

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

OF THE

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Which convened with

Bethlehem Church, Crisp Co., Ga., Oct 10, 1930.

REV. NEAL H. PARRISH, Moderator Hahira, Ga.
REV. C. J. HARVEY, Clerk Rhine, Ga.
J. H. OWENS, Treasurer Pitts, Ga.

The next session will convene with Mt. Ararat Church, Crisp County, on Friday morning, before the second Sunday in October, 1931.

Those coming by rail will be met at Milan, Ga. on Thursday.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist, convened with Bethlehem church, in Crisp county, Georgia, on Friday morning, October 10, 1930.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Neal H. Parrish, in the absence of W. C. Coleman, appointee.

Lesson was read from the 133 Psalm. Bro Parrish used the first verse for a text. He brought us a soul stirring message on unity.

Dismissed for refreshments by Rev. H. L. Lumpkin.

Friday Afternoon

The body reassembled after adjournment. After song, prayer was offered by Bro. J. T. Bartlett. Devotions by the moderator. Scripture lesson, the 59th chapter of Isaiah. The moderator then called for associational letters.

On motion the moderator appointed Rev. H. L. Lumpkin, and Bro. H. C. Peacock to read the letters. The letters were read and the delegates seated in the following order:

Christian Hill.—John A. Barker, T. B. Rhodes, Mrs. Essie Bruce, Mrs. Nora Rhodes.

Bethlehem.—Mrs. Essie Bartlett, Curtis Tucker, J. T. Bartlett, E. J. Staines.

Antioch.—Mrs. Janie Harvey, W. M. Bailey, J. H. Owens.

Pleasant Hill.—C. H. Hobbs, E. C. Davidson, M. N. Lupo, Mrs. C. H. Hobbs.

Mt. Ararat.—W. L. Peacock, H. C. Peacock, A. D. Clements, C. E. Peacock, Mrs. Katie Renfro.

On motion the officers were elected at follows: Moderator, Rev. Neal H. Parrish; Clerk, Rev. C. J. Harvey; Mission Treasurer, C. H. Hobbs.

Corresponding Messengers responded as follows: From the Chattahoochee Association.—Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Lumpkin. From Union Association.—Rev. J. C. Weathers. The moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to them.

By motion the moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotional.—J. T. Bartlett, M. N. Lupo, H. C. Peacock.

Resolutions.—E. C. Davidson, C. E. Peacock, W. M. Bailey.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers.—C. H. Hobbs, J. H. Owens, W. L. Peacock.

Mission.—A. D. Clements, John C. Barker, T. B. Rhodes.

Finance.—Rev. B. F. Horne, E. J. Staines, Curtis Tucker.

Sabbath Schools.—Mrs. Essie Bruce, Mrs. Janie Harvey, Mrs. Katie Renfro, Mrs. Nora Rhodes.

motion we have a regular committee on Woman's Work.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Janie Harvey, Mrs. C. H. Hobbs, Mrs. Essie

perance—R. J. Tucker, J. T. Bartlett, H. C. Peacock, M. N. Lupo.
motion we suspend regular order of business and take up miscellaneous business.

motion Rev. J. R. Davidson preach the introductory sermon at the session.

Ararat and Christian Hill churches asked for the next session of association.

Ararat received the greater number of votes.

motion we have 200 minutes printed.

motion we give the clerk \$10.00.

motion the following messengers were appointed to the different sessions: To Chattahoochee—Revs. Neal H. Parrish, C. J. Harvey.

Little River—Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

South Georgia—W. L. Peacock, H. C. Peacock.

Blountstown, Salem, Liberty, and North Fla. of Florida; Union of Alabama by minute.

Report of Devotional Committee

Rev. J. C. Weathers preach to night; Rev. B. F. Horne on Saturday at Rock Rev. H. L. Lumpkin close.

J. T. Bartlett, Chm.

Rev. C. J. Harvey.

motion the association close till Saturday at 9 o'clock A. M. After prayer, "Blessed be the tie that binds" the association closed.
Dismissed by Rev. B. F. Horne.

Saturday Morning

called to order by moderator. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Lumpkin. Lesson, Chapter of Ezekiel.

motion Bro. and Sister Slaughter Watson be seated as visitors of Chattahoochee Association.

the moderator called for committee reports, the same being read and discussed as follows:

Report of Mission Committee

We your committee beg leave to make our report. We find that our churches are behind with their mission funds. We ask the pastors to wake up to this important work as we feel and see the need of its benefits.

We recommend that each church organize a mission work and meet at their monthly meeting, and that each member pay his or her dues as far as possible, and that each member be their own judge as to the amount they shall pay.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. D. Clements, Chm.

Report of Sabbath School Committee

We your committee make this report: It gives us great pleasure to report a good live Sunday School in each of our churches, for we know that this is a great and good place to train soldiers for the Lord's service.

Mrs. Nora Rhodes, Chm.

The body here took a rising vote of appreciation to our churches for their efforts in the Sunday School work.

Report of Woman's Work Committee

We find that our churches do not report any Woman's Work, and as we feel the need of such work in our churches, we ask our brethren and sisters to help us that we may get on a higher plane of work.

Mrs. Janie Harvey, Chm.

Report of Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers

We find all churches in good standing, also all the ministers in good standing.

C. H. Hobbs, Chm.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Dear brethren, seeing as we find that because of lack of financial support of the cause in general among us, our denomination is gradually wasting, churches are going down and in numbers of cases ceasing to exist; and it being evident that as a people, we have heretofore disregarded in large measure resolutions passed by our association, and this evidently is the main reason for our work retarding and wasting, and it is clear to all of us, therefore, Be it resolved by this body, That the members of this body go back to their respective churches and exert every energy and righteous effort to agitate an awakening among our whole membership for a lively and liberal support of our association's mission treasury.

E. C. Davidson, Chm.

Report of Committee on Temperance

We find some intemperance in our ranks, and we ask our pastors and deacons to look more deeply into the matter and exhort the brethren to be more temperate in all things.

B. J. Tucker, Chm.

On motion a letter from Double Branch church be read. The delegates were seated as follows: T. F. Crosby, Mrs. Sarah Crosby, Miss Susie Crosby, W. R. Langford.

An intermission of ten minutes was taken before preaching.
Dismissed by Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

Saturday Afternoon

called to order as per adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Owens.
moderator read the sixth chapter of Acts.

motion we hear the Finance Committee report
find in the association treasury \$.13
this session 47.50
Total \$47.63
find in mission treasury 28.35
up this time 23.53
Total \$51.88

B. F. HORNE, Chm.

motion the clerk draw on the associational treasurer for our General
conference fee for this year and on Mission Treasurer for next year's fee.
motion we send Revs. C. J. Harvey and Neal H. Parrish to represent
the General Conference and that association and mission treasurer pay
expense.

motion we pay corresponding messengers' expense.
motion we retain our Mission Board and Executive Committee as
appear in the former minute.
motion we take an offering to pay the Moderator's expense. Received

motion the moderator appoint a committee to select an Ordaining
l.

motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to Bethlehem church and
nity for the hospitality extended to us during this session.

motion we have union meeting proceedings printed in association
s.

motion we adjourn after general hand-shaking. Benediction and
by Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

Neal H. Parrish, Moderator.

C. J. Harvey, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers and Their Postoffices

I. Parrish Hahira, Ga.
Horne Milan, Ga.
Coleman Hazlehurst, Ga.
Davidson Davis, N. C.
Davidson Glennville, Ga.
Harvey Rhine, Ga. Rt.

Licentiates

B. J. Tucker Cordele, Ga. Rt. A.
C. E. Peacock Moultrie, Ga.

Executive Committee

J. H. Owens, Pitts, Ga. Rt.
C. H. Hobbs Cordele, Ga. Rt.
W. L. Peacock Milan, Ga. Rt.
C. A. Dunaway Unadilla, Ga. Rt.
E. C. Davidson Pine View, Ga. Rt.

Church Clerks and their Postoffices

Antioch Mrs. W. H. Owens, Pitts, Ga. Route 2.
Bethlehem E. T. Stains, Cordele, Ga. Route A.
Christian Hill John A. Barker, Rochelle, Ga. Rt.
Double Branch A. L. Dunaway, Unadilla, Ga.
Mount Ararat B. I. Peacock, Rhine, Ga. Rt.
Pleasant Hill Arthur Calhoun, Seville, Ga. Rt.

Mission Board

Antioch C. J. Harvey, Pres. Rhine, Ga. Rt. 2
Bethlehem E. J. Stains, Cordele, Ga. Rt. A.
Christian Hill John A. Barker, Rochelle, Ga. Rt.
Double Branch J. P. Nobles, Hawkinsville, Ga. Rt.
Mount Ararat W. L. Peacock, Milan, Ga. Rt.
Pleasant Hill E. C. Davidson, Pine View, Ga. Rt.
C. H. Hobbs, Treasurer, Cordele, Ga. Rt.

Ordaining Council

Rev. Neal H. Parrish Hahira, Ga.
Rev. B. F. Horne Milan, Ga.
Rev. J. R. Davidson Glennville, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

Antioch.—Robert Carroll, Died Feb. 18, 1930. Aged 50 years.
Bethlehem.—J. B. Bryan, Born July 25, 1849, Died April 6, 1930. Luray
Smith, Born Dec. 20, 1915, Died Oct. 25, 1930.
At Rest At Last

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—I. Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, whom God sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven, at the last day, to judge both quick and dead.—1. Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 1:3; John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1. John 2:2.

We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of God, sent through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth us home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in the state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily fell by transgression, and by that means brought on himself a curse and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all who come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached to all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:17; 1. Tim. 2:4.

We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 16:6; Heb. 1:3; 1. John 5:1, 10.

We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II. Tim. 3:16, 17.

We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 1:20; Matt. 23:19, 20; Luke 13:3-5. Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Spirit, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine love to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give heed to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine influence of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45, 65. 1. J. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4. II. Peter 2:1; II. Thess. 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—I. Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8. Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice farther than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31. Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; II. Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

Statistical Table

Churches	Counties	Pastors	Meeting Days	Baptized	Con. Faith	Rec. by letter	Restored	Lettered Out	Deceased	Expelled	Total Mem.	Min. As. Pur.	Home Missions	Paid Pastor	Donation	Gave Visiting Preachers
Antioch -----	Wilcox -----	Joel Little -----	3	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	58	\$10.00	\$ 5.31	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----
Bethlehem -----	Crisp -----	J. C. Weathers -----	1	8	4	--	4	--	1	--	66	3.00	-----	22.25	-----	-----
Christian Hill -----	Wilcox -----	H. L. Lumpkin -----	1	12	7	1	--	4	--	--	100	4.00	3.00	150.00	-----	12.85
Double Branches -----	Dooley -----	W. H. Emerson -----	4	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	5.50	-----	91.06	-----	-----
Mt. Aararat -----	Dodge -----	B. F. Horne -----	4	10	--	5	--	--	--	--	143	10.00	5.00	-----	-----	-----
Pleasant Hill -----	Dooley -----	H. L. Lumpkin -----	2	5	2	--	--	1	1	--	129	15.00	10.22	150.00	-----	-----