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1947

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY - THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Georgia Union Association

Of The Original Free Will Baptist

HELD WITH

ANTIOCH CHURCH

Wilcox County, Ga., Oct. 9th, 10th, 1947

Officers:

Rev. J. F. Smith, Moderator	_____	Eastman, Ga.
Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Vice Moderator	_____	Macon, Ga.
Ernest J. Barker, Clerk and Treasurer	_____	Oglethorpe, Ga.
Wesley Hobbs, Mission Treasurer	_____	Cordele, Ga.

NEXT SESSION

The next session convenes with Liberty Chapel Church, Bibb County, Georgia on Thursday morning before second Sunday in October, 1948. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. L. Poston.

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 matter of miscellany.
16. Read and adopt the minutes of Conference.
17. Adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty - Third Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of the Free Will Baptist convened with Antioch Church, Wilcox County, Georgia, Thursday, October 9, 1947. Rev. J. F. Smith brought Introductory Sermon, of which a song and prayer service preceded. Dismissed by Bro. J. H. Owens for refreshments.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by the Moderator. Devotional by Moderator, after a few short comments, Associational Letters were called for. Those responding are herewith listed as follows:

Antioch: Bros. J. H. Owens, Gordon Johnson, Sister Pearl Johnson and Omie Owens.

Bethlehem: Bros. J. C. Smith and wife, J. T. Bartlett and Jim Bridges.

Liberty Chapel: Bro. H. E. Leonard.

Little Bethel: Bros. Robert Rodgers, Early Davis, Thomas Bryant, Johnnie Davis and Cicero Powell.

Mt. Ararat: Bros. Spurgeon Jones and Alton Fleming.

Pine Level: Bros. Donald Selph, W. H. Nobles and W. L. Amerson.

Christian Hill: Bro. L. W. McKinney.

Georgia Union Quarterly Conference: Bro. T. B. Ethridge.

Beulah Spring: Bros. Homer Bridges, B. I. Johnson, Bro. and Sister H. E. Bridges.

Double Branch: Bros. R. H. Holmes, Chester Holmes, J. A. Crosby and Sister J. B. Langford.

New Ebenezer: Sister Carlene Bradley, Mary Ellen Roland, Bro. Roland and John F. Ross.

Pleasant Hill: Bros. W.-L. Cason, Sanders, Tharpe, W. R. Langford and L. D. Timmerman.

Bay Spring: Bros. L. C. Allen and Johnnie Horne.

On motion, Moderator appointed Bros. W. L. Amerson and W. R. Langford as a committee to read the church letters.

On motion, letters received and delegates seated.

Moderator called for petitionary letters. None were received.

On motion, officers to be elected by acclamation.

Nominations were called for, of which were as follows: Moderator, Eld. J. F. Smith; Vice Moderator, Eld. Emmett McDuffie; Clerk and Treasurer, Ernest J. Barker; Mission Treasurer, Wesley Hobbs. No other nominations, on motion nominations closed and above officers declared elected.

Moderator called for corresponding messengers from any other body. Bro. and Sister C. J. Harvey and Sister Harmon from Union Association; Bro. E. C. Morris, State Association; Bro. W. C. Coleman, South Georgia Association.

On motion these corresponding messengers be seated in this body

and the Moderator extend to each a welcome.

Bro. Harvey made an appeal to this body that our prayers and work be more as we traveled along life's way. He requested that as many as would visit their Association when convened two weeks later, near Camilla, Georgia.

Bro. Coleman stated that they were at peace with each other and asked that we send a delegation to the South Georgia Association, when convened with Pine Level Church near Alma, two weeks later.

Bro. Morris spoke briefly of the work that had been done and that which they hoped to do in the future by the State Association.

On motion, Moderator and Clerk appoint various committees:

Devotional: J. H. Owens, Spurgeon Jones and Johnson.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: L. W. McKinney, Alton Fleming and Donald Selph.

Finance: Henry Noble, Gordon Johnson and Sanders Tharpe.

Temperance: Robert Rodgers, W. L. Amerson and Homer Bridges.

Sunday School: Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Mrs. J. C. Smith and L. D. Timmerman.

Education: Eld. J. L. Poston, Eld. G. W. Noble and Richard W. Holmes.

Women's Work: Sisters H. E. Bridges, J. B. Langford and Omie Owens.

The Moderator extended to any visitor from other Christian organization a hearty welcome. Those present were as follows:

Bro. and Sister Warren Pitts, Georgia, Church of God; Rev. J. N. Crosby, Pitts, Georgia, Little River Association of Missionary Baptist.

On motion, we hear devotional report. (See report.)

On motion, next session convenes with Liberty Chapel Church, Macon, Georgia on Thursday, October 7th, 1948.

At this time several asked to be excused, but after some discussion, only those who were sick or had sickness at home were excused.

On motion, letter from Eld. L. S. Yates read to body by Clerk. (See letter.) And same printed in minutes.

On motion, Bro. Morris granted time to make a short, but detailed report of the work accomplished and the goals set by State Association are as follows:

Home Mission program \$850.00; Foreign Mission \$1,000.00; Educational work \$3,000.00, by end of 1948, Superannuation fund \$1,000.00, Ministerial Revaluing fund \$1,000.00, which is available to Bible students as a loan to help finish their work.

Bro. Harvey made a short talk, stressing the need that all Free Will Baptist subscribe to our Baptist paper, for, besides all the good articles and letters, we would be more informed as to our State and National work.

On motion we adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

When having finished singing several songs, prayer was offered by Bro. Bartlett and Bro. Poston.

Moderator read eight verses from 15th chapter of St. John, and made several timely remarks.

Moderator called for Ministerial reports.

Ministerial reports read before body and on motion, approval was tabled at this time, and reports turned over to the Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, to be turned in with their report.

Moderator called for any conference reports. (Not any.)

Elder J. L. Poston made an oral report on the Sunday School Convention. Having had a glorious session. Each school representing had a good program, there yet being room for further improvements. He stressed the need for Sunday Schools and what a great opportunity we have with the pastors, teachers and pupils at our command. Bro. Poston hopes and intends to visit each Church in behalf of Sunday schools. Next Sunday school convention convenes with Pine Level Church, 1st Sunday in September, 1948.

On motion, this body voted approval and support to Bro. Poston for work already accomplished and any other that he may do in the future as Field Secretary for the Sunday School Convention of the Georgia Union Association.

Committee reports were read, as follows: reports adopted and committee released:

Education, Temperance, Finance, Woman's Work, Sunday School. (See Reports.)

On motion a collection be taken to pay \$3.85 indebtedness of the Association. \$6.65 was received.

On motion the balance, \$2.80 go into treasury.

On motion we take up miscellaneous work.

On motion Elder J. L. Poston preach Introductory Sermon, with Bro. G. W. Noble as an alternate, at next session.

On motion Bro. Cicero Powell be elected to executive Board, succeeding Bro. W. H. Peacock.

On motion we table the election of members for Mission Board until after Mission Committee has reported.

On motion the Mission, Education and Superannuation Membership whose names appear at top of list be up for election or reelection as body may see fit, with newest electorate's name placed at bottom of list each year.

On motion Elder Neal H. Parrish re-elected to Mission Board. (See board.)

On motion W. H. Noble re-elected to Superannuation Board. (See board.)

On motion Elder J. L. Poston elected to Education Board. (See board.)

On motion this body accepted, at his request, Bro. T. B. Etheridge's resignation from superannuation board.

On motion Bro. J. C. Smith from Bethlehem Church elected to Superannuation Board. (See Board.)

A free will offering was taken to be given Bro. Morris in promotion of his work, in the amount of \$18.70.

On motion we adjourn until 1:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a few songs and prayer, devotional by Moderator omitted.

On motion, Bro. N. R. Sullivan's report of his visit to Martin Association was accepted and he was appointed to attend 1948 session.

On motion Moderator appointed delegates to various Associations, as follows:

Chattahoochee: Rev. Joe Frank Smith.

North Florida: Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

South Georgia: Rev. Joe Frank Smith and Rev. G. W. Noble.

Union: Bro. J. C. Smith and wife.

State Association: Bros. Ernest J. Barker, J. T. Bartlett and Cicero Powell.

On motion, we correspond with Midway Association by Minutes.

On motion, we send to the State Association \$5.00 entrance fee, \$5.00 for entrance fee to National Association, \$5.00 each for Education, Superannuation, Home and Foreign Missions.

On motion, report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers read, and with Ministerial reports adopted and committee released. (See report.)

On motion; we use \$5.50 of the Foreign Mission fund and \$14.50 of the Home Mission fund in making up the \$20.00 to State Association.

On motion, report on Mission read, report adopted and committee released. (See report.)

On motion, we have 600 minutes printed.

On motion, Clerk obtain copy of Church letter now being used by some other Association, whereby it may become more uniform and more clearly on some items.

On motion, this body authorize the Mission Board to hold meeting and work out some plan to begin using the funds in Mission Treasury.

On motion, we pay Clerk \$10.00, Moderator \$5.00.

Having debated the question of whether new credentials should be issued or just how to handle the matter, the plan was suggested that with authority established that the Benjiman Randall Conference no longer exists, same ceased to become a part of the Georgia Union Association, that those hearing credentials of said conference in question, shall have a certificate of approval written on back, signed by Clerk and Moderator and seal by Georgia Union stamped

thereon.

A Free Will Baptist offering was taken in the amount of \$20.54 for Bro. Johnson who has been sick.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was given Antioch Church and community for the fine hospitality and entertainment during this session.

On motion, Clerk prepare manuscript for press, having same printed.

On motion, we adjourn to meet one year later, with Liberty Chapel Church, Macon, Georgia, on Thursday morning before second Sunday in October, 1948.

REV. J. F. SMITH, Moderator,
ERNEST J. BARKER, Clerk & Treas.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Neal H. Parrish _____ Hahira, Ga.
Elder Emmett McDuffie _____ 240½ Bailey Ave., Macon, Ga.
Elder W. O. Knighton _____ Route 1, Cochran, Ga.
Elder J. W. Hightower _____ 124 Grady St., Macon, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith _____ Eastman, Ga.
Elder L. S. Yates _____ Danville, Ga.
Elder J. L. Poston _____ Chester, Ga.
Elder J. B. Langford _____ Hawkinsville, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne _____ 240 Bailey Ave., Macon, Ga.
Elder Charles McCarthy _____ Empire, Ga.
Elder G. C. Sullivan _____ Vienna, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan _____ Unadilla, Ga.

NAMES OF MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION

Elder J. B. Langford _____ Hawkinsville, Ga.
Elder Neal H. Parrish _____ Hahira, Ga.
Elder J. L. Poston _____ Chester, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan _____ Unadilla, Ga.
Elder G. W. Noble _____ Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne _____ Macon, Ga.
Elder J. F. Smith _____ Eastman, Ga.
Elder J. W. Hightower _____ Macon, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER R. L. CLARK

Brother Clark was born July 7th, 1877. Died June 9th, 1947. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Church for 40 years and his life was hid with God through Christ. He was a faithful member of the church.

'Tis so hard to break the tender cord
When love has bound the heart
'Tis hard so hard to speak the words
We must in this life — Part.

By his pastor,

REV. C. H. MOORE.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEIR CHURCH AND ADDRESS

W. H. Nobles—Pine Level _____ Chester, Ga.
L. W. McKinney—Christian Hill _____ Abbeville, Ga.
W. W. Hobbs—Pleasant Hill _____ Vienna, Ga.
John F. Ross—New Ebenezer _____ Cochran, Ga.
Cicero Powell—Little Bethel _____ Chester, Ga.

MISSION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

W. W. Hobbs _____ Vienna, Ga.
John F. Ross _____ Route 3, Cochran, Ga.
Ernest J. Barker _____ Oglethorpe, Ga.
J. W. Fordham _____ Chester, Ga.
Rev. Neal H. Parrish _____ Hahira, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESS

J. C. Smith, Treasurer _____ Cordele, Ga.
Cicero Powell _____ Chester, Ga.
W. H. Noble _____ Chester, Ga.

EDUCATION BOARD AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Chester Holmes _____ Route 1, Vienna, Ga.
E. R. Roland _____ Route 3, Cochran, Ga.
Elder J. L. Poston _____ Chester, Ga.

LETTER FROM ELDER L. S. YATES

Chattahoochee, Fla.

To the Brothers and Sisters of the Georgia Union Association:

I take this method to let you hear from me again.

Holy Greetings to you all. Physically I am still weak, but spiritually I am strong. I would like so much to be with you all, but my condition forbids. My best wishes and prayers be with you all. My earnest prayer is that brotherly love may flow from heart to heart and that unity may prevail. I want to send you all my heart-felt thanks for your liberal donation you sent me a year ago. May God bless each one who contributed any part of it. I would be so glad to have another car load of you all visit me. Be sure to remember me in your prayers. God forbid that I should cease to pray for all my friends and those I love.

I shall always remember my friends until I cross the bar that separates between the living and the dead, and I take up my resting place in the shade of the tree just on the other side of the river.

Your old brother in the holy band of Christian friendship.

L. S. YATES.

(Clerk's note) Bro. Yates has died since the holding of this session of the Georgia Union Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, your committee on Sunday School are glad to report that several churches have Sunday schools. We believe this is a good work for we are commanded to study to show our selves approved. We should teach our young people the Word of God because we realize and know they are our church of tomorrow.

MRS. J. C. SMITH, Chairman.

LETTER FROM QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

From the Quarterly Conference of the Georgia Union Association.

To the Georgia Union Association when convened with Antioch Church. We send as delegates Bro. T. B. Ethridge and Bro. M. I. Hardeman. The spiritual condition is good. We send \$10.00 for Associational purposes, \$10.00 for Home Missions.

Done by order of the Quarterly Conference, this 30th day of August, 1947.

REV. J. L. POSTON, Moderator,
ERNEST J. BARKER, Clerk.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, find the Association in debt \$3.85.

From Churches this session	\$87.00
Received by collection	6.65
TOTAL	\$93.65
Paid Indebtedness	3.85
TOTAL	\$89.80
From churches this session	\$ 34.50
For Missions	121.49
We find in Mission Treasury	121.49
TOTAL	\$155.99
We find in Education fund Treasury	\$14.00
From Churches this session	11.75
TOTAL	\$25.75
We find in Superannuation Treasury	\$17.05
From churches this session	17.05
TOTAL	\$17.05
We find in Evangelistic Work Treasury	14.50
From churches this session	14.50
TOTAL	\$14.50

We find in Orphanage Treasury _____ \$5.00
From churches this session _____

TOTAL _____ **\$5.00**

W. H. NOBLE, Chairman.

MISSION REPORT

We, your committee beg that you accept the following as our report. We find that our churches are doing very little in support of the great cause of Missions, both Home and Foreign. We attribute this largely to our preachers failure to preach on this great theme. We recommend that all the pastors set the example of assessing themselves before the church and preaching often on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. NEAL H. PARRISH, Chrm.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to make the following report. We suggest the Christian people should teach in our churches to abstain the appearance of evil and worldly lust and live a clean christian life before the youth of our country. The pastors should preach more temperance to their churches.

W. L. AMERSON, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We beg leave to make the following as our report. We find all our churches and ministers in good standing. The only differences that we discovered has been duly adjusted and full satisfaction made between all parties concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. McKenney, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education submit the following report. We find that there seems to be an awakening on the part of our people in regard to the work and importance of the work of the Sunday School. Our Sunday Schools have taken on new life, as was shown by our Sunday School convention which was held at Reba Church the first Sunday in September. We recommend that a field worker be appointed to travel from church to church to encourage and assist in bringing about efficiency in the work of the Sunday Schools, and to assist in the organizations of Sunday schools, in churches who have no Sunday School.

The Sunday School is by far our most fruitful field for evange-

lism and the Sunday school workers constitute our most efficient force. Training in Service should be instituted for our workers and teachers.

ELD. J. L. POSTON, Chairman.

WOMAN'S WORK

We, your committee are sorry to report there is no organized work in our church other than Sunday school and prayer meeting, but we ask the prayers of those who pray, that we may move forward in the work for the up-building of our churches for Christ.

MRS. J. B. LANGFORD.

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER A. J. DUNAWAY

In memory of Brother A. J. Dunaway, better known as "Uncle Jack." Uncle Jack was born 1857, died Feb. 10, 1947. He left this world at the age of 90, to go on to that heavenly mansion he has been preparing for 73 years.

Funeral services were conducted at Double Branch church, by our pastor, Rev. C. H. Moore. Services at the graveside were conducted by Uncle Jack's Brother Masons.

Uncle Jack has been a member of the church 73 years. He served as a Deacon of Double Branch for 50 years. We miss Uncle Jack in our church. He was a faithful worker. His life as a Christian is an inspiration to us now. We know he is reaping the joys of heaven and we too, someday will meet him again.

Sister in Christ,

MRS. J. T. DUNAWAY.

IN MEMORY OF ELDER C. E. PEACOCK

Bro. Peacock was born Sept. 29, 1895, died Feb. 9, 1947, making his stay on earth 51 year, 4 months and 11 days. He was a member of Mt. Ararat Free Will Baptist church and a minister of the Gospel for several years. He filled his place well both as a member and a minister and was loved by all who knew him.

There is now a vacant chair at the table, a vacant place in the home, a voice that was loved is still. He will be missed in the community as well as in the home. He was always found loyal and faithful to his loved ones and friends. He is not dead but sleeping. Bro. Peacock to you we will say, Good night here but Good morning up there.

He is gone but not forgotten,

Never will his memory fade,

Sweetest thoughts will ever linger

Around the grave where he is laid.

In a land that is free from sorrow

Where the weary rest from care,

There will be no sad tomorrow,
When we gather over there.
Endless praise to him be given,
While the countless ages roll
In a mansion up in heaven
That fair homeland of the soul.
Written by request,

ELDER J. F. SMITH.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MARTHA PEACOCK

Sister Peacock was born December 12, 1872, died Jan. 9, 1947. Was a member of Mt. Ararat Free Will Baptist Church for many many year. Her stay on earth was 74 years and 28 days. Gone but not forgotten.

She has gone to her reward
That's prepared for her on high,
Where loved ones can be reunited
And so can you and I.
So brace up now dear loved ones,
Let's say O Lord thy will be done
The fight is yet before us
Our crown is yet to be won.
Written by request,

ELD. J. F. SMITH.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MAGGIE BOKENHAGEN

Mrs. Maggie Bokenhagen was born Dec. 29, 1874, died May 29, 1947. She was one among the oldest members of the Bethlehem church. She has gone but not forgotten, never will her memory fade.

WHEN WE GO HOME

When we go home think you 'tis true
That we shall know as once we knew
You speak with me and I with you
When we go home.
When we go home I hope to see
A little face look straight at me,
Unchanged from what it used to be
When we go home.
When we go home, 'Twill be to hear
A darling voice, so low and clear
Our hearts were thrilled to think it near,
When we go home.
When we go home, it must be so,
From out the shades of long ago,
Will come the friends we lost below—
When we go home.—J. L. Scott.
By O. V. SMITH, Grand son.

IN MEMORY OF MR. A. E. HOLT

Mr. A. E. Holt went to his reward April 29, 1947. He was one among the oldest members of Bethlehem church. Born April 30, 1891.

AWAY

I cannot say, I will not say
That he is dead, he is just away,
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
As he wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you, O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.

—James Whitecomb Riley.

By E. E. BROWN.

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 being 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 incarna-

tion, 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 conditions 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. **PRESEVERENCE.** 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." (I 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.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. Annual conference shall be annually held.

Art. 2. Every Elder, Minister and Preacher, in good standing, and delegates shall duly attend.

Art. 3. If any member in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.

Art. 4. No member of the annual conference shall be at liberty

to withdraw without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 5. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Art. 6. There shall annually be a committee of Finance chosen to settle with the Treasurer and report to conference.

Art. 7. The officers and standing committees shall be entitled to seats in the annual conference.

Art. 8. No Elder, Minister, preacher or delegate shall, during the sitting of the annual conference, be at liberty to fill any place, as to preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the conference.

Art. 9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.

Art. 10. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the Moderator and the Clerk.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Baptized	Rec. By Letter	Lettered Out	Deceased	Total Membership	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Orphanage	Spent For Evangelistic Work	Superannuation	Asso. Purposes	Education	Paid Pastor
Abioch	Bertha Owens, Pitts, Ga., R. 2.	W. R. Horne, Bainbridge, Ga.	3		1			42	\$	\$		\$12.25	\$	\$6.00	\$	\$143.40
Abingdon Springs	I. M. Smith, Eastman, Ga., R. 5	J. F. Smith, Eastman, Ga.	2	10	1	1		65	10.00					6.00		75.00
Abraham	Mrs. E. E. Brown, Cordele, Ga. R. 1	J. B. Langford, Hawkinsville, Ga.	1	2			3	42				15.00		5.00		250.00
Abraham Spring	Mrs. Henry E. Bridges, Montrose	J. B. Langford, Hawkinsville, Ga.	4	3				40				18.50		3.00		100.00
Abraham Hill	Ernest J. Barker, Oglethorpe, Ga.	J. D. Payne, 240 Bailey Ave., Macon	1	10	3	4		148	5.00	5.00			2.75	8.00		209.35
Abraham Branch	J. A. Crosby, Unadilla, Ga.	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	4	1			4	175	129.45	8.00		65.50		10.00	8.00	309.70
Abraham Chapel	H. E. Leonard, 36 Trammel Ave. Macon, Ga.	J. D. Payne, 240 Bailey Ave., Macon	All	11				29	3.00				5.00	5.00	2.00	
Abraham Bethel	Edna Fordham, Chester, Ga.	J. D. Payne, 240 Bailey Ave., Macon	2	21				79						6.00		171.25
Abraham Ararat	Alton Fleming, Milan, Ga.	Joe F. Smith, Eastman, Ga.	4	5		1	2	209				42.76		5.00		109.21
Abraham Ebenezer	Mrs. J. F. Ross, Cochran, Ga. R. 3	Emmett McDuffie, 240 1/2 Bailey Ave. Macon, Ga.	1-3	3		2		35	30.50			44.00	4.00	6.00	4.00	113.00
Abraham Level	W. B. Bacon, Chester, Ga., R. 1	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	1	4		1	2	120	1.00	1.00		61.00		5.00	3.00	290.00
Abraham Pleasant Hill	Viola Hobbs, Vienna, Ga.	C. H. Moore, Reynolds, Ga.	2			1	2	111				40.00		10.00		275.00