

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**Forty-Fourth Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**Georgia Union Association**  
OF THE  
**Original Free Will Baptist**

Which Convened with Clements Bridge Church, in  
Mitchell County, Georgia, October 7th, 1938

**OFFICERS**

Elder Neal H. Parrish, Moderator ..... Hahira, Ga.  
Elder C. J. Harvey, Secretary and Treasurer ..... Box 252, Camilla, Ga.  
Bro. Wesley Hobbs, Mission Treasurer ..... Rt. A, Cordele, Ga.

Next session will convene with Pleasant Hill Church, Dooly County, Georgia, on Friday morning before the second Sunday in October, 1939. (Oct. 6th, 1939). Introductory by Elder Emmett McDuffie. Next Union meeting convenes with Pleasant Hill Church, Dooly County, Georgia, April 29th and 30th, 1939. Introductory by Elder Emmett McDuffie, alternate, Elder C. E. Peacock.

*A. C. Truluck*

## PROCEEDINGS

Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Clements Bridge Church, Friday, October 7th, 1938. Elder Neal H. Parrish brought us a most encouraging message in an introductory sermon from Second Timothy 2:15. Text: "Study to show thyself approved of God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed." After this discourse dismissed for refreshments.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by moderator by singing "Since Jesus Came Unto My Heart." Prayer offered by Bro. J. N. Hobbs. Devotional by moderator from the 83rd Psalms. Moderator called for associational letters. Churches responded in following order:

CHRISTIAN HILL—Emmett McDuffie.

PLEASANT HILL—J. N. Hobbs, J. W. Hall, J. L. Clark, Ella Clark, Gwendolyn Clark.

BETHLEHEM—J. T. Bartlett.

DOUBLE BRANCH—J. B. Langford, Paul Horne, J. A. Crosby, G. A. Nobles.

CLEMENTS BRIDGE—Floyd Morey, David Morey, J. B. Ricks, Riley Ferguson.

On motion, letters received and delegates seated.

Next, organized by electing officers as follows: Elder Neal H. Parrish, moderator; Eld. C. J. Harvey, secretary; Bro. J. H. Owens, treasurer; Bro. Wesley Hobbs, mission treasurer.

Called for corresponding messengers, Eld. and Sister C. H. Moore, from Chattahoochee. Sister Annie Parrish, from Little River Association, seated as visitors.

On motion, moderator appointed regular committees in following order:

Devotional—J. B. Langford, David Morey, J. A. Crosby.

Resolution—C. J. Harvey, Emmett McDuffie, J. W. Hall.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. N. Hobbs, Floyd Morey, Paul Horne.

Sabbath School—Francis Ricks, Gwendolyn Clark, G. A. Nobles. League and Woman's Work—Janie Harvey, Ella Clark, Sister Moore.

Mission—C. H. Moore, David Morey, J. A. Crosby.

Finance—J. B. Langford, J. L. Clark, Emmett McDuffie.

On motion, devotional committees report read and adopted, (see reports).

On motion, we recess until 9 o'clock, Saturday A. M.

Dismissed by Eld. C. H. Moore.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order as per adjournment. After singing, "Come Thou Fount." Prayer offered by Eld. A. L. Sellars. Devotional by moderator. Moderator called for visitors. Elder and Sister A. L. Sellars from Union Association responded.

On motion, we took up miscellaneous work.

On motion, we pay secretary \$10.00 for his services and that we have 500 minutes printed.

On motion, moderator appointed correspondents to Sister Associations.

To Chattahoochee—Elders Neal H. Parrish and C. J. Harvey.  
 To Union—Elder and Sister C. J. Harvey.  
 To Little River—Elder Neal H. Parrish.

On motion, we correspond with other associations by minute.  
 On motion, letter from Antioch be received and delegation seated.  
 On motion, the office of secretary and treasurer be combined.

C. J. Harvey elected.

On motion, next session meet with Pleasant Hill Church and that Bro. Emmett McDuffie preach introductory sermon.

On motion, Bro. Emmett McDuffie be ordained at this session.  
 (See ordination service).

On motion, Sister Clyde Harmon seated as visitor from Union Association.

On motion, we adjourned for preaching after which we received benediction by Bro. J. H. Owens.

### SATURDAY P. M.

Called to order by singing "Old Time Religion." Prayer offered by Bro. J. H. Peacock.

Short exhortation by moderator, Bro. J. H. Peacock seated as Mt. Ararat delegate.

Committee reports read and adopted in following order:

Sabbath School, State of Churches and Character of Ministers, League and Woman's Work, Finance, Mission, Resolution. (See reports).

On motion, we rewrite Sister Langford's obituary.

On motion, we treat with Benjamin Randall Conference looking to the restoration of some of our churches that went off with that movement.

On motion, Eld. Emmett McDuffie was elected on ordaining council.

### ORDINATION SERVICE

Examination and charge by Eld. Neal H. Parrish. Bro. J. H. Owens and Bro. G. A. Nobles appointed to act on council. Consecration prayer by Eld. C. J. Harvey.

On motion, we extend vote of thanks to Clements Bridge Church and community for their hospitality towards us during this session of association.

After singing "God Be With You Tell We Meet Again." Benedictory prayer by Eld. Neal H. Parrish.

ELD. NEAL H. PARRISH, Moderator.

ELD. C. J. HARVEY, Sec't.-Treas.

### 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	Rt. 2, Waycross, Ga.
Elder Emmett McDuffie	Rt., Rochelle, Ga.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD 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	P. O. Box 252, Camilla, Ga.
Elder Emmett McDuffie	Rochelle, Ga.

### MISSION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Mrs. Janie Harvey, President	Camilla, Ga.
Mr. Wesley Hobbs, Treasurer	Cordele, Ga.

### MEMBERS

Mrs. Flosie Stokes	Hawkinsville, Ga.
Mrs. Alvin McDuffie	Rochelle, Ga.
Miss Francis Ricks	Baconton, Ga.
Miss Viola Hobbs	Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga.
Mrs. Mary Hardin	Milan, Ga.
Mrs. Bertha Owens	Pitts, Ga.
Mrs. Essie Bartlett	Cordele, Ga.

### COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

We, your committee, on State of Churches and Ministers, beg to make the following report:

After due investigation we find that all our churches and ministers are in good standing. However, we do recommend that all of our preachers who have Sundays without appointments seek to establish points to preach regular where we have no church with the object of organizing churches by the next regular session of this body and that our mission board take steps to raise funds to pay the expense of preachers who establish such appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. HOBBS, Chairman.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, find in treasury	\$5.18
This Session:	
Clements Bridge	4.00
Double Branch	5.00
Pleasant Hill	7.00
Christain Hill	6.00
Antioch	3.50
Mt. Ararat	4.45
Bethlehem	3.00

TOTAL	\$38.13
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We find in mission treasury from last session	\$14.68
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Sent from churches to this session:	
Clements Bridge	9.00
Double Branch	4.00
Pleasant Hill	8.00
Christain Hill	2.00
By Sister Harvey	.85

TOTAL	\$38.53
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### SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Sunday School Work, wish to call your attention that there is only three Sunday Schools in our association,



and we as Christain people should urge each church to have a good Sabbath school in order to teach the little ones the word of God.

Prayerfully,

(MISS) FRANCIS RICKS.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION

We, your committee, on mission, make the following report:

Mission is a great work and should be practiced by all of our churches and each member of our churches for Christ was a great mission leader and Christ said, "Follow me for I am the way, the truth, and the light." We are asking all of our preachers that are not filled up with churches to have a mission point somewhere and try to do mission work where there is no church.

C. H. MOORE,

J. A. CROSBY,

D. B. MOREY.

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, make this our report: Brother Emmett McDuffie preaches to night, Brother C. J. Harvey close, Rev. C. H. Moore preach at 11 o'clock Saturday.

J. B. LANGFORD.

#### LEAGUE AND WOMAN WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, make this report:

It grieves our hearts very much that we don't find any League Work in our association. We wonder if we are going to turn a deaf ear to the call and need of our young people for help. We realize that our young people of today are our soldiers of tomorrow and shall we help them to carry on for the Lord when we are gone? We know there is a battle for them to gain or lose and shall we help them to win the battle by helping them to train so they will be better fitted for the fight, or shall we sit idly by and let them enter in the fight untrained? What shall we do?

We are very happy to report three Woman Work in our association. Bethlehem, Clements Bridge and Christain Hill has a Woman Mission Club. We hear of much good these works have done in helping the sick and poor and helping to build church houses beside the spiritual strength we gain from them. We know this is a great work and is one way we can help our young members to a better service for the Lord. We pray that our other churches will wake up to the need of this work and will soon organize a Woman Work.

MRS. JANIE HARVEY,

MISS ELLA CLARK,

MRS. C. H. MOORE.

P. S.: Since making this report we find we do have one League, Mt. Ararat came and reported a League, for which we are proud.

MRS. JANIE HARVEY.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, on Resolution and Temperance, make this our report:

We resolve that each church demand that their pastors read the proceedings of each session of our association at least quarterly and stress each outstanding item of business or report.

Be it further resolved that we make a determined effort to carry out in a bigger way another year the one dollar per family plan of

last year in resolution report as we have done so fine this time.

C. J. HARVEY, Chairman.

#### IN MEMORY OF BRO. J. N. SANGSTER

We were all grieved for more than we are able to express in words to hear of Bro. Sangster's death. For we knew that we would miss him in every way. For we all know that he was and has been for many years one of the main pillars and help in the church and Sunday school, and the first thing that came to my mind was the part he had taken in re-establishing our Sunday School. For he was the first one present the Sunday we met to organize, which was just one week before he passed away. I remember him making the remark that we certainly needed to organize a Sunday School or do something to upbuild the church and it seemed to him that the Sunday School would help more than anything he knew. Therefore he was ready to do all he could to attend every Sunday and help make it the best we ever had. Just as he had always taken a part in promoting the work of Christ, although he lived a good little distance from church none of us one time thinking that he would soon be called away. I can almost see him sitting here now.

Just such remarks as these will cause him to be missed by everyone in every way. We need more such men as Bro. Sangster to be a light along the way so that some befallen person might gain a foothold for Jesus.

Although he's gone from us, and passed into a better world we know that his influence as a Christain will never die. So let us all strive to make this a better church, Sunday School and community in which to live, by doing as Bro. Sangster did, giving our lives and all for the Glory of God and strive to meet him in a better world where we'll never die.

#### IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD—NAMED AND UNNAMED

DOUBLE BRANCH CHURCH—Sister Mary Ann Langford, 1872-1937.

ANTIOCH CHURCH—Bro. G. G. Harvey, 1854-1937.

# MINUTES OF THE 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	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Con. Faith	Lettered Out	Expelled	Restored	Deceased	Total Mem.	Min. As. Fur.	Mission	Paid Pastor
Antioch, Wilcox	Mrs. Cleo Butler, Pitts, Ga.	Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle, Ga.								1		\$3.50		
Bethlehem, Crisp	Charle Bartlett, Cordale, Ga.	Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle, Ga.	1									3.00		\$21.25
Christain Hill, Wilcox	Earnest J. Barker, Rochelle, Ga.	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	1	3	1						135	6.00	\$2.00	100.63
Clements Bridge, Mitchell	H. G. Davis, Baconton, Ga.	C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.	3	5	2	3					28	4.00	8.00	60.00
Doble Branch, Dooly	Royce Dunaway, Unadilla, Ga.	H. F. Lumpkin, Mauk, Ga.	1	30	6	3					2180	5.00	4.00	93.60
Mt. Ararat, Dodge	T. D. Jump, Eastman, Ga.	W. R. Lumpkin	4	13	4	1			1	1	200	4.45	1.00	59.67
Pleasant Hill, Dooly	Miss Viola Hobbs, Vienna, Ga.	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	2			1				1	94	7.00	7.00	93.80