

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**Georgia Union Association**  
OF THE  
**Original Free Will Baptist**

**Which convened with Mt. Ararat Church in  
Dodge County, Georgia, October 8, 1937**

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**OFFICERS**

Elder Neal H. Parrish, Moderator ----- Hahira, Ga.  
Elder C. J. Harvey, Clerk ----- Box 252, Camilla, Ga.  
Bro. J. H. Owens, Treasurer ----- Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.  
Bro. Wesley Hobbs, Mission Treasurer ----- Rt. Cordele, Ga.

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Next session will convene with Clements Bridge Church, Mitchell County, Georgia, on Friday morning before the second Sunday in October, 1938. Next Union meeting convenes with Double Branch Church Saturday, May 28, 1938. Introductory sermon by Elder C. J. Harvey.

*June 4th*



## PROCEEDINGS

Forty-third annual session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Mt. Ararat Church, Friday, Oct. 8, 1937. After a soul-searching song and praise service, Elder C. J. Harvey preached the introductory sermon and in his discourse on the reports of the various committees of last session, he used the following scriptures: Judges 7:21; Proverbs 23:32, 22:6; Malachi 3:8; Revelation 2:4-14-20; 3:2-16; Psalms 24:1 and Matthew 17:27.

Benediction for refreshments by Elder C. H. Moore.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Moderator. Prayer offered by Elder C. H. Moore. Devotional and short talk on the responsibility and duty of each delegate by Moderator.

At this time, associational letters were called for. Moderator appointed Elder C. H. Moore and Elder J. C. Weathers to read letters, the same being read and delegates seated in following order:

MT. ARARAT CHURCH—D. C. Moore, T. D. Jump, Sister Margaret Jump; E. R. Peacock, Sister Rachael Peacock, Alton Fleming, Sister Mary Hardin, Roy Pridgen.

PLEASANT HILL—J. W. Hall, J. N. Sangster, C. R. Calhoun, Lewis Clark, Wesley Hobbs, Arthur Calhoun.

BETHLEHEM—J. T. Bartlett.

DOUBLE BRANCH—C. A. Dunaway, George Nobles, T. B. Ethridge, Charlie Thompson.

CHRISTIAN HILL—Earnest Barker, Sister Lola Barker, John A. Barker, Alvin McDuffie. Sister Alvin McDuffie, Sister Nora Rhodes, Clyde Martin.

ANTIOCH—Sister Bertha Owens.

Association organized by electing Elder Neal H. Parrish, Moderator; Elder C. J. Harvey, Clerk; Bro. J. H. Owens, Treasurer; Bro. Wesley Hobbs, Mission Treasurer.

Moderator now called for corresponding messengers. Those responding: Elder and Sister C. H. Moore, from Chattahoochee Association; Elder J. C. Weathers, from Union Association. On motion the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship for association.

On motion, Sister Clyde Harmon, of the Union Association, and Elder C. J. Pitts, of the South Georgia Association, were welcomed as visitors.

Moderator now called for petitionary letters. Clements Bridge Church responded. Letter read and church received and delegates seated as follows: Mrs. Mattie Morey, Albany; Miss Frances Ricks, Baconton; Walter Morey, Baconton. Entire delegation offered right hand of fellowship.

On motion, Moderator appointed regular committees.

Devotional—C. R. Calhoun, Walter Morey, Earnest Barker.

Resolutions—C. A. Dunaway, T. B. Ethridge, C. E. Peacock, C. J. Harvey.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. N. Sangster, J. T. Bartlett, Alton Fleming, J. W. Hall.

Sabbath Schools: Sisters Lola Barker and Mattie Morey.

League and Women's Work—Sisters Alvin McDuffie, Frances Ricks, Rachel Peacock, Clyde Harmon, Nora Rhodes, Margarette Jump, C. H. Moore, Janie Harvey, Mary Hardin, Bertha Owens.

Temperance—Wesley Hobbs, Arthur Calhoun, Charlie Thompson.

Finance—Alvin McDuffie, John A. Barker, Lewis Clark.

Missions—Roy Pridgen, D. C. Moore, C. J. Harvey.

On motion, Devotional Committees report read and adopted. (See reports).

On motion, we took up miscellaneous work.

On motion, we will meet with Clements Bridge Church next session. Elder Neal H. Parrish will preach introductory sermon.

On motion, we pay clerk \$8 for his services.

On motion, we have 500 minutes printed.

On motion, we pay corresponding messengers' expense.

On motion, we correspond with messengers to the following associations: to Little River, Neal H. Parrish; to Union, C. J. Harvey; Chattahoochee, Neal H. Parrish; South Georgia, C. E. Peacock.

On motion, we adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Session opened by singing "To the Work." Prayer offered by Bro. J. N. Sangster. Devotional by Moderator from 15th Psalm.

On motion, we send two Minutes each to pastors in associations we do not correspond with by messenger.

On motion, we adjourned for preaching. Benediction by Elder C. E. Peacock. After having wonderful feast in Elder Moore's discourse on "carnality," dismissed for refreshments.

#### SATURDAY EVENING

Called to order by Moderator after song, "I Would not be Denied." Prayer by Bro. J. W. Hall.

On motion, we donate the funds in mission treasury to Clements Bridge church when they have received deed to property.

Committee reports read and adopted in following order: Resolutions, State of Churches and Character of Ministers, Temperance, Sunday School, League Work, Woman's Work. (See reports.)

By consent of the body, we accepted the report on resolutions as mission committee report also. On motion, we suspend regular order of business and take up miscellaneous work. On motion, Moderator appointed new Mission Board. (See tables.)

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was extended church and community for hospitality shown us during our stay in their midst.

On motion, Elder C. J. Harvey was elected association evangelist. On motion, Elder C. E. Peacock was appointed to do evangelistic

work.

On motion, we adjourn to meet one year hence. After singing "God Be With You," benedictory prayer offered by Elder Neal H. Parrish.

ELDER NEAL H. PARRISH, Moderator.

ELDER C. J. HARVEY, Clerk.

**ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

Elder Neal H. Parrish ----- Hahira, Ga.  
 Elder C. J. Harvey ----- P. O. Box' 252, Camilla, Ga.  
 Elder C. E. Peacock ----- Rt. 3, Eastman, Ga.  
 Elder P. A. Sangster ----- Blackshear, Ga.

**LICENTIATES AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

Bro. Emmett McDuffie ----- Rochelle, Ga.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

J. A. Barker ----- Rt. Rochelle, Ga.  
 C. C. Hobbs ----- Rt. Cordele, Ga.  
 D. C. Moore ----- Rt. 3, Milan, Ga.  
 J. H. Peacock ----- Rt. Eastman, Ga.  
 T. B. Ethridge ----- Rt. Unadilla, Ga.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

Elder Neal H. Parrish ----- Hahira, Ga.  
 Elder C. J. Harvey ----- Camilla, Ga.

**MISSION BOARD**

Mrs. C. J. Harvey, President ----- Camilla, Ga.  
 Wesley Hobbs, Treasurer ----- Cordele, Ga.

**MEMBERS—**

Mrs. Flossie Stokes ----- Hawkinsville, Ga.  
 Mrs. Alvin McDuffie ----- Rochelle, Ga.  
 Miss Frances Ricks ----- Baconton, Ga.  
 Miss Viola Hobbs ----- Cordele, Ga.  
 Mrs. Mary Hardin ----- Milan, Ga.  
 Mrs. Bertha Owens ----- Pitts, Ga.  
 Mrs. Essie Bartlett ----- Cordele, Ga.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	ADDRESSES
Antioch -----	Mrs. Cleo Butler ---	Rt. Pitts, Ga.
Bethlehem -----	Oswald Smith -----	Rt. Cordele, Ga.
Christian Hill -----	Ernest J. Barker ---	Rt. Rochelle, Ga.
Clements Bridge -----	H. G. Davis -----	Rt. Baconton, Ga.
Double Branch -----	Royce Dunaway ---	Rt. Unadilla, Ga.
Mt. Ararat -----	T. D. Jump -----	Rt. Eastman, Ga.
Pleasant Hill -----	Miss Viola Hobbs ---	Rt. Cordele, Ga.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your committee, make this report: Rev. J. C. Weathers preaches tonight. Rev. C. H. Moore preaches Saturday at 11 o'clock.

C. R. CALHOUN, Chairman.

### REPORT ON FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, find no money in the treasury. Paid in from churches as follows:

Antioch, \$3.00; Pleasant Hill, \$8.00; Christian Hill, \$6.00; Double Branch, \$5.00; Bethlehem, \$3.00; Mt. Ararat, \$7.63; Clements Bridge, \$5.05. Total \$37.68.

Mission treasurer paid to Bro. C. J. Harvey \$5.00 for expense on Minutes. Amount left in treasury—\$14.08.

J. W. HOBBS, Treas.

### REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Woman's Work, make this report:

We are very sorry we don't have any organized woman's work in our association. We know this is a good work and we would like to organize. We have in time past urged our pastors to help us in this work, and now we would like to suggest that some plans be made to get someone to help us organize a woman's work in every church, for we feel like it is a good work. We hope that each church will have a woman's work organized by next session of this Association.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Alvin McDuffie, Chairman; Mrs. Janie Harvey, Mrs. Bertha Owens, Mrs. Rachel Peacock, Mrs. Nora Rhodes, Miss Frances Rick.

### COMMITTEE REPORT ON LEAGUE WORK

We, your committee on League Work are happy to say that we find two leagues, one at Double Branch and one at Mt. Ararat. We are very sorry that our other churches don't take up this work. We pray that they may organize one in the near future, for we feel like this is a good work.

We, your committee, ask you to pray for us that we may carry on till Jesus comes.

MRS. ALVIN McDUFFIE, Chairman.

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on temperance, make the following report. We urge that all members of this Association be more temperate in all things. Unless we do these things, we can't expect to accomplish much.

J. W. HALL, Chairman.

### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Sunday school work, wish to call your attention to the words of Jesus which will be found in St. Luke 18:15.



We feel that it is our duty as Christian people to take great interest in the little ones so that they shall be permitted to fill their places. Unless we do this, we feel assured that we are passing up a grand opportunity and at the same time neglecting our duty toward God.

We find that we have only three Sunday schools in our Association. Your committee earnestly prays that we may have more Sunday schools by the time our Association meets one year hence.

MRS. ERNEST J. BARKER, Chairman.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your committee on state of churches and character of ministers make this report.

It gives us much pleasure to find the few churches of our Association in good standing so far as we know, and also the character of our ministers good. It grieves our hearts to know that some of our churches are poor in spirit. We pray that every member of this Association pray much that the spirit of our churches will build up and improve in the near future.

Respectfully, your committee,

J. N. SANGSTER, Chairman.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, offer the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that each family composing this Association be and is hereby requested to send to the next Association \$1.00 for mission work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body appoint an evangelist and that our mission board get behind them and that we give our mission board authority to use funds now in treasury or any funds raised by them.

Prayerfully submitted,

C. A. DUNAWAY, Chairman.

### OUR DEAD

ANTIOCH—Homer Johnson 1937. Mrs. Essie Warren, age about 25.

BETHLEHEM—J. L. Bryant 1895-1936. Mrs. Sallie Tucker, age about 75.

CHRISTIAN HILL—Mrs. Alice Rhodes, 1937.

DOUBLE BRANCH—Mrs. Mary Ann Larryford, 1872-1937. Thomas F. Crosby, 1869-1937. Joe H. McKenny, 1914-1937.

What a wonderful happy day 'twill be

Up there on the golden shore

When we hear Jesus our Saviour say

Shake hands with these loved ones once more.

### 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; 1. 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; Act 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; 1. 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 Scriptures 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; 1. John 5:1-10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—2 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. 28:19, 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; 2 Peter 2:1; 2 Thes. 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 these 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 2:38, 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; 2. 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	Recd by Letter	Con. Faith	Lettered Out	Expelled	Restored	Deceased	Total Mem.	Min. As. Pur.	Home Missions	Paid Pastor
Antioch, Wilcox -----	J. C. Weathers -	3	--	--	--	3	--	--	3	52	\$3.00	--	\$----
Bethlehem, Crisp -----	C. J. Harvey ---	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	47	3.00	--	-----
Christian Hill, Wilcox -----	C. H. Moore ----	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	3	131	6.00	--	102.05
Clements Bridge, Mitchell -----	C. J. Harvey ---	3	6	8	2	--	--	--	--	16	5.05	--	-----
Double Branch, Dooly -----	H. L. Lumpkin --	1	7	--	--	1	--	--	4	144	5.00	--	84.20
Mt. Ararat, Dodge -----	C. E. Peacock ---	4	--	--	1	4	--	--	--	186	7.63	--	24.90
Pleasant Hill, Dooly -----	C. H. Moore ----	2	4	--	--	1	--	--	1	97	8.00	--	71.05