations 3:22.

ARTICLE 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being the Son of God, is the administrator of grace, having taken upon Himself our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by His own personal obedience, and made atonement for all sin by His death upon the cross. That He is now risen from the dead and ascended upon high, where He sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, maketh intercession for the saints; in every way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior. Acts 4:12; Phillipians 2:8; Hebrews 4:15, 7:25, 8-1, 12:2.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that the Gospel blessings which Jesus Christ in His fullness bestows upon such as believe in, and consecrate to Him, are justification and sanctification, both of which constitute regeneration. That these blessings consists in the pardon of sins and cleansing from uncleanness; that they are bestowed in consideration of repentance, and consecration, but are wholly resultant of the righteousness and atonement of Jesus Christ, and brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God. John 3:14-17; Acts 13:39; Romans 3:24; Romans 8:17; Hebrews 13:12; 1 Peter 2:9.

ARTICLE 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the duty of all to receive them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner upon earth, but his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation. Mark 16:16; John 17:20; Romans 1:16.

ARTICLE 7. We believe that salvation from all sin is to be regenerated, thus becoming obedient to the whole Gospel, which is evidenced by holy fruit unto God. Romans 6:19-22; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Peter 1:2.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He justifies, sanctifies and saves sinners; it being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, and that it comprehends all means with the end; that it is a glorious display of God's goodness, infinite wisdom, and holy unchangeableness. that it consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is affected in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing voluntary praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and to make it sure with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence. Romans 11:15; Hebrews 2:14; 2 Peter 1:10.

ARTICLE 9. We believe that the preserving attachments of true believers to Jesus Christ, is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith in Jesus Christ, having been made perfect in love. Ephesians 1:1-2.; Matthew 16:16-18; Revelation 3:10; 1 John 4:17.

ARTICLE 10. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of government; that it is holy, just and good; that the inability which the Scripture ascribes to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from his love of sin, and is one design of the Gospel to deliver him through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church. Galation 3:24; Mathew 5:13.

ARTICLE 11. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath; that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and worldly recreation, by the direct observances of all means of grace, both public and private, and preparation for that rest which remains for the children of God. Matthew 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 1:7; Psalms 16: 9; Hebrews 4:9.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, that magistrates are to be conscientiously prayed for honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth. Exodus 23:7; Acts 23:5; 1 Timothy 5:17.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as

are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, are truly righteous in His esteem, while such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds good among men, both in and after death. Matthew 25:46; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Romans 15:16; Genesis 3:16-19.

ARTICLE 14. We believe that the end of this world is approaching, when Jesus Christ will descend from heaven, and in His own divine and holy order conclude time and the kingdoms of this world that a solemn separation will take place among the righteous and the unredeemed, in divine order; the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and these judgments will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or in hell, on principles of divine justice and righteousness. Daniel 12:1-3; John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelations 20:4-15.

ARTICLE 15. We believe that the Gospel mode of baptism is immersion, and that true believers are the only subjects for baptism; that children who die infancy are only subject to one death. Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:36-39; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:12; Mark 16:16; Matthew 19:13-14; Mark 9:36-37; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22.

ARTICLE 16. We believe that the righteous may lose the joy of salvation without falling finally away, or that they may fall finally away from salvation and from God, and thus be finally lost; that there is a difference between backsliding and falling from grace: Backsliding being a state of involuntary transgression that robs saints of the joy of salvation, to which they may be restored. And falling from grace being an apostacy from which there is no redemption. Ezekiel 33:13-19; Romans 7:19-24; Psalms 51:12; Hebrews 6:4-6; Hebrews 10:26; Acts 1:25.

ARTICLE 17. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ for the church to continue to observe until the Lord Jesus comes again, and that the individual is the only earthly judge of his or her eligibility to participate in the observance of this supper; that this supper is not scripturally observed when the washing of saint's feet is omitted, nor when any individual that desires to do so is forbidden to participate. John 13:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:28.

ARTICLE 18. We believe that anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, the laying on of hands, fasting and prayer, singing praises to the Lord, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament, are ordinances and privileges to be practiced by the church. Mark 16:17-18; James 5:13-15; Acts 8:15-17; Psalms 150:1-6; Daniel 9:3; Mark 9:29.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Received by profession and baptism	Received by statement	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Present membership	Sunday appointments	Conference fund	Ministerial relief	Missions	Pastor's salary	Paid Evangelist	Paid to charity	Incidentals	Sunday School expenditures	Building and repairs	Paid to deaconess	Value of church property
Bay Springs,	J. R. Smith	1							33	2nd.	5.00	1.50	5.00	71.87				4.00	3.00		500.00
Beulah Springs,	J. R. Hunt	11			3		14		33	1st	5.32		0.70	25.66	18.56	6.79	5.10	3.75			400.00
Calvary,	J. R. Hunt	1		2	2	10	2		26	Each	5.00	1.00	17.77	46.49		5.75	149.28	63.48	23.09	1.80	3,750.00
Friendship,	J. R. Hunt	1							52	3rd	5.00		8.27	165.00	36.50	23.05	7.50	10.08	43.25		1,000.00
Little Bethel,	E. A. Atkinson								56	2nd				7.00	35.00						1,500.00
New Ebenezer,	L. S. Yates	2		3					55	3rd	6.00	2.00	4.25	70.00	8.00			12.00	20.00		700.00
New Haven,	O. F. Sharpe		3		7				10	4th					6.55		1.95				
New Zera,	J. R. Hunt		1	4	1			1	15	3rd	3.00		3.10	47.16					10.00		750.00
Oconee,	To Be Supplied								20	3rd											500.00
Pine Level,	L. S. Yates	3	1						63	1st	14.50	5.00	5.00	61.50	45.40			5.00			700.00

Order of Church Business Meetings

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Open meeting with prayer.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Read and adopt minutes of last meeting.
5. Call for acknowledgements, and matters of dealing.
6. Report of Deacons.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Appointment of committees.
12. Adjournment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Call for corresponding letters from the churches.
3. Read the letters, complete and call the roll.
4. Elect and establish Conference bar.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Elect Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Reporter.
7. Introduce visiting brethren, and admit them to honorary seats.
8. Call for Corresponding Messengers from other bodies.
9. Appoint Corresponding Messengers to other bodies.
10. Appoint the various Committees.
11. Elect the place for holding the next session.
12. Call for ministerial, and all other Conference Reports.
13. Call for reports of Committees.
14. Call for ordinations and consecrations.
15. Call for miscellaneous business; elect all officers not already elected, elect any special boards, or committees, needed; or any other matters of miscellaney.
16. Read and adopt the minutes of Conference.
17. Adjournment.