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PROCEEDINGS

Forty-eighth Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist Church convened with Pine Level Church, Dodge County, Friday October 9, 1942.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Called for Associational letters.

Double Branch: Bro. G. A. Nobles and wife, Bro. J. B. Langford and wife, T. B. Ethridge, Bro. Paul Horne.

Beulah Springs: Bro. Hansell Smith, Bro. H. E. Bridges, Bro. G. R. Maddox.

Bay Springs: Bro. Johnnie Lamb, Bro. Lewis Lamb, Bro. I. M. Smith.

Mt. Ararat: Bro. M. J. Hardin and wife, Bro. Vivian Hardin, Sister Margaret Jump, Bro. J. H. Peacock.

Christian Hill: Bro. Lewis McKinley, Bro. Alvin McDuffie and wife, Bro. Ernest Baker and wife, Bro. George R. Carmen and wife.

New Ebenezer: Bro. E. R. Roland, Bro. A. P. Scarborough.

Pine Level: Bro. E. L. Long, Bro. J. A. Amerson, Bro. Donald Self, Bro. John Dempsey, Bro. W. H. Nobles.

Moved and carried to replace J. R. Smith's name on the ministerial roll.

Moved and carried that we vote by acclamation at this session.

Moved and carried to erect conference bar.

On call of the Moderator the Association took up the election of officers and the following were elected: Elder J. F. Smith, Moderator; J. L. Poston, Clerk; Wesley Hobbs, Mission Treasurer.

Motion carried to keep same Mission Board, namely: A member from each church in the Association. See appointments.

Called for corresponding Messengers from other bodies. See letter from Chattahoochee Assn.; Bro. Arnell from Little River Association. On motion the letters were received, the delegates given right hand of fellowship and sealed.

Appointment of various committees. The following were appointed:

Committee on Devotions: J. B. Langford, John Dempsey, J. H. Peacock.

Committee on Discipline: J. D. Payne, E. Duffie, J. T. Bartlett.

Committee on Temperance: Louis Lamb, E. L. Long.

Committee on Sunday Schools: Edna Fordham, Annie Mae Langford, Anna Bridges.

Committee on Finance: C. C. Hobbs, W. H. Nobles, M. J. Hardin, Louis Lamb.

Committee on Missions: L. S. Yates, Neal H. Parrish, I. M. Smith.

Committee on Women's Work: Sarah Crosby, Mrs. T. D. Jump.

Committee on Christian Education: J. L. Poston, Louis Clark, N. R. Southerland, Donald Self.

Committee on Suggestions: J. G. Farr, Henry Bridges, Louis Clark.

Committee on State of the Churches and Character of the Ministry: J. B. Langford, W. C. Powell, Bro. Wade.

Report of Committee on Devotion: Elder B. W. Arnell to preach Friday night. H. L. Lumpkin Saturday at 11 o'clock. Bro. Moore to close.

Called for Ministerial Reports.

Adjourned on motion.

Roll call of Delegates.

SATURDAY A. M.

Devotions by Moderator:

Roll call of delegates resumed:

Bethlehem: J. T. Bartlett, Hunter Wade.

Little Bethel: Cicero Powell, Mrs. Edna Fordham, Mrs. Mary Powell.

Pleasant Hill: C. C. Hobbs, Louis Clark, Bill Farr.

Pine Level: E. M. Long, John Dempsey, J. A. Amerson, Donald Self, W. H. Nobles.

New Ebenezer: E. R. Roland, Mrs. A. G. Cook, A. P. Scarborough, Miss Ruby Hearn.

Christian Hill: Louis McKinney, Alvin McDuffie and wife, Ernest Barker and wife, George R. Rodes, Carmin O'Gilvie and wife.

Double Branch: G. A. Nobles, Sarah Crosby, J. B. Langford and wife, J. P. Nobles.

Mt. Ararat: M. I. Hardin, Vivian Hardin, Margaret Jump, J. H. Peacock.

Beulah Springs: Hansell Smith, H. E. Bridges, G. R. Maddox, Sister J. D. Payne.

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Bay Springs: Johnnie Lamb, Lewis Lamb, I. M. Smith.

Called for Ministerial reports. Moved and carried that reports be deferred after reading.

Called for reports of Committees: Finance report. See Report S. S. see report.

Women's work. See report. Moved and carried to defer committee reports and suspend. Moved and carried to print 200 copies of the minutes. Moved and carried that the clerk order and keep on hand all associational forms necessary for the associational work. Moved and carried that Bro. J. L. Poston preach the introductory sermon next year. The meeting of the association to be held with Christian Hill Church, Friday, Oct. 15, 1943. Moved and carried to pay clerk \$10 and Moderator \$5.

Moved and carried that we represent in the National Association and State Association. Sister J. D. Payne was sent as a delegate to the State Association and Bro. E. L. Long was elected at the State Association as a delegate to the National Association.

Moved and carried that this association pay the expenses of delegates to the State and National Associations.

Recess for 5 minutes.

Preaching by J. B. Lumpkin, followed by Bro. Moore.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional, Bro. L. S. Yates. Called to order by the Moderator. A collection was taken for Bro. Yates.

On motion miscellaneous business was taken up. Moved and carried that the ministers of this association do hereby constitute a ministerial association and are subject to the call of the Moderator at such a time as he sees fit for the purpose of organization.

On motion, corresponding messengers were paid:

Bro. J. B. Lumpkin	\$6.00
Bro. Arnell	\$6.00
Bro. Parish Refund	\$3.00

Executive Committee: T. B. Ethridge, I. M. Smith, J. B. Langford, W. H. Peacock, W. H. Nobles.

Ordaining Council: E. McDuffie, J. F. Smith, J. D. Payne.

Called for reading of Committee Reports: On motion reading of reports was omitted. See reports. Moved and carried for clerk to edit and prepare manuscript for publication.

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A vote of thanks was extended to the community for its hospitality and entertainment. On motion, the association adjourned to meet with Christian Hill Church on Friday, Oct. 15, 1943.

Chester, Ga., May 1, 1943.

An executive meeting was called at Pine Level Church May 1, 1943, and the following was considered and passed on: (1) It was ordered that the minutes of the association be printed as they are; (2) In the case of Eld. Neal H. Parish. The committee decided to silence Bro. Parish from preaching until the sitting of the next association and Bro. Henry Peacock of the committee was appointed to notify him.

J. F. SMITH, Moderator.

J. L. POSTON, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Eastman, Ga., Oct. 9th, 1942.

To the members and messengers composing the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists, GREETING:

I submit the following report of work since the last session of our Conference, and trust that it will edify our body, honor our cause and inspire others to glorify our Father which is in Heaven, to whom all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I am now in good spiritual condition. I have preached 3 sermons, visited 21 sick people, raised \$5.00 for charity, and urged the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. I do not take the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper. Remarks: Luke 1-69; And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David. Signed

ELDER F. F. McMURPHY,
402 Pine Street, Eastman, Georgia.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

October 9, 1942.

To the Georgia Union Free Will Baptist: In Christ I am sorry that I have not been able to do anything in the past year. I hope I will be able in the new year if the Lord is willing, I would be glad to be with you all this time but I am still in bed, but I will pray with all the power that God will give me that you all will have a

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glorious good time, there is Power in the Blood. Bless His name I have been in bed going on nine weeks but hope I will soon be out again. If this body can help me a little I will appreciate it as I have been down ever since June 25th was one year ago. You brethren pray for me that God may touch my body. Your brother in Christ.

REV. T. F. McMURPHY,
402 Pine Street, Eastman, Ga.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

To the Georgia Union Conference of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Pine Level Church at Chester, Ga., Oct. 9, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren, Cicero Powell, Mrs. Edna Fordham, and Mrs. Mary Powell, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberation. State of religion, Good, members received this year 6, No. baptized 6, total membership 45, paid pastor \$23.75, for buildings and repairs \$84.00, for minutes \$4.00. We have called Bro. J. D. Payne of Danville, Ga., to be our pastor for the ensuing year. Done by order of Little Bethel Church assembled in conference this 27th day of Sept, 1942.

J. D. PAYNE, Moderator.
EDNA FORDHAM, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Ex-Com. Meeting, Georgia Association, November 28, 1942.

Bro. I. M. Smith, chairman. Under unfinished business: First. Moved and seconded and carried. We the committee sustain Moderator and clerk in supplying Sister D. Payne instead of Bro. D. Payne as a delegate. Moved and seconded to accept Antioch Church as a member of Georgia Union Association. Moved and carried that ministers' credentials be underwritten by Moderator and Clerk. To dedicate a page in obituary to our dead in our minutes. To adopt constitution for Georgia Union Association including in minutes, articles of faith, by-laws, church covenant and constitution. Quarterly meetings: Recommend that we organize two quarterly meetings in Georgia Union Association.

Beulah Spring Church, Montrose, Ga. To the members and messengers of the Georgia Union Association to be held with Pine Level Church Oct. 9 and 10, 1942.

We send as representatives Bro. B. A. Smith, Bro. F. E. Bridges

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and Bro. Crosby, whom we deem worthy to seat in your body. The spiritual condition of the church is good. Our meeting days are the fourth Saturday night and Sunday. Value of church building \$1,000, we received on profession of faith 1, baptized 8, restored 1, expelled 6, total number of membership 41, paid pastor \$36.60. Elder I. F. Smith is our pastor. We have called Elder J. D. Payne to serve us the ensuing year at a salary of \$60.00. We have a Sunday School and weekly prayer service. We sent as minutes fund \$5.00. Done by order of church in conference.

We Petitioned for the Association next year.

ELDER J. F. SMITH, Moderator.
MRS. H. E. BRIDGES, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

To the members of the Georgia Union Association, Greetings from Christian Hill Church. We send as delegates Bro. Lewis McKinney, Bro. Alvin McDuffie and wife, Bro. Ernest Barker and wife, Bro. George Rhodes, Bro. Carmen Ogilvie and wife. We have the gospel preached to us every 1st Saturday and Sunday by Rev. C. H. Moore. We have called Bro. Moore to serve us another year. We also have Bro. Emmette McDuffie preach for us every 3rd Sunday afternoon. We have good Sunday School each Sunday afternoon, also prayer meeting each Saturday night. We were blessed with a soul stirring revival, 9 joined and were baptized. We ask every one who prays to pray for us that we may carry on for the Lord. We send for Associational purposes \$6.00. We paid evangelist \$20.00. We have paid Bro. Moore \$120.00 for his services last year. We send for mission \$2.00. This done by order of conference.

We asked for the association to meet with us next year.

REV. C. H. MOORE, Moderator.
MRS. A. M. McDUFFIE, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

From Double Branches Free Will Baptist Church, Dooly County, Georgia. To the members of the Georgia Union Association, to convene with Pine Level Church, Dodge County, Ga., on Friday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1942. We send as delegates Bro. G. A. Nobles and Sis. Crosby, of Macon, Ga., Bro. J. B. Langford

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and wife, Pinehurst, Ga., Pro. J. P. Nobles, Hawkinsville, Ga. We send for Associational purposes \$10.00. Spiritual condition of church good, value of church property \$1,000, we received by baptism 4, dismissed by letter 4, deceased 3, church repairs \$200, paid pastor \$131.87, paid visiting preacher \$17, funds raised and expended by Mission Society \$50.00, ordained ministers and addresses: N. R. Sullivan, Unadilla, Ga.; licensed minister and address, G. C. Sullivan, Pinehurst, Ga., deacons and addresses: T. B. Ethridge, C. A. Dunaway, A. J. Dunaway, Unadilla, Ga.; J. B. Langford, Pinehurst, Ga.; J. P. Nobles, Hawkinsville, Ga.; G. A. Nobles, Macon, Ga. We called as pastor for the coming year Rev. C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga. Elected as clerk J. A. Crosby, Unadilla, Ga. Done by order of conference this Aug. 22, 1942.

REV. C. H. MOORE, Moderator, Reynolds, Ga.
J. A. CROSBY, Clerk, Unadilla, Ga.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

MT. ARARATT CHURCH LETTER

To the members of the Georgia Union Association which convenes with Pine Level Church in Dodge County, Oct. 9, 10, 1942. Spiritual condition of church, fair. We have Sunday School every Sunday afternoon—average attendance 50. Prayer meeting at church Sunday nights. Ordained ministers in charge: C. E. Peacock, Eastman, Route 3. Licensed ministers: Herman Howell, Calahan, Fla. Meeting days, every fourth Sunday. Received baptism one, by letter four, lettered out one, deceased two, total membership 223, church served by J. B. Lumpkin, Howard, Ga. We called Bro. Lumpkin for another year.

We send as delegates M. I. Hardin and wife, Vivian Hardin, Margarette Jump, J. H. Peacock. We paid pastor \$154.91, visiting preachers \$22.00. We send for minutes and association purposes \$3.50. Value of church \$600.00. Done by order of church in conference, this the 27th day of September, 1942.

J. B. LUMPKIN, Moderator.
T. D. JUMP, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Eastman, Ga., Route 3.
Letter from New Ebenezer Church. To the Georgia Union As-

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sociation, yearly meeting of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Free Will Baptist Church at Pine Level, Dodge County, Ga., Oct. 9, 1942. We send as delegates, our beloved brethren: E. R. Roland and A. P. Scarborough: Total membership 35, amount paid pastor \$52.03, amount for evangelistic work \$5.00, amount for building and repairs \$21.50, value of church property \$500, pastor's name and address for coming year: J. F. Smith, Eastman, Ga. Deacons, A. P. Scarborough, W. O. Knighton. Done by order of New Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 20th day of Sept., 1942.

J. F. SMITH, Moderator, Eastman, Ga.
MRS. A. S. COOK, Clerk, Cochran, Ga.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

To the members and messengers composing the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists: Greeting: I submit the following report of my work since the last session of our Conference, and trust that it will edify our body, honor our cause and inspire others to glorify our Father which is in Heaven, to whom belong all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am now in good spiritual condition. I have preached 25 sermons, made 20 calls in the interest of brotherhood and fellowship, visited 25 sick people, received \$72.00 in money, paid out \$30.00 for expenses, raised \$2.00 for charity, and urged the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature. I do not take the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper. Remarks: Pray for me that I might be at my best until the Lord calls me home.

L. S. YATES, Donalsonville, Ga.

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church. Received 18.30 in money, and urged the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. I do take the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper. Remarks: No remembrance of how many prayers I have led for sick and on other occasions.

+ N.R.SULLIVAN, Unadilla, Georgia.

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J. R. Smith, Eastman, Ga., R. F. D. No. 5.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rochelle, Ga., Oct. 10, 1942.

To the members and messengers composing the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists; Greeting: I submit the following report of my work since the last session of our Conference, and trust that it will edify our body, honor our cause and inspire others to glorify our Father which is in Heaven, to whom belong all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am now in good spiritual condition. I have held 1 meeting, preached 48 sermons, led 7 prayer meetings, made 3 calls in the interest of brotherhood and fellowship, visited 5 sick people, conducted 3 funerals, traveled 300 miles. Received \$35.00 in money, paid out \$50.00 for expenses, raised \$2.00 for mission, raised \$3.00 for charity, and urged the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. I do not take the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper.

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Remarks: I have had several mission points.

EMMETT McDUFFIE, Rochelle, Ga., Rt. 2.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Macon, Ga., October 9, 1942.

To the members and messengers composing the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists; Greeting: I submit the following report of my work since the last session of our Conference, and trust that it will edify our body, honor our cause and inspire others to glorify our Father which is in Heaven, to whom belong all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am now in good spiritual condition. I have held 12 meetings, preached 36 sermons, led 7 prayer meetings, made 6 calls in the interest of brotherhood and fellowship, visited 8 sick people, performed 5 marriage ceremonies, traveled 150 miles. Received \$22.00 in money, paid out \$13.00 for expenses, and urged the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. I do not take the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper. Remarks: I want who pray, pray for me, and God bless everyone is my prayer.

J. W. HIGHTOWER, 124 Grady, St., Macon, Georgia.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

From Pleasant Hill Church in Dooly County, to the members of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist to convene with Pine Level Church in Dodge County, Ga., on Friday morning, before the second Sunday in October, 1942. Time of meeting 2nd Sunday. Spiritual condition of church fairly good. Served by Rev. C. H. Moore as pastor. We have called Rev. C. H. Moore for pastor next year. Dismissed by letter 1. Total membership 107. We send for Associational purposes \$8.00. For mission \$2.25. Value of church property \$9.00. Paid pastor \$125.46. Names of ministers in church and their address: Rev. Neal H. Parrish, Hahira, Ga.; Rev. P. A. Sangster, Waycross, Ga. Names and addresses of deacons: C. C. Hobbs, Cordele, Ga.; C. R. Calhoun, Cordele, Ga.; J. W. Hobbs, Cordele, Ga.; C. W. Hobbs, Cordele, Ga. We send as delegates, names and addresses as follows C. C. Hobbs, Cordele, Ga.; Lewis Clark, Vienna, Ga.; Bill Pharr, Cordele, Ga. Done by order of church in conference this Sept. 4, 1942

BRO. C. H. MOORE, Moderator, Reynolds, Ga.
VIOLA HOBBS, Clerk, Vienna, Ga.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

From Bethlehem Church in Crisp County, to the members of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists to convene with Pine Level Church in Dodge County, Ga., on Friday morning, before the second Sunday in October, 1942. Time of meeting first Sunday. Spiritual condition of church good. Served by N. R. Sullivan as pastor. We have called N. R. Sullivan for pastor for next year. Received by baptism 6. Received by letter 1. Received on profession of faith 1. Total membership 30. We send for Associational purposes \$5.00. Value of church property \$900.00. Improvements this year \$15.40. Paid pastor \$16.22. Number of teachers in Sunday school 3. Number of pupils in Sunday school 45. Average attendance 40. Expended for literature and other educational work \$2.40. Number on roll in Senior 10, Junior 12. Names and addresses of deacons: Bro. J. T. Bartlett, Cordele, Ga.; Bro. Hunter Wade, Cordele, Ga.; Bro. J. B. Lewis, Cordele, Ga. R 1. We send as delegates, names and addresses as follows: Bro. J. T. Bartlett, Cordele, Ga., Bro. Hunter Wade, Cordele, Ga. Done by order of church conference this 4 day of Sept, 1942.

N. R. SULLIVAN, Moderator, Unadilla, Ga.
BERTIE AUTRY, Clerk, Cordele, Ga.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

To the Georgia Union Association from Bethel Church, Crisp County: We send as delegate Bro. J. T. Bartlett, Bro. Hunter Wade. Spiritual conditions good. We have good prayer meetings and Sunday school. Our pastor is Bro. N. R. Sullivan, Unadilla, Ga. We called Bro. N. R. Sullivan for our pastor for the incoming year. Church membership 30. We have received 8 new members, 6 came in by baptism and 2 on confession of faith who had already been baptized. We paid pastor \$16.22. Paid our helper \$10.22. Last meeting we ordained Bro. Hunter Wade and for deacon Bro. J. T. Bartlett and Bro. J. B. Lewis. Sent for Associational purposes \$5.00. Repairs on Church \$15.40. Done in order of conference, this 5th day of September, 1942.

N. R. SULLIVAN, Moderator.
SISTER BERTIE AUTRY, Clerk.

ASSOCIATION CHURCH LETTER

Dated at Plainfield, Ga., Oct. 1942. From Bay Springs Free Will Baptist church, county of Dodge. To the Georgia Union Conference of Free Will Baptists, to convene with Pine Level Church at Chester, Ga., on Friday after the second Sunday in October, 1942. Our present pastor is Elder J. F. Smith. The spiritual condition of our church is good. We have called Elder McDuffie to serve us as pastor for the ensuing year. We have services the second Saturday and Sunday; enrollment 45. We send as representatives Bro. Johnnie Lamb, Mrs. Louis Lamb, Bro. I. M. Smith. Amount paid to pastor this year \$22.27. Sunday School expenditures \$5.00. Amount inclosed for conference fund \$5.00. Present value of church property \$1,000.00. One deceased died Aug 28, age 67 years. Ordained Elders: Elder J. F. Smith, Eastman, Ga.; Elder B. F. Horne, Eastman, Ga.; Elder T. F. McMurphy, Eastman, Ga.; Elder J. W. Hightower, Macon, Ga. Deacons: Jack Gay, address unknown; I. M. Smith, Eastman, Ga. Deaconesses: Mrs. Frances Cook, Eastman, Ga., RFD. Done by order of the annual church business meeting this October, 1942.

ELDER J. F. SMITH, Moderator, Eastman, Ga.
I. M. SMITH, Church Clerk, Eastman, Ga. R 5.

CONFERENCE CHURCH LETTER

Dated at Chester, Ga., Oct. 4, 1942. From Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, City of Chester, County of Dodge. To the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists, to convene at Pine Level Church at Pine Level on Friday a.m., before the second Sunday in October, 1942. Our present pastor is Elder J. F. Smith. The spiritual condition of our church is good. We have called Elder J. F. Smith to serve us as pastor for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$100 to be paid monthly. We have services First Saturday and Sunday; prayer meeting every Saturday night. Sunday School enrollment 43. We send as representatives E. L. Long, J. A. Anderson, Donald Self, John Dempsey, W. H. Nobles, whom we deem worthy of seats in your honorable body. Received by profession and baptism 1, by statement 1, dead 1, present membership 104. Amount paid to pastor this year \$100, to evangelist \$17.00, for missions \$2.50, for charity \$5.00, for buildings and repairs \$5.00, for incidentals \$3.00, Sunday school expenditures \$5.00. Amount inclosed

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for conference fund \$10.00, \$2.50 missions, \$2.50 minutes, \$5.00 associational purposes. Church property \$1,000.00. One deceased, Elder L. B. Ethridge. Ordained Elders: Elder L. S. Yates, Elder J. L. Poston, Chester, Rt. 3; Elder Charles McCarthy, Empire, Rt. 1. Deacons: J. W. Nobles, Chester, Rt. 1; J. W. Dimpsey, Chester; W. L. Amason, Chester; E. L. Long, Elmo Lionard, Macon. Deaconesses Mrs. W. L. Amerson, Chester; Mrs. Wylene Bush, Eastman. Done by order of the annual church business meeting this 4th day of October, 1942.

ELDER JOE FRANK SMITH, Moderator, Eastman, Ga.
J. L. POSTON, Church Clerk, Pro-tem, Chester, Ga.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Eastman, Ga., Oct. 9, 1942.

To the members and messengers composing the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist; Greeting. I submit the following report of my work since the last session of our conference, and trust that it will edify our body, honor our cause and inspire others to glorify our Father which is in Heaven, to whom belong all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am now in good spiritual condition. I have held 5 meetings, preached 94 sermons, led 5 prayer meetings baptized 5 candidates, received 9 members into the church, made 6 calls in the interest of brotherhood and fellowship, visited 12 sick people, performed 1 marriage ceremony, conducted 3 funerals, traveled 2,595 miles. Received \$150.42 in money, paid out \$77.89 for expenses, assisted in the organization of churches and urged the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. I do not take the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper.

J. F. SMITH, Eastman, Ga., Route 2.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Danville, Ga., Oct. 9, 1942. To the members and messengers composing the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist, Greetings: I submit the following report of my work since the last session of our conference, and trust that it will edify our body, honor our cause and inspire others to glorify our Father which is in Heaven, to whom belong all honor and glory forever

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and ever. Amen. I am now in good Spiritual condition. I have held 3 meetings, preached 71 sermons, baptized 8 candidates, received 8 members into the church, made 57 calls in the interest of brotherhood and fellowship, visited 62 sick people, conducted 3 funerals, traveled 2,460 miles. Received \$42.89 in money, paid out \$73.50 for expenses, raised \$41.00 for charity, and urge the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. I do not take the Free Will Baptist paper. Please pray for me that I may do more in the work of our Lord.

J. D. PAYNE, Danville, Ga., Route 2.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Pitts, Ga., Oct. 18, 1942. From Antioch Church, to the Association Clerk of the Georgia Union Association of the Free Will Baptist which convened with Pine Level Church in Dodge County on Friday before the second Sunday in October 11. So long as failed to report on account of unavoidable circumstances, our delegates and association money to the association, we are taking pleasure in sending \$3.00 for Associational purposes to our clerk and pray that it will be accepted. Our church is spiritually good. We called in July '42 and have called Bro. Sullivan for the coming year and ask that the council be gotten at the next fifth Sunday meeting for the purpose of ordaining our pastor, Bro. G. C. Sullivan. Our church days are the third Sunday in each month. We cordially invite one and all to come and pray for us. This done by order of church convention, this Oct 18, 1942.

BRO. R. SULLIVAN, Moderator, Pinehurst, Ga.
BRO. J. C. OWENS, Clerk, Pitts, Ga.
BRO. J. H. OWENS, Deacon, Pitts, Ga.

Ideal, Ga., Oct. 3, 1942. The Chattahoochee United Free Will Baptist Association held with Little Bethel Church in session, we send whom we deem worthy to represent us in your body in session, Bro. C. H. Moore and wife, Bro. H. L. Lumpkin and wife and Bro. J. B. Lumpkin.

W. R. LAWHORN, Moderator.
B. T. GILL, CLERK.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee, believe that Sunday Schools are the best methods of training the minds of the coming generations for that great and important task and duty they owe our Master. Therefore, we urge all our churches to have and maintain an ever-green Sunday School, a mid-week prayer meeting and to use the Free Will Baptist Literature.

(MRS.) J. B. LANGFORD,
(MRS.) J. W. FORDHAM.
(MRS.) H. E. BRIDGES.

WOMEN'S WORK

We the ladies of our churches are sorry to report that it seems as if we have done very little in church work this year. Please pray for us that we may be more consecrated to His cause, and do more in the church for the upbuilding of His Kingdom. We want to be doers of the world, and not hearers only.

(MRS.) T. F. CROSBY, Chrm.
(MRS.) MARGARET JUMP.
(MRS.) J. D. PAYNE.

COMMITTEE ON REPORTS

We are your committee and make the following report for associational purposes \$60.00, mission \$7.00.

C. C. HOBBS, Chairman.
W. H. NOBLES.
M. I. HARDEN.
FERRIS LAND.

We your committee appoint Bro. Arnell to preach, night Bro. H. L. Loomping. Close Saturday 11 o'clock Bro. J. B. Loomping, Bro. Moore close.

J. B. LANGFORD, Chairman.

We your committee on state of churches and ministers make the following report: We find both our churches and ministers in good standing.

J. B. LANGFORD, Chairman.
W. A. POWELL.
H. O. WADE.

SUGGESTIONS

We your committee submit this report: That our ministers work more. We see the harvest is great and the laborers few, that fathers and mothers have a family altar and be willing for their children to take pattern after their lives. We also suggest our preachers regard the pulpit more than they have.

J. B. LANGFORD.
J. D. PAYNE.
BRO. CLARK.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education is education under christian influence. It is, or should be, carried on in the home, in the church, in the school. All church members should take their church paper, their church literature and their church publications. Home influence should be brought to bear under Christ, by christian parents and teachers and doctrines before evil influences enter their lives. We suggest and recommend Free Will Baptist Literature for our churches, Sunday Schools and Leagues. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. POSTON.
N. R. SULLIVAN.
DONALD SELF.
J. L. CLARK.

DISCIPLINE AND WORSHIP

We your committee beg to make the following report: We urge our people that they observe the discipline of our church and also urge that we have our discipline read twice a year in our churches and that our pastors preach a doctrinal sermon at least once a year. Humbly submitted,

ELD. J. D. PAYNE.
ELD. EMMETT McDUFFIE
J. F. BARTLETT.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

We your committee on Temperance beg to make our report: we ask that our preachers preach more on this subject and that we abstain from all strong drink or offer to another that we keep our self unspotted from the world and live as christians should live.

LEWIS LAMB.

E. L. LONG.

OBITUARIES

IN MEMORY OF BRO. A. G. COOK

Bro. Cook departed this life Sept. 14, 1942 at the age of 66 years. He was born in Pike county and married Miss Ila Langford who survives him. He leaves five daughters, two sisters and two brothers, also several grandchildren and a multitude of friends to mourn his passing. Bro. Cook was a pious christian gentleman ever ready to do his part to help those that were in need. He was always ready to serve his fellowman, and stemmed the great cause of Christ. He was a member and a deacon of New Ebenezer Free Will Baptist church for many years. He was always loyal to his church. His death was a great shock to his many friends. Children, be ever ready so that when the great summons shall come, you may see father again. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon his devoted wife.—Written by his brother and sister in Christ—Eld. J. D. Payne and wife.

BEAUFORT POWELL

Beaufort Powell was born Nov. 1, 1918, died August 30, 1942. He was a member of Double Branch Free Will Baptist church. A precious one from us is gone, a voice we love is still, a place made vacant in our home never more to be filled. —MOTHER.

Mrs. A. J. Dunaway.

SISTER LAURA SHIPLING

On Nov. 1st, 1941, God saw fit to take from our midst Sister Laura Stripling, more affectionately known to those in her community where she lived as (Aunt Laura). She was a faithful member of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist church until the time for her to go to that bright home above. She was sick only a few days and we realize now that we will never see her dear smiling face on

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earth but hope to meet her in that world just ahead. Her last moments were peaceful. We miss "Aunt Laura". Oh, so much. But we all know where to find her. May we all serve that we may join her and other loved ones that are gone.

We miss thee from our church, Aunt Laura. We miss thee from thy place; a shadow over our life is cast. We miss the sunshine of thy face.

J. T. BARTLETT, Cordele, 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 J. D. Payne	Danville, Ga.
Elder Charles McCarthy	Empire, Ga.
Elder J. R. Smith	Gresston, Ga.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rules of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey,

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The condition of salvation are: 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become his elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance

teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him," (1 Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart for secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Open meeting with prayer.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Read and adopt minutes of last meeting.
5. Call for acknowledgements, and matters of dealing.
6. Report of Deacons.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Appointment of committees.
12. Adjournment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Call for corresponding letters from the churches.
3. Read the letters, complete and call the roll.
4. Elect and establish Conference bar.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Elect Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Report.
7. Introduce visiting brethren, and admit them to honorary seats.
8. Call for Corresponding Messengers from other bodies.
9. Appoint D. C.
10. Appoint the various Committees.
11. Elect the place for holding the next session.
12. Call for Ministerial, and all other Conference Reports.
13. Call for reports of Committees.
14. Call for ordinances and consecrations.
15. Call for miscellaneous business; elect all officers not already elected, elect any special boards, or committees, needed; or any other matters of miscellaney.
16. Read and adopt the minutes of Conference.
17. Adjourn.

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