

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
MARIETTA UNION CONFERENCE

The first session of the Marietta Union Conference of Free Will Baptist convened with Deep Creek church of Jenkins county Ga. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September A. D. 1912.

Conference was opened by singing No. 43 (Tillman's Songs) and prayer by Eld. R. S. Johnson.

This body was then called to order by Eld. A. D. Emanuel (former moderator of Union Meeting.)

Letters were then called for from various churches. The following churches responded by letters and delegates:

Deep Creek—Marietta and Martin Grove of Jenkins Toombs and Tattnall counties respectively.

Bro. J. C. Sapp was appointed to read the letters.

Names of delegates were enrolled and body was declared ready for the appointment of its officers.

By vote Eld. A. D. Emanuel was made moderator.

By vote Bro. J. C. Sapp was made clerk and treasurer.

This body was then declared ready to enter into any and all business of concern to said body.

Visitors were invited to seats with us.

Elder Neal H. Parish responded and represented by Proxy: Alamo Free Will Baptist church, he being pastor of this church and reports condition of Alamo church excellent with a continued increase of membership.

Called for corresponding messages from sister Associations.

Received Eld. Neal H. Parish of Georgia Union Association. He reports as follows:

Condition of our Association is encouraging. Good revivals in most of our churches with many accessions to the different churches.

We invite the appointment of one or two messengers from your conference to ours which convenes on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. of this year with Free Will Union church near Hawkinsville, Ga.

The various committees were appointed by Mod. as follows:

Committee on arrangement of preaching—Bros. T. E. Cobb, W. S. Padgett and J. H. Powell.

Committee on Temperance, Bros. R. S. Johnson, J. H. W. Oglesby and C. L. Wiggins.

Committee on Resolutions, Bros. G. W. Scarbord M. L. Powell, E. P. Wiggins, J. C. Sapp and Joe Wiggins.

Committee on Publications, Bros. J. C. Sapp, G. W. Scarbord and E. P. Wiggins.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Body was called together by singing song No. 138 (No. 6 Tillman's Songs)

Prayer by Eld. I. E. Dodd.

Called to order by moderator.

Then called for reports of committees which reports were read and adopted as follows:

On Preaching.—We, your committee offer the following report: Eld. Neal H. Parish, preach to-day at 11 o'clock. Eld. I. E. Dodd to preach at 7 o'clock. Eld. R. S. Johnson at 11 o'clock Sunday. Eld. A. D. Emanuel at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

On Temperance.—We, your committee on temperance submit the following report: We learn of no drunkenness among any of the members of our churches. This is gratifying to us and we commend all of our brethren who have faithfully adhered to the commandment by the Scriptures of temperance in all things and pray that all our brethren will continue to observe this commandment, remembering that they are the light of the world.

J. H. W. OGLESBY, Ch'm.

On Publication.—We recommend that our minutes be published by our press at Ayden, N. C. Also that all our churches use our literature in Sabbath Schools.

J. C. SAPP, Ch'm.

On Resolutions.—We recommend that we hold our next session with Marietta church of Toombs county, seven miles east of Lyons, Ga.

2. That we condemn the baptism of the Mormons, Russellites and Adventists and that none of our pastors or churches receive members from them with their baptism.

3. That each church of this conference shall send to each session of this conference the amount of \$3.00 to defray the current expenses of same and that the pastors of the several churches take a public collection for Home Missions once each quarter. Said collections to be for Home Missions in the bounds of this conference; same to be paid into hand of treasurer of this body and a disbursement of same to be made by this body while in session and that all pastors read once each quarter at their churches our church covenant and decorum. Also, that they preach frequently on the importance of giving to support our cause and the blessedness of giving.

We further recommend that we adopt the original decorum of Free Will Baptists, governing the F. W. B. conferences A. D. 1912, as the decorum of this body and that this decorum be published in our conference minutes from time so long as this conference shall exist.

Prayerfully submitted,

J. C. SAPP, Ch'm.

The foregoing committee reports were unanimously adopted by this body. After which the moderator called for miscellaneous business.

By vote this body elected Eld. A. D. Emanuel and Bro. J. C. Sapp as messengers to the Georgia Union Association. By vote we pay Eld. Neal H. Parish a sufficient sum to defray his expenses from Aline, Ga. to this session and return.

By vote we pay our clerk \$4.00 for services rendered.

By vote we have minutes published to amount of \$6.00 and that said minutes be published by our press at Ayden, N. C.

By vote of this body our delegates of the various churches shall appear in a solid roll, same as that as of the ministers.

By vote we hear the treasurer's report, which is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received at this session:	
Deep Creek,	\$2.10
Marietta,	3 00
Martin Grove,	1.00
Total at this session,	6.10
From Union,	20 01
Total,	26 11
Drawn for minutes,	\$6 00
“ “ Clerk service,	4 00
Paid out	\$10 00
Balance in treasury,	\$16 11.

By vote this body authorizes our clerk to write and insert in our minutes a recommendation of Eld. Neal H. Parish as an Evangelist.

Ministerial Roll—Elds. A. D. Emanuel S. L. Emanuel, R. S. Johnson, I. E. Dodd.

Delegates—Bros. M. H. Drake, M. L. Powell, R. W.

Drew, Joe Wiggins, E. P. Wiggins, G. W. Scarboro, I. E. Dodd, C. L. Wiggins, Thomas E. Cobb, W. S. Padgett, J. C. Sapp.

By vote of this conference we desire to recommend to all our churches and brethren everywhere, Eld. Neal H. Parish as a true and tried gospel minister of the Free Will Baptist faith. We have known him since his entering the ministry. He is a worthy Christian and indeed zealous in our cause and an evangelist of ability. He has for the past two years been engaged in holding tent meetings, resulting in great good for our Zion. We commend him to you and bid him God speed.

Conference closed in order to meet with Marietta Free Will Baptist church, Toombs county, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September 1913.

ELD. A. D. EMANUEL, Mod.
J. C. SAPP, Clerk.

CONFERENCE DECORUM.

This conference shall be held annually.

2nd. Every elder, minister and preacher in good standing and delegate, shall duly attend with convenience.

3rd. All the delegates to this conference shall be chosen by the church, that is to say, the pastor shall first nominate, but if the churches shall fail to get a delegate by the nomination of the pastor, then twice the required number shall be nominated and lots or ballots cast and the person on which the lot falls shall be considered subservient.

4th. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during the session at which he is elected, call the next succeeding session to order and preside till a reorganization has been effected by the election and installation of his successor. It shall be his duty to keep discipline and in case of a tie to cast the deciding vote.

5th. This conference shall organize by choosing a moderator and a clerk.

6th. No member shall rise and speak in the conference without first addressing the moderator.

7th. But one member shall speak at a time and that by order.

8th. No member shall be at liberty to speak more than twice on any subject without leave of the conference.

9th. All matters shall be decided by a majority.

10th. When the conference is tied the moderator shall give the deciding vote.

11th. If any member in the judgment of the conference shall show anger in his discussion of any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in this conference.

12th. No member of this conference shall be at liberty to withdraw, without leave of the moderator.

13th. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

14th. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.

15th. The treasurer shall be entitled to a seat in this conference annually.

16th. It shall be the duty of the conference by their clerk to call the names of the elders, ministers and preachers enrolled in the minutes of the last conference and in the conference shall examine and enquire into the state of the ministry, in turn as they are called, for the past year.

17th. No elder minister, preacher or delegate shall during the sitting of this 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.

18th. Every elder, minister or preacher who shall be dealt with and excommunicated by the order of the conference shall be considered no member of the Free

Will Baptist church, but may by repentance be restored to membership by any one of the sister churches and by a recommendation from the church to this conference may be restored to his ministerial office.

19th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled in the church letters.

20th. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praises to God.

21st. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

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 all 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 the world, because of the great love wherewith he loved the world: and Christ as freely gave himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried, and rose again the third day and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for him the second time, in the clouds of heaven, at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead.—I. Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:8; I. John 2:2; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; John 3:16.

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. 4:4,5,6.

4. We believe that 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 the 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 Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them, because they believe not in 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 contradiction that all men at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God, they may be eternally saved.—Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I. John 5:10.

7. We believe that the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II. 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; Luke 24:47; 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 teaching; 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 6:44, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11-12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men not considered, simple as ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the 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 Apostles 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; II. Peter 2:1; II. 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 Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, of such is the kingdom of God.—I. Cor. 15:32; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 13:34, 35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own work, 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 is 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 death or everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice, farther 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 the 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, praying, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the word with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Luke 22:19-20; John 13:4-17; James 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:5 10; Acts 3:38 39; Rom. 6:5; 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; II. Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal, and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 24:46.