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Convened With

GREENWOOD CHURCH

MITCHELL COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOVEMBER SIX, TEN AND TWELVE, A. D. 1920

OFFICERS

W. A. POPE, Moderator Union, Georgia
B. H. EDWARDS, Clerk Houston, Georgia
J. T. LEE, Treasurer Pelham, Georgia

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November 9th, 10th and 11th, 1920

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B. H. Edwards, Clerk, Hinson, Georgia.
J. T. Lee, Treasurer, Peiham, Georgia.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session of Liberty Association of United Free-will Baptist which convened with the Greenwood Church on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in November, 1920.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

After services by singing song No. 32 in Gospel Bell, prayer was offered by Bro. Edward Hawkins, after which Bro. D. J. Edwards was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. He preached a very interesting sermon from Mathew 2-10, using as a subject "The Star of Bethlehem" followed by Bro. W. A. Pope. Dismissed for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Body was called to order by singing song No. 19 in Gospel Bell. Prayer by Bro. Edward Hawkins. The Clerk, Bro. J. J. Fowler being absent the body proceeded to elect a clerk pro tem, Bro. B. H. Edwards being elected. Appointed Credential Committee consisting of J. T. Lee, Chairman; N. V. Atkinson and J. M. Merrill. A call was made for corresponding letters from sister churches. Moved and seconded that we omit reading the letters until tomorrow morning. Election of Moderator and Clerk. Bro's. W. A. Pope and W. A. Sellars were nominated for Moderator. Bro. B. H. Edwards for Clerk. Bro's. Ramsey and Taylor being chosen to hold the ballot. Bro. W. A. Pope was elected Moderator and Bro. B. H. Edwards Clerk. At this juncton Bro. Pope thanked the body for the great honor and confidence they had placed in him by electing him Moderator of the Conference. Moved and seconded that Bro. W. A. Sellars be Assistant Moderator. As the hour had arrived for adjournment the Moderator called the body's attention as to what hours they should meet and adjourn. Moved and carried to meet at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 4:30 P. M.

Delegates were then assigned to homes after which song No. 9 in Gospel Bell was sung. Prayer by Bro. Pope and we were dismissed by Bro. D. J. Edwards.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Body called to order by singing No. 114 in Redeeming Star. Prayer by Bro J. T. Lee. A call was made for the reading of the church letters. Moved to hear them read. Bro's. Edward Hawkins and D. J. Edwards were appointed to read them. Moved to receive them as read. A call was made for Petitionary Letters. There being one church present that desired membership with us its letter was read and received and its delegates given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator and given a seat in the body. The following are the names of the churches and their delegates represented:

1. Saco Church. B. H. Edwards, Hinsonton, Ga.; T. H. Lee, Camilla, Ga.
2. Spring Hill Church. N. V. Atkinson; Capp Atkinson, Breast, Georgia.
3. Greenwood Church. M. Joiner, Pelham, Ga.; C. Davis, Camilla, Georgia.
4. Union Hill Church. J. M. Merritt, Cairo, Georgia.
5. Pelham Church. J. H. Daughtry; A. N. Barton and Edward Hawkins, Pelham, Georgia.
6. Prosperity Church. B. D. Lawson; D. McCorvey and C. M. Lawson, Ashburn, Georgia.
7. New Bethel Church. Pastor W. A. Pope, Camilla, Ga.

An invitation was extended visiting brethren to have seats with the Convention. There being none present the roll was called and the Decorum read. The following committees were appointed:

- Committee on Resolutions: D. J. Edwards, Chairman; J. M. Merrill and A. L. Sellers.
- Committee on State of Churches: D. J. Edwards, Chairman; J. T. Lee and A. N. Barton.
- Committee on Temperance: J. H. Daughtry; T. H. Lee and Edward Hawkins.
- Committee on Sunday School: Edward Hawkins; T. H. Lee and W. A. Sellers.
- Committee on Literature: A. L. Sellers; W. A. Sellers and Edward Hawkins.
- Committee on Finance: J. T. Lee; J. M. Merritt and N. V. Atkinson.
- Committee on Time and Place of Next Session: D. J. Edwards; J. H. Daughtry and C. M. Lawson.

A call was made for the report of the Preaching Committee

Report.

We, your Committee on Preaching beg leave to make the following report. Bro. Edward Hawkins will preach today and Bro. Pope close.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Lee,

B. H. Edwards

Adjourned for preaching, the stand being filled by Bro. Hawkins who preached an interesting sermon from First Thessalonians, fifth chapter followed by Bro. Pope. Dismissed by Bro. D. J. Edwards until 1:30 P. M. during which time some very delicious refreshments were served.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the Moderator by singing hymn No. 93 in the Resurrected Songs. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. L. Sellers. Moved and seconded we hear the report of the various committees.

Report of Temperance Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance recommend that our body commend the officers of our State for giving us prohibition laws and that we declare ourselves against the blind tiger and that we use all our power against the use of intoxicating drinks. Respectfully submitted.

J. H. Daughtry,

T. H. Lee,

Rev. E. Hawkins, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report. The Pelham Church has a successful Sunday School with an average attendance of 45 and is self-sustaining, using P. W. B. Literature. We recommend that all our patrons and churches give this their careful attention with the view to establish more Sunday Schools in our churches.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. Edward Hawkins, Ch'm

Rev. W. A. Sellers,

T. H. Lee.

Report on Literature.

We, your Committee on Literature, recommend that all Free-will Baptists take the Free-will Baptist Paper and that the

Sunday Schools use the Free-will Baptist Literature both of which are printed at Ayden, N. C. Also that we all use the Bible more extensively in our homes.

Respectfully submitted

W. A. Sellars,
A. L. Sellars,
Edward Hawkins.

Report of Committee on Standing of Churches.

We, your Committee on Standing of Churches, beg leave to make the following report. First, we find all of the churches in good standing except New Home Church which has departed from the original United Free-will Baptist in that they have as their pastor a man who has been excluded from the United Free-will Baptist Church for his tendency toward Holy-Rollerism, which we as a committee recommend that we withdraw fellowship from same until they have adjusted themselves and have made satisfactory acknowledgments. Second, we also find that Union Grove Church has abandoned themselves from our body. We also recommend that we declare a non-fellowship toward them until they have made the required acknowledgments to the body and have been restored to the fellowship of the same. Third, we also find that Prosperity Church after having read and understood the findings of the Called Session which was held on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1920 do fully subscribe to the same and prays to be restored to the fellowship of the body which we as your committee recommend to restoration to the body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Lee,
A. N. Barton,
Rev. D. J. Edwards, Ch'n.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to make the following report. First. After a thorough examination we find all of our ministers sound in faith and discipline. Second We also find that Bro. S. O. McCorvey after having read and understood the finding of the Called Session which convened on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1920 subscribes to same and is hereby recommended to the fellowship of the body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Merritt,
N. V. Atkinson,
J. T. Lee, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Time and Place of Next Session.

We, your Committee on Time and Place of Next Session, beg leave to make the following report. We recommend that the next session be held with the Pelham United Free-will Baptist Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in October, 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Daughtry,
C. M. Lawson,
D. J. Edwards, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee.

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to make a report as follows:

Received from the following churches at this session:

Saco Church	\$ 4.00
Greenwood Church	4.00
Spring Hill Church	4.00
Pelham Church	4.00
Prosperity Church	4.00

Total \$26.00

Amount in Treasury at this session 13.37

Making total of 39.37

Paid Clerk for his services 7.00

Leaving balance of 32.37

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Lawson,
N. V. Atkinson,
J. M. Merritt,
J. T. Lee, Treasurer.

After hearing the reports of the various committees it was moved and carried to receive them as read and also to restore Rev. S. O. McCorvey back to the ministry in the United Free-will Baptist Church. Moved and carried to restore Prosperity Church back to the fellowship of the Association and receive its delegates with their letters and associational funds which was

none and the right of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

Moved and carried that this Association appoint an Organizing Council and the following were appointed: Rev. Edward Hawkins, Chairman; Rev. R. M. Massey and Deacon N. V. Atkinson. A call was made for correspondence from sister associations. None were present. Appointed correspondence to sister associations to the Martin of Georgia, W. A. Sellers; to the Midway Association, J. T. Lee and Rev. D. J. Edwards; to the Ochlocknee Association, T. H. Lee; to the Little River Association, Rev. S. O. McCorvey and D. McCorvey; to the Georgia Union Association by letter; to the Chattahoochee Association, Rev. Edward Hawkins. Moved and carried that Rev. A. L. Sellers preach the Introductory Sermon and that Rev. S. O. McCorvey be his alternate. Moved and carried that we only have the business transactions of the Association printed leaving out the Church Decorum, Articles of Faith, Constitution and Doctrinal Views, Etc. Moved and carried also to have the minutes of the Called Session which was held on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1926 printed. Moved and carried that we tender our heartfelt thanks to Greenwood Church and community for their kindness shown us while in their midst. Moved to adjourn when the Brethren were given the parting hand in good-bye to meet with the Pelham Church on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1927.

Rev. W. A. Pope, Moderator,
Camilla, Georgia.
B. H. Edwards, Clerk,
Hinsonton, Georgia.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Greenwood, Mitchell County, Ga. G. W. Witham, Clerk, Camilla, Ga., W. A. Sellers, Pastor, Camilla, Ga. Meeting days second Sunday and Saturday before. Received by letter none. On profession of faith 1. Expelled none. Received for Baptism none. Dismissed by letter none. Paid for Missions \$20.65. Paid for Minutes \$4.00. Paid to pastor \$46.50. Value of Church building \$500.00. Membership 28.

Saco Church, Mitchell County, Georgia. B. H. Edwards, Clerk, Hinsonton, Ga. D. J. Edwards, Pastor, Hinsonton, Ga. Meeting days third Sunday and Saturday before. Received by letter none. On profession of faith none. By baptism none. Dismissed by letter 3. Expelled none. Total membership 30. Paid pastor \$35.00. Paid for Minutes \$4.00. Paid of Mis-

sions \$135. Value of church property \$350.00.

Spring Hill, Mitchell County, Georgia. Elzie Hatchet, Clerk, Breast, Ga. W. A. Pope, Pastor, Camilla, Ga. Meeting days fourth Sunday and Saturday before. Received by letter 3. On profession of faith 5. By Baptism 9. Dismissed by letter none. Expelled none. Total membership 65. Paid Pastor \$25.00. Value of church building \$300.00. Paid for minutes \$4.00.

Prosperity Church, Turner County, Georgia. W. R. Lawson, Clerk, Ashburn, Ga. S. O. McCorvey, Pastor, Ashburn, Ga. Meeting days first Sunday and Saturday before. Received by letter none. On profession of faith none. Expelled 5. Received for Baptism none. Dismissed by letter 2. Total membership 75. Paid pastor \$10.00. Value of church building \$400.00.

New Bethel Church, Worth County, Ga. J. A. Farmer, Clerk, Sylvester, Georgia. M. A. Pope, Pastor, Camilla, Ga. Meeting days first Sunday and Saturday before. Received by letter none. On profession of faith none. For Baptism none. Dismissed by letter none. Expelled none. Total membership of church 30. Value of church property \$550.00.

Pelham Church, Mitchell County, Georgia. B. Harrell, Clerk, Pelham, Georgia. D. J. Edwards, Pastor, Hinsonton, Ga. Meeting days first Sunday and Saturday before. Received by letter 9. On profession of faith 17. For Baptism 12. Dismissed by letter none. Expelled none. Total membership 38. Paid pastor \$69.00. Value of Church property \$1000.00.



REPORT OF THE CALLED SESSION.

Called Session of the Liberty Association met with Greenwood Free-will Baptist Church in Mitchell County, State of Georgia, on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1920, to adjust the disorders existing in our Association.

The following churches were represented by the delegates following, their names in order mentioned.

Body was called to order by the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Liberty Association, Brother J. T. Lee.

Brother A. L. Sellars was appointed temporary Secretary. Bethel Church Delegates: Brethern J. A. Fowler; J. F. Farmer; J. A. Farmer and J. J. Fowler.

Prospect Church not represented.

It was here voted to allow each of the two factions of Union Hill Church to seat three delegates, as follows:

Representing the faction which had voted the church out of the Liberty Association for having departed from the doctrines and manner of the Free-will Baptist Church: Brethern J. M. Merritt, W. P. Tugle and E. R. Hurst.

Those representing the Excluded Faction of the Union Hill Church: Brethern J. R. Gilliard; James Godwin and R. Handcock.

Saco Church: Brethern R. A. Burgess; D. J. Edwards and T. H. Lee.

Greenwood Church: J. M. Cutts; M. L. Larisey and C. Davis.

New Home Church: Brethern A. G. Harris; N. L. Lamb and H. Harrell.

Christian Home Church: Brethern S. T. Hobbs and W. E. Hobbs.

The foregoing churches being represented by the Brethern opposite their names. The body was then declared ready to elect officers permanently.

Brothers J. T. Lee and A. L. Sellars were elected Moderator and Clerk respectively.

It was then agreeable to the body for the Executive Committee of the Association to make private investigations as to the state of affairs which have brought our Association into a disorderly condition before the State Convention of the Free-

will Baptists of Georgia and that they report with recommendations to this body before final adjournment.

Body was then dismissed for the committee to make said investigation and make said recommendations.

Dismissed for preaching and refreshments.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Called to order by Moderator. After prayer the Committee made their report which was as follows:

We, your Executive Board of the Liberty Association of United Free-will Baptists of Georgia being present with you in this our Called Session of the Liberty Association and acting with you and for said Association, beg to make the following as our report as to the conditions existing in, and prevailing against the good order among ourselves as an Association, and preventing the fellowship of our beloved sister associations which compose the State Convention of Free-will Baptists of Georgia.

First. We find it true as charged, that we have ministers on our Ministerial Roll whose doctrines and manner is that of the so-called Holy Rollers, and, that we have departed from the laws and discipline of the Free-will Baptist Church in our having received Belvue Church into our body while said church was excluded from a sister association for having departed from the regular manner and doctrines of the Free-will Baptist Church.

Second. Be the following enacted by this body: That we rescind the action of the last session of our Association in receiving Belvue Church while in a state of disorder, and, that the Liberty Association have nothing further to do with said church.

Third. That we endorse the action of the minority of Union Hill Church in sustaining the State Convention in her findings against the Liberty Association for our having departed from the manner of the original Free-will Baptists.

Fourth. That we forbid the other faction of Union Hill Church holding services in Union Hill Church Building, and recommend that, this faction seek at once, to restore itself to the fellowship of the minority faction of said church.

Fifth. That we call in the credentials of the following Ministers for having departed from the doctrines and manner of the Free-will Baptist Church.

Names follow:

Rev. S. O. McCorvey, of Prosperity Church; Rev. A. J.

Tomblinson of Union Hill Church; Rev. W. E. Hobbs, of ———
Church and Rev. L. R. Carter of Union Hill Church.

We further recommend, that they turn over their credentials to the Executive Board of this body and that their respective churches dismiss them as members of same.

Sixth. That we exclude Christian Home Church, also Prosperity Church from our Association for their so called Holy Roller tendencies.

Seventh. That we forbid any of our churches allowing speaking in the so called "unknown tongue," or to allow any preacher to fill our pulpits whose doctrines are not in accord with that of the Free-will Baptist Church.

Signed:

J. T. Lee, Chairman.

J. F. Farmer,

J. J. Fowler,

Executive Board of the Liberty

Free-will Baptist Association of Ga.

Moved and carried, that we adopt the foregoing recommendations by paragraph, and after due discussion of the foregoing recommendations each paragraph was adopted by this body. Body ruling that this action shall be considered final in all matters pertaining hereto.

Body voted to adjourn with prayer by Bro. Hawkins.

Signed:

J. T. Lee, Moderator.

A. L. Sellars, Clerk.

This May 29th, in the year of our Lord, 1920.