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## PROCEEDINGS

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### SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION.

The Thirty-third Annual Session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association met with Glennville church in Tattnall Co., Ga., Oct. 22, 23, and 24, 1909.

Bro. J. O. Fennel being absent the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. Lane from I. Kings 19: 13.

The body adjourned till Friday morning by singing "Stand up for Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. A. D. Emanuel.

#### Friday Morning Session.

The body was called to order by singing No. 85 in Gospel Voice.

Prayer by the moderator.

The body began business at 8 o'clock.

The decorum was read to the body for information.

Letters from the various churches called for.

Moderator appointed D. W. Zorn and J. D. Deloach to read the letters as follows:

Pilgrims Rest.—Bro. Walter Byrd, T. G. Crosby and G. E. Smith.

Philadelphia.—Bros. Hamilton Mazel, N. Roddenberry and D. A. Altman.

Harmony.—By letter.

Hales Chapel.—Bros. W. B. Rogers, J. M. Sherod, S. S. Hurst and H. M. Dixon.

New Hope.—Bros. W. M. Edenfield and A. J. Carmer.

Ebenezer.—Bros. S. S. Brinson, J. L. Wilkerson, J. E. Nobles, L. M. Price, U. J. Deloach and H. A. Kenedy.

Corinth.—D. W. Crews, P. J. Durrence.

Stoney Hill.—C. C. Anderson, Willie Rogers and O. T. Rogers.

Knights Chapel.—J. K. McLamb and J. S. Chestnut.  
Marrietta.—Bros. J. C. Sapp, W. L. McLain, W. E. McLain, W. M. Cobb and R. L. Moore.

Marys Chapel.—Bros. J. W. Harring and J. P. Harring.

Pine Level.—Bros. J. N. Johnson and J. S. Taylor.

Satilla.—Bros. G. W. Harrison and C. C. Quinn.

Glennville.—Bros. D. J. Deloach, D. W. Zorn, R. E. Kickliter, W. B. Surrency, H. L. Kickliter, J. C. Deloach (alternate).

Deep Creek.—Bro. M. A. Drake.

Piney Grove.—J. J. Williamson.

Pinholloway.—By letter.

Odessa Grove.—Bro. Willie Ginger.

Bethel.—Bro. J. W. Buckens.

Alaboha.—Bros. J. W. Harrison and R. D. Sweat.

Ohoopce.—Bro. Steven Spikes.

Moderator appointed Preaching committee as follows: Bros. D. J. Deloach, J. W. Harring and H. L. Kickliter, (temporarily).

By motion, this body received the action of Decorum for the present and elect officers by acclamation.

By motion, Rev. J. A. Blanton was elected moderator, Rev. W. T. E. Butler, assistant moderator, J. M. Crews, clerk, and D. W. Zorn, Treasurer.

The body is now permanently organized for this session and proceeds to further business.

By motion, the body adjourned at 1:30, p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by W. T. E. Butler, followed by E. Nobles.

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30, p. m., by singing No. 147 in Praise Songs.

Prayer by Bro. N. H. Parrish.

Roll of ministers and delegates was then called.

Petitionary letters called for. None received.

Corresponding messengers called for.

Bro. B. F. Horn from the Georgia Union Association

was present. Also Bro. M. H. Touchton from North Florida Association.

By motion, the above corresponding messengers were received in our body and the right hand of fellowship given them by the moderator.

The several committees were then appointed as follows: 1. Preaching. 2. Denominational Literature. 3. Temperance. 4. State of churches. 5. Nominations. 6. Education. 7. Ministers and Deacons. 8. Obituaries. 9. Destitution. 10. Finance.

There was another committee appointed to look after the superannuated funds as follows: Bros. W. M. Edenfield and R. L. Moore.

There being no unfinished business to take up the body adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8:00 a. m.

#### Saturday Morning Session.

The body was called to order at 8 o'clock by singing No. 75 in Gospel Voice.

Prayer by Rev. M. H. Touchton.

The Decorum was again read.

Then the body proceeded to further business.

Reports of the various committees called for.

Report on Denominational Literature received and adopted with the amendment that we use our own literature.

Report on temperance received and adopted. See report.

Report on state of churches received and adopted. See report.

Committee on character and usefulness of the ministry received and adopted. See report.

Report on Nominations received and adopted. See report.

Report on Education received and adopted. See report.

Report on Obituaries received and adopted. See report.

Report on Destitution received and adopted. See report.

Received a donation from this body, \$5.70; 50 cents of which is to pay for minutes for Ohoopee church, and the balance is to be paid to some minister to aid him in his destitute condition.

Said sum is turned over to the Mission Board and will be paid out according to direction of its chairman.

Report on Finance received and adopted. See report.

Report on Mission Board received and adopted. See report.

#### Miscellaneous Business.

By motion the body adjourned for about 10 minutes. Then was called to order again at 11: 15 a. m.

The moderator offered an amendment to the constitution which was adopted by the body. See amendment.

By motion the body adjourned till 1: 30 p. m.

#### Saturday Evening Session.

The body was called to order by singing No. 68 in Windows of Heaven.

Prayer by Bro. J. N. Johnson.

After the roll was called, Bros. J. K. McLamb and J. S. Chestnut were excused for the remainder of the session.

By motion the resolution to raise money for Superannuated fund be inserted in the constitution.

By motion Bro. W. B. Surrency was elected treasurer of the Superannuated fund.

By motion this body has ordered the treasurer of Superannuated fund to send Bro. J. Q. Henderson \$5.00.

It is also moved and seconded that the same treasurer send Bro. J. A. Thompson \$5.00.

By motion there is an amendment to the church covenant offered to the body.

By motion the amendment is adopted by the association; also by the several churches composing the same.

The moderator appointed the following to ordain Bro. N. H. Parish at 10 o'clock Sunday morning: W. T. E. Butler, D. W. Blanton and T. J. Strickland.

By motion the old Satilla church house be used as the trustees see fit in building a new one.

By motion Bro. S. Harring is excused for remainder of this session.

By motion the clerk receive \$10.00 for his services at this session, and that \$20.00 be paid for the publication of the minutes of this association.

By motion the minutes of this session be printed at Ayden Pub. Co. Ayden, N. C.

By motion the several churches take up a collection soon as possible for the publication of a decorum, for the association and churches.

By motion this body send corresponding messengers to the Georgia Union and North Florida Associations.

By motion Bros. T. J. Strickland and Jim Sapp be excused for the session.

By motion this body send Bro. W. T. E. Butler as corresponding messenger to North Fla. Association, which convenes at Wilmount, Fla., Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in Oct., 1910, and that we also send Bro. J. A. Blanton as corresponding delegate to Georgia Union Association, which convenes Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in Oct., 1910.

By motion this body ask the clerk to prepare a resolution of thanks to Glennville people and vicinity.

By motion the minutes of this session be read and adopted.

By motion this body adjourned to meet with Satilla church in Appling county, Ga., on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in Oct., 1910.

J. A. BLANTON, Mod.

J. M. CREWS, Clerk.

P. S. Delegates going North will get off at Graham, Ga. Those going West will get off at Hazlehurst, Ga. Will be met and taken out to the church.—J. M. C.

#### Resolution of Thanks.

We the preachers and delegates of the South Georgia Association in taking leave, beg to express our most sincere and heart felt thanks to the people of all denominations of Glennville and community for their loving kindness and the noble and generous way they have entertained us, and pray God's choicest blessings ever to rest on them.

J. M. CREWS, Chm.

#### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

E. Nobles.....	Blackshear, R. F. D.....	Ga
W. T. E. Butler.....	Alma, R. 2.....	"
G. N. Butler.....	.....	"
I. J. Blanton.....	Surrency,.....	"
D. W. Blanton.....	Pye,.....	"
J. A. Blanton.....	Baxley, R.....	"
T. J. Strickland.....	Hunter,.....	"
G. Lane.....	.....	"
A. D. Emanuel.....	.....	"
J. W. Pevey.....	Jesup,.....	"
E. B. Joyner.....	Glennville,.....	"
S. Herring.....	Surrency,.....	"
Peter McLain.....	Pye,.....	"
D. E. Spear.....	.....	"
C. C. Butler.....	Alma, R. 2.....	"
J. A. White.....	Alma, R. 2.....	"
J. A. Thompson.....	Baxley,.....	"
J. O. Fennel.....	Jesup,.....	"
N. H. Parrish.....	Cobbtown.....	"
H. W. Reins.....	Baxley,.....	"

#### Licentiates.

J. L. Price.....	.....	Ga.
A. B. Bowen.....	Glennville,.....	"

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

NOMINATIONS.—We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

That the next session of this body be held with Satilla church in Jef Davis county, Ga., and that Bro. E. B. Joyner preach the introductory, I. J. Blanton alternate, and that the association convene Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1910.

J. N. JOHNSON,  
G. W. HARRISON,  
J. W. HARRISON,  
HAMILTON MAZEL, Com.

CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY.—We, your committee beg leave to submit this, our report:

We have tried very faithfully to discharge this, our sacred duty. We find that the greater part of our ministers are not using their talents as God has required them, and recommend that they awake to a more active life.

We also find that some of our Licentiates are not held in the highest esteem, and ask that they take such steps that will restore them to the best wishes and confidence of the people.

We recommend that Bro. N. H. Parrish of Marietta church be ordained tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

D. W. ZORN,  
R. L. MOORE,  
W. W. GEIGER,  
C. C. QUINN, Com.

TEMPERANCE.—We, your committee, beg leave to submit this, our report:

After a prayerful consideration on this question, we are brought back to our church vows, that we promised that we would shun all appearance of evil, also we would abstain from strong drink, God being our helper. We are commanded to be temperate in all things.

That we, your committee, entered into a covenant together, after prayer to God, to cut strong drink out, and we beg this association to enter into same.

U. J. DELOACH,  
J. C. SAPP,  
J. K. McLAMB,  
W. M. COBB,  
C. C. ANDERSON, } Com.

DESTITUTION.—We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

So far as we know, all our churches are supplied with ministers except Ohoopee church which is not represented.

Respt. submitted,

WILLIE ROGERS,	} Com.
J. P. HERRING,	
J. J. WILLIAMSON,	
R. E. KICKLITER,	
J. W. BUCKENS,	

STATE OF CHURCHES.—We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

After hearing the letters read from the various churches and making some inquiry, we find all the churches in this association in good standing.

J. D. DELOACH, Chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We request all members of the Free Will Baptist to subscribe and read THE FREE WILL BAPTIST of Ayden, N. C., or such other Free Will Baptist paper as they see fit.

We further recommend that our Sunday Schools use our Literature.

W. B. SURRENCY,	} Com.
D. W. CREWS,	
M. H. DRAKE,	
H. M. DIXON,	
N. RODDENBERY,	

EDUCATION.—We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that education is limited to a great extent in the bounds of our association and we urge that more permanent steps be taken to advance the cause along these lines.

Be it resolved, That some worthy brother bedonated a sum of money from the various churches in this association, sufficient to enable him to attend our denominational school in preparation for the ministry, and that the pastors of each church collect the same.

H. L. KICKLITER, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.—We, your committee, find that the death angel has visited our ranks and bourn the spirits of some of our noble heroes across the dark chasm of death, where the wicked cease from trouble and the

weary are at rest. May the God of Heaven help us to bow in humble submission to his divine will and help us to feel that our loss is their eternal gain.

Not knowing who all the dead are we request that hereafter the churches will do the committee a great favor by sending up the names of their dead in the letters to the association so we can make a correct report whether male or female.

Humbly submitted,

T. G. CROSBY, Chairman.

HOME MISSION BOARD.—We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

From last session,	\$5.58
From Glenville church,	4.00
From Ebenezer church,	1.20
From Satilla church,	1.50
From Pine Level,	1.00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$13.28</b>

#### DISBURSMENTS.

To E. B. Joyner for visit to Philladelphia,	\$2.00
To Pine Level,	3.00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Balance on hand,	\$8.28
Received at this session,	5.20
<b>Total balance on hand,</b>	<b>\$13.48</b>

J. D. DELOACH, Chairman.

The collection taken up Saturday night for Bro. G. N. Butler amounted to \$9.22, which was counted and paid to him by the clerk.—J. M. C.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

From various churches,	\$43.25
From public collection,	21.06
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$64.31</b>
Paid clerk,	\$10.00
Paid for minutes,	20.00
Paid Bro Horn,	5.00
Paid Bro. Touchton,	5.00
Paid W. T. E. Butler,	3.00

Paid E. Nobles,	2.00	
Paid G. Lane,	2.00	
Paid D. E. Spear,	2.00	
Total,	\$49.00	
Balance on hand,		\$15.31
Superannuated funds—from last session,	\$ 5.60	
from this session,	33.53	
Total,	\$39.13	
D. W. ZORN, Treasurer.		

#### Preaching committee report:

Preaching Friday at 4 p. m. by Bro. I. W. Pevey, Text, Heb. 1: 3. Preaching Friday 11 a. m. by Rev. W. T. E. Butler, followed by E. Nobles.

Preaching Saturday 11 a. m. by N. H. Parrish, followed by W. A. White. Saturday, 3 p. m. A. D. Emanuel, followed by M. H. Touchton. Saturday night at 7 o'clock I. I. Blanton, followed by G. N. Butler.

At F. W. B. church, Sunday 9 a. m. E. B. Joyner, followed by N. H. Parrish. At 11 a. m. J. A. Blanton, followed by Peter McLain. At M. E. church Sunday 11 a. m. W. T. E. Butler, followed by I. I. Blanton. At Missionary Baptist church 11 a. m. E. Nobles followed by G. Lane.

#### CHURCH COVENANT.

Having given ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, and adopted the foregoing Articles as our confession of Faith, we now give ourselves to each other by the will of God, and agree to the following church covenant:

1. We solemnly covenant before God that we will strive by his assisting grace to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree as members of the church and as Christians, to watch over each other in love, for mutual upbuilding in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. To be careful of each others' reputation, to confess our faults one to another, to strengthen the feeble and kindly admonish the erring and to labor together for the building up of the church and the denomination and the salvation of sinners.

2. We promise that we will faithfully and constantly maintain secret and family prayer and religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We covenant and agree to use our influence to sustain the regular public worship of God, and that each male member shall pay 25¢ annually as superannuated fund. A treasurer shall be appointed indefinitely whose duty it will be to keep a correct account of the same, and shall not pay out any money without the consent of the body or an order from the moderator. Any member failing to comply with the above section shall be dealt with by the church.

4. We also promise that so far as we shall be able, we will attend upon public worship, the social meetings of the church and report ourselves regularly at the monthly conferences and that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's house.

5. We covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and sinful conformity to the world that we will not traffic in the use nor furnish to others intoxicating drinks as a beverage and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our denomination and church, such as missions, education, Sabbath Schools, moral reform and all others which tend to the Glory of God and to the welfare of men; and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may join the glorified around the throne of God in ascribing blessings, honor, glory and power to him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

#### CONSTITUTION.

1. The association shall be known as the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association.

2. It shall be composed of the ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto, and legal delegates from the churches composing the same.

3. Requirements of churches—Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the association in which they shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the ministers whose membership is with them, give name and post office of the church clerk, give the number baptized, re-

received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and died; also the number of members and the amount paid for associational purposes.

4. This association shall be considered an ecclesiastical body, and shall control all the various churches composing the same so far as Gospel order extends. Also no church property such as houses and land, shall be sold or disposed of without her consent.

5. Whose duty it is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn finally until all business is settled and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the association and to use their best influence to promote all moral and benevolent means and institutions, such as education, Sabbath Schools, missionary work and etc.

6. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer to be chosen by ballot.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this association must adopt our Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

8. Churches sending delegates to this association shall be allowed for each ten members or fraction thereof.

9. This constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this association by a majority vote.

#### 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 this 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 dead.—I. Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; I. 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; Act 2:4; Eph. 2:1; 4:4, 5, 5.

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 we 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 Scriptures 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 simply 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; Romans 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. 18:3-5, 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 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 in touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on 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, 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; 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; James 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 3:38-39; 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; II Cor. 5:10.

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

#### 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 proceedings 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 of 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 the order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the moderator of the association or whosoever he may appoint.

9. After a 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 of the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the body.

11. The association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to its consideration.

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

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The body should be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read and the names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Elect a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer by ballot.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for corresponding messengers.
7. Appointment of the several committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.