

# MINUTES

Of The

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

*Georgia Union Association*

Of The

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Which Convened With

*Christian Hill Church*

Willcox County, Georgia, October 7, 1932.

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Rev. Neal H. Parrish, <i>Moderator</i>	.....	Hahira, Ga.
Rev. C. J. Harvey, <i>Clerk</i>	.....	Pitts, Ga.
J. H. Owens, <i>Treasurer</i>	.....	Pitts, Ga.

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The next session will convene with Double Branches Church  
on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1933.

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# PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association, of the Free Will Baptist, convened with Christian Hill Church in Wilcox County, Georgia, on Friday morning, October 7th, 1932.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. J. Harvey, in absence of Rev. B. F. Horne, appointee. Lesson read from Exodus 17:8-12. Discourse on "Past, Present and Future of our Work." Service closed and dismissed by Rev. H. L. Lumpkin for refreshment.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing "Amazing Grace," prayer was offered by Bro. J. H. McAllister. Devotional from the first chapter of Romans by moderator.

The moderator called for associational letters.

On motion the moderator appointed Revs. H. L. Lumpkin and J. C. Weathers to read letters. Letters were read and delegates seated in the following order:

Christian Hill:—Henry Rhodes, G. T. Rhodes, T. B. Rhodes, James McDuffie, Earnest Barker, Sisters Nora Rhodes, Mattie Cook, Ethel McDuffie and A. N. McDuffie.

Mount Ararat:—W. G. Peacock, T. D. Jump, Mrs. Margeret Jump, Mrs. Pearl Moore, and D. C. Moore.

Antioch:—J. H. Owens, Mrs. Janie Harvey.

Double Branches:—C. A. Dunaway, W. R. Langford, Joe Nobles, W. O. Langford, T. F. Crosby and Miss Susie Crosby.

Pleasant Hill:—W. W. Hobbs, J. W. Clark, C. C. Hobbs, J. W. Hall, and E. C. Davidson.

Bethlehem:—J. T. Bartlett.

On motion officers be elected by acclamation. Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Neal H. Parrish, Moderator; Rev. C. J. Harvey, Clerk; J. H. Owens, Treasurer.

The body being now organized, the moderator called for the regular order of business.

On motion we rescinded act of some former session making J. H. Owens permanent treasurer.

The moderator now called for corresponding messengers. Those responding as follows: Union Association:—J. H. McAllister, J. C. Weathers.

Chattahoochee Association:—Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Lumpkin.

On motion the moderator extend right hand of fellowship to them.

The moderator appointed various committees as follows:

Devotional:—W. B. Langford, E. C. Davidson, Jas. McDuffie.

Resolutions:—J. H. Owens, J. W. Hall, Joe Nobles, W. D. Peacock, J. T. Bartlett.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers:—T. F. Crosby, W. W. Hobbs, G. T. Rhodes.

Mission:—C. J. Harvey, Earnest Barker, D. C. Moore.

Finance:—E. C. Davidson, W. R. Langford, Jas. McDuffie.

Temperance:—Mrs. Jane Harvey, Mrs. Margaret Jump, Mrs. Pearl Moore.

Sabbath School:—W. O. Langford, J. W. Clark, T. D. Jump.

League Work:—Miss Susie Crosby, Mrs. H. L. Lumpkin, Mrs. Ethel McDuffie.

Woman's Work:—Mrs. Mattie Cook, Alvin McDuffie, Mrs. Janie Harvey.

On motion we forego regular routine work and take up miscellaneous work.

On motion we have 200 minutes printed.

On motion Rev. B. F. Horne preach the introductory sermon at the next session.

Invitation for the next session were extended from Double Branches Antioch and Pleasant Hill Churches.

On vote next session goes to Double Branches.

On motion we correspond with the following associations by messengers:

Little River:—Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

South Georgia:—W. L. Peacock and C. J. Harvey.

Chattahoochee:—Revs. C. J. Harvey and Neal H. Parrish.

Union:—J. T. Bartlett and Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

Correspondence by minutes to be left with moderator and clerk.

Rev. C. J. Harvey was elected on the Ordaining Council to fill place vacated by Rev. J. R. Davidson, removing to South Georgia Association.

On motion the moderator appointed W. O. Langford to fill vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by E. C. Davidson resigning.

On motion the moderator appointed the Mission Board (See Table).

On motion we pay the clerk \$5.00 for his services.

On motion we adjourn till 9 o'clock Saturday A. M. Benediction.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by the moderator. After singing, "Revive Us Again," prayer was offered by Rev. H. L. Lumpkin. Devotional by moderator from the 2 chapter of Titus.

On motion we withdraw fellowship from the Benjamin Randall Conference.

The moderator called for committee reports (See reports).

On motion we adjourn for preaching, and then refreshments till one o'clock. Dismissed after preaching by Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by moderator. Prayer by C. H. Hobbs.

On motion we send Rev. Neal H. Parrish to represent us in the General Conference and that he appoint some one to go with him. Rev. C. J. Harvey was appointed.

On motion we extend to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality towards us during our stay in their midst.

On motion we pay correspondents expenses.

On motion the Clerk distribute pamphlets (containing Articles of Faith and other items) among our churches.

On motion the clerk draw on the treasurer for our General Conference fee for last session.

On motion Revs. Parrish and Harvey draw on Mission Treasurer for their expense to the next session.

On motion we adjourn to meet with Double Branches Church one year hence. Benediction.

NEAL H. PARRISH, Moderator.

C. J. HARVEY, Clerk.

#### REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Rev. N. H. Parrish preach to night at 7:30 o'clock; Rev. H. L. Lumpkin preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock; Rev. N. H. Parrish preach tomorrow afternoon.

W. R. LANGFORD, Chm.

#### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We believe our people are growing more intemperate day by day from every standpoint. We hear a lot of talk of legalizing the sale of intoxicants, and to our shame we see many that should oppose any such move who are in favor of it, even some Free Will Baptist preachers, and we want to urge our Christian people to pray and fight earnestly and sincerely that our country may never be so cursed again. That this temptation may never be placed so near our boys and girls, as they are the hope of our church and country of tomorrow.

Brothers and sisters, let us live more temperate.

*Respectfully submitted,*

MRS. JANIE HARVEY, Chm.

#### REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

We find only two units of our work that function in our bounds since our last session, and we regret very much to report that they have ceased their activities. We trust that the leaders of this phase of our work will soon get a vision of service that will enable them to begin their work again with renewed zeal. We appeal to our ministry and leaders to help us not only with their prayers but that they actually help with their presence and means.

A. M. McDUFFIE, Chm.

#### REPORT ON INVESTIGATION

We find all the ministers in good standing, also all the churches. We ask Bethlehem church to rescind the call of Bro. L. S. Yates as this body is not in fellowship with his conference, and call a pastor that is in Gospel order.

*Respectfully submitted,*

T. F. CROSBY, Chm.



## REPORT ON MISSIONS

We find only \$1.76 sent to this session. We deplore this fact, because the world both Christians and sinners, look upon us as a mission church. First, we see the outside world losing confidence in our church as a spiritual guide for them, we Second see our selves losing confidence in our church as a going organization, and we feel like it is all because we have grown so indifferent to the call of the mission spirit, when Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

*Respectfully submitted,*  
C. J. HARVEY, Chm.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved by this body that we endeavor with all our might to put into force every report offered heretofore instead of continually offering so many new reports.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
J. H. OWENS, Chm.

## REPORT ON LEAGUE WORK

We are glad to report three leagues in our association with a total of 108 members. We feel that this is a great work creating an interest and love among our young people for the church, training them to be live, active workers in God's service. We prayerfully urge that all our churches may take up this work.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
SUSIE CROSBY, Chm

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sabbath Schools, find that only three churches of the Georgia Union Association have Sabbath Schools. We ask each pastor of each church to insist on their churches having a Sabbath School.

W. O. LANGFORD, Chm.

## REPORT ON FINANCE

We find a balance in the treasury of .....	\$ 7.92
Sent in to this session for minutes and Associational purposes .....	24.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$32.42</b>
For Missions .....	\$1.76

E. C. DAVIDSON, Chm.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Neal H. Parrish .....	Hahira, Ga.
B. F. Horne .....	Eastman, Ga.
A. L. Davidson .....	Ayden, N. C.
C. J. Harvey .....	Pitts, Ga.

## LICENTIATES

C. E. Peacock .....	Rhine, Ga., Route 2.
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. H. Owens .....	Pitts, Ga.
C. H. Hobbs .....	Cordele, Ga.
W. L. Peacock, .....	Milan, Ga.
C. A. Dunaway .....	Unadilla, Ga.
W. O. Langford .....	Macon, Ga.

## CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Antioch:—Mrs. Bertha Owens .....	Pitts, Ga., Route 2.
Bethlehem:—Ray Morton .....	Cordele, Ga., Route.
Christian Hill:—Earnest Barker, .....	Rochelle, Ga.
Double Branches:—Albert Dunaway .....	Unadilla, Ga., Route 1.
Mt. Ararat:—B. I. Peacock .....	Rhine, Ga., Route 2.
Pleasant Hill:—M. J. Hobbs, .....	Cordele, Ga.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Neal H. Parrish .....	Hahira, Ga.
Rev. B. F. Horne .....	Eastman, Ga.
Rev. C. J. Harvey .....	Pitts, Ga.

## MISSION BOARD

W. W. Hobbs .....	Cordele, Ga., Route B.
W. R. Langford .....	Unadilla, Ga., Route 1.
J. H. Owens .....	Pitts, Ga., Route 2.
G. T. Rhodes .....	Rochelle, Ga., Route 2.
J. T. Bartlett .....	Cordele, Ga., Route A.
W. L. Peacock .....	Milan, Ga., Route 2.
C. H. Hobbs, <i>Treasurer</i> .....	Cordele, Ga.
C. J. Harvey, <i>President</i> .....	Pitts, Ga.

## OBITUARIES

HOBBS:—Mrs. J. N. Hobbs was born April 14, 1888, died November 6, 1930, making her stay on earth 42 yrs., 6 mos. and 22 days. She was the daughter of Mr. W. R. Tharpe. She was married to Mr. J. N. Hobbs, October 10, 1909. To this union were born four children; three daughters and one son. She also reared a step son whom she loved as her own son. She was a faithful member of the F. W. B. church, every ready to do her part in the Master's vineyard. O for more church members as sister Mattie was. She was a shining light to her Sunday School class, ever at her post of duty.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin. The last sad rites were said in the presence of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends. Beneath a mound of lovely flowers, her body was lowered to its last resting place.

No one knows the solemn heart-aches, only those who have lost can tell of the grief that is born in silence for the one we loved so well.

Written by, Mrs. H. L. Lumpkin.

**TIMMONS:**—Bro. J. F. Timmons was born November 22, 1880, died October 8, 1931. Sister J. F. Timmons was born October 13, 1884, died August 27, 1930. They united with the F. W. B. Church in early life. Their Christian lives were the lights in their home church and community. Twelve children were born to the family circle, though it was broken, one having passed away. Brother Timmons was a deacon of Pleasant Hill church. The church feels its loss, yet we will submit to the will of him from whom all our blessings come. It was my privilege as his pastor to visit his home during his last days. He had not forgotten his profession. We knelt beside his bed-side and offered an humble devotion, asking for our Father's will to be done. We hope to meet him beyond the river, where sad partings will be no more.

Sister Timmons, with those little ones that the Lord had blessed the home with, were so often at her place in the church, trying to bring them up to worship the Lord. Her place can never be filled and I would that each of those children would walk in her footsteps. Their remains were laid to rest in the family lot at Midway Cemetery.

By their pastor, Eld H. L. Lumpkin.

**HOBBS:**—Mrs. W. W. Hobbs was born Aug. 1, 1890, making her stay on earth 42 years, 1 month and 14 days. On September 14, many hearts were bowed in sorrow and there were crushed and aching hearts as the soul of Mrs. Annie Tharpe Hobbs winged its way into heaven. She was sick but a few hours. All was done for her that a physician and loved ones could do, but God could do more. He ceased her suffering by saying, "Come up higher." In the presence of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin, her pastor, officiating, the last sad rites were said; and beneath a mound of lovely flowers her body was laid to rest. She leaves to mourn her passing a grief stricken husband, three daughters, Misses Viola, Luella, Celestee and one son, C. W. Hobbs, also a father, two brothers Sanders and Dilard Tharpe of Cordele, Ga. Three sisters: Mrs. Dixon of Alapaha, Ga., Mrs. Tiny Hogan of Ocilla, and Miss Vannie Tharpe of Tifton, Ga.

She was a faithful member in the F. W. B. church and ever willing to do what she could, and every untiring effort will long be remembered by those who knew and loved her. She tried to make others happy ever trying to plant sunshine in the lives that were dark and gladness in the hearts that were sad. She was a devoted wife, and such a loving mother, never tired of administering to the wants of her husband and children.

For a soul so pure and sweet as yours, can never die, but lives on with the angels, while the beautiful home bells ring, in that country where people never die.

Written by one who loved her,

Mrs. H. L. Lumpkin

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. 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 His attributes.—I. Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. 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 freely 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.—I. Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; I. John 2:2.

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

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

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

6. 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 of heaven 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 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I. John 5:1-10.

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

8. 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 14:16-20; Matt. 23:19, 20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45-65; Ps. 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 further 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 2:41, 42; 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	Rec. by letter	Con. Faith	Lettered Out	Expelled	Restored	Deceased	Total Mem.	Min. As. Pur.	Home Missions	Paid Pastor	Paid Visiting Preachers
Antioch	Wilcox	Joel Little	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	\$ 3.50	—	—	—
Bethlehem	Crisp	Joe Williams	13	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	—
Christian Hill	Wilcox	H. L. Lumpkin	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	126	3.00	—	56.00	—
Double Branch	Dooley	H. L. Lumpkin	426	426	—	—	—	—	—	—	123	3.00	—	80.00	—
Double Branch	Dooley	B. F. Horne	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1171	5.00	—	25	19.30
Double Branch	Dooley	H. L. Lumpkin	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1114	10.00	—	151	75.00
Double Branch	Dooley	H. L. Lumpkin	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORT

Double Branches:—Group 2 Seniors 25—Juniors 18—Funds raised \$20.00  
Mt. Ararat:—Group 1 Seniors 24  
Pleasant Hill:—Group 2 Senior 28—Juniors 18—Funds raised \$16.80