

MINUTES

Georgia State Convention

—OF—

Original United
Free Will Baptists

CONVENED WITH PLEASANT HILL CHURCH DOLLY
COUNTY, GA WEDNESDAY, NOV. THE 5TH, 1924.

NEXT SESSION

WILL CONVENE WITH ORANGE GROVE CHURCH
LOWNDES COUNTY, GA. WEDNESDAY NOVEM-
BER THE 4TH, 1925

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. A. L. Davidson, Pineview, Ga.

Secretary, Rev. A. L. Sellars, Hahira, Ga.

Treasurer, T. G. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.

Field Secretary, Neal H. Parish, Blountstown, Fla.

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The Georgia State Convention of Original United Free Will Baptists, met with Pleasant Hill church of the Georgia Union Association, in Dooly County, Georgia, on Wednesday, November the 5th, 1924.

The Convention was opened with Devotional exercise, conducted by Eld. Neal H. Parish; Bro. Parish giving an inspiring talk from 2nd, Chapter of Nehemiah on building the Kingdom of God. Prayer by Bro. W. B. Griffin.

Convention was then called to order by Eld. Neal H. Parish, he calling for Delegates from the several Associations and churches; These responding in the following order.

Georgia Union Association:-

C. H. Hobbs, J. N. Sangster, R. H. Mashburn, Rev. Neal H. Parish, Rev. A. L. Davidson and C. J. Harvey.

Liberty Association:-

Rev. A. L. Sellers.

Little River Association:-

Rev. J. A. Powers, Rev. J. B. Harris, J. G. Cowart, Carson Parish and J. J. Barnes.

Midway Association:-

Rev. W. T. Wiley and W. B. Griffin.

The foregoing brethern having given report; It was moved and carried that all Delegates and Ministers present be seated and the Body declared in regular order for transaction of business.

The first business being to elect Officers, these being as follows: Rev. A. L. Davidson, Moderator, Rev. A. L. Sellers, Secretary, Rev. Neal H. Parish, Field Secretary and Bro. T. G. Harvey, Treasurer.

Moderator called for Correspondents from other States, Rev. J. T. Knight responded from the Blountstown Association of Florida, giving encouraging reports of the work now going on in the bounds of this new Association; The hand of fellowship was given Brother Knight, he being made welcome to sit with us in our deliberations.

Moved and carried that we adjourn for Preaching and refreshments, to re-convene at 1:30 o'clock. Preaching by Rev. J. A. Powers, Text 8th, verse, 9th, Chapter 2nd, Corrinthians.

Wednesday, P. M.

The body was called together as per adjournment; Song and Prayer. The Committees were appointed as follows; Missions Rev. Neal H. Parish, Rev. Harris, R. H. Mashburn,

Committee on Resolution:- Rev. J. A. Powers, C. H. Hobbs, W. B. Griffin, J. G. Cowart and C. J. Harvey.

Committee on Finance:- J. N. Sangster, Rev. A. L. Sellars, Carson Parish and J. J. Barnes.

Moved and carried that we adjourn until Wednesday A. M. 9:30. Adjourned by song and Benediction by Rev. J. B. Harris.

Thursday, A. M.

Convention called to order after Devotional service conducted by Rev. Neal H. Parish. Prayer by Bro. C. J. Harvey. Moderator called for the report of Committees; Following are the reports same as adopted.

Resolution Committee:-

We, your Committee on Resolutions offer the following as our report.

I: Be it resolved that we will endeavor to raise the sum of \$1.00 per Male member among our several churches, to help in finishing our College which is now in course of construction at Ayden, N. C. The funds thus secured to be sent to the next regular session of this Convention and, in turn the same to be sent by the Treasurer to the College.

II: That we warn our Pastors to exercise greater care in making sure that men are in good standing before they allow them to fill our Pulpits.

III: That we warn our Pastors and churches against one R. A. Mathews, as an Imposter; Also, against their using J. M. Emanuel, he now standing expelled from Lake Bradford church in Florida, for unchristian conduct.

IV: That in view of the high regards in which the Midway Association has been held by Sister Associations, it is most painful to us to learn that she is allowing J. M. Emanuel to serve as Pastor of one or more of her churches Especially is this true, when we know that our Sister Association is in a position to know that he is an expelled member from Lake Bradford church; It is with a deep sense of love that we beg them to discontinue his service and sever all relations with him by the next regular session of the Convention; we feel that this position taken by this Convention is in strict harmony with former rulings of our General Conference of the United States, in matters of this nature.

V: That our Minutes show that the Martin Association is in a state of disorder, they having received into their fellowship, Churches expelled by Sister Associations and, for carrying on their Ministerial Roll, Preachers who stand expelled by sister churches, and further, that we declare ourselves as holding no fellowship with such condition. J. A. Powers, Chairman.

Committee on Finance:- We, your Committee on Finance beg to make the following as our report. Received at this session.

From Pleasant Hill Church,	\$14.00
From Christian Hill	" \$10.03
From Double Branches	" \$ 2.00
From Loves Chapel	" \$ 4.12
From Orange Grove	" \$26.70
From Oak Grove	" \$ 2.85
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	\$59.70

This gives us a total received at this session for State Missions \$59.70; We wish to commend the churches that sent this for, it

sets an example, showing other churches just how easy it is to raise funds in the support of Missions. Respectfully submitted. J. N. Sangster, Chairman.

Committee on Missions:—We, your committee on Missions, beg to report as follows; We have noted with pleasure, that a few of our churches, namely, Pleasant Hill, Christian Hill, Double Branches, Loves Chapel, Oak Grove and Orange Grove, have sent up to this session amounts which prove how encouragingly successful we, as a Denomination, could soon reach every nook and corner of the state with our Doctrines and organize churches if only, all our churches would imitate the example set by these churches; We therefore, beg our Ministers to become aroused to the point of action and agitate the worthy cause of Missions among their churches, taking collections for this purpose and send same to the next session.

We recommend that this Convention go on record as standing for World Missions; Let all our churches evidence a full belief in the Gospel, by taking a decided stand for financing our grand old cause, for Christ hath commanded that the Gospel be preached to all Nations and to every creature. We beg each Pastor and church to adopt the plan of taking Free Will Offerings for state Missions.

Submitted most prayerfully. Neal H. Parish. Chairman.

It was moved and carried that all of the foregoing Committee reports be received and adopted and, Committees released.

Miscellaneous Business.

It was moved and carried that our present Mission Board be relieved and, that the following Brethren be elected in their stead.

The New Mission Board

Rev. A. L. Sellars-Chairman. J. G. Cowart, C. J. Harvey, T. G. Harvey and W. B. Griffin.

Moved and carried that the next regular session of this Convention convene with Orange Grove church, Lowndes County, Georgia, on Wednesday, November the 7th, at 10. O'Clock A. M.

Moved and carried that we have printed, 700 Copies of Minutes to be distributed among the several churches of the Associations.

Moved and carried that the Mission funds now on hand may be disbursed by the Mission Board as they may see proper.

Carried that the Introductory sermon be preached by Eld. Neal H. Parish, with Eld. W. T. Wiley as Alternate.

A rising vote of thanks was given the church and Community for the very generous way they have entertained this session and, for the spirit of brotherly love they have manifested toward us.

Moved and carried that we correspond with the North Carolina State Convention by Minutes.

Carried that we correspond with the South Carolina Conference by Messenger, Eld. Neal H. Parish was elected Messenger.

Moved that we Pay our clerk \$10.00 for services.

No other business, the Convention adjourned to meet with Orange Grove church, Near Hahira, Georgia, Wednesday, November the 7th, at 10. O'Clock, A. M.

Benedictory Prayer by Rev. J. T. Knight.

Rev. A. L. Davidson, Moderator.

Rev. A. L. Sellars Secretary.

Constitution of State Convention of Original 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 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

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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 Conventions 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 means 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.

Covenant

Convention Covenant of the Georgia State Convention of Original Freewill Baptists:

Be it resolved by all Ministers and their representatives composing the Annual Convention of Original Freewill 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 other to follow our example.

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

Decorum of the Georgia State Convention of Original United 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 the 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 sessions, 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 Original Freewill 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 Baptists church; or if any Association shall receive into her fellowship any church or preacher that stands expelled from any sister church or Association.