

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixth Annual Session
OF THE
Georgia State Association
OF THE
Original Free Will Baptist
Church Of Jesus Christ

Which convened with Glennville Free Will Baptist Church,
Glennville, Georgia on November 10, 11, 1942.

Next session to convene with Greenwood Free Will Baptist
Church on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 17, 1943.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

L. C. Johnson, Chairman, T. B. Mellette, A. D. Ivey, W. R.
Barber, Don Wheeler, H. L. Catrett.

H. L. Catrett, Moderator	-----	Colquitt, Ga.
T. B. Mellette, Secretary	-----	Hilton, Ga.
A. D. Ivey, Treasurer	-----	Jakin, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS

On the regular days the Georgia State Association convened with Glennville Free Will Baptist Church, Glennville,, Georgia on Tuesday, November 10 and Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1942

After the song service there was a prayer by Bro. R. B. Pyles.

The devotional services were conducted by the Eld. H. L. Catrett. who read from Colossians 3:15. Prayer was offered by the Eld. S. " Shutes.

Welcome address was given by Bro. H. N. Baxter and the response by Eld. S. T. Shutes.

The Credential committee was appointed as follows: W. E. Lane, C. J. Harvey, O. F. Everson.

Enrollment of Ministers, namely: H. L. Catrett, E. C. Morris, W. C. Coleman, C. J. Harvey, S. T. Shutes, and J. D. Payne.

Song and praise service was led by Eld. S. T. Shutes.

The Moderator's annual message was given at thistime, using Isaiah 62:10 "Lift Up a Standard For the People."

Recessed for refreshments. Everybody was taken to the community hall and served a delicious dinner.

AFTERNOON

Song service led by Eld. S. T. Shutes. Prayer by Eld. W. C. Coleman.

Devotional conducted by Eld. C. J. Harvey, scripture text I Samuel 15:22.

Report of treasurer. Made and accepted by body. See report elsewhere.

Report of Credential Committee. Report accepted. See report

Motion carried that delegates be seated.

Appointed committees as follows

Resolutions: Elds. S T. Shutes, W. C. Coleman, C. J. Harvey.

Temperance: Mrs. J. F. Harman, Bro. H. N. Baxter, Bro. R. B. Pyles.

At this time there was a round table discussion led by Mrs. E. C. Davidson. Subject "Laborers together with God through our church, our Association, and our National Association." Those taking part in the discussion were Elds. C. J. Harvey, S. T Shutes, H. L. Catrett, and Bro. R. B. Pyles. Each discussion was very interesting.

By motion we seated Eld. and Mrs E. C. Morris of North Carolina

with the body.

By motion of body, Eld. S. T. Shutes conducted song and praise service and Eld E. C. Morris brought the evening message. Text II Kings 7:3 "Why sit we here until we die."

After announcements the body adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

"Amazing Grace" was sung by entire audience. Devotional by Eld. J. D. Payne. Scripture Romans 12:2.

Call for report of Field Secretary. By motion of body reports of Field Secy., S. S. Secy., Foreign Mission and Home Missions be deferred until 1943 session.

By motion we accepted the resignation of Eld. C. J. Harvey as Field Secretary.

Report of National Association by Miss Gladys Lewis. This report was very encouraging.

Temperance Committee reported. See report.

Report of Resolution Committee made and accepted. See report.

The midday message was brought by Eld. S. T. Shutes, using John 5:19. Said message was very inspiring.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Song and praise service by Eld. E. C. Morris

A very inspiring devotional was conducted by Mrs. P. H. Baxter, using many scriptures and readings.

Song, "Close to Thee" was sung by congregation.

By motion H. L. Catrett was elected moderator, to fill Eld. L. C. Johnson's unexpired term.

H. L. Catrett turned in his resignation as vice-moderator, which was accepted.

Eld J. D. Payne of Danville, Georgia was elected vice-moderator.

By motion Eld. J. D. Payne was elected a member of the Executive Board.

By motion the moderator appointed delegates to the National Association. The following were appointed: Bros. W. R. Barber, R. B. Pyles, G. W. Cloud, Chester E. Long, and W. L. Lee.

By motion Bro. W. L. Lee was placed on Board of Education in lieu of Mack Robinson.

A motion was carried that the moderator appoint correspondents from the State Association to the District Associations for the purpose of encouraging greater interests and cooperation from those various bodies to the State Association. The following were named: To the Union Assn. Eld S. T. Shutes, to the Midway Assn. Eld. C. J. Harvey, to the Ga. Union--W. E. Lane, to the Martin--Eld. J. D. Payne. To South Ga.--O. F. Everson, to Chattahoochee Assn.-- Eld. E. C. Morris, Ogeechee Assn.-- E. C. Davidson, Little River Assn.--Eld. H L Catrett.

There being two petitions for the next session of this Assn. one from Ga. Union Assn. and one from Union Assn., the Association voted to hold the next session with the Union Association at Greenwood Church, eight miles southwest of Camilla on the Camilla and Bainbridge highway.

Bros. A. D. Ivey, W. L. Cleveland, and Miss Annie C. Zorn were retained on Program Committee.

The body gave a rising vote of thanks to the Glennville church and the people of Glennville, Georgia, for their hospitality in entertaining this association.

By motion the clerk protem was authorized to have five hundred minutes printed on competitive basis.

A motion that the clerk be paid \$10.00 for his service.

By motion we adjourned with the audience singing "Wonderful Peace" took the parting hand and adjourned to meet with Greenwood Church eight miles west of Camilla, Georgia on Camilla and Bainbridge highway. November 16 and 17, 1943.

Thus closed a most lovely session of the Georgia State Association.

H. L. Catrett, Moderator
W. R. Barber, Clerk Protem.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

So far as any intensive statewide program of education, we have none, but effective plans are being carried out in some sections.

We know that any principle or act that is for good, properly presented, is Christian Education. Therefore, the auxiliaries of the church is Christian Education and we are proud of the progress achieved. The training camp was and is a phase of the Christian Educational work. We are glad to say that good has been accomplished and that the building program is still in progress so keep on until the job is completed.

We urge a loyal support for the Bible school in Nashville, Tennessee with influence and finance. We suggest that special offerings be taken for the school at least twice during the year. Also we ask that training school be taught in each church by the pastor at a convenient time

for both the church and pastor. Further, we ask that Brother W. L. Lee be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Brother Mack Robinson on the board.

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. Shutes, Chairman.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee do resolve that:

I The \$22.00 which was raised for Brother L. C. Johnson in the 1941 session for expense of Cuba deputation, and was not used by him, but returned, be placed in Home Mission Treasure.

II. The \$65.00 received for sale of Gospel tent be used by Home Mission Board.

III. The Field worker be selected by the Home Mission Board at such a time as deemed necessary by the board.

IV. Since our Moderator, Bro. L. C. Johnson has accepted the presidency of the Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee and moved out of our midst that this body elect a moderator to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the moving of Bro. Johnson to Nashville Tennessee. This is to be done without any reflection on Bro. Johnson whatsoever, but to have a moderator who can give time and study to the state's work.

V. We, the Georgia State Association support the church program with a quarterly offering to be sent to our State Treasurer A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Georgia to be allocated as per our 1941 session, 50 per cent for National program, 37 1-2 per cent to State work (Home Mission) and 12 1-2 per cent to Training camp, and we ask that the treasurer do this monthly so the various boards will at all times know how much cash they have to work with.

Respectfully submitted
S. T. Shutes
C. J. Harvey

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, your committee on temperance submit our report as follows: Much has been said about intemperance but we urge practical temperance rather than merely talking against intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. F. Harmor
H. N. Baxter
R. B. Pyle

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

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

ARTICLE II

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

Section II. 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 laity of the church.

Section IV. Each association representing in this body shall pay annually into the treasure 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 treasure of this body; each local shall pay annually a minimum fee, or more, of one dollar (\$1.00) into the treasure 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 meetings 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 Mission. 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 treasure of the same, or unless otherwise designated by the board.

Section IV. Board of Religious Education. The 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 occurs either by death, or removal from office, or by resignation the body shall fill the vacancy either by proxy, 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 calendar.

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 constitute 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-thirds vote of the members present in 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 time be read at least twice in open session.

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

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We the Credential Committee submit the following report:

Martin Association ----- Del.--W. R. Barber.	Fee	\$5.00
Martin Union ----- Del.--W. E. Lane	Fee	\$2.50
New Home Church No. 1: (Martin Assn.) ----- By Proxy	Fee	\$1.00
Midway Association ----- Del.--R. B. Pyle	Fee	\$9.00
Midway Union ----- Del.--O. F. Everson	Fee	\$4.25
Oak Grove Church ----- By Letter	Fee	\$1.00
Macedonia, Florida ----- By Letter	Fee	\$1.00
Union Association ----- Mrs. Clyde Harmon	Fee	\$5.00
Union Meeting of Union Assn. ----- Del.--W. L. Lee	Fee	\$2.50
Greenwood Church ----- Del.--Mrs. C. J. Harvey	Fee	\$1.00
Georgia Union Association ----- Del.--Mrs. J. D. Payne	Fee	\$5.00
South Georgia Association ----- Del.--H.N. Baxter and Mrs. Ida Baxter	Fee	\$5.00
Memorial Church: (South Ga.) ----- Del.--S. M. Blanton	Fee	\$1.00
Macedonia Church, Georgia: (Midway Assn.) ----- By Letter	Fee	\$1.00
No. Assn. represented 5--No. Churches 6--Union Meetings 3.		
Total cash received -----		\$44.25

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Lane
C. I. Harvey
O. F. Everson

Georgia State Association Treasurer Report

1941	Received	Paid out
Nov. 13--Paid by Mrs C. J. Harvey from Clements Bridge Church	\$1.00	
Nov. 13 Paid By Mrs. J. F. Harman from Greenwood Church	\$1.00	
Nov. 13 Paid by State Association	\$43.27	
Nov 13 Paid T. B. Mellette, Clerk		\$5.00
Nov. 28 Paid By T. B. Mellette for tent	\$65.00	
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Jan. 8 Paid by Bro. E. C. Davidson	\$5.00	
Feb. 1 Paid by A. D. Ivey	\$10.00	
Feb 17 Paid Bro. L. C. Johnson		\$22.00
April 4 Paid for minutes		\$30.00
June 28 Rec. from L. C. Johnson	\$22.00	
TOTAL	\$147.27	\$57.00
 BALANCE ON HAND	 \$90.27	

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 brethren _____

The same being well 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 \$_____. Amount spent for home mission \$_____; foreign \$_____. Any other amount paid as follows, namely \$_____

Our Association petitions for next session. Yes _____, No _____

_____ Mod., P. O.

_____ Secy., P. O.

UNION MEETING REPORT

We the _____ send as
(Name of Union Meeting)

delegates _____

_____ to represent us in the State Body. Our annual fee (Minimum) \$_____ is one fourth per cent per 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 in your honorable body _____

_____ who is duly recommended 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 a member of the _____ Association of Original Free Will Baptist Church of Christ.

_____ Clerk