

# MINUTES

Of The

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

## *General Conference*

Of The

Original Free Will Baptist Of The United States

Which Convened With

## *Black Jack Church*

**PITT COUNTY, N. C.**

June 11—14, 1935

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Next Session will convene with Glennville Church Glennville,  
Ga., begining on Tuesday Evening following the Second  
Sunday in June, 1936

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*For years 1935-1937*

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South Carolina	R. M. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C.
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Alabama-Florida State Line Association	Coy Green, Bascom, Fla.
South Eastern of Alabama	J. S. Vickers, Baker Hill, Ala.
Texas State Convention	J. L. Edge, Bryan, Texas
Ohio River Association	Olin Gould, Wellston, Ohio

## PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with the time appointed, and the place of meeting the fifteenth session of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of Christ met with Black Jack Church, Pitt County, N. C., on Tuesday evening, June 11, 1935 and continued in session through Friday, June 14, 1935.

The devotional services for the evening of the first day's session was held by Rev. R. F. Pittman in a cheerful manner which was well pleasing to all who attended which was a house well filled.

The welcome address was given by Rev. M. A. Woodard of Winterville, N. C., and the response was given by Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga. The sermon for the evening was by Rev. K. V. Shutes. This was well delivered from Acts 1:8.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference convened at 10:00 A. M.

Song services conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes, during which special music was furnished.

Devotions by Rev. A. L. Davidson. Scripture lesson, Acts 20: 18-33.

Note.—the moderator, here taking charge of the session, offered special prayer for Divine guidance through the session.

### *Appointment of Credential Committee*

Ala. Rev. Geo. Nobles.  
Fla. Bro. Geo. Owens.  
Ga. Rev. N. H. Parish.  
N. C. Rev. R. F. Pittman.  
S. C. Rev. H. V. Oliver.  
Tenn. Bro. G. W. Fambrough.  
Tex. Bro. J. L. Edge.  
Neb. Bro. M. L. Morse.  
Ohio Rev. Olin Gould.

### NOONDAY SERVICES

Congregational singing and special music.

Scripture—Acts 4:23-37.

Text—Acts 4:33; Sub.—Spiritual Power, or Our Greatest Need.

Introductory sermon delivered by Rev. J. R. Davidson, moderator of the General Conference. Brother Davidson delivered his message in prayerful and logical order, developing his thought to the needs of the Free Will Baptist denomination and people of God.

Conference recessed for refreshments and recreation.



### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference re-convened according to order.

Song services by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

Devotional services by Rev. Joe Fort, Milford, Ga.

Moved and sustained that the moderator appoint all such special committees as the secretary, executives and conference might call for. League secretary called for special conferring committee to confer only on special matter of printing League Manual.

Committee—Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. R. B. Spencer and Rev. J. L. Welch.

Special Committee for conferring with S. S. Secretary concerning the possibility of arranging for S. S. Evangelists and drafting of rules for same.

Committee.—Rev. T. B. Mellette, Chr., Rev. Geo. Dunbar, Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Women's Auxiliary Work.—Sister Fannie Polston called for committee to be appointed for purpose of organizing National Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Committee as follows, Namely:

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Chr.

Mrs. Frank Knight, Fla., Miss Luceil Cleveland, Martin Asso. Ga., Miss Lola Johnson, So. Ga. Asso. Ga.; Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Midway Asso. Ga.; Mrs. J. C. Howington, Union Asso. Tenn.; Mrs. J. L. Welch, Cumberland Asso.; Tenn. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, N. C. Eas. Conference; Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Cen. Conference; Mrs. Henry Melvin, Wes. Conference of N. C. Mrs. M. H. Mellette, S. C. Conference; Mrs. J. L. Edge, Tex. State Convention; Miss Lois Williams, Ala. State Conference; Mrs. Marie Phinney, Bryan, Tex.; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nashville, Tenn.

Special report of Smithfield Bible School by Rev. J. P. Barrow, and Rev. J. C. Griffin. Said report was well put and received by the conference as information.

Credential Committee made report. Which see in another section. All delegates present seated, and visitors granted the privilege of a seat but not to deciding of questions.

Moved and sustained to recess until 9:30 A. M. Thursday.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Song services conducted by Rev. R. F. Pittman and his male chorus. Devotions by Rev. Melvin Dunn of Ohio.

Sermon by Rev. N. H. Parish of Georgia. Rev. Parish used as his text 2 Tim. 2:15 and entertained the congregation in a very impressive manner.

Note.—Throughout the session many special solos duets and quartets too numerous to itemize for lack of space were tendered the visitors and members of the conference body.

### THURSDAY MORNING.

Song services conducted by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Devotional conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

Prayer by Brother Jas. Cheshire. Scripture lesson. John 19:5.

Special music by Mrs. Marie Wilson Phinney, and Rev. B. F. Rogers.

#### *Field Secretary's Report*

The field secretary, after having made investigation of the field in general, asked that two additional members be placed with him to work out a program whereby the field may be fully covered. Report adopted.

Committee appointed as follows, namely: Rev. J. L. Welch, Chr., Rev. J. C. Moye, Brother J. L. Edge.

#### *Publicity Director's Report*

The Publicity directors made verbal reports which were received. Rev. E. C. Morris and M. L. Hollis, directors.

#### *Sunday School Secretary's Report*

The S. S. Secretary made report and recommendations which were adopted, which gives the S. S. Secretary the right to appoint S. S. traveling evangelist and institute workers. See report elsewhere.

#### *Foreign Missions*

Report made by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, and Miss Laura Belle Barnard, foreign missionary of Greenville, Ga. Miss Barnard spoke specifically concerning the work and the call to foreign fields in an interesting and enthusiastic manner. See report elsewhere.

Special prayer for foreign missions was offered by Sister Lizzie McAdams.

At this point a special collection for foreign missions was taken which amounted to \$86.00

By motion the General Conference granted Mrs. Fannie Polston, Secretary of Women's Work, the privilege of absenting to an antie-room for the purpose of formulating a national Women's Auxiliary Convention.

### NOONDAY SERVICES

Sermon delivered by Rev. Geo. Dunbar of the Union Association of Tennessee. Text—Matt. 16:19; Sub.—The Keys to the Church of the Living God. Rev. Dunbar used his subject in an able and inspiring manner. Recess for lunch and rest.



## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song services by Rev. R. N. Hinnant and special music by Pittman, Blackwelder, Tyson, and Hinnant. Solo by Mrs. J. C. Moye. Scripture from Songs of Solomon 2:1-4. Devotions and lecture by Simon Styron. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Everett.

### *Report of Merger Committee*

The Report of the Merger Committee was adopted. See Report.

### *Educational Board's Report*

Rev. J. L. Welch made report for the board and read the report submitted at the 1934 session and asked for readoption, and that the board recommends that Nashville, Tenn. be selected as a suitable sight for the location of a Bible College. Too, that a board of trustees be elected to receive and hold property that may be acquired for an educational institution.

Report adopted. See Report of Educational secretary for session 1934, and board of trustees elsewhere.

### *Report of Zion Bible School*

Rev. T. B. Mellette, director of Zion Bible School, made verbal report as to the schools welfare, prospects, and future plans. Report received as information.

At this point a rising vote of thanks was given Rev. T. B. Mellette for his long and continued service as untiring minister; also to Rev. J. P. Barrow for his splendid service and stand for education as director of the Smithfield Bible School.

Special music was tendered the General Conference by Revs. Jordan of Durham and Joyner of Goldsboro.

### *League Secretary's Report*

The report of the League Secretary was tendered the conference. Report adopted. Report in separate place, which see.

### *Women's Work*

The report of Women's work was made by the secretary of women's work and adopted. Which see elsewhere.

### *Miscellaneous Business for Thursday Afternoon*

Moved and sustained that we donate from the foreign missions treasury the sum of \$150.00 to help pay Miss Laura Belle Barnard's expense to India. Moved and carried we authorize the secretary and treasurer of foreign missions to pay Miss Barnard \$20.00 per month to supplement her salary of \$10.00 for work in India, making her allowance \$30.00 per month.

Moved and sustained that a board of trustees be elected upon a membership basis of 10,000 from each state for a Centralized Bible School

to be located as per recommendations made above by the Educational Board. Said trustees to hold all property and money collected for the establishment of said school. See trustees elsewhere.

Trustees are to hold until a permanent organization and plan can be worked out. The Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptists are to elect trustees from their body upon the same basis.

The motion to adopt amendment to constitution was tabled. The conference then moved to appoint a revision committee of three to revise the Constitution and By-laws by next session of 1936.

Committee appointed for revision of Constitution and By-laws as follows, namely: Revs. I. J. Blackwelder, R. F. Pittman, and W. B. Everette. Solo By Rev. R. F. Pittman "I'm going Higher Someday".

Praise and prayer by the congregation. Recessed until Friday morning 9:30 A. M.

## THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES

The evening service was given to Rev. M. E. Tyson, Supt. of the orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., and a special class. This feature was appreciated very much by the congregation, and well received.

Rev. E. S. Phinney followed the orphanage concert class with a sermonette. Rev. Phinney uses as his text Phil. 2:5. He developed the fact that Jesus Christ was man, yet God.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Song Services conducted by Rev. E. C. Morris. Devotions by Rev. R. C. Wiggs.

Brother C. K. Dunn made report concerning the progress and financial standing of the Free Will Baptist Press, and value of the property. He was followed by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Editor of the Free Will Baptist paper, relative to the different religious departments and some future anticipations.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Moved and sustained that we accept the report of the treasurer. See report on another page.

### *Statistical Report*

Report of statistician received and adopted. See report on separate page.

### *Miscellaneous Business Continued*

Conference voted to elect trustees by states according to former motion which was enacted on Thursday's session. See trustees elsewhere. Moved



and sustained we have the General Co-operative Free Will Baptist Conference elect their own trustees as per agreement and basis.

By motion the General Conference accepts the invitation to meet with Glennville, Ga. Church for the 1936 session.

Moved and sustained that we instruct our treasurer to collect all back dues which are due the General Conference from member associations and conferences. Moved and carried to have the treasurer pay all executive secretaries bills which they may submit for expense.

By motion the treasurer be instructed to pay all money above the expense into the Foreign Mission treasury to be used for foreign missions. Moved and sustained to have the secretary have minutes printed on competitive basis, and that he use his discretion concerning same.

By motion the treasurer set aside \$75 for minute funds.

A rising vote of thanks was given by the conference to Black Jack Church for their splendid hospitality and entertainment during the session.

The Conference voted instructions to the moderator, Rev. J. R. Davidson, the League Secretary Rev. Henry Melvin, and the Free Will Baptist Press Manager, Bro. C. K. Dunn, to elect, or appoint all League Quarterly Editors.

Bible College Trustees elected for organization of school.

Alabama—Brother Oliver Mink, Red Bay Ala. P. A. Crawford, Samantha, Ala.

Georgia—Brother Jas. Cheshire, Colquitt, Ga.

Florida—Brother J. S. Howard, Dukes, Fla.

North Carolina—Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C., Rev. W. B. Everette, Ayden, N. C. Brother P. A. Boyette, Kenly, N. C.

South Carolina—Rev. H. V. Oliver, Timonsville, S. C.

Tennessee—Rev. J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn.

Texas—Clyde Goen, Bryan, Tex.

Kan-Neb.—Brother M. L. Morse, Kennesaw Nebr.

Ohio—Brother I. B. May, Wellston, Ohio.

#### *Election of Officers*

After deliberation the Conference voted to re-elect without further ballot all elected officers and secretaries. Which see on first page.

By motion the treasurer make re-imburements to Sister Fannie Polston \$21.00 and Rev. J. C. Griffin \$2.10 for expense in their departments.

Conference adjourned it's 1935 session with proper services.

J. R. DAVIDSON, Moderator.

T. B. MELLETTE, Secretary.

#### NOONDAY SERVICES

Duet by Mrs. J. C. Moye, and James Ray Pittman. Singing by congregation.

Sermon by Rev. Daniel F. Pelt; text Joshua 3:1. Brother Pelt manifested much interest in his delivery, and rendered his sermon in a spiritual manner.

#### *Report of Credential Committee*

The Credential committee made report as follows, namely:

##### *Alabama Associations.*

Alabam State Conference—Rev. M. L. Hollis	-----	\$10.00
South Eastern of Alabama—Rev. D. F. Pelt	-----	Vouched.
State Line of Alabama—Rev. Geo. Nobles	-----	10.00
Progressive Association—Rev. J. B. Bloss. Rev. W. H. Ryland	---	10.00

##### *Florida Associations.*

Salem of Florida—Rev. Chester Pelt	-----	Vouched
Liberty of West Florida—Bro. Geo. Owens Bro. Frank Knight	----	10.00

##### *Georgia Associations.*

Little River—Rev. J. D. Little, B. C. Davis	-----	Vouched
Union Association of Georgia by Letter	-----	5.00
Midway of Ga.—Rev. S. T. Shutes, Bro. E. B. Edmonds	-----	10.00
So. Ga. Association—Rev. E. B. Joyner, Rev. L. C. Johnson	-----	10.00
Martin Association—Bro. W. L. Cleveland	-----	10.00
Georgia Union Asso. of Ga.—Rev. N. H. Parish	-----	10.00

##### *Tennessee Associations.*

Cumberland—Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. G. W. Fambrough	-----	10.00
Union Association—Rev. J. C. Howington, Rev. Geo. Dunbar	---	10.00

##### *North Carolina Conferences.*

Central—Rev. R. F. Pittman, Rev. J. E. Wooten	-----	Vouched.
Eastern—Rev. N. D. Wiggs	-----	10.00
Cape Fear—Rev. H. R. Faircloth	-----	10.00
Rockfish—Rev. M. L. Baxley	-----	Vouched

##### *South Carolina Conferences.*

South Carolina—Rev. E. P. Kirby, Rev. H. V. Oliver	----	Vouched
Eastern—Rev. A. L. Williams, Bro. B. G. Miller	-----	10.00
Ohio Yearly Meeting—Olen Gould	-----	5.00
Texas state Convention—Bro. J. L. Edge	-----	10.00
Kansas-Nebraska Yearly Meeting—Bro. M. L. Morse	-----	10.00

The credential committee asked that hereafter all, or any associations, having any grievous matter, settle same before coming to the General Conference. Complaints were heard from the Liberty and Salem of Florida: also from the Alabama and Progressive of Alabama and dropped, but these and all others are asked to come in harmony.

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Chr.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

*General Conference 1935*

The Sunday School secretary, after careful investigation and consideration of the situation confronting us as a denomination, makes report to the effect that not sufficient satisfaction is being given the secretary throughout the denomination, and the secretary is asking for greater moral and financial support.

However, the work is increasing and in many sections, greater zeal for this auxiliary is increasing, but the denomination needs a traveling secretary, one or more, to travel under the General Sunday School Secretary and hold S. S. Institutes and organize new Sunday Schools. In fact, there is needed workers in this department who are capable and who are spirit-filled with great faith and courage to travel and harmonize our work in this particular.

By this time next year and even before, it is hoped that the S. S. Secretary will be able to make known through our church organs the new plans and effect of the worker, or workers on the field.

Too, our Sunday School literature has a steady growth, which is gratifying, and with an evangelizing, traveling secretary it is hoped that we will increase many fold. Too, we think it will take several years for this work to be given a fair trial—one that will reach and teach the constituency of our entire denomination.

The power to appoint traveling S. S. Evangelist-secretaries is requested with the recommendation of the General Conference, and it's indorsement to take collections and make appeals for the support of same be granted. For this and greater work are we praying.

T. B. MELLETTE, Sec.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL SEC. F. W. W. LEAGUE

*Year ending June 1, 1935*

To the 15th Annual Session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptist in session June 12-14, 1935 at Black Jack Church, Pitt, Co., N. C. Greetings:

My report this year is brief as very little work has been done this year through correspondence or quarterly reports. I would not have you think the work is lagging, for much has been accomplished through the youth of our Church.

The greater part of the year, I have devoted to the preparation of a League Manual for training in League Study Courses. This Manual is now ready for the publisher.

The various State Conventions are showing continued interest and a slow but steady progress. There has been a decided increase in the work in the state of Ohio.

The following report of sales of literature reflects the strength of our organizations:

7, 858 Senior quarterlies  
2, 834 Intermediate quarterlies  
3, 805 Junior quarterlies  
14, 497 copies, total sales for the year.

This places our strength at about 12,000 leaguers. This should certainly encourage us to know that about 12,000 young Free Will Baptist are being trained in the services of the Church.

We could not forget to express our very deep appreciation to those that have so ably edited our literature: Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Miss Gladys Lewis and Miss Annie Zorn. They with their contributors have given to us splendid programs through the year. Truly they have wrought well.

The following is my financial report:

Balance on hand, June 1, 1934, .....	\$ 6.00
Recd. from leagues (10% dues) .....	20.51
Total .....	\$26.51
Paid out for supplies, .....	25.00
Balance on hand June 1, 1935 .....	\$1 51

Yours for the Kingdom,

HENRY MELVIN

## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF WOMEN'S WORK

The annual report on Women's Work is submitted to this Conference with a sense of deep gratitude to our heavenly Father for what he has wrought through the womanhood of our church during the past year. This record is but a part of the visible evidence of service rendered by the Women's auxiliaries.

In reviewing the work of the year, certain commands of our King are selected as those which represent his calls: to Prayer, to a study of the Word, to the study of His Work, to a life of Witnessing, and to Stewardship of Possessions. Carrying out the plan of work, as given in the Handbook, requires a renewing of our spiritual strength.

We called on our women to observe the week preceding Easter to pray. The reports from the various fields show this was quite generally carried out, in some cases with remarkable results.

The study of stewardship has not been as complete as we had hoped for. When we remember the risen Redeemer launched the principles of stewardship at a lakeside in the gray dawn of morning when He asked the question, "Lovest thou me?", we know that these three words constitute the tap root of stewardship. That question goes to the heart of a growing, expanding, fruitful life. Surely we are not measuring our gifts of time,



talents, and possessions by the interest generally shown. We do appreciate those who have studied the course, and feel very grateful for the wonderful reports from their efforts.

The past year has been most fruitful in results from our mission study. Encouraging increases are noted in the number of classes held, and spiritual uplift of the churches where "Missions in the Bible" has been taught.

An ever increasing number are expressing their appreciation of the program literature; more groups have used the Year Book, and we feel that our women have been drawn closer to our heavenly Father and to each other by realizing more fully that we are "Laborers together with God".

We felt that the Handbook would meet a very pressing need in our auxiliaries so we had a thousand copies printed. We have sold enough to pay the actual expense and have a supply on hand for immediate need. We have printed two thousand of the Year Book of programs, which supply was exhausted months ago. Three hundred circular letters in the interest of the schools were mailed direct to local aid and missionary societies; hundreds of personal letters have been written, and a number of stewardship books distributed.

As we turn our face to the future, looking out on the world that is hungry for Christ, who alone satisfies, we realize what a time this is in which to serve. We would therefore dedicate all of our power to Him who has called us to such a task, seeking more fully to claim the latent womanpower in our church for the Master; we would go forward to serve our Lord in the energy of His Holy Spirit, and with loyal devotion to Christ and His church.

#### FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF THE ORGANIZED WORK:

Tennessee has two conventions. The one auxiliary to the Cumberland Association met in August with nine societies with 187 members. They reported 8 study courses on stewardship and missions. Most of the churches observed the Week of Prayer, held 30 prayer meetings, made 3045 visits to see the sick and gave 1000 donations to charity. They have raised \$719.80. They send \$18.70 for national dues.

The Auxiliary to the Union Association reported their convention well attended but failed to send their statistical report. From corresponding with some of their leaders I learned that they are really doing a good work. They send \$5.40 for national dues.

South Carolina has one auxiliary convention with 11 societies, representing 208 members. They report 100% in observing the Week of Prayer. They held two study classes on Missions. They made 793 visits to see the sick, 154 donations to charity, and have given \$26.20 in cash to help the needy. They have raised \$229.07 which has been used mostly in local churches. They send \$8.70 national dues.

Alabama reports a very interesting meeting of their auxiliary convention held in March of this year. They failed to give their statistical re-

port but have carried out the general plan of work and much good has been done in their local churches. They send \$3.00 for national dues.

Georgia. The Auxiliary to the Midway Association did not send in a complete report, however, I have been in close touch with some of their leaders during the year. They have been doing some very constructive work along the regular plan. I have individual reports from four societies in other sections of the state: namely, Blackshear, Glennville, Ebenezer and Alma. They report a combined membership of 81. Three of these observed the Week of Prayer, two of them studied stewardship, and these reports shows they have carried out the plan of work satisfactorily. They have raised \$277.24. They send \$5.30 national dues.

Texas. At last auxiliary convention they had 8 societies, representing 145 members. They are working to get better organized to carry out the plan of work. Their combined efforts are as follows: 378 visits to the sick, 91 donations to charity, a number of Bibles distributed, and have held several mission study classes. They have raised \$326.36 which has been mostly used in local churches and for home mission work. They send \$4.80 national dues.

The report of the Bryan church came in separately, showing that they have two circles with 25 members. They observed the Week of Prayer and in other ways carried out the plan of work. They raised \$111.20 which was used in local work and caring for the adopted orphan.

#### Financial Report

Received at last session of General Conference \$79.20.

Paid out for traveling expenses	\$ 10.00
Paid out to Ayden F. W. B. Press for Year Book	60.30
Paid out for printing Hand Book	10.00
Paid out to Express Company	6.30
Paid out for stamps and stationery	26.29
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	\$112.89 \$112.89
Received for sale of 235 copies of Hand Book @ 5c each	11.75
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Total Disbursements	\$101.14
Deficit	21.94

#### Receipts as follows

April 1935, Mrs. H. L. Boykin, Kenly, N. C.	\$ 1.50
May 1935, Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, Treas. N. C. Aux Con.	18.20
April 1935, Mrs. M. H. Mellette, S. C. National dues	6.10
May 1935, Miss Elizabeth Vause, S. C.	2.60
June 1935, Mrs. G. Moore, Ft. Worth, Tex. National dues	2.40
May 1935, Opal Pointer, Chuckey, Tenn.	3.00
June 1935, Mrs. J. C. Howington, Elizabethton, Tenn.	2.40



April 1935, Mrs. Addie Potts, Beaverton, Ala	1.00
May 1935, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Belk, Ala	1.00
May 1935, Mrs. Lexie Johnson, Red Bay, Ala.	1.00
May 1935, Mrs. S. A. Brewton, Blackshear, Ga.	2.00
May 1935, Lola Johnson, Alma, Ga.	2.30
June 1935, Mrs. Stella Knight, Glennville, Ga.	1.00
June 1935, Aux. Con. to Cumberland Association	18.70
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	\$ 63.20

This completes the record of this year. There perhaps are many weaknesses, but also many successes. We present to our heavenly Father that which we have endeavored to do in His name, asking his forgiveness for the failures. We pray that the lives and service of the women of our church may have helped and may continue to help brighten the darkness of the whole world, so as we go forward in His service we are mindful of the fact that the task which awaits us challenges us to a new consecration, a new confidence, and a new courage, remembering that we are "Laborers together with God," and with Him all things are possible.

Respectively submitted,

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, Sec. of Women's Work

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

June 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935

I am delighted to report that interest in foreign mission work is rapidly growing among the people of the Free Will Baptist Church in many sections of the country. The offerings for this great work are steadily increasing in numbers and in amounts. The Lord is also working in the hearts of our people, having recently called two young ladies into this work. Miss Bessie Yealy of Ohio we understand has recently sailed for Venezuela; however, she sailed independent of the General Conference. Miss Laura Belle Barnard of Glennville, Georgia is now ready to sail for India under the auspices of the International Union Mission. She will be stationed in the Queens Hill Missionary Rest Home in Kotagiri, South India. For all this we should praise the Lord of the harvest who is steadily sending laborers in the harvest.

Our financial report for the year, June 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, is as follows:

#### Cash Receipts

Balance brought forward	\$182.29
General collection at conference	25.27
Sunday Schools by Rev. Olen Gould, Ohio	28.95
Church and S. S. by Rev. M. B. Hutchison, Ohio	5.00
Bryan, Texas, F. W. B. Church	16.48

L. A. S. of White Oak Church by Mrs. Leo Suggs, N. C.	8.00
Geo. Webster, N. C.	15.00
Central Conference, N. C.	75.00
North Zulch Church, Tex., by Rev. E. C. Morris	1.70
Waco Church, Tex., by Rev. E. C. Morris	1.50
Woodlawn Church, Tex., by Rev. E. C. Morris	1.50
Faith F. W. B. C., Tex., by Rev. C. J. Turrentine	3.47
Rev. W. J. Paul, Tennessee	10.00
Open Pond Church, Georgia, by Mrs. W. S. Hudson	10.00
Cumberland Assn., Tennessee, by G. W. Fambrough	25.00
Mrs. C. H. Denton, N. C.	1.00
Mrs. S. G. Pridgeon, N. C.	1.00
J. P. Barrow, N. C.	5.00
Mission Society, Tennessee, by Mrs. Alexine Slack	16.25
Mrs. J. E. Singleton, N. C.	.50
L. A. S. of Ft. Worth, Texas, by Mrs. K. V. Shutes	2.00
Mrs. Rosa B. Worley, N. C.	1.00
Greenville M. S., N. C., by Mrs. Lillie Smith	3.00
Mrs. R. W. Smith, Ayden, N. C.	1.00
S. S. of Little Rock Church, N. C., by Wade Lucas	2.30
Mrs. V. W. Davis, Ransomville, N. C.	1.00
Junior L. of Edgemont Church, N. C., by Miss Lillie Scoggins	5.00
L. A. S. of Goldsboro, N. C.	2.00
Travelers Rest Church, N. C., by Mrs. Irene Edwards	1.11
R. L. Turnage, LaGrange, N. C.	1.00
Mission Circle of Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Rev. Melvin Bingham	3.00
F. W. B. L. of Wellston, Ohio	1.00
Adult M. S. of Cofers Chapel Church, Tenn., by Mrs. J. L. Welch	5.00
Junior M. S. of Cofers Chapel Ch., Tenn., by Mrs. J. L. Welch	1.00
Stancil Chapel, N. C., by Rev. Rufus Hyman	.90
Mrs. Ann Evans, Greenville, N. C.	1.00

Total receipts for the year	\$281.93
Balance brought forward	182.29

Grand Total	\$464.22
Disbursements (for Mr. R. Paul in India)	120.00

Balance on hand June 1, 1935	\$344.22
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I. J. Blackwelder, Sec. Tres. of Foreign Missions.

#### Treasurer's Report

From June 1934 to June 1935.

#### "Receipts"

Amount on hand at last report	\$ 58.55
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Received from Committee .....	146.00
Received from Southeastern Ass'n-Ala. ....	10.00
Received from State Convention of Texas .....	10.00
Received from Georgia Union Ass'n of Ga. ....	6.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$230.55</b>

*"Disbursements"*

Paid to T. B. Mellette, Clerk .....	\$ 20.00
Paid to T. B. Mellette, Sectreary .....	10.00
Paid to J. R. Davidson .....	12.50
Paid to Henry Melvin .....	10.00
Paid to J. L. Welch .....	10.00
Paid to I. J. Blackwelder .....	10.00
Paid to Mrs. Fannie Polston .....	10.00
Paid to Jas Cheshire .....	10.00
Paid to Free Will Baptist Press for Minutes .....	65.00
Paid to K. V. Shutes to Texas .....	12.25
Paid to J. L. Welch to Texas .....	25.00
	194.75
Balance Cash on Hand .....	\$ 35.80

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

*Report of Statistician*

STATES	CHURCHES	VALUE	MINISTERS	MEMBERS	Net Gain
N. C.	249	\$377,500	146	28,067	421
S. C.	41	41,000	25	2,311	
Tenn.	34	100,000	28	3,385	123
Va. & W. Va.	44	23,945	62	1,990	
Ga.	53	29,000	54	4,231	
Ala.	125	125,000	101	9,279	112
Fla.	24	24,000	27	2,111	80
Ark.	134	134,000	156	5,376	
Tex.	63	64,250	63	3,857	
Miss	14	12,000	9	900	
Ohio	36	33,200	50	2,619	2,619
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12	817	\$943,895	721	64,126	3,355

This report does not show our strength in the United States. However it is all that I could give from the minutes sent me by the various bodies. Those states that do not show an increase are those which I did not receive a 1934 minute. Your Statistician cannot get statistics unless minutes are kept accurately and delivered to the Statistician.

*Denominational Property*

F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C. ....	\$25,000
Smithfield Bible School .....	10,000
Zion Bible School .....	2,000
Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C. ....	50,000
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	<b>\$87,000</b>

J. C. GRIFFIN,

Statistician.

240 Pasteur St. New Bern, N. C.

I wish to recommend that the General Conference instruct its Secretary to have the attached Statistical Report Blank inserted in the minutes and that we request all Conferences and Associations to adopt and print in their minutes the same blank.



## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

### PREAMBLE.

In a meeting called to meet with Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, in which meeting was represented the Original Free Will Baptist of the following states: Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio and Tennessee. In this meeting a committee of five was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, by which this organization shall be governed.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as The General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of the United States.

Section II. The object of the organization shall be to bring together our people throughout the United States, for the purpose of counseling for the general interest of our denomination.

Section III. This organization shall be composed of the various Associations, Conferences and Conventions of the above named states, together with other like bodies of the same faith and practice, which may hereafter be admitted.

Section IV. Each Association or Conference shall be allowed two representatives, and the State Convention of the states shall be allowed one representative each. However, a minister in good standing in his Conference or Association, shall have full right to counsel with us in all our discussions, but the right to vote shall be restricted to all lawful delegates seated in the body, the secretary officers, treasure, and the executive committee; but no officer shall vote more than once even though the officer hold two or more offices.

Section V.—Article 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Secretary and Treasurer, which shall be elected for a term of years. There shall be elected also, an Executive Committee of five, who shall serve a term except the first four mentioned, who shall serve for a term of one, two, three and four years respectively.

Article 2. This organization shall have a credential committee composed of one representative from each state. The moderator exercising authority to appoint said committee, and such other committees as the body may deem proper.

Article 3. Each Association, Conference or Convention belonging to this body shall be requested to donate the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) annually for the promotion of the interest of this organization.

Article 4. Each representative shall be required to present credentials together with a report from the body represented.

Article 5. The members of this organization shall be governed by the usual parliamentary rules and usages of deliberative bodies.

Section VI.—This body shall hold its sessions annually, convening on Tuesday evening following the second Sunday and before the third Sunday in June of each year at such place as may be designated by the General Conference in its regular session, or at its discretion.

Section VII.—This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds majority of the members present in any regular session; but vote on the amendment shall not be taken until the day following the offering of said amendment.



## LETTER TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptist of the United States,  
to be held at \_\_\_\_\_

convening on Tuesday evening following the Second Sunday in June 1936:  
GREETINGS:

We send as delegates to represent the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Convention, Conference or Association)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of delegates and address)

Praying that much and lasting good may be accomplished through  
the General Conference.

The statistics of our body are as follows:

Number of Churches \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Ministers \_\_\_\_\_ Number

of Members \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Sunday School organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Ladies' Aid

or Missionary Societies \_\_\_\_\_ Name and number of any other Aux-

iliary organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Our Annual fee is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address to whom minutes are to be sent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Moderator.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.

Address \_\_\_\_\_



## STATISTICAL REPORT BLANK

*To Be Filled Out By All Free Will Baptist  
Churches in The United States*

*For The Year Ending -----193---*

N. B. Pastor or Clerk, please see that this statistical report blank is properly filled out and sent to the statistician appointed for the State of ----- whose address is ----- This information is necessary in order that a true status of the denomination may be reported to the General Statistician for the purpose of compiling a denominational year book.

Name of Church ----- Name of Association of -----  
Conference ----- in or near what town -----  
County ----- State -----

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Value of Church \$----- Value of Parsonage \$-----  
Indebtedness on Church \$----- Indebtedness on Parsonage \$-----  
Paid Pastor \$----- On building and repairs \$-----  
For benevolent purpose \$----- Total expenditures \$-----

### MEMBERSHIP

Received by baptism ----- by letter ----- by restoration or otherwise -----  
Lost by death ----- by letter ----- by expulsion ----- Number  
male members over thirteen years of age ----- Number female members over thir-  
teen years of age ----- Number members under thirteen years ----- Number  
of ordained ministers on the Church roll ----- Total membership -----

### AUXILIARY WORK

W. S. Enrollment ----- F. W. B. L. Enrollment ----- L. A. Society, or Missionary  
Circle Enrollment ----- Any other auxiliary organization enrollment and name.  
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How often do you have preaching services? -----

Pastor's name ----- Address -----  
Church Clerks name ----- Address -----