

1945

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Ninth Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Georgia State Association**  
**OF THE**  
**Original Free Will Baptist**  
**Church of Jesus Christ**  
**WHICH CONVENED WITH**  
**Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14, 1945**



**OFFICERS**

ELDER H. L. CATRETT, Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Colquitt, Ga.  
ELDER K. V. SHUTES, Assistant Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Colquitt, Ga.  
W. R. BARBER, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Colquitt, Ga.  
A. D. IVEY, Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jakin, Ga.  
ELDER E. C. MORRIS, Field Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Glennville, Ga.

---

The next session will be held with Little Bethel Church, two miles Northeast of Ideal, Georgia, on November 11, 12, 13, 1946.

## BOARDS

**Executive**—Elders H. L. Catrett, S. T. Shutes, E. C. Morris, Bros. W. A. Barber and A. B. Ivey.

**Planning**—Elders E. C. Morris, S. T. Shutes, C. J. Harvey and Bro. W. L. Cleveland.

**Mission**—W. L. Cleveland, Elder C. J. Harvey, to serve four years each. Elder H. L. Knighton, John Ross and Elder J. D. Little, to serve two years each. G. W. Cloud, to serve four years. O. F. Everson.

**Superannuation**—W. L. Cleveland, J. B. Kerns, E. C. Davidson, R. B. Pyles, C. A. Parker, W. H. Nobles and W. H. Corbett.

**Religious Education**—Elder S. T. Shutes, C. J. Faison, G. C. King, Elder F. B. Cherry, W. R. Langford, W. M. Wilson and W. R. Barber.

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS ATTENDING

**Martin Association**—Elder C. H. Catrett, Colquitt, Ga.; Elder R. C. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.; Elder B. W. Clenney.

**Chattahoochee Association**—Elder H. L. Knighton, Phenix City, Ala.; Elder P. E. Knighton, Phenix City, Ala.; Elder Coy Watson, Buena Vista, Ga.; Elder J. B. Lumpkins, Howard, Ga.

**Georgia Union Association**—Elder J. B. Langford, Unadilla, Ga.; Elder G. C. Sullivan, Vienna, Ga.; Elder N. R. Sullivan, Unadilla, Ga.; Elder C. J. Bowen, Cordele, Ga.

**South Georgia Association**—Elder E. C. Morris, Glennville, Ga.

**Midway Association**—Elder W. F. McDuffie, Morgan, Ga.; Elder S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.

**Union Association**—Elder C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.

**Visiting Ministers**—Elder L. C. Johnson, Tupelo, Miss.; Elder K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.; Elder R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.; Elder J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tenn.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Ninth Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convened with Double Branch Church, Pinehurst, Dooley County, Ga., November 12, 13, 14, 1945, at 7:00 P. M. Song and praise service by the congregation. Devotions by Elder J. B. Langford.

After the devotions, Elder K. V. Shutes of Cordova, Alabama, delivered the opening sermon, reading John 4:29-36, subject: "Harvest White Already." The speaker handled the subject very forcibly, laying a splendid foundation for the work of the association. At the conclusion of the evening service, the delegates and visitors were assigned homes and then the body adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Dismissed by Elder C. R. Houston.

## TUESDAY MORNING

The Association was opened with song and praise service by the congregation. Devotions led by Bro. E. C. Davidson, reading Psalms 133.

The welcome address was delivered by Elder N. R. Sullivan and the response was by Elder E. C. Morris.

Next was the Moderator's message, subject: "The Great Needs of Our Church." This message was delivered in a very interesting and timely way.

At this time, ministers and delegates were enrolled. (See enrollments.)

Motion carried that all delegates be seated and the session committees be appointed.

Committees appointed as follows:

Credentials—Elder B. W. Clenney and Bros. J. A. Crosby and G. W. Cloud.

Temperance—Elders P. E. Knighton, K. V. Shutes, Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Bro. G. W. Cloud and H. C. Corbett.

Elder J. L. Little was appointed to serve on the Planning Board in the place of Bro. W. L. Cleveland for the session.

The business was called off until the afternoon and the morning worship was entered into. The associational sermon was delivered by Elder L. C. Johnson of Tupelo, Miss. He read Joshua 1:1. The sermon was said to be a masterpiece in detail.

Recessed for the noon meal and recreation. Benediction by Elder N. R. Sullivan.

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

The body came together at the appointed hour and after a brief song and praise service by the congregation, Elder C. R. Houston led in a devotion, reading Psalms 99.

The Moderator called for reports of the National Association at this time. The delegates who attended the National Association, Mrs. J. F. Harmon, Bros. G. C. King and G. W. Cloud, gave timely reports.

The General Treasurer's report was read at this time and by motion it was accepted. (See reports.)

At this time, special music was arranged by Elders H. L. Catrett, E. C. Morris, J. R. Davidson and S. T. Shutes.

The report of the Planning Board was read and placed on the table until Wednesday morning.

Report of the Temperance Committee was read and the same adopted after duly discussed. (See reports.)

Motion carried, that the business be adjourned until Wednesday morning, 9:30.

Benediction by Elder W. F. McDuffie.

After the benediction the table was spread and all present enjoyed a great feast.

After the evening meal the congregation reassembled for the evening worshipful service. Several congregational hymns were sung, then Mrs. J. F. Harmon led in a very spiritual devotion, reading Luke 24:1-16. After the devotions, the sermon of the evening was delivered by Elder J. B. Lumpkin using as his text Mark 16:15. The message was delivered with much zeal and earnestness.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder C. J. Harvey.

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING**

After the usual song and praise service by the congregation, the devotional was conducted by Bro. G. W. Cloud, reading John 9:1-8.

The first item of business was that of hearing the final report of the Credentials Committee and by motion it was accepted. (See reports.)

At this time the Moderator appointed delegates to the National Association as follows:



W. R. Barber from the Martin Association, Colquitt, Ga.; Paul Earvin from the Midway Association, Newton, Ga.; Mrs. J. F. Harmon from the Union Association, Camilla, Ga.; E. C. Davidson from the South Georgia Association, Glennville, Ga.; G. C. King from the Chattahoochee Association, Sylvester, Ga.

The Superannuation Board made report and the same was accepted. (See reports.)

The report of the Planning Board was taken from the table and acted upon section by section. (See reports and the Constitution.)

The Field Secretary's report was read and the same accepted. (See reports.)

The Report of the Mission Board was read and by motion it was accepted. (See reports.)

Motion carried, that the body adjourn business for the preaching hour and after special music was rendered by Elders E. C. Morris, H. L. Catrett, S. T. Shutes and J. R. Davidson, the Moderator presented Elder J. R. Davidson, who is business manager of the Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., to the body as the guest speaker. The minister read Eph. 1:1-10 and based his message on this passage. The sermon was delivered in great power, and at the close, an offering was taken for the College Expansion Campaign which amounted to \$77.00, then the meeting stood adjourned for the noonday meal and recreation.

Again the ladies of the community spread the table and another feast, with coffee and tea, was greatly enjoyed.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The body came together for the final service and business. The congregation sang several hymns after which the devotion was led by Elder B. W. Clenney, reading Matt. 7:7-9. After the devotion the final business items were attended to.

A motion was made and carried, that all the same general officers be retained in office for the ensuing term. (See list of officers elsewhere.)

Motion carried that board members be elected according to the constitutional provision. (See list of board members elsewhere.)

Motion carried, that the body adjourn to meet with Little Bethel Church, two miles Northeast of Ideal, Ga., on the A. B. & C. R. R. and No. 90 highway. Those

traveling by bus will be met at Rupert, Ga., between Butler and Ellaville on No. 19 highway.

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

District associations, union meetings and churches represented with delegates and contributions as follows:

#### Associations

Martin, J. R. Roland, delegate .....	\$ 5.00
Midway .....	10.00
South Georgia, G. W. Cloud, delegate .....	10.00
Union, Mrs. C. J. Harvey and J. H. McKenney, delegates..	5.00
Georgia Union .....	5.00
Chattahoochee .....	10.00

#### Union Meetings

Martin Union .....	2.55
Georgia Union Quarterly, A. C. Holmes, delegate .....	2.50
South Georgia Union, Bro. and Sis. E. C. Davidson, delegates .....	5.00

#### Churches

Travelers Rest, Paul Irvin, delegate .....	2.00
Oak Grove, S. F. Boyd, delegate .....	5.00
Macedonia, Alvin Day, delegate .....	5.00
Blakely .....	2.00
Macedonia .....	1.00
Glennville, Mary Kicklighter, delegate .....	2.00
Ebenezer .....	5.00
Greenwood, Mrs. J. F. Harmon, delegate .....	1.00
Pine Level, W. W. Estes, delegate .....	1.00
Bulla Springs, B. J. Johnson, delegate .....	1.00
Pleasant Hill, W. R. Langford, delegate .....	1.00
Double Branch, J. A. Crosby, delegate .....	1.00
New Prospect .....	2.00
St. James, Sister Johnnie Dukes, delegate .....	2.00
New Bethel, J. J. Fowler, delegate .....	1.00
Providence, C. A. Parker, delegate .....	2.00
Ozias, H. C. Corbett and B. F. Guest, delegates .....	5.00
Sunnyside, E. Williams, delegate .....	2.00

Total paid .....\$ 96.05

### REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

The following is a brief summary of the activities of the State Mission Board ending November 12, 1945:

This board has held four sessions this year. The first was with the joint session with the other boards at Midway Church, December 12, 1944. After a lengthy discussion on ways and means, we decided that the Secretary should contact some person in each district association not represented on the board, asking them to make a survey of their bounds and report to him the best place for our Evangelist to work. Two were contacted, only one made the survey. It was agreed to meet again at St. James

Church in February to complete our plans for launching an evangelistic campaign.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay for receipt cards.

The second session was held at St. James Church, as had been planned, but owing to the fact that the evangelist which had been employed did not meet with us our meeting could do no business. However, we agreed later to employ Rev. Ralph Lightsey for full time through the summer months. Bro. Lightsey began working for us the first of June.

The third session was held at Greenwood Church, June 27, during the Young People's Encampment.

At this session, the Board decided it unwise to continue with Bro. Lightsey as Evangelist unless he would agree to discontinue his pastoral work and devote all his time with us. Bro. Lightsey offered his resignation to the board owing to the general condition of his health, his resignation to take effect the last of July. The resignation was accepted. The seven weeks Bro. Lightsey gave to this field of endeavor was considered profitable indeed.

At this session, the Board agreed to leave the matter of employing an evangelist with Bro. W. L. Cleveland, without calling the board in session. He was authorized to employ any one he considered competent to carry out the plans of the board. Later, the board members were notified that Rev. F. B. Cherry had been employed for half time at a salary of \$75.00 per month plus essential traveling expenses.

The fourth session was held with New Prospect Church in connection with the Annual Joint session of all boards.

We regretted the absence of Bro. Cleveland at this session, especially since all members had attended all the previous sessions of the Board. In the absence of Bro. Cleveland, Bro. B. W. Clenney was used as proxy.

The action of the chairman, in that of employing an evangelist, was approved by the board. Bro. Cherry was requested to make monthly reports and send all funds collected to the secretary of the board. He was also authorized to make up his own itinerary for the time being.

On motion, we begin a survey of the state with a view of beginning a campaign at an early date of organizing and building churches in some of the towns and cities of Georgia.

We further agreed to lend \$50.00 to the publication fund in order that the paper may continue to be published and if found necessary this loan become a donation.

In the evangelistic efforts for the year on the part of the board, there were thirty-five open confessions of Christ reported beside many church members rededicating their lives to the cause.

The year's activities now coming to a close will, we believe, prove a great blessing to the cause, even in years to come.

Yours to serve,

W. L. CLEVELAND, Chairman,

C. J. HARVEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

Ending November 5, 1945

Nov. 14, 1944. Balance on hand, Home Mission  
Funds .....\$ 306.41



Received during the year, 1944:

Nov. 15.	Greenwood Auxiliary .....	7.00
Nov. 16.	Pine Level, South Georgia .....	25.00
Nov. 22.	St. James League and Auxiliary .....	3.75
Dec. 12.	Midway League .....	7.00
Dec. 29.	State Association, A. D. Ivey, Treas. ....	300.00
Dec. 29.	Travelers Rest Church .....	23.75
Dec. 31.	Union Association Union .....	9.50

1945:

Jan. 8.	South Georgia Union .....	7.50
Jan. 11.	Martin Union .....	25.00
Jan. 14.	Patmos Auxiliary .....	6.50
Feb. 3.	New Home Sunday School .....	10.00
Feb. 6.	Pine Level Church, South Georgia .....	8.15
Feb. 6.	Mount Zion Church ((Rowena) .....	5.00
Feb. 6.	Travelers Rest Church .....	5.00
Feb. 27.	New Home Church .....	2.25
Mar. 30.	Midway District Auxiliary .....	3.05
Apr. 3.	Glennville Church .....	10.00
Apr. 16.	Ozias Church .....	5.00
Apr. 19.	New Salem Church .....	4.25
Apr. 27.	Bellview Sunday School .....	2.70
Apr. 29.	Greenwood League .....	1.00
May 10.	South Georgia Union .....	5.00
May 14.	Georgia Union Quarterly .....	10.00
June 20.	Ebenezer Church .....	12.75
June 25.	Georgia Woman's Auxiliary .....	52.33
June 27.	St. James Church .....	10.00
June 27.	St. James .....	4.08
July 6.	Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Evangelist .....	157.54
July 6.	Mrs. W. A. Sellers .....	1.00
July 21.	New Prospect Church .....	4.15
July 21.	Bellview Sunday School .....	3.81
July 27.	Ozias Church .....	5.00
Aug. 3.	Report of Rev. Ralph Lightsey .....	124.59
Aug. 3.	South Georgia Union .....	4.35
Sept. 10.	Bro. C. R. Houston .....	1.45
Sept. 25.	St. James Church .....	8.00
Oct. 10.	Trinity Church .....	5.00
Oct. 5.	Report of F. B. Cherry, Evangelist .....	126.26
Oct. 11.	Georgia Union Association .....	29.20
Oct. 11.	Georgia Union Quarterly Conference .....	2.00
Oct. 14.	Bellview Sunday School .....	2.50
Oct. 16.	South Georgia Union .....	5.25
Nov. 2.	Report of F. B. Cherry, Evangelist .....	183.34
Nov. 10.	Patmos Auxiliary .....	5.00
Nov. 10.	Greenwood Auxiliary .....	2.00

Total .....\$1,542.41

Home Mission Funds Paid Out:

1944:

Nov. 15.	Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Leaflets and Postage..\$	10.25
Dec. 12.	Rev. C. J. Harvey, Printing Cards .....	2.75

1945:

Mar. 14.	W. L. Cleveland, Mileage to Columbus .....	10.70
Apr. 6.	C. J. Harvey, Mileage to Columbus .....	5.20



June 27.	Rev. J. F. Miller, National Treasurer .....	74.38
July 7.	Rev. Ralph Lightsey, June Salary and Mileage .....	165.75
July 7.	Exchange on Checks at Various Times .....	.80
Aug. 3.	Rev. Lightsey, Salary (3 wks.), Mileage .....	125.00
Sept. 25.	Rev. H. L. Knighton, Mileage to Greenwood .....	11.70
Oct. 6.	Rev. F. B. Cherry, Salary and Mileage .....	96.00
Nov. 2.	Rev. F. B. Cherry, Salary and Mileage .....	138.60
Nov. 2.	Rev. F. B. Cherry, On Gospel Herald .....	50.00

Total .....\$ 691.13

Nov. 13, 1945. Balance in Treasury .....\$ 851.28

### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS

#### Received, 1944:

Nov. 15.	Balance on Hand .....	\$ 32.50
Nov. 22.	St. James League and Auxiliary .....	3.75
Dec. 29.	Allocation from State Association .....	100.00

#### 1945:

Jan. 8.	South Georgia Union .....	7.50
Mar. 30.	Midway District Auxiliary .....	3.00
Apr. 3.	St. Paul Church .....	14.50
Apr. 4.	Glennville Church .....	10.00
Apr. 11.	Greenwood Auxiliary .....	2.00
Apr. 16.	Ozias Church .....	5.00
Apr. 27.	Bellview Sunday School .....	2.65
Apr. 29.	Greenwood League .....	1.00
May 10.	South Georgia Union .....	5.00
June 20.	Ebenezer Church .....	12.75
June 25.	Georgia Auxiliary Convention .....	52.33
June 28.	St. James Church .....	10.00
June 28.	St. James Church .....	4.07
July 21.	New Prospect Church .....	4.10
July 27.	Ozias Church .....	5.00
Aug. 16.	Greenwood Auxiliary .....	2.60
Aug. 28.	South Georgia Union .....	4.30
Sept. 10.	C. R. Houston .....	1.40
Sept. 25.	St. James Church .....	8.00
Oct. 10.	Trinity Church .....	5.00
Oct. 10.	Georgia Union Quarterly Conference .....	1.00
Oct. 16.	South Georgia Union .....	5.25
Oct. 16.	Bellview Sunday School .....	2.50

Total .....\$ 305.20

#### Paid Out:

#### 1944:

Dec. 12.	To C. J. Harvey for Printing .....	2.75
----------	------------------------------------	------

#### 1945:

Apr. 4.	To Rev. Winford Davis, Nat. Treas. ....	160.34
Apr. 11.	To Rev. Winford Davis, Nat. Treas. ....	26.50

Total .....\$ 189.59

Nov. 13, 1945, Balance on hand for Foreign Missions...\$ 115.61

## REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Since we realize there is much intemperance among our people in speech, dress, drink, thought and deed, we recommend a more fully consecrated ministry and laity, as the only means of causing us to live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world.

REV. K. V. SHUTES,  
REV. P. E. KNIGHTON,  
H. C. CORBITT.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

(General Fund)

A. D. IVEY, Treasurer

### Received, 1944:

Nov. 15.	Balance on hand	\$ 625.14
Nov. 15.	Martin Union Meeting	11.50
Nov. 15.	Harmony Church	30.00
Nov. 15.	Offering at State Association	66.35
Nov. 15.	General Association Fund	118.25

### 1945:

Jan. 20.	Martin Union Meeting	17.70
Mar. 22.	Ladies' Auxiliary, Midway Association	5.37
Apr. 22.	Open Pond Church	25.33
May 2.	Martin Association	14.30
Nov. 7.	South Georgia Association	25.00
Nov. 11.	Midway Association	391.36

Total \$1,347.42

### Disbursements, 1944:

Nov. 16.	Rev. E. C. Morris, Mileage and Postage	\$ 56.75
Dec. 8.	Alabama Orphanage	23.75
Dec. 17.	Rev. C. J. Harvey, for Missions	523.75
Dec. 17.	C. J. Faison, for Education	23.75
Dec. 18.	Superannuation, by A. D. Ivey	23.75
Dec. 17.	C. J. Faison, for Free Will Bible College	12.20

### 1945:

Mar. 15.	Printing of Minutes	123.00
Mar. 15.	W. R. Barber, Clerk Service	15.00
July 11.	National Association	50.00
Oct. 8.	Moderator Service	10.00
Oct. 8.	Rev. H. L. Catrett, Mileage	8.30
Oct. 8.	Rev. H. L. Knighton, Mileage	25.60
Oct. 19.	Rev. C. J. Harvey	7.60

Total \$ 903.45

Balance on Hand \$ 443.97

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

A. D. IVEY, Treasurer

### Received, 1944:

Nov. 16.	Balance on hand	\$ 146.75
Nov. 16.	Martin Union Meeting	25.87

Nov. 17.	Pine Level Church .....	20.00
Dec. 26.	Mrs. C. J. Harvey .....	2.00
Dec. 29.	Midway Union Meeting .....	19.65

1945:

Jan. 22.	South Georgia Association .....	9.00
Apr. 19.	South Georgia Association .....	6.25
Apr. 25.	South Georgia Association .....	12.90
May 11.	Martin Union Meeting .....	7.92
May 13.	Midway Association .....	20.00
June 22.	Ebenezer Church .....	3.00
Sept. 10.	Midway Association .....	16.00
Oct. 10.	Martin Union Meeting .....	9.98
Nov. 1.	St. James Church .....	7.20
Nov. 5.	South Georgia Association .....	12.00

Total .....\$ 318.52

Disbursements, 1945:

Jan. 12.	J. O. Fort, Treas., Nat. Super. Bd. ....	\$ 27.62
May 13.	J. O. Fort, Treas., Nat. Super Bd. ....	56.07

Total .....\$ 83.69

Balance on hand .....\$ 234.83

### REPORT OF THE FIELD SECRETARY

For the past two years your Field Secretary has gone into every section of the state where our denomination is represented. The observations have been extensive and the information obtained from our representative groups, we believe, will prove very beneficial to the cause. No one would dare say that there is no opposition to our march of progress, however, the existing opposition seems to be the means of a greater awakening among those desiring unity and development. We know the wind that sways the trees promotes their growth, so may those opposing forces in our midst be the means of stirring our consciences to a greater depth for fellowship and goodwill. May we encourage every optimistic trend and endeavor to dispel the gloom. It is imperative that all of us understand every phase of our endeavors if we should be in full accord, therefore, it is necessary that all our people be properly informed and that those who oppose may be dealt with in sympathy and love.

The following activities have engaged our time during the past year:

This office has sent out fifty letters and forty postal cards during the year. Several State Minutes have been mailed to those requesting them, some out of the state who have requested information on our organizational set up.

As usual, your Field Secretary has been engaged extensively in revival work which enabled him to observe the conditions in many places where, otherwise, he would not have gone. Nine churches in five district associations have been visited in revival work and seven other churches in other districts were visited on other occasions. Every district in the state has been visited in one way or another. Eight Union Meetings in five districts were attended and five annual sessions of associations have been attended. The associations which were not attended have been

reached through correspondence and the statistics from all the associations have been obtained and tabulated which is being given herewith. In gathering the statistics from the field we find it very difficult to obtain accurate information owing to the various forms of reporting. Our Planning Board has drafted a letter form which is being urged for use by all our associations. The blank form is found in our State Minutes.

### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR TWO YEARS COMPARED

	1944	1945
Number of district associations.....	8	8
Number of churches reported .....	101	117
Total membership reported .....	8,435	8,652
Number received by baptism .....	270	329
Number received by letters .....	95	98
Number received other ways .....	70	66
Total number received .....	435	493
Lost by expulsion .....	14	24
Lost by deaths .....	90	90
Total number lost .....	221	209
Total increase .....	214	284
Number of Sunday Schools reported .....	47	59
Number of churches having Leagues .....	11	16
Number of churches having Auxiliaries .....	29	18
Number of churches having Weekly Prayer Services .....	9	19
Paid Pastors .....	\$18,070.72	\$19,835.77
Paid Evangelists .....	3,170.22	4,771.53
Paid for Missions .....	663.00	1,116.13
Paid for Education .....	1,056.52	1,547.75
Paid for Building and Repairs .....	8,118.25	16,264.72
Paid for Superannuation .....	320.71	248.83
Paid for all other causes not listed .....	3,144.97	3,019.93
<b>Total Reported Paid .....</b>	<b>\$34,544.87</b>	<b>\$46,804.65</b>
Value of Church property reported .....	\$100,865.00	\$152,059.00
Number of ordained ministers .....	104	113
Number of licensed ministers .....	17	19

Note—There are 13 churches reported which are located out of the state, seven in Florida and three in Alabama. There are 45 counties of the state where we have churches located, which is some less than one-third of the number of counties in the state. There are more than one hundred counties in the state which we might consider a mission field for our denomination.

Humbly submitted,  
E. C. MORRIS, F. S.

### REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

1. We recommend a letter form for the various associations to use in representing in the State Association, the same to appear in the minutes.
2. We recommend that all funds for State Associations be sent to the State Treasurer, to be prorated to each board, if not otherwise designated.



3. We recommend that the Planning Committee be made a standing board of four members of the State Association.

4. We advise that the Clerk have printed on a competitive basis 800 minutes and properly distributed, also that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services and the Moderator allowed \$10.00 for his services.

5. That we extend to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for the splendid manner of entertainment given this 1945 session of the Georgia State Association.

6. We recommend that the arranging of the program for the State Association be placed under the supervision of the Planning Board.

7. Since there are two invitations for the 1946 session of this body, one from the Chattahoochee Association and one from the Ozias Church near Pearson, Georgia, we recommend that this body decide by popular vote where the next session shall be held.

8. We recommend the election of an auditing committee whose duty it shall be to audit the books of the various treasurers of the Association.

9. We recommend the investigation of having our State Treasurer bonded, and if the findings are within our financial status, that the Executive Board proceed with the bonding of the Treasurer.

E. C. MORRIS,  
S. T. SHUTES,  
C. J. HARVEY,  
J. D. LITTLE.

#### MINUTES OF THE JOINT SESSION OF BOARDS

A joint session of all the state boards was held at Ozias Church, Pearson, Georgia, on December 4, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. H. L. Catrett, Chairman of the Executive Board. After a praise service in song and prayer led by Elder C. J. Harvey, the purpose of the meeting was explained by the chairman, then the various boards organized and reported to the Executive Board. The Executive Board then adjourned while the various boards held separate sessions. After brief sessions of each board, all came together and the body was recessed for the noon hour.

The ladies of the church spread a very sumptuous meal which was enjoyed by all present.

After the refreshments had been served, the chairman called the body together, then song and praise service by congregation. Rev. F. B. Cherry was asked to bring a devotional message. He read Matt. 28, and then delivered a very inspiring message. Prayer was offered by Elder J. D. Little.

All the boards were called in open session and each made separate reports to the Executive Board.

Motion carried, to accept recommendation of the Planning Board, which is attached hereto.

Elder C. J. Harvey offered his resignation as a member of the Superannuation Board and the same was accepted. Bro. J. B. Kurns was elected to succeed Bro. Harvey on the Superannuation Board.

Motion carried, that the Executive Board authorize the Chairman of the Educational Board to secure a charter for the Promotional Board.

Motion carried, that each board member driving a car to attend board meetings be paid five cents per mile one way.

Motion carried, that the publication of the paper be left in the hands of the Educational Board.

Motion carried, that we give a rising vote of thanks to Ozias Church and community for the hospitality shown while in this session of the boards.

### **RECOMMENDATION BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

We, the Planning Board, seeing the need of all our work being represented to our people, do recommend that a field worker be employed full time jointly by all the boards and that this field worker be under the supervision of the Executive Board and that his salary be provided for from the general funds before allocations are made. Further that the Executive Board work jointly with the other boards in securing this worker and arranging the contract by which he and the board shall be governed.

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Preamble**

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia, do ordain this constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ.

### **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, an assistant moderator, a secretary and assistant secretary, a treasurer, and a field secretary. The Executive Board shall be composed of all regular officers of the association.

Section 2. This association shall be composed of all active ministers who are members of an affiliated body, one delegate for every 500 members or a fraction thereof of each affiliated association, one delegate for every 1,000 members or a fraction thereof of each affiliated union meeting and one delegate for every 100 members or a fraction thereof of any affiliated local Free Will Baptist Church.

Section 3. All delegates from associations, union meetings and local churches shall be elected from the laity of the church.

Section 4. Funds to meet the current and benevolent allocations shall be paid in on a voluntary basis to the treasurer of this association, however, it is suggested that each affiliated body contribute as a minimum in the order following: Each district association, one-half of one per cent per capita of their respective membership and \$5.00 in addition for the National Association dues. Each Union Meeting, one-fourth of one per cent per capita of their respective membership and each local church according to their ability.

Note—An association with 1,000 members should pay in as a minimum, \$5.00 contribution and \$5.00 National Association dues. A union meeting with 1,000 members should pay as a minimum \$2.50. All other associations and union meetings should pay accordingly.

### Article III

Section 1. It shall be the privilege of each affiliated district association to furnish a member for each of the standing boards with the term of office being four years, approximately fifty per cent of the boards being elected at each election year, the number of each board, however, shall not be less than four.

Section 2. There shall be a board of missions composed of members who are noted for missionary zeal and they shall have the supervision of all mission interest sponsored by this body both home and foreign. Undesignated funds sent to the general treasurer shall be allocated by the body and undesignated mission funds shall be equally divided between home and foreign interest.

Section 3. The board of religious education shall be a promotional board and shall keep the body informed of all religious education sponsored by the body and make such recommendations as shall be deemed necessary from time to time.

Section 4. There shall be a board of superannuation who shall make plans and rules which shall be in harmony with the National Superannuation Board and shall be authorized to formulate plans whereby necessary funds may be raised for superannuated purposes.

### Article IV

Section 1. All officers except board members shall be elected to serve a term of two years.

Section 2. Any officer may be re-elected as the body shall see fit but the officer or nominee must give his consent to serve willingly.

3. When vacancies occur, for any cause, they shall be filled by the Executive Board, or by any of the standing boards, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, until the time of the regular election of officers.

Section 4. Election years shall take place on the odd years of the calendar.

Section 5. Any member who fails in the function of his or her duties without a reason, the board to which the delinquent member has been elected shall declare the office vacant. Further, the 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 and the members of a local church shall constitute a charge against said member in this body and the body shall abide accordingly.

Section 6. The duties of officers, not defined, shall be the same as those of any regular deliberative bodies.

### Amendments

This Constitution shall not be changed or altered except by a majority 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.



## DISTRICT ASSOCIATION LETTER TO STATE ASSOCIATION

The \_\_\_\_\_ District Association  
is sending the following delegates to represent us in the Honor-  
able State Body when convening with \_\_\_\_\_  
Church in \_\_\_\_\_ County, whom we pray that  
you will be pleased to receive to council with you in the said  
session:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Statistics

No. Churches \_\_\_\_\_ Total membership \_\_\_\_\_ No. receiv-  
ed by baptism \_\_\_\_\_ No. received by letters \_\_\_\_\_  
No. received in other ways \_\_\_\_\_ No. excluded \_\_\_\_\_  
No. dismissed by letters \_\_\_\_\_ No. died \_\_\_\_\_  
No. churches having Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_ No. enrolled in  
Sunday Schools \_\_\_\_\_ No. churches having Leagues \_\_\_\_\_  
No. League enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ No. churches having Woman's  
Auxiliaries \_\_\_\_\_ No. Auxiliaries enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ No.  
churches having Weekly Prayer Services \_\_\_\_\_ No. churches  
having full time service \_\_\_\_\_ No. having half-time service \_\_\_\_\_  
No. having less than half-time service \_\_\_\_\_.

### Financial Statistics

Paid Pastors \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Evangelists \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Paid for Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid for Superannuation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid for Christian Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Paid for building and repairs \$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid for all other  
causes not listed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Value of church property  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

### Ministers

No. ordained ministers \_\_\_\_\_ No. licensed ministers \_\_\_\_\_

This done by order of the Association, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk's Address \_\_\_\_\_