

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Convened with Alma Church, Bacon County, Georgia October 21st., 22nd., and 23rd., 1926.



The next session meets with Oak Grove Church, Appling County, Georgia on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in October 1927.

C. C. Coursey to preach the Introductory Sermon



J. A. BLANTON, Moderator.

N. E. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

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The Fiftieth Annual Session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with Alma Church, Bacon County, Georgia, Thursday night October, 21-22-23rd, 1926.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. J. Jones.

Friday Morning.

The Moderator called the body together and made some very appropriate remarks. The choir sang Number 168 in Crowning Hymns Number 6.

Prayer by the Moderator, who then read the Constitution and Decorum.

The Moderator then called for letters from the various churches and appointed Brother S. A. Brewton and Brother Elmer Wheeler to read them.

The following delegates were enrolled:

ALABAMA CHURCH—J. W. Harrison, Mrs. J. W. Harrison, C. B. Brewton, Russell Brewton and Mrs. S. A. Brewton.

OAK GROVE CHURCH—J. F. McClain, J. C. Kicklighter, Ophelia McClain and Bennie Corcy.

ANTIOCH CHURCH—Jessie Varnadore, Adrian Varnadore, W. H. Sellers and Mrs. W. H. Sellers.

MEMORIAL CHURCH—Walter Mann, Miss Vera Mann and Mrs. M. W. Carter.

PINE LEVEL CHURCH—J. B. Brigman, Mrs. Mary J. Johnston, Miss Ethel Johnston and J. R. Johnston.

SATILLA CHURCH—G. W. Harrison, L. M. Harrison, F. E. Thompson, J. E. Span, Velma Rodgers, Vernon Hughes, W. C. Ellis, Ennis Loyd.

ALMA CHURCH—Mrs. J. L. Johnston, Abe Minchew, Elmer Wheeler, and Sister Harvey.

CORINTH CHURCH—J. M. Moore, John Allen, H. J. Jordon, P. J. Jarard, J. A. Smart, J. M. White, Steven Carter and A. P. Wade.

GLENNVILLE CHURCH—M. M. Purcell, Mrs. M. S. Lewis, Mrs. D. W. Zorn, Miss Bernice Lewis, W. C. Watson, Miss Gladys Lewis.

EBENEZER CHURCH—N. E. Williams, Mrs. N. E. Williams, Carl Wilkerson, Mrs. J. A. Baxter, Mrs. J. M. Folsom, Dewey Wilkerson, Maud Purcell and A. L. Williams.

LIBERTY CHURCH—Nat Winters, D. M. Harkleroad, O. V. Taylor, and Mrs. N. C. Blanton.

FISHING CREEK CHURCH—T. H. Smith, Mrs. T. H. Smith, W. C. Howland, Lester Byrd, R. T. Boatright and Sister Paulk.

HARMONY CHURCH—J. S. Howard, Mrs. J. S. Howard, J. L. Brown, Carrie Belle Brown, B. E. Brown and Fannie Brown.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH—N. Roddenberry, J. W. Colson, Mrs. J. W. Colson.

NEW HOPE CHURCH—J. E. Pie, R. J. Anderson, B. H. Anderson, Alice Anderson, Gussie Pie, and Lossie Anderson.

COLUMBUS CHURCH—L. M. Harrell.

ZION CHURCH—By letter.

The following Ministers were present:

Elders J. A. Blanton, J. B. Harris, B. F. Bratcher, E. L. Paulk, G. W. Jones and C. C. Coursey.

The body then elected Bro. J. A. Blanton Moderator by a rising vote. Then elected N. E. Williams Clerk by rising vote.

The body then adjourned for preaching. Brother C. C. Coursey preached.

Friday-Afternoon.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, after singing Number 2 in Crowning Hymns Number, 6. and prayer by Brother J. D. Little. The

roll was called.

Then the Moderator called for Petitionary Letters and none received.

The Moderator then called for Corresponding Messengers and Brother J. J. Jones and Brother Macinvale was received from the Chattahoochee Association and Brother J. D. Littles from Little River Association.

By motion Brother J. R. Hunt was seated as pastor of the Alma Church.

Then received Brother J. B. Harris as a member of this Association.

Then the Moderator appointed S. A. Brewton and J. N. Johnston to assist the Clerk to draft the various committees.

The Moderator then appointed a Preaching Committee as follows: Sister J. L. Johnston, M. M. Purcell and Mrs. M. S. Lewis.

Report of this committee, Brother J. B. Harris to preach at 7:30 oclock.

By motion the body then adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning.

After singing song Number 6 in Crowning Hymns Number 6. and Prayer by Brother S. A. Brewton. The body was called to order by the Moderator. The roll was called.

The Moderator then called for unfinished business; no unfinished business.

Then called for report of the various committees. (See report of committees). Report received and committee, discharged.

Reports received as follows:

Temperance, Obituaries, Destitution, Sabbath Schools, Education, State of Churches, Support of the Ministry, Denominational Literature, Nomination, Character and Usefulness of the Ministry, Finance.

The body then adjourned with prayer by Brother J. N. Johnston, to meet again at 2 o'clock. Preaching by Brother J. D. Littles. Hebrew, 4-9.

Saturday Afternoon.

The body was called together by singing Number 74 in Crowning Hymns Number 6 and after prayer by Brother Jones the Moderator called the body to order and called for unfinished business.

When the subject of the tent was taken up and discussed and by motion the body instructed the Clerk to write to the former Clerk to return the money to the ones that gave it to buy the tent.

On motion the body gave the committee on Obituaries some more time and send the report to the Clerk.

Then called for report of the Superannuated Board.

Report received and adopted.

Then called for treasurers report. Report received and adopted.

It was then moved and carried that this body pay Brother John M. Taylor \$10.00 and Bro. D. W. Zorn \$5.00, Moderator \$15.00, Clerk \$15.00, and Assistant Moderator \$5.00.

The body then ordered the Clerk to have 700 Minutes printed and draw on treasurer to pay for same.

Then appointed Brother J. N. Johnston and J. A. Blanton as delegates to the Chattahoochee Association. And Brother Harris as a delegate to the Little River Association and Brother G. W. Jones as a delegate to the Georgia Union Association. and Brother Harris and Brother J. A. Blanton as delegates to the National Convention.

Then the subject of a Printing Press for the Association was taken up. And moved that this body indorse the Press.

By motion the body tendered a vote of thanks to Alma church and vicinity for the hospitalities shown this body while in their midst.

Then this body adjourned to meet again with Oak Grove church, Appling County, Georgia on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in Oct.

ober 1927.

REV. J. A. BLANTON, Moderator.
REV. J. B. HARRIS, Asst. Moderator.
N. E. WILLIAMS, Clerk.
JOHN M. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Preaching Report.

Thursday night, Rev. J. J. Jones.
Friday 11 o'clock, Rev. C. C. Coursey.
Friday night, Rev. J. B. Harris.
Saturday 11 o'clock, Rev. J. D. Littles.
Saturday night, Rev. Beathun.
Sunday 11 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Blanton.

Preaching Committee.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson.
Mrs. M. S. Lewis.
M. M. Purcell.

Report of the Superannuated Board.

Superannuated funds from last session	\$346.15
From this session	122.46
Total	\$468.61

D. W. ZORN, Treasurer.

Treasurers Report.

From last session	\$ 50.00
From this session	108.75
Total	\$158.75

Disbursements.

Treasurer	\$10.00
D. W. Zorn	5.00
J. D. Little	7.88
J. J. Jones and R. N. MacInvale	19.52
Moderator	15.00
Asst. Moderator	5.00
Clerk	15.00
Total	\$77.40

JOHN M. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Temperance.

We your committee of temperance submit this our report:
The curse of strong drink bring in all happy homes sorrow where it

is used makes broken hearted mothers and causes dear little children to suffer. Makes wives turn to despair, kills all her pride. It is the ruin of every home that it is permitted to enter. More sin is committed by the curse of strong drink than any one thing. We recommend that all of our church members abstain entirely from strong drink, fight against it with all your might. We also recommend that all ministers bear this on the minds of our church members. May God help all of us to leave it off.

T. H. SMITH,
MRS. J. S. HOWARD,
MRS. J. L. JOHNSTON,
MRS. S. A. BREWTON,
MRS. J. W. HARRISON.

Committee.

OBITUARY.

Elder S. G. Smith, was born February 25, 1847. He was married to Miss Mollie Ray in Mch. 1876 and in May 1876 was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist church, to which fellowship he held a sacred regard until the day of his death Sept., 15, 1926. He and Sister Smith were entrusted with ten children as a signal of our Heavenly Father's recognition of their ability to rear the children, and nine of th children survive the father, together with a bereaved and lonely mother and companion. Brother Smith was born in Appling County, Georgia, and soon after his marriage and conversion recognized his call to the ministry, entering immediately upon the duties of his calling. He served as assistant pastor of several important pastorates, and gave himself to an unselfish service of the cause of our Lord in every place that he recognized an open door. He was held in highest esteem by those most intimately associated with him, and left a legacy to his family that money could not buy. He never sought publicity, nor did he manifest disappointment in being neglected by those whom he served, but he was ever faithful to the high and holy call of our Lord.

With bowed heads, and sympathetic hearts for his bereaved family, the South Georgia Association pays it's last respects in homage to this "good soldier of Jesus Christ," and mourn with Satilla church, the loss of a soldier like this.

The heat of the day was never too great,
For this grand old man of God;
To bear his burden with implicit faith,
In Jesus, who before him this way had trod.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. R. HUNT, Chairman.

OBITUARY.

Elder Isaac J. Blanton, was born in Pender County, N. C., February 14th, 1861. He was reared an orphan, with practically no educational opportunities; but was a child and youth of rare qualifications for the unfortunate situation that providence brought him to, and in his fifteenth year was converted at Caanan Free Will Baptist Church in Pender County, N. C., on Saturday before the third Sunday in June 1875. He was baptized the third Sunday in July 1875 and received into the full fellowship of the church, which fellowship he held sacred and was faithful to until the day of life on earth was ended. He was married to Miss Mollie Rozier of Appling County, Georgia, January 19th, 1881, and this union was never broken until the day of his death. There were nine children born to this union, and seven of them (all of whom are christians) survive their father. He was a faithful husband, a tender and sympathetic father and a light in his home that still shines in the life of his surviving-loved ones; while he awaits the great reunion of that eternal and blessed day. His lonely and mourning bride of his youth, bears her loss with implicit confidence that she shall meet him again in that better and happy land of eternal glory. He was ordained to the ministry in the Free Will Baptist church at Ebenezer church in Tattnall County, Georgia, the first Sunday in September 1882, and with the banner of King Emanuel unfurled to a sin cursed world he went to the front lines of the fight against the enemy of our Christ, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He did not command eloquence, nor did he cumber himself with unlearned and confusing questions; but in simple faith he discharged his duties at home and abroad, in such commanding piety, that his loss has been keenly felt in every connection he held on earth. In preaching, he believed it was the duty of a minister to "preach the word", and with all of his ability he was faithful in his ministry to his belief. He held several important pastorates in the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists during his ministry of almost forty four years, and was moderator of the Union Meeting several times. He was a member of Memorial Free Will Baptist Church of Appling, County, Georgia at the time of his death on March 16th, 1926, and recognized as one of her greatest assets. This church was pastored at the time of his death by his brother (Elder John A. Blanton, of Surrency, Ga.) who was his ministerial co-laborer in all the years of his ministry. These two old saints of the Most High God have suffered untold privations to stem the flood in the South Georgia Association, and the membership of this association bows their heads in reverence to the memory of the deceased and recognition of it's obligation to the living, while they offer their sympathies and their purses as an expression of their appreciation of the service rendered by these patriots.

The touch that won the youthful heart,

Was from the guiding hand;

For the life that never did depart;

From the Master's great command.

ELDER J. R. HUNT, Chairman.

Obituary.

We the committee on Obituary submit the following:

We find that God in his wisdom has called from labors to refreshments our esteemed Brothers Elder Isaac J. Blanton and Elder S. G. Smith. While we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father yet we miss their usefulness in our midst.

We recommend that one page of our Minutes be draped in mourning. We further recommend that each church send a statement of its deceased and their names each session yearly.

J. R. HUNT,
J. R. JOHNSTON,
JESSIE VARNADORE,
W. H. SELLERS,
MRS. W. H. SELLERS,
MRS. T. H. SMITH,
SISTER HARVEY,
J. F. MCLAIN.

Committee.

Destitution.

We your committee on Destitution beg leave to make our report. We find some of our churches in good condition and some are not so good. We find that Marietta, Stony Hill, Bethel, Ohoopee, Knight Chapel and Piney Grove not represented. We recommend that this body appoint a committee to find out why these churches fail to be represented in this session. We ask that some of our preachers visit these churches and hold services with them. We ask that they put forth a stronger effort and be represented at our next session.

M. M. PURCELL,
MRS. J. M. FOLSOM,
MRS. N. C. BLANTON,
J. B. BRIGMAN,
M. L. HARRISON,
C. C. WILKERSON,
F. E. THOMPSON.

Committee.

Sabbath School.

We your committee on Sabbath School make the following report and recommend that each church in the bounds of the South Georgia Free Will Association have an evergreen Sabbath School in their churches for we feel up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We insist on all Free Will Baptist attending Sabbath School each Sabbath.

MRS. D. W. ZORN,
C. B. BREWTON,
MRS. M. S. LEWIS,
MRS. N. E. WILLIAMS,
MISS CARRIE BELL BROWN,
MRS. MARY J. JOHNSTON,

Committee.

Education.

We the committee on Education beg to say we desire to go on record adopting the report that was adopted at our last session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association until same is complied with.

D. W. ZORN,
J. S. HOWARD,
A. L. WILLIAMS,
MISS VERA MANN,
MRS. M. W. CARTER,
FORA BROWN,
MRS. J. A. BAXTER,
R. T. BOATRIGHT,

Committee.

State of Churches.

We your committee on state of churches report the following report:

We find that most of our churches are in good spiritual condition. Some of our churches are not represented, too we find that some have no Sabbath School.

We recommend that all our churches organize a Sabbath School. Also a prayer meeting and a Free Will Baptist League will help any church.

H. J. JORDAN,
MISS BENNIE LEWIS,
MRS. THELMA RODGERS,
LESTER BYRD,
N. RODDENBERRY,
REBECCA PAULK.

Committee.

Support of the Ministry.

We your committee on Support of Ministry find that some of our churches have made a better report than they did last year, and we recommend that all of our churches make a special effort to pay our pastors more than we did this year.

J. C. KICKLIGHTER,
J. M. WHITE,
J. A. SMART,
MISS GLADYS LEWIS,
J. W. COLSON.

Committee.

Denominational Literature.

We your committee make this our report: We urge our people to read the Bible the word of God daily and that we put forth every effort to have a press of our own in the state of Georgia so that we can be advertised as a Denomination and bring our people closer together in the cause of Christ and we recommend all of our churches to use Free Will Baptist Literature in their Sabbath Schools.

J. M. MOORE,
MRS. MAUDE PURCELL,
R. J. ANDERSON,
MRS. R. J. ANDERSON,
RUSSELL BREWTON,
P. J. JARRARD,

Committee.

On motion Superannuated fees were reduced from \$1 to 25 cents. a year.

Nomination.

We your committee on Nomination recommend that our next session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convene with Oak Grove church, Appling County, Georgia on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October 1927. Brother C. C. Coursey to preach the Introductory Sermon.

ELMER WHEELER,
J. E. PIE,
WALTER MANN,
J. E. SPAN,
VERNON HUGHES,
GUSSIE PIE,
R. E. KICKLIGHTER,

Committee.

Finance.

We your committee submit the following report: We find sent in from the various churches for:

Associational Purposes	\$ 55.25
Superannuated funds	122.46
Home Mission funds	5.50
For Minutes	46.50
For Orphan Home	1.50
Total	\$231.21

A. P. WADE,
STEVEN CARTER,
PHILIP MCLAIN,
B. H. ANDERSON,
DEWEY WILKERSON,
LESSIE ANDERSON,
EMMIE LOYD,

Committee.

Ministerial Report.

J. A. BLANTON	Surrency, Georgia
C. C. COURSEY	Columba, Georgia
B. F. BRATCHER	Alma, Georgia
E. S. PAULK	Bristol, Georgia
G. W. JONES	Graham, Georgia
D. P. ATWELL	Plant City, Fla.
C. C. BUTLER	Dukes, Fla.
J. B. HARRIS	Omega, Georgia

Licentiates.

None present.

Exofficio Members.

S. A. BREWTON	Blackshear, Georgia
D. W. ZORN	Glennville, Georgia
J. N. JOHNSTON	Alma, Georgia
H. N. BAXTER	Glennville, Georgia

Order of Business.

1. The body shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read and the names of the Ministers and Delegates enrolled.
3. Elect 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 several committees.

8. Unfinished business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

Church Covenant.

Having given ourselves to God, through Jesus Christ, and adopted the following 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 other's 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 for the salvation of sinners.

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

3. We will endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God and ordinances of His Church, and not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of the church. Any members failing to observe this covenant shall be dealt with by the church.

4. We also promise that, unless providentially hindered, 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 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 or 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. This Association shall be known as the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association, 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 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, etc.

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 the 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 postoffice of the church clerk. Give the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and dead; also the number of members and the amount paid Association purposes.

4. This Association shall be considered as ecclesiastical body and shall control all the various churches composing the same so far as Gospel order extends. Also, no houses or lands shall be sold or disposed of without its consent. Each male member shall be required to pay \$1.00 annually as superannuated funds, and any member failing to comply with this shall be noted by the church.

5. The officers of this Association shall be: a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot.

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

7. Churches sending delegates to this Association shall be allowed one delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof.

8. 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 immutable in all His attributes.—1 Cor. 8:16; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is but 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. 2:15; 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; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1, 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 moral state, subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that anyone should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the Truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ has commanded the Gospel be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 10:16; Luke 24:47; John 3:15; 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 scriptures have said, for denying the Lord that bought them, because they believed 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; Hebrew 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 14:16-29; 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 Jesus 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 as 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 willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Psa. 1:1; Tit. 5:11-12; Jer. 22:26.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considering such who turn the grace of God in to 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 are such as Apostles saith because they received not the love of 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 person with God.—Judges 1:14; Peter 2:1; Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-10.

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.—1 Cor. 15:32; Matt. 1:3-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that the 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 to come to God, through Jesus Christ; believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 3:20-21.

14. We believe that things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet as not 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. 25:31-36.

15. We believe in teaching 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, praying, singing praise unto God, and the public ministry of the word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:16-16; Acts 8:17-19; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:15-17; James 5:14.

16. We believe the gospel mode of baptism is by immersion and believers are the only subjects for the baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-19; Acts 3:3-29; Rom. 6:4; Cor. 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 that the happiness of the righteous is eternal, and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matt. 26-49.

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 questions 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 order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever 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 will take final leave of absence without permission of the body.

11. The Association has a right to decide what matters shall be admitted to consideration.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK AND P. O.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Con. Faith	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Restored	Died	No. of Members	Meeting Days	Pastor's Salary	Val. Church Prop.
Alabaha	Pierce	H. L. Lumpkin	C. B. Brewton, Mershon Ga.	10	1	1		1		2	52	4	\$225.00	\$1000
Corinth	Bacon	J. B. Harris	J. A. Smart Alma, Ga.	5				2			91	3	127.50	1000
Ebenezer	Tattnall	J. A. Blanton	R. D. Folsom, Glennville, Ga.	2	1	1		2		3	131	2	228.00	2500
Glennville	Tattnall	J. R. Hunt	E. M. Lewis, Glennville, Ga.	5	3			1		3	124	1	452.15	2500
Harmony	Union	C. C. Butler	J. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla.								150	3	420.00	2000
Liberty	Coffee	C. C. Coursey	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.								15	1	59.85	1000
Alma	Bacon	J. R. Hunt	H. W. Harvey, Alma, Ga.	3		2						4	425.00	2500
Memorial	Appling	J. A. Blanton	M. W. Carter, Surrency, Ga.	12		1			1	1	115	1	90.00	1500
New Hope	Wayne	C. C. Coursey	Miss Little Anderson, Jesup, Ga.	3								4	91.43	
Oak Grove	Appling	C. C. Coursey	W. H. Sellers, Surrency, Ga.	1		1							84.00	
Pine Level	Bacon	B. F. Bratcher	J. N. Johnston, Alma, Ga.	8	1					1	117	1	82.85	1500
Philadelphia	Charlton	C. C. Coursey	J. W. Colson, Folkston, Ga.	3		2				1	58	1	177.00	1500
Satilla	Jeff Davis	J. A. Blanton	C. C. Quinn, Hazlehurst, Ga.	11		1		2	9	4	147	4	229.50	3500
Stony Hill	Tattnall	Not represented												
Zion	Long	G. W. Jones	E. M. Easterling, Ludowici, Ga.					2			19	2	67.12	1000
Colomba	Jeff Davis	C. C. Coursey	C. C. Dyal, Hazlehurst, Ga.								27		18.75	
Fishing Creek	Bacon	E. L. Paulk	T. H. Smith, Bristol, Ga.	5	1	4		2	5		66		158.00	500
Antioch		A. J. Williams	J. W. Medders	4	2						26		21.00	