

1941

## MINUTES

OF THE

Forty Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Georgia Union Association

OF THE

Original Free Will Baptist

Which Convened with Bethlehem Church,  
in Crisp County, Georgia  
October 10th, 1941

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### OFFICERS

Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Moderator	Rochelle, Ga.
Bro. Ernest J. Barker, Secretary-Treasurer	Rochelle, Ga.
Bro. Wesley Hobbs, Mission Treasurer	Cordale, Ga.

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Next session will convene with Pine Level Church, Dodge County Georgia, on Friday morning, October 9th 1942. Introductory by Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

## PROCEEDINGS

*The Forty-seventh Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of the Free Will Baptist, Convened with Bethlehem Church Friday, October 10th 1941. Elder Emmett McDuffie brought us a most encouraging message in an introductory sermon from 8th Chapter of Ruth. After this discourse, dismissed by Bro. H. L. Lumpkin for refreshments.*

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by the Moderator by singing "In the Sweet bye and bye." Devotional by Eld. Emmett McDuffie from 46th Psalms. Moderator called for Associational letters, Churches responded in the following order, with delegates listed as follows:

DOUBLE BRANCH: T. B. Ethridge, J. P. Nobles, J. A. Dunaway.

BETHLEHEM: J. T. Bartlett, Mrs. J. T. Bartlett, Bertie Autry, Annie Tucker.

CHRISTIAN HILL: Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rhodes, John A. Barker, and Ernest J. Barker.

PLEASANT HILL: C. C. Hobbs, Wesley Hobbs, Lewis Clark.

MT. ARARAT: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peacock, E. B. Peacock.

ANTIOCH: Mrs. Abba Harvey.

On motion, Letters received and delegates seated.

On motion, Officers were elected by standing vote as follows:

Moderator, Rev. Emmett McDuffie; Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Ernest J. Barker; Mission Treasurer, Bro. Wesley Hobbs.

Moderator called for Petitionary letters. None were received.

Called for Corresponding Messengers. Eld. H. L. Lumpkin and wife, Randall Lumpkin and wife, J. B. Lumpkin, Eld. C. H. Moore, from Chattahoochee.

Eld. C. J. Harvey and wife from Union.

Carson Parrish from Little River.

Bro. Elven Davidson and wife from South Georgia.

On motion, Moderator extended to each Corresponding delegate a right hand of welcome.

On motion, Moderator appointed Committees as follows:

Devotional—G. T. Rhodes, J. T. Bartlett, J. B. Lankford.

Resolution—John A. Barker, T. B. Ethridge, J. H. Peacock.

Sunday School—Mrs. Abba Harvey, Mrs. J. H. Peacock, and Mrs. Crosby.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—Lewis Clark, Paul Horne, and E. B. Peacock.

League and Ladies' Work—Mrs. J. T. Bartlett, H. F. Hufstetler, Mrs. G. T. Rhodes.

Mission—Wesley Hobbs, C. H. Moore, Elvin Davidson.

Finance—C. C. Hobbs, Lewis Clark, N. R. Sullivan.

On motion we take up miscellaneous work.

On motion, next session convene with Christian Hill Church, and that Eld. Neal H. Parrish preach introductory sermon.

Correspondents to Sister Associations were as follows:

To Chattahoochee—J. B. Lankford, Eld. Neal H. Parrish.

Union—W. W. Potter, Eld. Neal H. Parrish.

To Little River—Eld. Neal H. Parrish.

To South Georgia—J. B. Lankford.

On motion, we pay the expenses of two delegates to this session. Then hereafter we only pay the expenses of the delegates going from this body to Sister Associations.

On motion, Moderator appointed a board of five for the purpose of meeting a board from the Benjamin Randall Conference, to see if adjustments concerning both parties can be settled, as follows:

G. T. Rhodes, J. B. Lankford, J. H. Peacock, Eld. Neal H. Parrish, N. R. Sullivan.

On motion, Devotional Committee report was read and adopted. (See Report).

On motion, we pay our Clerk \$10.00.

On motion, we have 300 Minutes printed.

On motion, we send two delegates, Bro. J. B. Lankford and Eld. J. L. Poston to the National Conference with entrance fee and traveling expenses to be paid from Mission Fund.

On motion, a new executive board was elected. (See board)

On motion, each Church shall elect their members to mission board.

On motion, body appointed J. B. Lankford, Ernest J. Barker, T. B. Ethridge, Emmett McDuffie and J. H. Peacock to attend the session to be held at Bay Spring Church, which is to be termed a dissolving session of the Benjamin Randall Conference. Eld. Neal H.

Parrish as speaker for the Committee of the Georgia Union Association, which met with the Benjamin Randall Conference Committee, told of the agreements that had been reached by the two bodies. The Association to still be called the Georgia Union, as it was the older of the two, and that we are to adopt the doctrine, Faith and Practice adopted by the National Association of the Free Will Baptist.

On motion, the delegates of Christian Hill Church withdrew their petition asking for Association.

On motion, next session convene with Pine Level Church in Dodge County, on October 9th and 10th 1942.

#### SATURDAY A. M.

After a song and prayer service, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, reports were read and adopted as follows: Sunday School, Ladies' Work, Resolution, and Finance. (See Reports.)

On motion, regular business was suspended for services.

#### SATURDAY P. M.

Called to order by Moderator after singing "Promised Land." Prayer by Bro. Horne. Devotional by Moderator.

On motion the report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Sister E. C. Davidson gave an interesting talk on Mission Work, and urged that we give more for Missions.

On motion, all corresponding delegates report traveling expenses.

A rising vote of thanks was voted to Bethlehem Church and Community for their hospitality to us this session.

On motion we adjourn.

EMMETT McDUFFIE, Moderator,  
ERNEST J. BARKER, Sec. & Treas.

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

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

We find both our churches and ministers in good standing.  
Paul Horne, Chm.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee find from the churches this session \$31.00.  
C. C. Hobbs, Chm.

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### RESOLUTION REPORT

We, your committee on Resolutions submit the following report.  
We insist that each church try to send some money to Mission Treasurer, and that our Secretary and Treasurer get 200 copies of our Faith and Order of Free Will Baptist adopted by National Association.

JOHN A. BARKER, Chm.

### DEVOTIONAL REPORT

We, your committee, make the following report, that Bro. J. F. Smith preach Friday night, Bro. Jeff Smith to close. Bro. J. L. Poston Saturday A. M., 11 o'clock.

J. B. LANKFORD, Chm.

### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

We, your committee make this our report. We find a few Sunday Schools. One at Antioch, one at Mt. Ararat. If other churches have Sunday School we didn't find them. We hope more will be reported next year, for we feel we need Sunday School to teach our young people the bible, for they are our hope of the Church tomorrow.

MRS. ABBA HARVEY, Chm.

### MISSION REPORT

We, your committee on mission make our report as follows:

Realizing the responsibility developing on us as a church in the promulgation of the Gospel, and our lack of effort to carry out the great Commission of our Lord, we therefore recommend that we, the Georgia Union Association unite our efforts with others of the Free Will Baptist Church in the spreading of the gospel, wherever man is found.

We ask that our Pastors devote at least one service to mission during the year, and that they take a freewill offering for the support of mission and send to our National Treasurer, Rev. T. J. Blackwelder, 937 Seymore Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

Respt. Submitted,

J. W. HOBBS, Chm.

E. C. DAVIDSON,

C. H. MOORE.

### LADIES WORK

We, your committee on Ladies Aid Society Work, find no aid in our entire Association. It is with shame and sad hearts we make this report and urge our Pastors and Ladies to put forth an effort to organize an Aid in each church to be co-workers with Pastors and

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brethren of church for the glory of God and upbuilding of his kingdom here on earth.

MRS. G. T. RHODES,  
MRS. J. T. BARTLETT,  
H. L. HOFSTTLER,  
Assisted by MRS. ELVEN DAVIDSON.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

A. G. Cook .....	Cochran, Ga.
J. B. Lankford .....	
J. H. Peacock .....	Rt., Eastman, Ga.
C. C. Hobbs .....	Rt., Cordele, Ga.
Wesley Nobles .....	Chester, Ga.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Neal H. Parrish .....	Hahira, Ga.
Elder Emmett McDuffie .....	Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga.
Elder C. E. Peacock .....	Eastman, Ga.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Neal H. Parrish .....	Hahira, Ga.
Elder C. E. Peacock .....	Rt. 3, Eastman, Ga.
Elder P. A. Sangster .....	Rt. 2, Waycross, Ga.
Elder Emmett McDuffie .....	Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga.
Elder B. F. Horne .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder John Hightower .....	Macon, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith .....	Eastman, Ga.
Elder T. F. McMurphy .....	Macon, Ga.
Elder L. S. Yates .....	Danville, Ga.
Elder J. L. Poston .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder C. B. Ethridge .....	Oliver, Ga.
Elder Charles McCarthy .....	Empire, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne .....	Danville, Ga.
Elder F. M. Battle .....	Montrose, Ga.

On Friday October 16th 1941 the Committee appointed to meet with the Benjamin Randall Conference, at Bay Spring Church in Dodge County, met and after preaching by Elder J. L. Poston, was dismissed for refreshments.

At 1:30 returned to church. After song and prayer service, went into business session. On motion by Elder L. S. Yates and seconded by Elder B. F. Horne, the Benjamin Randall Conference was disbanded and joined with the Georgia Union Association.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

ERNEST J. BARKER, Sec. & Treas.



## 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 where-with 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 person, 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 & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Con. Faith	Lettered Out	Expelled	Restored	Deceased	Tot. Mem.	Minutes and Asso. Fur.	Missions	Pd. Pastor
Antioch, Wilcox		Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle.									\$		\$	
Bay Spring, Dodge	I. M. Smith, Eastman, Ga.	J. F. Smith	2	1					1	48	4.50			20.85
Bethlehem, Crisp	Bertie Autry, Cordele, Ga.	Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle	1							47				
Christian Hill, Wilcox	Theima Lacey, Rochelle, Ga.	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	1	3			2			140	6.00			87.22
Double Branch, Dooly	J. A. Crosby, Hawkinsville.	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	4	4	2	4				2170	10.00			152.00
Mt. Ararat, Dodge	T. D. Jump, Eastman, Ga.	Johnnie B. Lumpkin	4	4	4					1221	5.00			113.28
New Ebenezer	Mrs. A. G. Cook, Cochran, Ga.	J. F. Smith	3		2		1			35	5.00			35.00
Pleasant Hill, Dooly	Viola Hobbs, Vienna, Ga.	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	2							1108	8.00			100.00
Pine Level, Dodge	W. L. Amerison, Chester, Ga.	E. B. Duckworth, Lyons, Ga.	1	6						2100	5.00			110.00
Woodlawn, Wilkinson	Mrs. J. B. Pierce, Toombsboro	J. W. Hightower, Macon, Ga.	4				1			20	5.00			25.00