

1940

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Georgia Union Association

OF THE

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Which Convened with Double Branch
Church, in Dooly County, Georgia,
October 11-12-13, 1940.

Officers

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| Rev. Emmett M. ... | Moderator | | Rochelle, Ga. |
| Bro. Ernest ... | Secretary | | Rochelle, Ga. |
| Bro. Wesley ... | Session Treasurer | | Cordela, Ga. |

Next session will convene with ... Church, Crisp County, Georgia, on Friday morning, October 11, 1941. Introductory by Rev. G. H. ... Next Union ... convenes with Double Branch Church, Dooly County, Georgia, first Sunday and Saturday before ... 1941.

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of the Free Will Baptist, convened with Double Branch Church, Friday, October 11th, 1940. Elder C. J. Harvey and Elder H. L. Lumpkin brought us a most encouraging message in an introductory sermon, from Deuteronomy 26:7-11. Theme being, "Repentance, obedience, rejoicing." After this discourse, dismissed by Bro. J. T. Bartlett for refreshments.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Moderator by singing "Where the Soul Never Dies." Devotional by Elder H. L. Lumpkin from 14th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Elder H. L. Lumpkin. Moderator called for Associational letters. Churches responded in the following order, with delegates listed as follows:

MT. ARARAT: C. E. Peacock, M. I. Harden, T. D. Jump, J. J. Howard, J. H. Peacock, Fred Harden, Mrs. Mary Harden.

PLEASANT HILL: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tharpe, W. W. Hobbs, C. W. Hobbs, Viola Hobbs.

CHRISTIAN HILL: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McDuffie, Mrs. Lola Barker, Mrs. Nora Rhodes, Miss Thelma Lacey, Mrs. Clyde Martin, Mrs. Essie Bruce.

DOUBLE BRANCH: Paul Horne, N. R. Sullivan, C. A. Dunaway, J. B. Lankford, W. R. Lankford, G. A. Nobles.

BETHLEHEM: J. T. Bartlett.

ANTIOCH: H. J. Owens.

On motion, letters received and delegates seated.

On motion, officers were elected by acclamation as follows: Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Moderator; Bro. Ernest J. Barker, secretary and Treasurer; Bro. Wesley Hobbs, Mission Treasurer.

Called for corresponding messengers. Elder and Sister H. L. Lumpkin; W. R. Lumpkin and wife; J. B. Lumpkin; J. L. Hanson and wife; Elder and Sister C. H. Moore from Chattahoochee; Elder J. C. Weathers from Little River Association; Elder C. J. Harvey and wife from Union.

On motion, Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Devotional—J. B. Lankford, A. M. McDuffie, J. T. Bartlett.

Resolution—J. H. Owens, C. W. Hobbs, C. C. Hobbs, Paul Horne.

Sabbath Schools—Mrs. Nora Rhodes, Mrs. Mary Harden, Mrs. Clyde Martin, Mrs. Wesley Hobbs, Roscoe Lankford.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—M. I. Harden, N. R. Sullivan, H. J. Owens.

On motion, devotional committee report read and adopted. (See reports).

League and Ladies Work—Thelma Lacey, Viola Hobbs, Odessa Lankford.

Mission—C. J. Harvey, C. H. Moore, J. H. Peacock.

Finance—Lewis Clark, W. W. Hobbs, G. A. Nobles, T. D. Jump.

On motion, we take up miscellaneous work.

On motion, we have 500 minutes printed.

On motion, the next session convene with Bethlehem Church and that Elder C. E. Peacock preach introductory sermon, with Elder Emmett McDuffie as alternate.

Correspondents to Sister Associations were as follows:

To Chattahoochee—J. B. Lankford, Emmett McDuffie.

To Union—C. E. Peacock, W. R. Lankford, W. W. Potter.

On motion, we correspond to the Little River Association by minute.

On motion, we pay the expenses of two delegates from each association represented.

On motion, we pay our clerk \$10.00.

On motion, we table the matter of joining the Georgia State of Associations until Saturday a. m.

On motion, Moderator appointed John A. Barker and C. C. Hobbs to succeed themselves on the executive board. (See board).

On motion, Bro. C. E. Peacock elected as a member of the ordaining council. (See board).

On motion, all members of the mission board were re-elected. (See board).

On motion, we adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator after singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Elder N. H. Parrish. Devotional by Moderator, using the 23rd Psalm.

On motion, we take up regular business.

Called for various reports of committees, which were read and adopted in the following order: Ladies' Aid and League Work, Mission, Resolution, Sabbath School, State of Churches and Character of Ministers, Devotional, Finance. (See reports).

On motion, Bro. T. B. Ethridge was elected as president of the mission board.

On motion, Bro. J. H. Peacock was appointed to visit the various churches, helping organize Sunday Schools. Expenses to be paid by the churches.

On motion, regular business was suspended for services.

SATURDAY P. M.

Called to order by Moderator after singing "Where the Soul of Man Never Dies." Prayer by Elder J. C. Weathers. Devotional by Moderator, using Psalms 15:1.

On motion, Elder Neal H. Parrish was appointed to visit the Georgia State Association, and make a report of his findings to this body one year hence.

A Free Will offering was taken for Sister A. L. Davidson, amounting to \$16.15.

On motion, \$5.00 be drawn from mission treasury to be sent Sister Davidson.

On motion, all corresponding delegates report to secretary and treasurer a statement of traveling expenses.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Double Branch and community for their hospitality towards us this session.

On motion, we adjourn.

ELDER EMMETT McDUFFIE, Moderator.

ERNEST J. BARKER, Sec'y.-Treas.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

We, your committee on state of churches and ministers, make the following report:

We find so far as we can establish that both our churches and ministers are in good standing.

N. R. SULLIVAN, Chrm.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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| Elder Neal H. Parrish | Hahira, Ga. |
| Elder C. E. Peacock | Route 3, Eastman, Ga. |
| Elder P. A. Sangster | Route 2, Waycross, Ga. |
| Elder Emmett McDuffie | Route 2, Rochelle, Ga. |

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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| John A. Barker | Route 2, Rochelle, Ga. |
| C. C. Hobbs | Route, Cordele, Ga. |
| D. C. Moore | Route 3, Milan, Ga. |
| J. H. Peacock | Route, Eastman, Ga. |
| T. B. Ethridge | Route, Unadilla, Ga. |

ORDAINING COUNCIL AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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| Elder Neal H. Parrish | Hahira, Ga. |
| Elder Emmett McDuffie | Rochelle, Ga. |
| Elder C. E. Peacock | Eastman, Ga. |

MISSION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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| Mr. Wesley Hobbs, Treasurer | Cordele, Ga. |
| Members: | |
| Mrs. Flossie Holland | Hawkinsville, Ga. |
| Mrs. Alvin McDuffie | Rochelle, Ga. |
| Miss Viola Hobbs | Route 3, Vienna, Ga. |
| Mrs. Mary Hardin | Milan, Ga. |
| Mrs. Bertha Owens | Pitts, Ga. |
| Mrs. Essie Bartlett | Cordele, Ga. |

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee find in treasury \$3.34
 From Churches this session \$28.25

Total \$31.59

G. A. NOBLES, Chrm.

LADIES' AID AND LEAGUE REPORT

We, your committee, find one Ladies' Aid and no League, we think that the League work would be a great help to our young people and that both would be a great help to the church.

THELMA LACEY, Chrm.

MISSION REPORT

We, your committee on mission, submit the following report, we find no organized or systematic method of mission work in our bounds. We prayerfully ask that this body elect a president for our mission board, selecting one that has a zeal for the growth of our church and work generally. We ask this realizing our need in a mission way and that our work will never reach its place until we work in a spirit of unity.

REV. C. J. HARVEY, Chrm.

DEVOTIONAL REPORT

We, your committee, appoint Rev. C. H. Moore to preach Friday night; Bro. J. C. Weathers close. Bro. C. E. Peacock preach Saturday morning at 11 o'clock; Bro. Emmett McDuffie close; Bro. Grimsley preach at 4 o'clock and Bro. Henry S. Montgomery close; Bro. Henry S. Montgomery preach Saturday night; Bro. Johnnie B. Lumpkin close.

J. B. LANKFORD, Chrm.

RESOLUTION REPORT

We, your committee, make this report:

First—Be it resolved that each church without an organized system of financing their work, organize or set up some plan of financing, and that each church send to this association some amount of money, to help bear the expense of an organized work in our association.

Second—Be it further resolved that we insist on our pastors leading in this work.

Third—We further resolve that this association vote to join State Association and that we draw on mission treasurer for our entrance fee.

J. H. OWENS, Chrm.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

We, your committee on Sunday School, are sorry to report that we have only one Sunday School in our bounds. We urge that the association take some step in carrying on this work for each church for the benefit of not only the older people but the young people.

MRS. CLYDE MARTIN, Chrm.

IN MEMORY OF BRO. H. W. BASS

On Thursday mning, July 11th, 1940, Bro. H. W. Bass departed this life. Uncle Jones (as he was affectionately known) was 88 years old. He was a member of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Crisp County for several years. He was faithful to his church and community in which he lived. To know Uncle Jones was to love him, we can never tell all the good things he done for us. It is so hard for us all to get along without Uncle Jones. But we realize that he has gone and left us and we shall never see his smiling face or hear the sound of his walking cane on earth anymore. But hope to meet him in that bright world just ahead.

We miss thy kind and willing hand
 We miss thee from thy place.
 As shades over our life is cast,
 We miss the sunshine of thy face
 Farewell Uncle Jones, Farewell
 Peaceful be thy silent rest
 Slumber sweetly God knows best
 When to call thee home to rest.

Written by MRS. J. T. BARTLETT.

BRYANT

In memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. Mary Bryant, who departed this life in September, 1939, she was a faithful member of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church for several years. We hope that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by MRS. J. T. BARTLETT.

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; 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 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; 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.—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 | Meetings Days | Baptized | Rec'd by Letter | Con. Faith | Letter'd Out | Expelled | Restored | License'd | Total Mem. | Asso. Purpose | Mission | Paid Pastor |
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| Antioch, Wilcox | Mrs. Chas. Butler, Pitts | Samuel McDuffie, Rochelle | 12 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 40 | \$3.00 | \$ | |
| Bethlehem, Crisp | Mrs. Berrie Kury, Cordele | Samuel McDuffie, Rochelle | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 47 | 2.00 | 92.50 |
| Christian Hill, Wilcox | Miss Thelma Lacey, Rochelle | C. H. Moore, Reynolds | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 129 | 5.00 | 176.67 |
| Douglas Branch, Dooly | J. A. Crosby, Umalla | W. R. Lambdin | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 166 | 5.00 | | 114.87 |
| Mc. Ararat, Dodge | T. D. Jantz, Bostman | W. R. Lambdin | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 321 | 5.25 | | 130.00 |
| Pleasant Hill, Dooly | Viola Hubbs, Vienna | C. H. Moore, Reynolds | 12 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 109 | 8.00 | | |

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