## MINUTES

OF THE

## Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

## GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

OF THE

## Original Freewill Baptist Church of Jesus Christ

Which convened with Greenwood Church, Mitchell County, Camilla, Georgia, on November 12 14, 1940; With the Georgia State Auxiliary Convention included, meeting namely: November 13, 1940, with the above named church.

Next fifth session to be held with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Miller County, Georgia, on November 11, 12, 13, 1941. Church is located four miles West of Colquitt, Georgia, on State Highway 91.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

K. V. Shutes, Chairman

H. L. Catrett

F. E. Crosby

T. B. Mellitte
Don Wheeler

This includes the minutes of fourth session of the Ladies State Auxiliary Convention.

## MINUTES

The fourth annual session of the Georgia State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church met in session with Greenwood Church, near Camilla, Georgia, Mitchell County, on Tuesday Nov. 12, 1940 and continued through Thursday, Nov. 14 1940.

#### TUESDAY MORNING

10:00 A. M.—Song service by congregation

Devotional service led by Rev. J. B. Lovering of Colquitt, Georgia. Using for Scripture lesson Acts 2:41-47

Welcome address by Brother J. B. Kearns of Greenwood Church

and Response by Rev. H. L. Catrett, of Colquitt, Georgia

The moderator appointed Credential Committee as follows, namely:

Rev. H. L. Catrett-Martin Association

Rev. J. B. Lovering-Midway Association

Rev. C. J. Harvey-Union Association

11:00 A. M.—The moderator's message delivered by Rev K. V. Shutes. Subject, "I Thirst"—St. John 19:28, which was delivered most forcefully, stressing "The Thirst for Lost Souls". After which the class sang "When My Savior Calls I'll be Working."

12:00—Recessed for lunch and refreshments which were served

in "Good Ole Georgia Style."

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—Song service led by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Devotional by Miss Othella Edwards, Scripture, James 3. Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

In the absence of the clerk, the moderator appointed Bro. W. R. Barber as clerk protem.

The Credential Committee reported as follows:

MARTIN ASSOCIATION—W. R. Barber, P. B. Hilburn, \$5.80.

UNION ASSOCIATION-J. B. Kearns, \$5.00.

TRAVELER'S REST CHURCH—Miss Othella Edwards, \$1.00. (This report to be continued.)

The moderator appointed the following Committees:

RESOLUTIONS-J. B. Lovering, S. T. Shutes.

TEMPERANCE—Mrs. J. F. Harman, Miss Othella Edwards, B. W. Clenney.

Report of the Treasurer of the State Home Mission Board.

Moved that above report be accepted, (See Report.)

REPORT OF STATE EVANGELIST—Moved and sustained that above report be accepted. (See report.)

#### **EVENING SESSION**

Supper was spread at the church and was enjoyed by everyone present.

6:30—Song service. We were favored by several special quartets.

7:30—Sermon delivered by Rev. H. L. Catrett, Subject, "Go Forward" Exodus 14:15.

## Ladies' Auxiliary Convention

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Fourth session of the Georgia State Auxiliary Convention met with Greenwood F. W. B. Church, Camilla Ga. on Nov. 13, 1940. The President, Miss Dot Harvey being absent the body was called to order by the Secretary.

It was moved and sustained that the Secretary appoint a President Pro Tem. Mrs. J. F. Harmon was appointed.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. I. L. Sebary, Drifton Fla. She gave a very splendid talk on, "The Women of the Bible."

Delegates were enrolled as follows: New Salem Church, Mrs. G. F. Pickren; Union District Convention, Mr.s C. J. Harvey; Oak Grove Church appointed Mrs. O. F. Everson.

Dispensed with the regular order of business for the eleven o'clock hour.

Our Missionary to India, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, brought the message using as a basis for her remarks Romans 10:7-14. This message as the others were greatly appreciated. Adjourned for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were led by Mrs. C. J. Harvey.

Moved and sustained that the Secretary write for the reports from the ones that did not represent and compile them.

The weather being so bad so many were absent and only one committee was appointed. The Resolution Committee. Mrs. O. F. Everson, Mrs. G. F. Pickren and Mrs C. J. Harvey.

#### REPORTS OF PRESIDENTS

First Vice President, Mrs. R. B. PYLE-No report.

Second Vice President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes—Written report. Third Vice President, Mrs. E. C. Davidson-Written report. Fourth Vice President, Miss Lola Johnson—No report.

Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Netherae Culpepper—No report.

Report of Field Worker, Mrs K. V. Shutes.—

Report adopted as read.

Report of delegate to National Convention by Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Report of Union District Convention. This is the first report of this convention and we are glad to have them.

Report of Resolution Committee received and committee released.

Moved and sustained that we keep the same officers for another year.

Moved and sustained that we send Mrs. C. J. Harvey as delegate to the National Convention.

Moved and sustained that we have our minutes printed with the State Association.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn.

Mrs. S. J. Shutes, Sec.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:-

Resolve that we urge our Aid Societies to be more punctual in the District and State Convention.

That every Aid help in the raising of money for Zion Bible School and the National Board of Education, also that we seek to raise more Home and Foreign Mission Funds.

Mrs. O. F. Everson

Mrs. G. F. Pickren

Mrs. C. J. Harvey.

#### REPORT OF THIRD VICE PRESIDENT:-

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Total No. of Aids observed week of prayer	7
Total amount for E	·
Total amount for Foreign Missions	\$32.40
Total Home Mission Study Classes held	OP.004
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Total No. of	0
Total No. of special mission programs	6
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Brother and Sister Willey visited our churches this summer and much interest was manifested in their work, also Sister Barnard is at home and we feel that more interest will be shown and we will see fruits of labor among us.

Mrs. E. C. Davidson.

### REPORT OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:--

Amount paid to Christian Education \_\_\_\_\_ This report is incomplete as I could not get any response from the district second vice presidents. I made a special appeal in

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:—

- 1. I recommend that the second vice president of each local put on a special campaign to raise finance for Zion Bible School the month of January.
- 2. I recommend that the second vice president of each local put on a special campaign to raise finance for a National School the month of June the same to be turned over to the National Treasurer.
- 3. I recommend that the second vice president of each local society set aside one day to conduct a special study in our New Manual of Womens Auxiliary methods.

Respectfully submitted Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

#### OFFICERS OF STATE CONVENTION:—

President Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin, Ga.
Secretary Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.
Treasurer Mrs. Alma McDonald, Damascus, Ga.
First Vice President Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Jakin, Ga.
Second Vice PresidentMrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
Third Vice President Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga.
Fourth Vice President Miss Lola Johnson, Alma, Ga.
Fifth Vice President _ Mrs. Netherae Culpepper, Blackshear, Ga.

#### FIELD WORKERS REPORT:-

I have organized one district convention. I gave six radio messages over W. P. A. X. in interest of our womens work and I have written a number of letters and cards in interest of our work.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT:—

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\$32,52
\$37.15
\$45.80
\$13.93.

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. K. V. Shutes

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DIGEST REPORT:—	
Number of auxiliaries represented, 2; district conv	
Number on Roll	70
Average attendance,	67
Dues collected	\$37.35
Other funds raised	\$130.11
Observed week of prayer	
For Education	
For literature	\$3.90
To needy for supplies	\$13.00
No. of sick visits made	
Bibles given	
Vacation Bible School	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Chapters read in Bible	
No. of gallons milk given	90
Tithers	12
Dues at this time	
For Education from Union D. Con.	\$1.30.
TREASURERS REPORT:—	
Paid for Minutes	\$4.25
Paid for money order	25c
National Convention dues paid	\$11.80
Paid to delegates for expenses	\$7.00 <sub>//</sub>
Received from Martin D. Con.	\$1.00'll'acces
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WEDNESDAY MORNING	

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30—Song service by congregation

Devotional led by Rev. B. W. Clenney: 2 Chron. 2:14.

Prayer—Rev. H. L. Catrett.

#### CALL FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:—

Report of Treasurer—Adopted, see report

Report of Resolutions—Tabled until afternoon session

Report of Temperance—Adopted, see report

Report from National Association by Bro. W. L. Lee

11:00-Message was delivered by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Foreign Missionary to India, after which a collection of \$3.25 was taken for her.

Benediction—H. L. Catrett

Owing to weather conditions dinner was spread in the church and enjoyed by everyone present.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30—Song service and prayer by Bro. A. B. Edmonds.

Moved and sustained that we adopt the report of resolution

committee. See report.

The Credential Committee then made it's final report. Tuesday Martin Association by W. R. Barber and P. B. Hilburn—\_\_ \$5.80 Union Association by J. B. Kearns \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Travelers Rest Church by Miss Othella Edwards \_\_\_\_ \$1.00

#### FOR THURSDAY

Martin Union Meeting by Proxy	\$3.60
Midway Union meeting by O. F. Everson	•
Union meeting of Union Association by W. L. Lee	
Oak Grove Church by J. A. Everson	

Two Associations, three Union meetings and two local churches have reported into this body bringing the amount of \$21.15.

It has been reported to this committee that the Midway Association has held some illegal procedure in silencing or dealing with one Eld. S. T. Shutes according to the treatise as adopted by the National, also by this association. We therefore recommend that said Midway Association resend or go back and go according to the constitution and by-laws as contained in said treatise.

#### Respectfully Submitted

Eld. H. L. Catrett, Chairman Eld. J. B. Lovering Eld. C. J. Harvey.

Moved and sustained that the body receive report of Credential Committee.

At this time the association had a special chain of prayer for Mrs. K. V. Shutes who was confined in bed.

Next, appointed delegates to National Association. The following were appointed:

Union Association—C. J. Fraison

Martin Association-W. R. Barber

South Georgia-Don Wheeler

Midway Association—J. M. Craft.

Rev. H. L. Catrett was appointed to secure bus to carry delegates to National Association. Those desiring to go will please write to Rev. H. L. Catrett, Colquitt, Georgia.

At this time there were several talks made on the State Training Campaign which a motion was made that the moderator an-

point building committee for said Training Camps. After some discussions, the Camp Committee was approved by the body, which is as follows:

Miss Beth Phillips, President; Rev. H. L. Catrett, Rev. C. J.

Harvey, Rev. J. B. Lovering, and L. C. Johnson.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to solicit funds for radio program, namely:

Union—C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.; Martin—H. L. Catrett,

Colquitt, Ga.; Midway—A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga.

The program committee was appointed as follows: S. T. Shutes, C. J. Harvey, L. C. Johnson, H. L. Catrett.

Appointed Rev. H. L. Catrett to correspond with Rev. I. J.

Blackwelder and work up an intinerary for Miss Bernard.

Moved and sustained that Clerk pro tem be paid \$7.50 for his services; also that the Clerk pro tem write the treasury for \$8.80

to be applied on National Associational dues.

Petition for the next session. Moved and sustained that the next session of this association convene with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Miller County, Georgia. The church is located four miles west of Colquitt, on state highway 91. Those desiring information please write Rev. H. L. Catrett, Colquitt, Georgia.

A motion that clerk pro tem have 500 minutes printed.

A motion that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Greenwood

Church and community for their hospitality.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia on November 11, 12, 13, 1941.

Song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Clesing prayer by Brother Lamar Mulford.

Eld. K. V. Shutes, Moderator Thomasville, Georgia W. R. Barber, Clerk Pro Tem Celquitt, Georgia

TREASURER'S REPORT, STATE ASSOCIATION,	1940
Balance Nov. 18, 1940	\$ 6.22
Dues Collected 1939 Session	21 55
Nat. Dues from the Midway, Martin, So. Ga. Assn.	15.00
Dec. 12, 1939, So. Ga. Assn., G. W. Cloud	00.01
Benj. Ran, Nat. Dues	<b>5.00</b>
Total PaidPaid_Out	ф.co. 27
Paid Out	\$08.37
Nov. 18, 1939, to sec. for work	\$ 3.75

Dec. 2, 1939, to sec	3.75
Mar. 5, 1940, for express and postage	
Nov. 12, 1940, postage acct	.21
July, 1940, to National Association	
Total paid out	\$59.57
Balance, Nov. 12, 1940	\$ 8.80
T. B. Mellette, Tres. State	Asso.
STATEMENT OF MISSION TREASURER	
To Date, Nov. 12, 1940	
Receipts as follows:	#19.00
T. B. Mellette on pledge	\$12.00 6.00
Mrs. J. D. Cleveland on pledge	
Robert Ward on pledge	5.50
A. D. Ivey on pledge	3.00
Harris Harvey on pledge	3.10
B. Houston on pledge	
Jan. 23, to Commere Press for minute print	
A. H. Quinn on pledge	
So. Ga. Union Meeting	7.00
Old Enterprise Church	1.85
Greenwood Church L. A. S	1.30
Union Assn. L. A. S. Dis Con. by Mrs. Minnie Morey	75
Frank Cobb on pledge	
Dis. Aux. Con. Union, Assn. Union by Mrs. C. J. Harvey_	25
Patmos and other leagues (Rally)	4.56
Midway Association	5.00
Union, Assn. Union Meeting	1.00
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TotalBrought over (See 1939 Minute)	\$57.50
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All Total	\$203.76
Paid out as follows:	
Dec. 19,1939, to K. V. Shutes Radio Program.	\$15.00
Jan. 25, 1940, to K. V. Shutes Radio Program	15.00
Feb. 27, 1940, to K. V. Shutes Radio Program	15 AA
Ian. 1. 1940. to F. Cherry on tent for Evangelist	ED DO
Feb. 28, 1940, Postage account	36
April 17, 1940, on tent for Evan, to F. Cherry	10.00
May 6, 1940, on tent for Evan, to F. Cherry	0.00. 00 01
June 3, 1940, on tent for Evan. to F. Cherry	10.00
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July 15 1940, on tent for Evan. to F. Cherry	10.00
Aug. 13, 1940, on tent for Evan. to F. Cherry	10.00
Sept. 17, 1940, on tent for Evan. to F. Cherry	10.00
Oct. 11, 1940, on tent for Evan. to F. Cherry	5.00
Oct. 31, 1940, Postage Acct	.36
Total Paid Out	\$160.66
Mar. 13, 1940, Loan to K. V. Shutes	
All Total Paid Out	\$192.46
Nov. 12, 1940, Balance in treasury today	\$11.30
T. B. Mellette, Tres. Home Mis	sions

### REPORT OF STATE EVANGELIST FOR 1940

I was able, by the help of friends and State Mission Board, to carry on Radio Programs from Thomasville, for four and one-half months. There are 100,000 radio homes in reach of this station and we had our part of these listeners. We went into as many churches in as many of the associations as possible, but did not get to contact some of them, because we could not get a date in them.

We ran tent meeting from March till October, organized one church and left four fine prospects for other churches. We also ran a number of church revivals, with some good results.

Money received on Radio Program	_\$177.40
Paid Radio Station	157.50
Money received for church visits	
Money received for Revivals	419.27
Conversions	

Additions to churches,60

We urge you to help put money in the treasury to help build some churches, then we can easily have new churches coming in.

Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Temperance Committee, are sorry to report that we know of some who have been guilty of intoxicating drink.

We ask all ministers of this association to be much in prayer, and urge that each church member be more careful and live closer to the Lord in the future.

Miss Othella Edwards, Chairman

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following:

(1)—That this state association be organized according to our national treatise, and that each association or quarterly meeting coming to this body organize in compliance with the treatise of the national Association.

(2)—Resolve, that the two conventions give a rising vote of thanks to the church and community for the royal hospitaity shown us while here.

J. B. Kealeres

J. B. Lovering

S. T. Shutes

## Constitution and By-Laws

## Of the Georgia State Association of The Original Free Will Baptist Church of Christ

#### **PREAMBLE**

We, The Original Free Will Baptist of Georgia, assembled in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of Jesus Christ, do establish and ordain this Constitution and By-Llaws.

### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as the Georgia State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of Jesus Christ

#### ARTICLE II

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Field Secretary, Secretary of Foreign Missions and Executive Board.

Section 11. This Association shall be composed of all active ministers who are members of an association which is a member of this body, and one delegate for every 500 members, or fraction thereof from each association which is a member of this body; one delegate for every 1000 members of a Union Meeting of an association representing in this body, and one delegate for every 100 members or fraction thereof of any local Free Will Baptist Church representing in this body.

Section III. All delegates from associations, Union Meetings, and local churches shall be elected from the layety of the church.

Section IV. Each association representing in this body shall pay annually into the treasury of this body a minimum fee, or more, of one half of one per cent per capita for all the members of the association. Each union meeting shall pay annually one fourth of one per cent per capita into the treasury of this body; each local church shall pay annually a minimum fee, or more, of one dollar (\$1.00) into the treasury of this body. Note—An association with 1000 members is required to pay \$5.00 and the Union meeting \$2.50, and the local church at least \$1.00. For associations multiply each member by one half per cent per capita, and union meeting one fourth per cent per capita.

#### ARTICLE III

Section I. The following named boards shall be elected every two years in the following manner.

Section II. Board of Home Missions. The Board of Home Missions shall be composed of three members from people who are noted for missionary zeal elected by the body at the regular time for election of officers.

Section III. The Chairman of the Board of Home Missions shall be secretary and treasurer of the same, or unless otherwise designated by the board.

Section IV. Board of Religious Education. This board shall consist of three members, and shall be elected at the regular time of election of officers. They shall choose their chairman, and formulate their rules, and have the right to sponsor their programs in the fields of religious education.

Section V. The Executive Board shall consist of all regular officers, of this body, and as provided for in these Constitution and By Laws, or as otherwise may be provided for.

#### ARTICLE IV

Section I. All officers shall be elected at the regular time of election of officers, and these shall serve for a period of two years.

Section II. Any officer may be re-elected as the body shall see fit but the officer, or nominee must give his consent to serve willingly.

Section III. When vacancies occur either by death, or removal from office, or by resignation the body shall fill the vacancy either by provy, or by election of officer to the vacancy at any regular session of the body, and a proxy may be appointed by the body to fill any absentee's place who does not attend the sessions.

Section IV. Election years shall be odd years, Thus the regular elections shall take place on odd years of the calander.

Section V. This body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with any officer, or board member who does not conduct his, or her office in a Christian and business like manner according to rules of Christian conduct laid down in the teaching of the New Testament. Thus the right to discipline in this body is confined to this body, but a charge against a member of this body in the members of local churches shall conduct a charge against said member in this body, and the body shall abide accordingly thereby.

#### AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and these By\_Laws shall not be changed or altered except by two-third vote of the members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table at least from morning session until evening session or from evening session until morning session prior to adoption and shall during that be read at least twice in open session.

Additions of boards, or officers may be added as there is an occasion for same.

### ASSOCIATION LETTER

We the of the
(Name of Association)
Original Free Will Baptist Church of Christ send as delegates to
represent us in The Georgia State Association the following bre-
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recommended from the layety of our church. Note, one delegate
for each 500 members, or fraction thereof.
· We send as annual fee \$ which represents one half
per cent per capita, minimum fee, or more.
Remarks: No. of members No. of Ministers
No. of churches Value of church property \$ Amount
paid for repairs on church property during the year \$
Amount donated to pastors \$ Amount spent for Christian
education \$; foreign
\$ Any other amount paid out as follows, namely \$
Our Association petitions for next session. Yes, No
Sec., P. O.
UNION MEETING REPORT
We the send as
(Name of Union Meeting)
as delegates
to repre-
sent us in the State Body. Our annual fee (Minimum) \$ is one fourth per cent capita of our membership.
Note. Union meetings are entitled to one delegate for each
1000 members or fraction thereof.
Clerk
LOCAL CHURCH REPORT
We the Free Will Baptist Church
of Christ send to represent us in your honorable body
who is duly recommend-
ed to assist in all transaction of the body.
We send our annual fee (Minimum) \$ or more, and
pray God's blessing upon the cause. We are members of the
Association of Original Free Will
Baptist Church of Christ.
Clerk.

# Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist

### DIRECTORY

Moderator, Eld. K. V. Shutes	Thomasville,	Ga.
Ass't Moderator, Eld. H. L. Catrett	Colquitt,	Ga.
SecTreas., Eld. T. B. Mellette	Blakely,	Ga.
Ass't. Sec., Eld. F. E. Crosby	_ Hazlehurst,	Ga.
Field Secretary, Eld. L. C. Johnson	_ Glennville,	Ga.
Foreign Mission Sec., Don Wheeler	Alma,	Ga.
State Evangelist, Eld. K. V. Shutes	Thomasville,	Ga.
—HOME MISSION BOARD—		
Eld. T. B. Mellette, Ch., SecTreas	Blakely,	Ga.
Eld. F. E. Crosby	Hazlehurst,	Ga.
Bro. W. E. Lane	Iron City,	Ga.
-BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-		
Eld. S. T. Shutes, Ch	Colquitt,	Ga.
A. D. Ivey, SecTreas	Jakin,	Ga.
Eld. F. E. Crosby	_ Hazlehurst,	Ga.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE	C-14	<b>C</b> -
	Colquitt,	Ga.
Eld. S. T. Shutes  Eld. L. C. Johnson  Eld. C. J. Harvey	Glennville,	Ga.
Eld. C. J. Harvey	Camilla,	Ga.
Eld. H. L. Catrett	Calanitt	<b>C</b>