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The fifth session of the Georgia State Convention of the United Freewill Baptists was held with Ebenezer church, Tattnall county, Ga., November 9th and 10th, 1921.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Parker.
The body was dismissed for dinner, to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Met per adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator, J. A. Blanton. Sang hymn. Prayer by D. J. DeLoach. Moderator announced the Convention was ready to transact business.

First called for correspondent Associations and churches and the following were enrolled:

Midway—T. G. Harvey, R. A. Hudson and James Cheshire.

Georgia Union—Rev. Neel H. Parrish, A. L. Davidson.

Little River—By Neel H. Parish, proxy.

Chattahoochee—Rev. A. J. Parker.

Liberty—By Proxy, Rev. Neel H. Parish.

South Georgia—D. W. Zone, N. H. Baxter, D. J. DeLoach and H. A. Kennedy.

After enrolling the above Associations and delegates, permanently organized by electing J. A. Blanton, Moderator; James Cheshire, Clerk; T. G. Harvey, Treasurer; D. W. Zone, Corresponding Secretary.

Motion that chairman of Executive Committee appoint two others on Board Committee. R. A. Hudson, chairman, appointed A. L. Davidson and W. H. DeLoach.

Motion that Moderator appoint a committee of five to draft Constitution. Committee appointed as follows: A. J. Parker, Neel H. Parish, N. H. Baxton, R. A. Hudson and D. J. DeLoach.

Motion to adjourn till Thursday morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by R. A. Hudson. Dismissed by Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met per adjournment.

Committee on Constitution not ready to report. Failed to have morning session.

At 11 o'clock preaching by Rev. A. J. Parker. It was another instructive and spiritual sermon.

Adjourned for dinner until 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met per adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator.
gaSn song. Prayer by Rev. A. L. Davidson.

Motion to hear report of committee on Constitution. The same was presented and adopted.

Amendment to the Decorum was presented and adopted.

Motion that the Convention meet with Ozion church, Atkinson county, on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1922. Delegates will be met at Pearso on Wednesday morning, which is on the A. C. L. from Tifton to Waycross. The church is seven miles south of Pearson.

Motion that ministers, clerks and officials of the various Associations be official members in this body.

Motion that Bro. J. A. Blanton represent us in the National Convention to be held at Marshall, N. C.

Motion to hear the Treasurer's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

Amount on hand at 1922 Convention	\$232.94
Received at this Convention	60.25
Total	\$293.19
Paid out for printing minutes	\$30.00
Paid out for postage	1.00
Paid out for clerk	16.00
Balance	\$247.19

T. G. HARVEY, Treasurer.

Motion to receive report.

Motion to pay Clerk \$15.00.

Motion that we tender our thanks to the church and community for their kind hospitality.

Motion to adjourn to meet with O'Zion church, in the Little River Association, Atkinson county, Ga., on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November. Delegates will be met at Pearson on the A. C. L. Railroad from Tifton to Waycross on Wednesday morning. The church is seven miles south of Pearson.

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Parker. Dismissed by Rev. Neel H. Parish.

J. A. BLANTON, Moderator.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION OF STATE CONVENTION OF UNITED FREEWILL BAPTISTS.

1. Original United Freewill Baptists of Georgia resolve: That we the representatives of the Associations here represented, do form ourselves into a convention known as the State Convention of Georgia.

2. It shall be composed of such Associations in the State of Georgia as believe in and teach the original doctrines as declared in their articles of our faith and are controlled by the Constitution, Government, Law and General Policy of our original Associations.

3. This Convention shall not discuss Doctrines and Queries. It shall be purely advisory. It has no shadow of authority over the Associations composing it; it can only give advice that might with equal authority be given by every individual. Each Association shall be left to transact its own business without supervision or interference.

4. It shall be the object of this Convention to evangelize the State of Georgia, and to strive to do and accomplish many other things necessary to the expansion and progress of our cause, such as Education and Christian Benevolence, that we feel that we can accomplish as a body of Associations, that no one isolated Association can accomplish.

5. This Convention while in session shall by careful investigation and research, endeavor to find out what the Associations most need to accomplish the work most necessary to be done for the general good of our cause in our State and endeavor to provide by which same may be done.

6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Convention by a majority of Associations here represented.

A. J. PARKER, Chairman.

COVENANT.

Convention Covenant of the Georgia State Convention of Freewill Baptists:

Be it resolved by all Ministers and their representatives composing the Annual Convention of Free-Will Baptists of the State of Georgia, That we Covenant and agree together, and solemnly pledge that we shall, each of us, hereafter strive, individually and together, while in session and between sessions, to promote a real spirit of progress in our Denomination. That we will encourage, admonish and in every Christian way awake and promote an interest in the cause of Missions in our churches and Associations. We Covenant to give liberally of our own means and to encourage others to follow our example.

We will encourage Ministerial and all other church support as will tend to advance our Denomination more progressively.

DECORUM OF THE GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS.

Each session of this Convention shall hereafter convene on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November of each year.

We shall organize by first receiving reports from the Ministers and Delegates representing the various churches and Associations of Freewill Baptists in the State of Georgia. After hearing reports and letters from said churches and Associations, we shall elect the following officers: A Moderator, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer.

The Moderator shall be elected from the list of Ministers of the Association in which the body is in Convention.

Any church of an orderly Association shall be allowed one delegate.

Each Association shall have the right to inaugurate any system of Missions which may seem to them most proper, for the extension of church work in the bounds of the Association.

All churches and Associations shall be expected to assist in the cause of State Missions, by sending up to the Treasurer of this Convention, at each regular session, such funds as may be collected by them in following the recommendations of the Convention.

The Convention shall enjoy the right to make such disposition of any and all funds sent up to the Treasurer, as they may deem to be of greatest good in the advancement of the Cause of the Free-Will Baptist Denomination in the State of Georgia.

This Convention shall have the right to appoint Evangelists for the State at large. However, each Association shall enjoy the right to appoint such Evangelists when they desire.

Any Association holding membership in this Convention shall be considered no longer a member if they shall depart from the original doctrines and practices of the Freewill Baptist church; or if any Association shall receive into her fellowship any church or preacher that stands expelled from any sister church or Association.