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The Georgia State Convention of Original United Free Will Baptists met with Orange Grove church of the Little River Association in Lowndes county, Wednesday Nov. 4, 1925.

The Convention was opened with Devotional exercises. Brothers Parrish and Wiley being absent, Brother J. D. Little preached the introductory using Ephesians 2-10; 2nd Timothy, 2-15 and 7-17 as text. His sermon was very inspiring. Closing prayer by Brother James Chesher.

Convention called together at 2 p. m. by Rev. A. L. Davidson by singing, "Love Lifted Me," and reading a part of the 12th Chap. of Rom., and prayer by Rev. J. G. Harris.

He calls for delegates from the different Associations and churches and they respond as follows:

Georgia Union Association—J. R. Davidson, W. W. Barfield, R. M. McGlammery and Neal H. Parish.

Little River Association—J. W. Powers, J. D. Little, J. S. Cowart and W. M. Cowart.

Liberty Association—A. L. Sellers and Jodie Pope.

Midway Association—J. G. Harris, T. G. Harvey, James Chesher, W. B. Griffin, A. D. Avery, W. T. Hudson, E. C. Williams and E. S. Chesher.

These brethren having reported it was moved and carried that all Ministers and Delegates 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: J. D. Little, Moderator; A. L. Sellers, Secretary and T. G. Harvey, Treasurer.

On Devotional Service—W. E. Griffin, J. H. Cowart and W. M. Barfield.

On Resolutions—Neal H. Parish, T. G. Harvey, Arthur Davidson, E. C. Williams and W. M. Cowart.

On Missions—J. G. Harris, Bob McGlammery and J. W. Powers.

On Finance—C. J. Harvey, A. D. Ivey and Jodie Pope.

Moved and carried that we have a committee on Literature. James Chesher, J. R. Davidson and W. T. Hudson were elected on this committee.

The committees report as follows:

On Devotion—Brother J. G. Harris preach tonight and Brother Neal H. Parish close. Brother A. L. Davidson preach to morrow at eleven followed by Brother E. C. Williams.

J. H. COWART, Chairman.

After several interesting discussions on the needs of the church the Convention adjourned to re-assemble Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Convention met Thursday morning as per adjournment. Prayer by Bro. T. G. Harvey.

1st. Called for report on Missions. They reported as follows:

We your committee see the great need of this work being published in all parts of our State. Therefore we beg this body to put in force some plan for the maintenance of this worthy cause both with means and qualified men to go and publish this needed cause.

J. G. HARRIS, Chairman.

On Resolutions—We your Committee submit the following:

1st. That the first paragraph of the Decorum be changed to read, that each session of the Convention shall convene on the last Wednesday in September in each year.

2nd. Resolved further: That we declare the new ideas of Santification being a second work of Grace, and absolute perfection of the flesh as being contrary to the doctrine and Articles of Faith of the Free Will Baptists and alien to the Free Will Baptist church.

We ask our churches and Associations not to continue as Free Will Baptist preachers those who preach and advocate as doctrine those two ideas.

T. G. HARVEY, Chairman.

On Education and Literature—We the Committee recommend that our pastors and churches take active steps to raise funds to help finish and maintain our school at Ayden. That our pastors take public collections one Sunday in every quarter for that purpose, and that each church and pastor endeavor to make it one dollar per capita.

We also recommend that our people take and read our paper, "The Free Will Baptist," and use our Sunday School Literature published at Ayden.

We further recommend that our pastors and churches take greater interest in our Young People's League work, and endeavor to organize Young People's League wherever it is possible to maintain it. Also that our young people use "The Friend" published by our Publishing Company.

JAMES CHESHER, Chairman.

On Finance— We your committee on finance report the following:

Received by J. R. Davidson for Pleasant Hill church.....	\$9.00
By A. L. Davidson for Christian Hill church.....	\$5.00
By Games Chesher for the Midway Association.....	\$10.00
By J. A. Powers for Orange Grove church.....	\$9.70
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Total	\$33.70

Moved and carried that the foregoing reports be received and the committees released.

Moved and carried to adjourn for preaching.

After a very interesting sermon by Bros. Davidson and Williams, from text St. Luke 4-43 we were dismissed for refreshment by Brother Little to reassemble at 1:30 p. m.

Called together as per adjournment by singing No. 231 in Church Hymnal.

Miscellaneous Business.

Moved and carried there be a committee appointed to meet the Educational move of Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Rev. Neal H. Parish and Rev. J. G. Harris were appointed.

Moved and carried that we print five hundred minutes.

Moved and carried that we print in this minute what is being done with the Free Will Offering money. That is shown in the Treasurer's report.

Moved and carried that we pay the Clerk ten (\$10.00) dollars for his service. Also that the next Convention meet with Open Pond church in the Midway Association. Rev. E. C. Williams to preach the introductory sermon.

Moved and carried that we have a program committee.

Rev. H. L. Davidson and J. D. Little be this committee.

Moved and carried that this body extend a vote of thanks to this church and community for the kind and generous way they have cared for this body while in their midst.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand from 1923.....	\$41.52
Received from C. J. Harvey.....	\$ 1.00

Total	\$42.52
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Paid General Conference	\$10.00
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Balance on hand	\$32.52
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A. L. Sellers, Assistant Treasurer 1924 rec.....	\$59.50
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Paid for printing Minutes.....	\$19.50
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Received as Clerk.....	\$10.00
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Received as Clerk, 1925.....	\$10.00
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Balance on hand.....	\$20.20
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Total Balance	\$52.72
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1925 funds	\$33.70
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Total on hand	\$86.42
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