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PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Original Free Will Baptists which convened with Martins Grove Church in Candler County, Georgia, on Friday morning, October the 19th at ten o'clock.

Called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Emanuel at ten sharp.

Song, "I am Thine O Lord," by the entire congregation

Prayer by Rev. Claud Hadden.

Song by the choir, "Farther Along."

Talk on subject of the business at hand by Rev. A. D. Emanuel.

Introductory sermon by Rev. G. W. Collins of Lyons Ga., Subject, True Light, from John's Gospel, first Chapter.

After the sermon the Moderator called for the letters from the churches which were handed in and the delegates seated as follows:

Mette Church: Brother H. G. Knight, Brother Jim Durden and Sister Durden.

Corinth Church: Brother G. W. Lamb, Brother E. C. Collins, Brother S. G. Thompson and Brother Tom Driggers.

Friendship Church: Brother M. H. Hadden, Brother W. D. Brown and Brother W. J. Brown.

Martin's Grove Church: Brother R. S. Lively, Brother Tom Cobb, Brother J. B. Southerland, Brother Rubin Larisey, Brother Bill Cobb and Emmitt Cobb.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion of Brother John McDaniel seconded by Brother Bill Cobb and carried by standing vote, Reverend A. D. Emanuel was returned to the Chair for this session as Moderator.

Motion by Brother Bill Cobb seconded by Brother Tom Cobb carried by standing vote that Brother J. F. Reardon be retained as Clerk for the session.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Temperance: Brother H. G. Knight, Chairman, Brother Jim Durden and Sister Durden.

Obituaries: Brother Bill Cobb Chairman, Brother E. C. Collins and Brother Tom Wiggins.

Preaching: Brother G. W. Lamb Chairman, Brother E. C. Collins and Brother Tom Wiggins.

Auxiliaries: Brother W. D. Brown Chairman, Brother M. H. Hadden and Brother W. J. Brown.

COMMITTEE WORK

Motion by Brother John McDaniel second by Brother G. W. Lamb carried by standing vote that Clerk be vested with authority to rewrite committee reports.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Rev. A. D. Emanuel reports that he has been able to answer all calls in person and has served in every place where he has been asked to serve, and has done everything he could do for the betterment of the Churches and for the Cause generally. He stays busy all the time, thanks God for the ability to keep going even though he is very old.

Rev. Claud Hadden reports that he has spent a good portion of the time in service, has preached once or twice each week during the past year, has received new members baptized ten, has kept no record of finance, asked no money, received small amount.

Reverend John McDaniel reports that he serves one church regularly, supplies for one and does all he can for the cause, has been paid by the churches about \$20.00. Church in good condition.

Reverend G. W. Collins reports has no regular churches, health will not allow much exertion, does all he is physically able to do, loves the cause as well as ever, approves of everything being done for the glory of God and the benefit of the Ogeechee Association, hopes to do more preaching than before, asks prayers of all praying people.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temperance: We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to report that we find as far as we can learn that all our Churches and Ministers are doing everything they can to promote Temperance, and we find that our Church members do not use any intoxicants for beverage or any other purpose.

H. G. Knight, Chairman,
Brother and Sister Durden

Obituaries: We, your Committee on Obituaries, wish to report that we find that we have very little report to our knowledge. We are informed

that our beloved Brother Rev. J. B. Anderson of Dublin, Ga. was called to his reward in January of this year. God saw fit to call a loved one home and we feel like we will find him in the Glory Land when we arrive there.

Bill Cobb, Chairman.

Brother Tom and Enmit Cobb

Preaching: We, your Committee on Preaching, wish to report that it has been agreed for Rev. G. W. Collins to preach the Introductory Sermon, for Rev. John McDaniel to fill the stand tonight at eight o'clock and the Rev. A. D. Emanuel to preach at the eleven o'clock services Saturday. Rev. G. W. Collins at the eight o'clock service Saturday night, and the Rev. Claud Hadden on Sunday at eleven o'clock to preach the final sermon of the session.

G. W. Lamb, Chairman.

Brothers E. C. Collins and Tom Wiggins

Auxiliaries: We, your Committee on Auxiliaries, wish to report that we find our churches are somewhat slack about their duties and only about two churches have a regular Sunday School. One also has regular midweek prayer meeting. We wish to admonish our brethren to think on this matter and attend to it as soon as possible and get Sunday Schools and Prayer Meetings at least started in all churches.

W. D. Brown, Chairman,

M. H. Hadden and W. J. Brown

Ministerial Roll at Present: Rev. A. D. Emanuel, Lyons Ga., Rev. Claud Hadden, Metter, Ga., Rev. John McDaniel, Metter Ga., Rev. G. W. Collins, Lyons, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Moderator appointed as a Board for the purpose of testing Brother John L. McDaniel, Rev. Claud Hadden, Rev. G. W. Collins, Deacon Bill Cobb, and Deacon W. D. Brown; which after thoroughly questioning Brother McDaniel presented for ordination, unanimously agreeing that he has shown himself worthy of Ordination.

The Moderator then gave the Brother some very well spoken words of advice and comfort and ordered the ordaining service to be preformed which was very promptly and accurately done by the Council, composed of the Reverend A. D. Emanuel, Rev. Claud Hadden and Councilman J. F. Reardon.

Motion by Brother W. M. Cobb second by Brother G. W. Lamb that we adjourn till Saturday, eleven o'clock A. M.

Motion carried by vote of the body.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled at eleven o'clock.

Song by Congregation, "Farther Along."

Prayer by Brother J. F. Reardon.

Song by Congregation, "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again."

Sermon by Rev. A. D. Emanuel. Subject: Duties of the Church-Its Pastors and Deacons. Lesson from 1st Corinthians 16th Chapter. Theme of talk: What constitutes the Church of Christ. How we should prepare ourselves for the usefulness required of us as members of the family of the Lord. Lay in store for the saints so there will be no gathering when I come. As God prospers you so give ye.

DEACON ORDINATION

Church at Martin's Grove with whom we are gathered requests that one Deacon, Brother Ralph Lively be ordained, which request was granted and the duties performed at once.

Motion carried to adjourn for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at one thirty afternoon.

Song, "We'll Never Grow Old."

Prayer by M. L. Powell of Deep Creek Church.

Motion Brother W. M. Cobb, second by Brother Tom Cobb that report from Deep Creek Church and Center Hill Church which had been delayed in the assembling be received and delegates seated. Motion carried by standing vote.

Delegates seated from Deep Creek—Rev. M. L. Powell, A. B. Bennet and Brother G. A. Wiggins. Rev. A. D. Emanuel, Pastor.

Delegates seated from Center Hill—Brother W. N. Turner, Sister Henry, Rev. A. E. Larisey Pastor.

Deep Creek reports they are very well spiritually but have no Sunday School at present, no mid-week prayer services. Rev. A. D. Emanuel Pastor. Send for minute funds \$2.50, more promised later.

Center Hill reports no Sunday School, have Friday night Prayer services, spiritual condition of the Church very good, this report made verbally by Brother W. N. Turner who says they hope to do very much more. Rev. A. E. Larisey is pastor and has been paid about \$24.00 this year.

Clerk and Treasurer's report of finances:

* On hand from last Year	\$ 1.09
From Corinth Church	4.00
From Friendship Church	1.50
From Metter Church	2.00
From Martins Grove	1.50
From Deep Creek Church	2.50
From Collections	3.22
Total now on Hand	\$ 15.81

Motion by Brother W. M. Cobb second by Brother E. C. Collins and carried that we adjourn to meet with Friendship Church in Emanuel County, Georgia on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1941, being the 17th day of October 1941, at ten thirty o'clock.

A. D. Emanuel, Moderator
J. F. Reardon, Clerk

DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding session shall preside until their successors shall be known.
2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.
3. At the close of each session the entire proceeding shall be read for correction and approval.
4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.
5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the body.
6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in order in which they are stated.
8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.
9. After motion has been decided any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.
10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission from the body.

11. This Association has a right to decide what matter shall be submitted to its consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

13. No church shall liberate any minister who comes from any other denomination until he has been examined by the Ordaining Council and has received credentials bearing the approval of the council.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The Church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in Association year, or if they prefer it, may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as it may seem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor, may be chosen at any other time, but if the choice be made at a special conference the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as Moderator, being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church, whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of all collections by the church, for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

7. When a Clerk is appointed, all the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the Clerk, shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor. Also it shall be the duty of the church clerk to revise the church roll at least once a year. It shall be the duty of the pastor to instruct the deacons and clerks of their churches in regard to money for minutes.

8. The church shall hold a two day's monthly meeting embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of the conference.

9. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a certain manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rules of holy living.

10. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever of the church according to the Convention (Article 5) shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect; but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

11. Conference shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer, unless divine service has just been concluded, and generally then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call for absentees. (5) For acknowledgments. (6) For reference of deferred business. (7) For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

12. Visiting brethren, as helpers called in from sister churches, shall speak and make motions or seconds, but are not allowed to vote.

13. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or baptism.

14. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall be valid, unless withdrawn, the members who make them shall be liable to taken under dealing with the church.

15. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences and the Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

16. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend the trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

17. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church, "Will you hear the testimony of the witness?"

18. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be recorded in the church book.

19. Members dismissed from the church by letter become disorderly or continue to hold their letters without good reason shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

20. Expelled members shall be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented for their former evil.

21. A vote shall not be taken upon questions without a move and a second, and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both quick and dead.—1. Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1. John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1. 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 believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1. John 5:1-10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—2. Tim. 3:16, 17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45-65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves

22. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

23. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided, but a member upon request, may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

24. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the Moderator.

* 25. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator, and keep to the point in the debate.

26. No one shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission from the Moderator, nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

27. When the Moderator speaks he must designate some brother to act in his stead.

28. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is to call the speaker to order.

29. It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saints' feet at least once a year.

30. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

31. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

32. No licentiate shall be ordained until called in care of one or more churches.

33. This Decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any two successive monthly conferences.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in His attributes.—1. Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death

swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4; 2 Peter 2:1; 2 Thes 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe^d that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—1 Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice further than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; 2. Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.