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## — Proceedings —

JESUP, GA., OCT. 5, 1950—The Southern Union United American Free Will Baptist Annual Conference met in its Sixtieth Annual Session with the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church at Jesup, Ga., October 5-8, 1950. At 10 o'clock the house was called to order. Rev. R. W. Williams lined C. M. Hymn No. 164, "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing." The prayer was by Rev. J. S. Davis. Rev. N. A. Margin sang melody, "I Am Working On A Building." Rev. Williams lined C. M. Hymn No. 248, "Amazing in Sight, the Saviour Stands," then read for Scripture lesson II Timothy 4:1-8 and made timely remarks. Then the above lined hymn was sung. Then the house was opened in business of the Executive Board. The Chairman of the board, Rev. R. L. Adams, being absent, it was motioned by Rev. S. W. Becton that Rev. R. W. Williams be chairman; carried. Motioned by Rev. N. A. Margin to hear the Minutes of the last board meeting. It was read and Prof. W. A. Myles motioned that it be received with the necessary correction, if any. There being none it was adopted.

Then Rev. N. A. Margin motioned that Prof. W. A. Myles, Rev. R. W. Williams and Rev. J. S. Davis be the Committee to carry some money to Everett Chapel Church at Alma, Ga., \$50.00. Then it was motioned by Rev. S. W. Becton that the Trustee Board will go to Augusta, Ga., and see if they can sell the land there that belongs to the Southern Union Conference. The trustees are Rev. M. H. Harris, Rev. S. W. Becton and Rev. J. S. Davis. Carried. Motioned by Brother R. L. Ransom to pay to Rev. S. W. Becton, Rev. R. L. Adams and Rev. J. S. Davis \$8.00 each for a business trip made for the Conference; carried. Motioned by Rev. N. A. Margin to pay the Moderator Rev. M. H. Harris, \$12.00 for trip to Augusta, Ga., on business for the Conference. Motioned by Rev. J. S. Davis that the Conference will get out a printed Minute this year; carried. Then the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris made statement in regard to the General Conference and the Budget to the General Conference, which was \$500. The Moderator's statement was highly enjoyed by the board and after the closing remarks, the board was closed. Benediction by Rev. R. W. Williams.

REV. R. W. WILLIAMS, Acting Chairman  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

THURSDAY AFTERNOON — The Devotional was opened by Rev. J. R. Roberson; lined C. M. Hymn, "Oh, For A Heart to Praise My God." Prayer by Brother Sylvester Curtis. Rev. R. W. Williams sang "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." Then the house was in the hands of the Moderator. Rev. M. H. Harris arose, giving thanks to God for keeping us alive and able to meet in another Annual Conference, and bringing greetings from over the field work this year and then introduced Rev. J. C. Campbell to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev.



J. S. Davis came forward and lined C. M. Hymn No. 417, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross." Then Rev. Campbell arose, expressing himself thankful for being able to meet another Annual Conference and to preach and chose for a text, Revelations 7:14: "And He said to me, these are they which come out of great tribulation." Rev. Campbell preached a great sermon. Rev. J. S. Davis close lined S. M. Hymn, No. 350, "Come Ye That Love the Lord", and opened the doors of the church for members; none came. Then lifted collection, amounting to \$13.50. After which the Moderator made some remarks and opened the Conference for business. Each officer of the Conference went to their station conducted by Rev. L. J. Hobbs. Then the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris arose and made his opening address and brought greetings from his field of work for the year just closed and each officer made remarks and brought greetings. Then order of the service was announced by the Moderator. Conference closed. Benediction by Rev. Campbell.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

THURSDAY NIGHT—The Devotional was opened by Brother J. W. Shaw lining Hymn No. 492, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. Shaw. Sister Connie Evans sang melody, "If You Live Like My Lord Says Live." Then the Moderator arose and made remarks and presented Rev. J. S. Davis to preach, Rev. L. C. Hines, alternate. Music by the choir. Then Rev. Hines lined S. M. Hymn No. 356, "I Was A Wandering Sheep." Rev. Davis arose with thankful remarks and chose his text from St. Matthew 26:41, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." Subject: Watch Yourself. From this Rev. Davis preached a great, logical sermon; closed singing "I Want To Be Just Like Him." Prayer by Rev. L. J. Hobbs. Rev. L. C. Hines sang "Let Jesus Lead You," and opened the doors of the church for members; none came. The Finance Committee lifted collection amounting to \$17.00. Then the house was turned in hands of Sis. Maggie Smith who was in charge of the Program of Welcome which was highly enjoyed by all. Response to by Rev. L. J. Hobbs. Closing remarks by the Moderator. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. J. S. Davis.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

#### FRIDAY MORNING

Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock the Southern Union United American Free Will Baptist Annual Conference of Georgia, together with the Woman's Home Mission Convention, met in a joint session with New Hope Free Will Baptist Church at Jesup, Ga., Oct. 6, 1950. The Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris lined C. M. Hymn No. 167, "Oh, For A

Heart to Praise My God." Rev. R. L. Adams offered the prayer. Sis. Carrie King sang melody. The Moderator read for Scripture lesson the 33rd Psalm, making timely remarks on the lesson. The house was in order for business. Opening address by the Moderator who read some of the laws of the Conference from the Book of Discipline and appointed Sis. Emma Stanley Waitress of the Conference and Sis. E. L. Surrency for the H. M. Convention. Then the General Moderator, Rev. E. M. Hill of North Carolina and Vice General Y. W. Tomlin was introduced and made welcome in the Conference, the General Moderator bringing greetings from the state of North Carolina and the General Conference and the Vice General from the South Florida Conference. Then the Moderator ordered the Conference Roll be called; then roll calling was in order. After the Conference Roll was called, the reports of churches were called. Then after a good number of churches had reported the Conference was closed for preaching.

The Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris opened the Devotional lining S. Hymn No. 350, "Come Ye That Love the Lord." Rev. Campbell offered prayer. Sister Carrie King, song melody. Then the Moderator in a few words presented Rev. J. R. Robinson to preach, Rev. R. L. Adams alternate. Rev. Adams sang C. M. hymn. Rev. Robinson arose with thankful remarks and chose his text, Genesis 22-8: "My son God will provide Himself a lamb." Subject: We Are at the Place. Rev. Robinson preached with force and power; our hearts were made glad. Rev. S. W. Becton sang "Lord, I Know I've Been Changed." Prayer by Rev. R. W. Williams. Collection \$13.50. Then the Finance Committee reported from Roll Call \$58.40; from churches \$850.00; from sermon \$13.50; total \$922.40. Conference closed. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. J. R. Robinson.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris opened the Devotional lining S. M. Hymn, "The Day Has Passed and Gone." Prayer by Rev. S. W. Becton. Sister Alice Doubrow sang melody, "Run On, You Got A Race to Run." Then the Scripture lesson was Bible verses by the members of the Conference. The Moderator made opening remarks and declared the Conference open for business. Then Prof. Brown was introduced to the Conference and made welcome. Prof. Brown brought greetings from his membership church and the City of Jesup and made timely remarks on the successful, moral, intellectual and Christian training of the church. Then the General Moderator, Rev. E. M. Hill arose, bringing greetings from the General Conference and the State of North Carolina. Then made response to Prof. Brown. Then house was back to the business of the Conference. The Moderator

ordered the Roll of Churches be called. After that the Moderator made closing remarks. The committee reported \$745.68. Benediction by the Moderator.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night the Devotional was opened by the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris lining S. M. Hymn No. 169, "And Are We Yet Alive." Prayer by Sister Carrie King. Sister Sophie Williams sang "Do, Lord, Remember Me." Next hymn No. 170, C. M., "Amazing Grace", and prayer was offered by Dea. J. H. Shaw. Then the choir filled stand and furnished music for the occasion. Then the General Moderator, Rev. E. M. Hill of North Carolina came and presented the Vice General Moderator, Rev. Y. W. Tomlin of Bainbridge, Ga., to preach. Rev. Tomlin arose, singing "Let Jesus Lead You All the Way," then expressed himself thankful for being able to meet in another Annual Conference and to have the privilege to preach. He read for Scripture lesson from Revelations 12:1-10 and chose for his text Revelations 12-1, "An there appeared a great wonder in Heaven." Subject: The Church. Rev. Tomlin preached a great sermon, all of which was dynamic and full of the Holy Ghost. Our hearts were made to rejoice while the man of God spoke to us by the way. Closing hymn, "Come Ye That Love the Lord," and the doors of the church were opened for members; none came. The committee reported \$51.00. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Tomlin.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

### SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning the Devotional was opened by Rev. L. C. Hines lining S. M. Hymn No. 422, "My Soul, Be on Thy Guard." Prayer by Rev. S. W. Becton. Sister Carrie King sang "My Footsteps Are Numbered." Rev. Hines read for Scripture lesson the 125th Psalm, made timely remarks and turned the house to the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris, who then arose with thankful remarks and opened the Conference for business. Motioned by Rev. S. W. Becton to hear the Minutes of the past session. It was read and received on motion by Rev. L. C. Hines. Then the Moderator made his Annual Address which was enjoyed by the Conference. Then the business of the Conference was in order back to calling the roll and receiving reports. After all the churches had reported, the Sunday School Convention made its report and turned to the Conference \$100.00. Then the Y. P. C. L. Convention made its report, turned in \$50.00. Then the Woman's Home Mission



Convention turned in \$100.00. See District Reports. District No. 1, \$200; District No. 2, \$150; District No. 3, \$100.

Then the Moderator arose with thanksgiving to the Conference and members for that loving and God-like spirit that had been with us through the Conference and presented the General Moderator, Rev. E. M. Hill of Lagrane, N. C.. Bringing greetings from the General Conference and the State of North Carolina, he made a wonderful address which was enjoyed by all then the Officers of the Conference were elected:

Rev. M. H. Harris, Moderator, Sylvester, Ga.; Rev. S. W. Becton, Vice Moderator, Tifton, Ga.; Rev. J. S. Davis, Treasurer, Waycross, Ga.; Deacon R. L. Ranson, Financial Secretary, Waycross, Ga.; Deacon G. W. Collins, Secretary, Edison, Ga.

District Presidents: District No. 1, Rev. J. S. Davis, Waycross, Ga.; District No. 2, Rev. R. L. Adams, Tifton, Ga.; District No. 3, Rev. N. A. Margin, Tifton, Ga.

Then the President of the W. H. M. Convention, Sister Mattie Jackson made her address and officers of the Convention were elected:

Sister Mattie Jackson, President, Edison, Ga.; Sister E. B. Barnes, Vice President, Waycross, Ga.; Sister R. Canady, Treasurer, Atkinson, Ga.; Sister L. M. Harris, Secretary, Sylvester, Ga.

District Presidents: District No. 1, Sister R. D. Myles, Blackshear, Ga.; District No. 2, Sister Alice Doubrow, Ambrose, Ga.; District No. 3, Sister Connie Evans, Edison, Ga.

Closing remarks by the Moderator. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. S. W. Becton.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Saturday afternoon the Moderator opened the Devotional and after the devotional the house was in order for business. First it was motioned by Rev. L. C. Hines that Rev. B. T. Thomas be Delegate to the General Conference which will open in Baltimore, Md., December 12, 1950; motion carried. Motioned by Rev. S. W. Becton that Rev. J. S. Davis be alternate. Then in the afternoon the General Moderator held a conference with the Ministers.

### SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday night the Devotional Service was opened by Deacon Bryant lining C. M. Hymn No. 294, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Deacon Bryant. Sister Carrie King sang melody. Then Rev. R. W. Williams

lined C. M. Hymn No. 23 and introduced Rev. N. H. Flowers to preach. Rev. Flowers arose singing "Going On." He expressed himself thankful for being able to be in the Southern Union Conference and to have the privilege to preach and chose for a text, St. Mathew 24;15: "When ye therefore shall see the desolation spoken of by Daniel, the Prophet, standing in the Holy place." He preached a great, logical sermon. The Rev. Eddie Pool offered prayer. Sister Carrie King sang. The Finance Committee reported \$16.20. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Flowers.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

### SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning the Conference was opened in Sunday School with Prof. W. A. Myles as Superintendent. The lesson was taught and explained by the Superintendent and teachers. The lesson was reviewed by the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris. Amount raised in Sunday School \$11.18. The Devotional was opened by Rev. R. W. Williams lining C. M. Hymn No. 293, "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee." Rev. Eddie Pool offered prayer, then the choir filled the stand and furnished very fine music for the occasion. Rev. L. C. Hines arose and presented the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris to preach the Annual Sermon. The Moderator came before us with a few preliminaries and chose for his text, Acts 3:6: "Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none." Subject: But He Had What He Needed. Rev. Harris preached with force and power. Our hearts were made to rejoice while he gave us the message of life and truth. Closed singing "You Got A Race to Run." Prayer by Rev. Rowe and the committee raised \$40.15. Then raised for Rev. A. D. Ham \$47.70 who lost his home by fire on Friday night. Then Brother J. H. Shaw opened the devotional, lining and singing C. M. Hymn No. 287, "There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood." Prayer by Bro. C. D. Devine. The choir furnished music, then the Moderator arose and presented the General Moderator, Rev. E. M. Hill to preach. Rev. Hill arose with greetings and thanksgiving and chose his text from Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Subject: Power for Service. Rev. Hill preached with power and our hearts were made to rejoice. The choir furnished music. Amount raised \$20.25. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Hill.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator  
G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday at 3:30 the Woman's Home Mission Convention was in



charge of the service. Devotional opened by Sister E. B. Barnes. After the devotional the Rev. S. W. Becton preached a great logical sermon. Collection \$20.

(SISTER MATTIE JACKSON, President

(SISTER L. M. HARRIS, Secretary

### SUNDAY NIGHT

Sunday night the Devotional was opened at 7 o'clock by Rev. Pool. Prayer by Rev. Rowe, then music by the choir. The Moderator introduced Rev. L. C. Hines as preacher of the hour. Rev. Hines came before us with greetings and expressing himself thankful for being able to have the privilege to preach and chose his text from St. John 9:4: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day." Subject: Eager to Serve. He preached a great logical sermon, closed singing "Going Back with Jesus When He Comes", and opened the doors of the church. The committee raised \$15.02. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Hines.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator

G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the close of the proceedings the Finance Committee made report as follows:

Brought From Last Conference .....	\$1,123.16
Received From Roll .....	\$75.50
Received From Public .....	\$296.05
Received From Churches .....	\$1,473.90
Received From Districts .....	\$450.00
Received From S. S. Convention .....	\$100.00
Received From Y. P. C. L. Conveion .....	\$50.00
Received From W. H. M. Convention .....	\$100.00
Total Monies Received .....	\$3,272.56
W. H. M. Convention Received Through Their Session	\$285.00
Grand Total for Conference and Convention .....	\$3,557.56

No. 1 District reported first meeting Oct. 29, 1949 at Big Bethel Church, Waycross. Money raised \$92.19. Second meeting Jan. 28, 1950 at New Hope, Jesup. Money raised \$73.70. Third meeting April 29, 1950 at Moore Chapel Church, Screven. Money raised \$65.81. Fourth meeting July 28, 1950 at Piney Grove Church, Blackshear. Money raised \$138.53. Total money raised \$370.23.

REV. J. S. DAVIS, President

SISTER E. L. SERRENCY, Secretary

## YPCL CONVENTION

To the Moderator and Conference: We the Y. P. C. L. Convention beg leave to make our report. We are reporting with \$50.00. We did our very best. We ask the prayers of the Conference.

PROF. W. A. MYLES, President

REV. J. C. CAMPBELL, Vice President

REV. A. D. HAM, Chairman

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to make our advocate that all churches in the United Church do their best toward Kinston College. We realize the necessity of education in every place of life, in the spiritual and professional fields. We recommend that our Conference give some assistance in operating a religious school.

PROF. W. A. MYLES

SISTER GARY COOPER

BROTHER SYLVESTER CURTIS

### COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to make our report. There should be a Sunday School in every F. W. B. Church. And we should use our F. W. B. books and we should have Christian teachers to teach the Sunday School, training the youth for our Father's Church, where we learn God's Word. It should be the duty of each parent to see that their children go to Sunday School. By doing so we will have a better school. Your Committee,

SISTER E. L. SERRENCY

SISTER AMMA SIRMAN

SISTER ROSEY DEVINE

### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions beg leave to make our report. We find that Missions are one of the greatest works in the world. First, to be a Christian, help take care of the sick, not only for our community, but far and near—this is Mission work. Your Committee,

SISTER R. CANADY

SISTER R. D. MYLES

SISTER VIOLA GREEN

### COMMITTEE ON DECEASED

We, your Committee on Deceased, beg to make our report. From Mt. E. Bell, Ambrose, 5: Bro. Charlie Moore, Sister Lucy Marton, Sister Dassie Marchell, Sister Harper, Brother Thomas. Mt. Sinia Church, Douglas, 1: Sister Carrie Williams. Beautiful Zion Church, Blackshear, 1: Brother Madson Jones. Mountain Grove Church, 2:

Brother F. H. Harven, Brother James Jackson. Big Bethel Church, Waycross, 1: Sister Corene.

REV. EDDIE POOL

REV. J. S. DAVIS

SISTER MATTIE WHITE

#### COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION

Rev. L. J. Hobbs, Rev. J. S. Davis, Rev. R. L. Adams

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Rev. L. C. Hines, Rev. J. C. Campbell, Rev. B. T. Thomas

#### NO. 2 DISTRICT REPORT

The No. 2 District held four meetings and reported to the Conference with \$150.00.

REV. R. L. ADAMS, President

#### NO. 3 DISTRICT REPORT

First meeting at Alapaha, Ga., Little Mt. Zion Church. Second meeting at Sylvester, Ga., New Providence Church. Third meeting at Albany, Ga., Mt. Moriah Church. Fourth meeting at Edison, Ga., Mountain Grove Church. District No. 3 reported to the Conference with \$100.00.

REV. N. A. MARGIN, President

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention reported \$100.00 to the Conference.

REV. L. C. HINES, President

#### W. H. M. CONVENTION

The W. H. M. Convention reported \$100.00 to the Conference.

SISTER MATTIE JACKSON, President

SISTER L. M. HARRIS, Secretary

The Southern Union close this and will meet in its next Annual Session with Moore Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Screven, Ga., Oct. 11, 1951, Rev. J. S. Davis, Pastor.

REV. M. H. HARRIS, Moderator

G. W. COLLINS, Secretary

#### MISSION REPORT/OF WAYCROSS DISTRICT

Mission report of the Waycross District, No. 1; First meeting at Waycross, Big Bethel Church, Oct. 31, 1949. Prayer services opened by Sister E. B. Barnes. Then the Rev. B. T. Thomas arose with greetings and chose text from Revelations and preached with power. Total money raised \$17.50.

Second meeting at Jesup, New Hope Church, January, 1950. Money raised 18.70.

Third meeting at Screven, Moore Chapel Church, April, 1950. Pray-



er service was opened by Sister Lizzie Thomas. Then the house was in hands of the President, Sister R. D. Myles, who arose with thankful remarks and presented Rev. B. T. Thomas to preach. Rev. Thomas arose with greetings and thanksgiving to God for being able to meet another Union Meeting, chose text from Daniel 4:17. This matter is by the decree of the watchers and the demand by the word of the holy ones, and a wonderful sermon was preached. Total money raised \$16.86.

Fourth meeting at Blackshear, Piney Grove Church, July 29, 1950. Devotion opened by Sister Filmore. After then the house was in the hands of the President, Sister R. D. Myles. After remarks the choir furnished music. Then Rev. L. C. Hines read Scripture lesson Psalms 89:1-111, and chose text from Hebrews 2:1. Rev. Hines preached a noble sermon. Total money raised \$26.10.

Total money for the year \$79.16. Reported to the Annual Convention \$25.00.

SISTER R. D. MYLES, President

SISTER E. SIMON, Secretary

SISTER E. B. BARNES, Treasurer

#### DOUGLAS DISTRICT

The Douglas District No. 2 reported to the Convention \$25.00.

SISTER ALICE DOUBROW, President

#### EDISON DISTRICT

The Edison District No. 3 reported to the Convention \$25.00.

SISTER CONNIE EVANS, President

#### CONFERENCE ROLL

Rev. M. H. Harris	\$2.00
Rev. S. W. Becton	\$2.50
Rev. R. L. Adams	\$2.50
Rev. J. S. Davis	\$1.70
Rev. N. A. Margin	\$2.50
Rev. R. W. Williams	\$5.00
Rev. A. D. Ham	\$5.00
Rev. B. T. Thomas	\$5.00
Rev. J. C. Campbell	\$5.00
Rev. L. C. Hines	\$1.67
Rev. R. Green	\$2.50
Rev. J. R. Robinson	\$5.00
Rev. E. D. Pool	\$5.00
Rev. L. J. Hobbs	\$2.50
Rev. E. M. Hill	\$5.00
Rev. Y. W. Tomlin	\$1.50
Rev. N. H. Flowers	\$5.00
Rev. J. H. O'Neal	

Sis. Henrietta Filmore	\$2.50
Sis. Carrie King	\$2.50
Rev. Rowe	\$2.50
Bro. Cliff Allen	\$2.50
Prof. W. A. Myles	\$2.00
Prof. R. L. Ronson	\$2.00
Bro. G. W. Collins	\$2.00
Sis. Garrie Coffey	\$1.00
Deacon Trotter	\$1.00
Sis. Emma Stanley	\$1.00
Bro. J. H. Shaw	\$1.00
Bro. Sylvester Curtis	\$1.00
Sis. D. J. Payne	\$1.00
Sis. Jenet Fussell	\$1.00
Sis. Rosey Devine	\$1.00
Sis. Willie Carson	\$1.00
Sis. Emma Williams	\$1.00

## Y. P. C. L. CONVENTION

Ambrose, Ga., April 14, 1950

Y. P. C. L. Annual Convention of the Southern Union Annual Conference held with Mt. E. Belle F. W. B. Church, April 14-16, 1950, Rev. J. S. Davis, Pastor.

OFFICERS: W. A. Myles, President; J. C. Campbell, Vice President; B. T. Thomas, Treasurer; Laurene Curtis, Secretary.

BOARD: Rev. A. D. Ham; Rev. J. C. Campbell; Brother George Smith; Brother S. V. Curtis; Brother R. L. Ransom; Rev. B. T. Thomas; Brother P. Andrews, Brother C. H. Devine; Rev. M. H. Harris, Moderator.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Ambrose, Ga., April 14, 1950, Mt. E. Belle Free Will Baptist Church—The first session of the Y. P. C. L. opened Friday night, 8:30 by singing "Shining On Me." Hymn 69 S. M. D. was sung, afterwards we bowed in prayer with Rev. J. C. Campbell of Blackshear, Ga. His prayer was a very touching one. Song, "Sweet Jesus" was led by Rev. Hamn of Waycross, Ga.

Afterward the President introduced Miss Anna Davis in a short welcome program. Then the President introduced the speaker of the evening, the Moderator of the Southern Union F. W. Baptist Conference, Rev. M. H. Harris, accompanied by Rev. J. S. Davis of Waycross, Ga., singing Hymn 123, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. M. H. Harris said a few encouraging words toward the YPCL. Also stated that the church had given him \$75.00 to buy a lot to build a church at Cairo, Ga. He brought an interest on the \$75.00, the amount of \$125.00, turned over to the YPCL treasury. There is a lot at Cairo, Ga., which he sent Rev. Thomas there to improve it. Then he took for his Scripture 7th chapter, part of the 14th verse. Text, I'll suffer; subject: The Church Triumph. His sermon was a very soul stirring one; his main thought was "Rejoice and be glad."

Song, "Shine On Me." We were led in a short prayer by Rev. Gilbert. Rev. Thomas led in a song, "Guide My Feet While I Run This Race." The doors of the church were omitted because all present are church members. Rev. Davis turned the service back in the hands of the President who made some remarks on the sermon which had been preached by the Moderator.

Rev. Hamn and Rev. Thomas lifted an offering, the amount raised was \$14.00. Some announcements by the President concerning the Y. P. C. L. Adjournment by the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Harris.

Ambrose, Ga., April 15, 1950—The second session of the Y. P. C. L. Convention was opened with Rev. J. C. Campbell presiding, singing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Hymn No. 132. Prayer was led by Rev. A. Hamn. Scripture lesson was taken from the 20th chapter of St. Matthew. Hymn 156. Rev. J. C. Campbell gave some high points on the Scripture lesson. Then, he turned the house in the President's hands.

The President asked Rev. Davis to take charge of the subject: "General League Program." The theme was "The fall of man and his forgiveness." His method of carrying out his part was a very good one. Rev. Davis turned the house back in the President's hands.

It was moved and seconded to hear the reading of the Minutes; adopted. The President was given the power to elect all committees. Bro. George Smith, Finance Committee; Bro. P. Andrew; Rev. Thomas, Time and Place Committee, Rev. Hamn, Anna Davis. Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, Mt. Calvary F. W. B. Church.

Song service conducted by Rev. Adams. The songs we should sing in various meetings; Morning worship hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Evening hymn, "My God, How Infinite Is Thy Love", "Oh God, Thy Help in Ages Past." Revival service: "Guide Me, O Thy Great Jehovah." Communion service: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Night service, "Amazing Grace." His information was of great advantage to our League. It was moved and seconded that Rev. Adams be song service teacher annually. Finance Committee came and raised an offering, collection \$2.70. Adjourned for dinner at 1:15 by Rev. Adams.

PROF. W. A. MYLES, President  
ANNA DEVINE, Secretary

Ambrose, Ga., April, 15, 1950—The afternoon service of the Y. P. C. L. Convention opened with the Rev. A. D. Hamn lining Hymn No. 129, C. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Davis. Hymn 250. Scripture lesson Corinthians, 8th chapter, 1st verse. Rev. Hamn explained the Scripture lesson and turned the proceeding to the President.

The President opened the house for business. It was moved and properly seconded that we hear the proceeding minutes of the day. The minutes stood adopted. Finishing the roll calling, it was properly seconded that we will go into election.

Election: Secretary, Laurene Curtis. President, W. A. Myles. Vice President, Rev. J. C. Campbell.

It was moved and seconded that the Board Members remain. After-



wards we had a few remarks by Rev. L. C. Hines and Rev. Becton.

Ambrose, Ga., April 15, 1950—The night session was opened at 8:00 o'clock by singing Hymn No. 5, "A Charge To Keep I Have." Prayer was offered by Deacon Curtis of Ambrose. Song, "Come On, Come On." Hymn 23, "Amazing Grace." Deacon Andrews led in a short prayer. Song, "Time Is Winding Up." Then the service was turned to the hands of the President, who introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. A. D. Hamn and his accompanist, Rev. Campbell.

Rev. Campbell lined Hymn 151 C. M., "Father, I Stretch My Hand To Thee." Then Rev. Hamn read for Scripture lesson, St. Matthew, 15th Chapter, 1-15 verses and the above lined hymn was sung. His subject was taken from the 5th chapter of St. Matthew: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." A soul stirring sermon was preached. Then Rev. Campbell sang Hymn 250 and extended an opportunity for prayer. Prayer was offered by Rev. Campbell. Then a hymn was sung and the doors of the church were opened.

The house was turned back in the hand of the President. The President made some remarks on the sermon. Then the Finance Committee came forward and raised an offering. Collection \$9.10. Adjournment by Rev. A. D. Hamn.

PROF. W. A. MYLES, President  
ANNA DEVINE, Secretary

Ambrose, Ga., April 16, 1951—The morning session of the Y. P. C. L. Convention began its devotional service by singing Hymn 147. Then prayer was offered. Song, "I'm Going To Die with the Staff in My Hand." Then the house was turned over to the President who introduced the speaker of the morning, Rev. B. T. Thomas of Jesup, Ga., accompanied by Rev. A. D. Hamn. Hymn, "Guide Me, O Thy Great Jehovah". Scripture lesson, Revelations, 15th chapter. His text was taken from the 6th chapter and a part of the 17th verse. Subject: "Have You Been Washed in the Blood of the Lamb." Prayer was offered by Rev. Hamn. Then Hymn 305 was sung and the door of the church was opened. The house was returned to the President, who made some remarks on the sermon. The Finance Committee raised an offering.

PROF. W. A. MYLES, President  
ANNA DEVINE, Secretary

Sunday Noon, Ambrose, Ga., April 16, 1950—The noon session of the YPCL Convention was opened with Rev. J. S. Davis reading the responsive reading, lining hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Scripture lesson by Rev. Campbell, St. Matthew, 21st chapter, 1-4 verses. His Scripture text was taken from the 22nd chapter of St. Matthew, part of the 15th verse, "And the children cried in the temple." Another soul stirring sermon was preached. Song, "Jesus Is All Right."

The Finance Committee came and raised an offering. Collection \$6.30. Then we adjourned for dinner.

PROF. W. A. MYLES, President  
ANNA DEVINE, Secretary

Ambrose, Ga., April 16, 1950—The last session of the YPCL Convention opened with devotional service and a short, wonderful program with Miss Anna Ruth Davis in charge. It was very educational and religious and was enjoyed by all. Then the service was turned to the President who complimented the program very highly. Then the President introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. S. W. Becton and his accompanist, Rev. L. J. Hobbs. Rev. Hobbs lined Hymn 5, "A Charge To Keep I Have." Rev. Becton chose for his Scripture text, the 20th chapter of Exodus. His text was taken from the 7th chapter and a portion of the 18th verse, "Every tree that brings not fruit, he cut it down." Another soul stirring sermon was preached. Rev. Hobbs lined hymn, "That Awful Day Will Surely Come." The doors of the church were opened. The house was returned to the President. He made some great remarks about the sermon. Then the Finance Committee came and raised an offering. Collection \$7.00. Total for the Convention \$148.70.

PROF. W. A. MYLES, President  
ANNA DEVINE, Secretary

#### Disbursements for 1950

Rev. M. H. Harris	_____	\$7.00
Rev. L. C. Hines	_____	\$2.00
Rev. R. L. Adams	_____	2.00
Rev. B. T. Thomas		
Prof. W. A. Myles		
Rev. J. C. Campbell		
Rev. A. D. Hamn		
Rev. S. W. Becton		
Rev. J. S. Davis		
Water set (Mt. E. Bell)	___	\$5.00
Water set (Piney Grove)	___	\$5.00
Total left in treasury	_____	\$32.10

#### Ministers Roll—1950

1. Rev. M. H. Harris	_____	\$1.00
2. Rev. L. C. Hines	_____	\$1.00
3. Rev. J. S. Davis	_____	\$1.00
4. Rev. R. Green	_____	\$1.00
5. Rev. R. Williams	ab.	
6. Rev. B. T. Thomas	_____	\$1.00
7. Rev. A. D. Hamn	_____	\$1.00
8. Rev. N. A. Margin		
9. Rev. S. W. Becton	_____	\$1.00

10. Rev. J. T. Wilson
  11. Rev. E. D. Poole
  12. Rev. J. H. Moore
  13. Rev. R. L. Adams \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00
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#### Officers Roll

1. Prof. W. A. Myles, Pres. \$1.00
  2. Rev. J. C. Campbell, Vice  
President \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00
  3. Sis. Anna Devine, Sec. \_\_\_\_ \$1.00
  4. Rev. B. T. Thomas, Treas \$1.00
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#### Board Members

1. Rev. A. D. Hamn \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00
  2. Rev. J. C. Campbell
  3. Bro. George Smith \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00
  4. Bro. Sylvester Curtis \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00
  5. Bro. R. L. Ranson
  6. Rev. B. T. Thomas
  7. Bro. P. Andrews \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00
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#### Church Budget—1950

1. Big Bethel \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00
  2. Piney Grove
  3. New Berry \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.00  
(Didn't pay in '49)
  4. New Hope \_\_\_\_\_ \$9.00
  5. Mt. Sinai \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00
  6. Mt. E. Bell \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00
  7. Beautiful Zion \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00
  8. Moore's Chapel I \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00
  9. New Beulah
  10. Green's Chapel
  11. St. James
  12. Everett Chapel
  13. New Providence
  14. Mt. Grove \_\_\_\_\_ \$4.00  
(Owe \$13.00)
  15. Thomas Grove
  16. Little Mt. Zion \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.00
  - 17.
  18. Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00
  19. St. Paul I
  20. Mt. Calvary
- Mt. E. Bell paid \$2.00 over their budget on the water set.



# Constitution And By-Laws

## Of the Annual Conference

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ARTICLE 1. The body shall be known as the Southern Union United American Free Will Baptist Annual Conference.

ARTICLE 2. This body shall be composed of Ministers, Preachers, and one or more Lay Delegates from each church and mission.

ARTICLE 3. Be it resolved that it is the duty of the Executive Board to make arrangements for the convening of the Annual Conference and publish same wherever they may think essential for the benefit of the Conference and to perform other duties and such general charge of the Conference as within their judgement to secure the the greatest good for the church.

ARTICLE 4. Be is resolved that two-thirds of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum, the time of each meeting to be determined by the Moderator and the Board shall be empowered to make any change or modification that in their judgment they may deem best.

ARTICLE 5. Resolved that no Minister shall be elected Moderator of the Annual Conference until he has served as Pastor in the Free Will Baptist Church for six years and has a perfect knowledge of all the usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and no Minister shall be President of the District until he has served as Pastor over churches for three years.

ARTICLE 6. Resolved that any Minister or Preacher in arrears for dues for more than two years, said Minister's name shall be dropped from the roll.

ARTICLE 7. Resolved that Minister's dues be \$5.00 to Annual Conference; local Preachers' dues \$2.50; Delegates' dues \$1.00.

ARTICLE 8. Resolved that any Minister or Deacon be caught sowing the seeds of discord in the midst of a church against the Pastor in charge without legal cause shall be expelled for 90 days.

ARTICLE 9. Be it resolved that the Moderator shall travel over the field two times a year and make his visits prior to the regular Pastor's days and must notify the Pastor each time of visit, the same to be done at the expense of the Annual Conference.

ARTICLE 10. Resolved that the Moderator shall bring a statement of the miles traveled and the amount of money paid out for traveling expenses and the amount of money paid to him when visiting each church.

ARTICLE 11. Resolved that the Moderator shall have the power to move any Minister he may that his work is dying and if any Minister lets his work die without notifying the Moderator, said Minister shall be dealt with as the Conference judges best.

ARTICLE 12. Resolved that Easter Day be observed in all the churches and Missions of this body and that Children's Day shall be observed on the second Sunday in June and all money raised on these days shall be sent to the Annual Conference Treasurer, Rev. J. S. Davis, Waycross, Ga.

ARTICLE 13. Resolved that there shall be a Sunday School in all of our churches and Missions and also a Y. P. C. L and they shall use the Free Will Baptist Literature.

ARTICLE 14. Resolved that the Moderator of each District hold its Union Meeting on each fifth Sunday and the Moderator and Secretary be paid as the Board may direct.

ARTICLE 15. Be is resolved that one hour shall be used in the Conference for instruction from the Book of Discipline of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Done by the Executive Board

*We all go to Great*

*May*

— CHURCH TABLES —

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