

MINUTES
—OF THE—
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—
BENJAMIN RANDALL CONFERENCE
—OF—
Free Will Baptists
held with
FRIENDSHIP CHURCH
—at—
Summit, Emanuel County, Georgia
October 13, 14, 15, 16, 1931.

Elder J. R. Hunt, Macon, Ga.....	Moderator
Elder J. R. Smith, Chester, Ga.....	Vice-Moderator
Elmer Leonard, Chester, 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

Will be held with Bay Springs Church, Plainfield, Ga., Dodge County. Beginning on Tuesday night after the second Sunday in October 1932. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder L. S. Yates, on Tuesday night. Information as to how to reach the church will be given by J. F. Smith, Plainfield, Ga.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Subject; "Repentance." Scripture Acts 2:38.

My dear brothers, sisters, and friends, I'll try to address you, in my weak way, in my first circular letter, which will be on "Repentance."

Now we want to know what repentance is. I.—A change of one's mind. The first meaning of the word is, a change of mind. A sinner is living in sin. He is satisfied to be in sin, but the Holy Spirit comes to him, and speaks to him of his awful condition, and shows him that he is lost. But for him to be saved, he must first change his mind about sin, satan, God, and eternity. He decides that sin is his enemy and that God loves him and is therefore his Friend. This is the first meaning of repentance. 2.—Turning from sin. When the sinner sees the awfulness of his sins, he must turn from them. He is determined to no longer remain in sin, and therefore he turns from it. 3.—Turning, to God, from sin. When a sinner turns from sin, he must, not only turn from sin, but turn to God.

Now we want to know how repentance is manifested. 1.—In deep sorrow and self humiliation. Jesus speaks of two men praying; one was a Pharise and the other was a Publican. The Publican saw his unworthiness, and when he prayed, he would not lift his eyes toward heaven, but smote his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." He was sorry because of his sin, and note, he asked for mercy. It sometimes takes deep sorrow over sin to bring one to repentance. Do we regret the fact that we have sinned, though we may be forgiven now?

II.—Repentance is manifested, by the sinner confessing his sins to God, and asking for mercy. In Isaiah 55:7, we read these words; "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." See Jonah 3:5-8. on repentance of Ninevah. 3.—Repentance is manifested by bringing forth good fruits, or doing good works. Not mere abstinence from sin, but performing good works for the Lord. A person cannot remain free from sin by leaving sin, but if the person is busy doing good works for the Lord, then there is no time for the saved person to go back into sin.

Repentance results in pardon. When we confess our sins, forsake them, and pray for mercy, God pardons our sins, and they are removed as far from us as the east is from the west, and they are remembered against us no more. What a blessed thought: "And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you into the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Your sister in Christ,

(MISS) LOUISIANA POWELL

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PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday Evening

On account of the absence of the clerk, Bro. Elmer Leonard was elected temporary clerk. In the absence of the man appointed at last session to preach introductory sermon, Elder J. R. Hunt was appointed to preach the introductory. Song No. 35 in Millennial Revival. Prayer by Bro. C. R. Evans. Scripture reading Romans 8th chapter. Opportunity to request prayer, while singing No. 191. Prayer by Bro. E. L. Long. Time to convene Wednesday morning set at 10:00. Benediction by Elder J. R. Hunt.

Wednesday Morning

Song, "I Feel Like Traveling On". Prayer by Elder J. R. Smith. Scripture reading Romans 12th chapter. Called to order by moderator. Call for corresponding letters. After reading of letters, by Miss Laura Horne, letters were accepted, and delegates seated. Regular order of business suspended to call for petitionary letters. Ideal, Free Will Baptist Church, presented a petitionary letter. The delegates stated that the church has been an orderly church in the Chattahoochee Association for a number of years, and were refused a letter of dismission at the last session of the Chattahoochee Association, on the ground that the church was disorderly for calling an elder of the Benjamin Randall Conference to pastor her for the ensuing year. On this statement, and all other matters being clear, the church was received, and delegates were duly seated.

The two front pews around the stand were designated as the conference bar.

Elder J. R. Hunt, elected Moderator by rising vote. Bro. Elmer Leonard elected permanent clerk. Elder J. R. Smith elected Vice-Moderator. Bro. P. D. Yancey, elected Treasurer. Elder J. R. Hunt elected Press Reporter.

Call for corresponding messengers. None responded. Motion carried to appoint Bro. E. L. Long, and Elder J. R. Hunt, correspond-

ing messengers to the South Georgia Association. Motion carried that other associational correspondence be by minutes.

Elder J. R. Hunt, elected as delegate to the General Conference, to be held in Bryan Texas, Wednesday to Friday, after the second Sunday in June 1932, and that the conference pay his expenses. Subscriptions were taken for the expense of this trip, the money to be paid into the conference treasury by December 25th 1931. Elder L. S. Yates, was then elected to go with Bro. Hunt to the General Conference.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a devotional committee, and the following were appointed; J. F. Smith, D. F. Hays, W. J. Brown, and E. L. Long. Elder J. R. Smith appointed to preach at 11:00 A. M. Adjourned for preaching.

Song: "When We All Get To Heaven". Prayer by Bro. M. L. Powell. Scripture reading 14th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Bro. C. R. Evans. Text: the word "In". After preaching adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Song: "Only Let Me Walk With Thee". Prayer by sister Horne. Called to order by the Moderator.

Appointment of Committees

Press and Schools

Mrs. J. R. Hunt,
Miss Laura Horne,
E. L. Long.

Sunday Schools

Elder H. A. Drake,
B. W. Jones.

Suggestions

Elder J. R. Smith,
J. F. Smith.

Sabbath Observance

G. D. Smith,
C. R. Evans,
D. F. Hays.

Temperance

W. J. Brown,
Mrs. Sarah Darsey,
H. P. Shy.

Missions

Miss Laura Horne,
E. L. Long.

State of Churches and Character of Ministry

F. A. Register,
J. W. Nobles,
J. F. Smith.

Finance

F. A. Register,
W. J. Brown.

Motion carried that the 1932 session of this conference be held with Bay Springs Church, Plainfield, Dodge County, Georgia, and that Elder L. S. Yates, preach the introductory sermon.

Call for ministerial, and all other conference reports. See reports.

Motion carried that a committee be appointed to handle the Oconee Church matter, and that this committee be clothed with authority to sell the Oconee Church property, if it sees fit to do so. Elder J. R. Hunt, E. L. Long, J. F. Smith, appointed.

A special collection was taken for our Conference Deaconess, Miss Laura Horne, and an offering of \$3.60 was made.

Motion carried to excuse the Ideal Church delegation.

Elder J. R. Hunt, appointed to preach at 7:30 P. M., and adjournment was had for preaching. Benediction by Elder J. R. Smith.

7:30 P. M.

Called to order by Elder J. R. Smith. Prayer by Bro. G. D. Smith. Motion to convene executive session Thursday 9:00 A. M. Song "Are You Washed in The Blood". Prayer by Elder L. S. Yates. Scripture reading Romans 6th Chapter. Text, "Shall We continue in sin?" Prayer by Elder L. S. Yates. Benediction by Elder J. R. Smith.

Thursday Morning

Song No. 169. Prayer by Elder H. A. Drake.

Call for reports of committees. See reports.

Motion carried to recess for five minutes.

Call to order. Letter from New Zera Church read and adopted, and the delegate seated.

Devotional committee reports that Elder L. S. Yates will preach at 11:00 A. M.

Call for miscellaneous business.

Motion carried to endorse the license of Bro. M. L. Powell.

Motion carried to renew the license of Elder H. A. Drake.

Motion carried that Elder J. R. Hunt go to New Haven Church to investigate conditions there, and that his expenses be paid out of the treasury.

Motion carried to adjourn for preaching. Song: "Sweet By And By." Prayer by Bro. D. F. Hays. Elder L. S. Yates, read the 10th chapter of Matthew, using for his subject, "Endurance." Adjourned for lunch, to reconvene at 3:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Song: "He Loves". Prayer by Bro. P. D. Yancey. Called to order by the Moderator.

Motion carried to retain Miss Laura Horne, as Mission Treasurer, and Ministerial Relief Treasurer.

Circular Letter read and ordered printed in the minutes.

Motion carried, that the Executive Committee be authorized to deal with the Georgia Union Association's Executive Committee, in an effort to settle all differences between the Georgia Union Association and the Benjamin Randall Conference, and this is to be the final effort of this conference to confer on these alleged grievances. The action of the Committee is to be final, if in harmony with our discipline.

Motion carried to elect Elder J. R. Hunt, as Conference Evangelist, for the ensuing year, with authority to supervise the evangelistic activities of the conference.

Motion carried that the Conference Evangelist shall draw on the treasury for funds needed to carry out his plans.

Motion carried to pay Elder J. R. Hunt, \$7.36 out of the Mission treasury.

Motion carried that no church in the conference shall allow any preacher to preach in the church, until the church has voted in a regular business meeting, over which the pastor presides, to allow the minister to preach in the church, and the vote must be unanimous, and have the approval of the pastor.

Motion carried to appoint a committee to revise paragraph two (2) of decorum, and other needed revisions in our discipline. Elder J. R. Hunt, Elder L. S. Yates, and Elder J. R. Smith appointed.

Motion carried authorizing the Moderator to put the conference seal on the license of A. A. Webster.

Special collection taken for Elder L. S. Yates, and two dollars and seventy cents (\$2.70) was donated.

Motion carried that the treasurer be allowed to give his report to the clerk after the session is over.

Ministerial Treasurer's report read and adopted. See report.

Mission Treasurer's report read and adopted. Se report.

Motion carried that this conference holds Deep Creek Church out of order, and Elder L. S. Yates be appointed to take up the letter of dismission she holds from this body.

Motion carried to pay the clerk \$5.00.

Motion carried that the clerk have two hundred minutes of this session printed, and properly distribute them.

Motion carried to retain our same Executive Committee. Bro. A. G. Cook, Chairman, Bro. J. F. Smith, Bro. E. L. Long.

Motion carried to elect the following as Ordaining Council: Elder L. S. Yates, Elder J. R. Hunt, Elder J. R. Smith.

Motion carried to elect D. F. Hays, J. W. Nobles, J. A. Wiggins, trustees.

Motion carried that all churches be requested to make deeds of their property to the conference.

Motion carried that the Preachers, Deacons, and Deaconess meeting to be held May 27th to 29th, 1932, be held with Pine Level Church, near Chester, Ga. The first service to be on Friday night, May 27th.

Motion carried that Sister Laura Horne write the next circular letter.

Motion carried to extend the thanks of this body to Friendship Church, and community, for their hospitality to this body during this session.

Motion carried to authorize the clerk and moderator to correct the minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn, to meet with Bay Springs Church, Plainfield, Ga. on Tuesday night after the second Sunday in October 1932.

ELDER J. R. HUNT, Moderator,
ELMER LEONARD, Clerk.

SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee on suggestions, submit the following report. We suggest that this conference devise some plan to keep men out of our pulpits who cannot show proper credentials, and also those that are undenominational, which are very hurtful to our cause. We suggest that our ministers preach more on tithing, and that our people practice same more. We also suggest that our churches hold more grove meetings in the behalf of our young men, which will help draw them closer to Christ. We again suggest that every member of this body live and practice every report that is passed in this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. R. SMITH, Chairman,
J. F. SMITH.

**STATE OF CHURCHES
and
CHARACTER OF MINISTRY**

We, your committee find, on investigation, that all our churches are in full and regular standing, except Oconee, which is in a very disorderly condition. We find all our ministers in good standing as far as we know. We further recommend that this conference have nothing to do with R. J. Edwards. We also recommend that Elder F. M. Battle's name be stricken from the ministerial roll. We also recommend that our ministers be more prompt in making their reports to this conference.

We, your committee, find that Deep Creek Church called for their letter last year, and we recommend that they return their letter to this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. REGISTER, Chairman,
J. W. NOBLES,
J. F. SMITH.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report. That our people, in keeping the Sabbath day, be careful to do it in the fear of God. All labor, whatever kind it may be, if it is of a secular nature is forbidden of God on the Sabbath day, such as joy-riding, recreation resorts and lovers parties, as well as others. We oppose cooking on Sunday, using telephones and riding on passenger trains. See Exodus 20:8-11. And James 2:10. That failure to attend divine worship on the Sabbath day without a scriptural excuse is an offense to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. SMITH, Chairman,
C. R. EVANS,
D. F. HAYS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We are glad to note a strong attendance in many of our Sabbath Schools. We recommend that our officials encourage more study among teachers and pupils, and that notice be given the editor of our Sunday School literature that daily Bible reading in our Sunday School Literature would be, we believe, a great help.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER H. A. DRAKE, Chairman,
B. W. JONES.

TEMPERANCE

We submit the following report. The use of tobacco being a very unhealthy habit, we believe people are coming short of the glory of God, by the use of tobacco, and another bad habit is the traffic in alcohol, the use of which is an injury to the body, and is a wreck against our young people. By the grace of God, and His help, we will work against both of these habits, and put forth our every effort to enforce prohibition. Be temperate in ALL things.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BROWN, Chairman,
MRS. SARAH DARSEY,
H. P. SHY.

PRESS AND SCHOOLS

We, your committee, submit the following. We desire the co-operation of our people to put forth an effort this year to perfect plans for acquiring a press, realizing a great need of good wholesome literature for our auxiliaries. We also see the need of a school for our denomination, that our children may have christian training wherein they may avoid being led into heresy.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. HUNT,
MISS LAURA HORNE,
E. L. LONG.

MISSIONS

We, your committee on missions, recommend that we honor God, by doing more for every phase of missions the ensuing year, and thus obey Jesus' last command. Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." In view of the fact that Jesus says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." We recommend that we support a native worker in India. We suggest that we tithe to raise this money, and take up free will offerings at the church once a month, and that we also use our mission boxes in our homes.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LAURA HORNE, Chairman,
E. L. LONG.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finances, make the following report.
Received from the various churches as follows.

Conference fund	\$37.36
Missions	6.62
Ministerial Relief	6.40

Total\$50.38

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. BROWN, Chairman,
F. A. REGISTER.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought forward from 1930 Session	\$ 29.44
Received from the various Churches on Minutes	7.50
Received for General Conference	9.00
Received at 1931 Session	58.98
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	\$104.92

Paid for Minutes 1930 Session	\$42.00
Paid on General Conference	3.94
Paid Clerk 1931 Session	5.00
Paid to Ministerial Relief Treasurer	6.40
Paid to Mission Treasurer	6.62

\$63.96

Balance on hand 1931 Session\$ 40.96

P. D. YANCY, Treasurer.

DEACONESS REPORT

To the members and messengers, composing the Benjamin Randall Conference of Free Will Baptists, GREETINGS.

I hereby submit the following report of my work for the Master's cause, since the last session of our Conference.

Visits in the interest of God's Kingdom	183
Visits to sick people	87
Visits to County Alms Home	8
Visits to Hospital	7
Prayer Meetings led	3
Revivals assisted in	6
Amount received from various churches	\$9.10
Amount given to Pastoral Support	\$ 8.67
Amount given to Sunday School	1.07
Amount given to Charity	2.49
Amount given to Church expenses	3.08
Amount given to Missions	1.00
Amount given to Conference Fund	1.00

Solicited for Charity	8.59
Solicited for Church Expenses	29.32

Remarks: My report is very poor as I have worked most of the year for my daily bread in the business world, but I hope that my feeble efforts will encourage some one else to labor for the Master, and that it will honor God. I hope to do more for Him in the coming year.

LAURA HORNE.

Macon, Ga., October 6th, 1931.

To the Benjamin Randall Conference,
In Annual Session, at Friendship Church,
Summit, Ga.

Dearly beloved in the Lord:—

I hereby submit my report to you, as evangelist.

I have received \$35.00 from the Mission Fund of the conference. I used \$20.00 of the money in expenses for a meeting at New Haven Church, paid \$5.00 for twenty-five song books, and gave \$10.00 to Elder R. J. Edwards for expenses in a meeting at Oconee Church. Elder Edwards sold the song books to the people at Oconee, and kept the money.

I have been in touch with practically all the churches of the conference, and great revivals have been experienced at most of the churches.

I recommend that another effort be made to revive the Oconee Church, and if it fails, to sell the property and use the money to evangelize the conference, and to assist some of the weakest churches, namely New Haven, New Zera, and Beulah Spring, but to require New Haven to make her title to the conference.

I recommend that systematic effort be made to support the conference evangelist, and that he be kept more steadily at the work of building up the conference; working mainly in the neediest places.

I recommend that our conference deaconess, Miss Laura Horne, be called by the various churches to serve in their respective communities at least a month each, and that she be kept busy in the conference following the duties of her calling.

Yours in holy bonds,

J. R. HUNT,

Conference Evangelist.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Treasurer's Report

Amount on hand at close of last session	\$37.00
Paid to Bro. J. S. Wood	10.00
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Balance on hand from last session	\$27.00
Amount received at this session	6.40

Total now on hand\$33.40

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LAURA HORNE, Treasurer.

MISSIONS

Treasurer's Report

Amount on hand at close of last session\$44.12

Interest received November 1st, 193057

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Paid to Conference Evangelist\$20.00

Paid on General Conference 9.69

Paid R. J. Edwards (Oconee) 10.00

Paid for 25 song books 5.00 44.69

Interest received July 1, 193174

Received at this session 6.62

Paid to evangelist this session 7.36

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LAURA HORNE, Treasurer,
Mission Fund.

Macon, Ga., October 6th, 1931.

I hereby submit my report of finances on the trip to the General Conference, held at Turbeville, S. C., June 17, 18, 19, 1931.

Received from all sources\$39.34

Paid for entrance fee\$10.00

Expenses paid out 27.63 37.63

Balance on hand\$ 1.71

J. R. HUNT, Delegate.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Ordained Elders

Elder E. A. AtkinsonAtlanta, Ga.

Elder D. A. BradhamGlennville, Ga.

Elder P. H. S. EnglishPerry, Fla.

Elder C. B. EthridgeMcBean, Ga.

Elder D. E. GreenIdeal, Ga.

Elder J. R. Hunt, 159 Jeff Davis St.Macon, Ga.

Elder W. J. LindlerClaxton, Ga.

Elder O. F. SharpeClaxton, Ga.

Elder W. M. ShirleyAtlanta, Ga.

Elder J. R. SmithChester, Ga.

Elder W. W. ThorpeDoolin, Ga.

Elder L. S. YatesAllentown, Ga.

Licensed Ministers

H. A. Drake Herndon, Ga.
M. L. Powell Millen, Ga.

Consecrated Deaconesses

Miss Laura Horne Macon, Ga.

Licensed Deaconesses

Miss Allie Chapman Ideal, Ga.
Mrs. A. B. Bradham (Application pending) Glennville, Ga.

CHURCHES AND THEIR CLERKS

Bay Springs.....J. M. Smith..... Plainfield, Ga.
Beulah Springs.....Mrs. F. M. Battle..... Montrose, Ga.
Calvary.....Mrs. Leola Lackey..... Macon, Ga.
Friendship.....W. D. Brown..... Summit, Ga.
Ideal.....Miss Allie Chapman..... Ideal, Ga.
Little Bethel.....J. H. Wright..... Dudley, Ga.
New Ebenezer.....E. R. Roland..... Cochran, Ga.
New Haven.....Mrs. Inez Mattox..... Reidsville, Ga.
New Zera.....Jesse A. Wiggins..... Millen, Ga.
Pine Level.....Elmer Leonard..... Chester, Ga.

DEACONS, THEIR ADDRESS AND CHURCH

B. J. Adams.....Macon, Ga..... Calvary
Sam A. Arnold.....Plant City, Fla..... Little Bethel
A. B. Bradham.....Glennville, Ga..... New Haven
W. J. Brown.....Graymont, Ga..... Friendship
S. A. Brown.....Altamaha, Ga..... New Haven
G. A. Chapman.....Ideal, Ga..... Ideal
A. G. Cook.....Cochran, Ga..... New Ebenezer
Earnest Fowler.....Oglethorpe, Ga..... Ideal
H. H. Freeman.....Macon, Ga..... Calvary
Jake Gray.....Plainfield, Ga..... Bay Springs
D. F. Hays.....Summit, Ga..... Friendship
A. O. Holmes.....Macon, Ga..... Calvary
C. S. Iddins.....Reidsville, Ga..... New Haven
H. L. Keen.....Summit, Ga..... Friendship
W. O. Knighton.....Dudley, Ga..... Little Bethel
J. V. Lamb.....Plainfield, Ga..... Bay Springs
E. L. Long.....Chester, Ga..... Pine Level
J. W. Nobles.....Cochran, Ga..... Pine Level
A. P. Scarborough.....Empire, Ga..... New Ebenezer
H. P. Shy.....Plainfield, Ga..... Bay Springs
J. F. Smith.....Plainfield, Ga..... Bay Springs
W. A. Thompson.....Reidsville, Ga..... New Haven
Jesse A. Wiggins.....Millen, Ga..... New Zera
A. L. Williams.....Chester, Ga..... Pine Level

DECEASED

Lillie Gay, born Nov. 12th, 1883, died Oct. 8th, 1931
Age 47 years, 10 months, 26 days.

Lizzie Crosby, age unknown.

Elder J. S. Wood, born September 13th, 1865, died
January 3rd, 1931. Age 65 years, 3 months,
3 days.

Sallie E. Wood, born February 16th, 1867, died Jan-
uary 6th, 1931. Age 63 years, 10 months,
20 days.

Neltie Rodgers, died September 26th, 1931. Age 24
years.

Eliza Knight, died April 3rd, 1931. Age 49 years,
5 months.

F. F. Darsey, died September 29th, 1931. Age 36
years.

We loved them, and they knew it,
Because we had proved it,
But all that does not keep us
From feeling our great loss;
Yet, if our loss is heaven's gain,
And we believe it surely is;
We will not murmur or complain,
At this, our Father's holy will.

We simply look, with anxious eyes,
To yonder golden shore;
And wait the meeting in the skies,
When we shall part no more.

J. R. HUNT,
Composer.

MINUTES

Preachers, Deacons, and Deaconess meeting, convened with Calvary Church, Macon, Ga., May 30th, 1931.

Prayer by Elder E. A. Drake, of the Martin Association. Elder L. S. Yates elected Moderator, and Elder H. A. Drake elected Clerk. E. L. Long, G. D. Smith, and J. F. Smith, appointed devotional committee.

Executive committee of the conference, authorized the Conference Evangelist to draw on the mission treasury, \$15.00 for Oconee, and \$20.00 for New Haven, expenses. Prayer by E. L. Long.

Motion carried, requesting each church of the conference, to send in at least five dollars for missions before the last of August.

Motion carried, any church failing to raise it's full apportionment of ministerial relief shall be subject to the criticism of the conference.

Motion carried, the clerk of this meeting shall notify each church to contribute to the General Conference fund. \$1.00 paid for Bay Springs, by J. F. Smith.

Motion carried, next meeting of this body be with New Ebenezer Church, August 29th, and 30th, 1931. Preaching at 8:00 P. M. by Elder L. S. Yates.

Sunday morning, sermon by Elder E. A. Drake. B. J. Adams, H. H. Freeman, and A. O. Holmes ordained as deacons of Calvary Church. Adjourned in order.

ELDER L. S. YATES, Moderator,
ELDER H. A. DRAKE, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION

At a joint session of the executive committee of the Georgia Union Association, and the Benjamin Randall Conference, held in the Grand Jury Room of the Court House at Hawkinsville, Ga., the following motion prevailed.

"On the 25th day of November, 1931, the Executive Committee of the Georgia Union Association, and the Executive Committee of the Benjamin Randall Conference having met and adjusted all the differences between the said bodies, adopted the following covenant and agreement to which they all agreed to adhere." "We covenant and agree, as the executive committees of the Georgia Union Association, and the Benjamin Randall Conference, that hereafter we shall carry in our associational (and conference) minutes and decorum, that we will not receive expelled members from sister churches nor associations, neither will we receive churches without letters.

NEAL H. PARISH, Moderator,
Georgia Union Association.
C. J. HARVEY, Clerk.
J. R. SMITH, Vice-Moderator,
Benjamin Randall Conference.
P. D. YANCEY, Clerk Protem.

Elder J. R. Hunt, Moderator,
Benjamin Randall Conference,

Then called a special session of the Executive Committee of the Benjamin Randall Conference, to appoint corresponding messengers to the Georgia Union Association. Motion carried that the Moderator appoint the messengers. Elder L. S. Yates, and Bro. J. F. Smith appointed. Motion carried to adjourn.

ELDER J. R. HUNT, Moderator,
P. D. YANCEY, Clerk Protem.

CONSTITUTION

PARAGRAPH 1. This conference shall be known 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 meetings, 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 minutes 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 committee 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 programme 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 pas-

tor 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 moderator, 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 Manual 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 ordaining to the ministry, or consecration to the office of deaconess, except the duly appointed Ordaining Counsel of the conference, and no license, of a minister or deaconess, shall be valid until approved by the chairman of the Ordaining Counsel. 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 eight (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 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 consecrations of deaconesses, must be conducted at the annual conference, and credentials, besides having the signatures of 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 one 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

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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 reasonable 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 this

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 in 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 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 to 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 uplifting 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 uplifting 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 agree 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; Isaiah 40:28; Isaiah 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 principals 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 sympathise with divine perfection, maketh intercession for the saints; in every way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior. Acts 4:12. Phillippians 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; Matthew 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 judgements 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 come 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 baptism	Received by statement	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Expelled	Died	Present membership	Sunday appointments	Conference fund	Ministerial relief	Missions	Pastor's salary	Paid to evangelist	Paid to charity	Incidentals	Sunday School expenditures	Building and repairs	Paid to deaconess	Value of church property
Bay Springs	J. R. Smith	18	6		5		2		64	2nd	3.00		1.75	81.60	27.45	3.40	1.00	1.37			500
Beulah Springs	J. R. Smith	1				4		1	29	1st	1.95			27.66	19.24		1.00	8.00			250
Calvary	J. R. Hunt	6	9	2	3				46	Every	5.00	1.50	8.07	20.67	12.48	32.06	82.24	30.23	21.18		3,750
Friendship	J. R. Hunt	7		5				2	61	3rd	3.00			125.10			1.60	12.00			1,000
Ideal	J. R. Hunt							1	36	2nd	5.00			65.00	18.00		1.50				1,600
Little Bethel	L. S. Yates				1			1	56	2nd	5.00			15.00	8.00						1,500
New Ebenezer	L. S. Yates	4						1	60	3rd	6.00			40.00	30.00					1.50	700
New Haven	To be Supld.	6	9		1				26	4th	3.00				20.00	16.00	12.00	5.37			
New Zera	J. R. Hunt			3		3			12	3rd	4.00			49.67				4.50			1,500
Pine Level	L. S. Yates	12					3		83	1st	7.41	3.40	1.45	47.67	26.75			10.84	5.00	5.00	500
Totals		54	24	10	10	7	5	6	473	Every	43.36	4.90	11.27	472.37	161.92	51.46	99.34	72.31	26.18	6.50	11,300

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

MINISTER	Number of meetings held	Sermons preached	Prayer meetings held	Candidates baptized	Members received	Social calls made	Sick visits	Marriages performed	Funerals conducted	Miles traveled	Money received	Expenses paid out	Churches organized	Raised for missions	Raised for charity
Elder J. R. Smith.....	5	157	40	10	17	165	55	1	1	400	156.25	87.75		D. K.	10.00
Elder L. S. Yates.....	10	100	25	17	28	3	5	2	3	300	100.00	10.00		1.50	50.00
Elder J. R. Hunt.....	8	237	40	21	65	464	105	3	3	7,258	832.01	169.41		14.33	12.00
Elder C. B. Ethridge.....	3	88	2			10	12		2	215	73.50	4.76			

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.