

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convened with Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Bacon County,
Ga., Thursday Night Before the Fourth Sunday
In October, 1931.



The Next Session Meets with Satilla Church, Jeff Davis County,
Georgia. on Thursday Night before the Fourth
Sunday in October, 1932.

J. A. BLANTON, Moderator.

T. E. HARRISON, Clerk.

MINUTES

The fifty-fifth annual session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Bacon County, Ga., on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1931.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. R. Lawhorn.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association assembled for business and after brief devotional services an address of welcome was delivered to the delegates and visitors from the various churches by the Moderator, Elder J. A. Blanton.

T. E. Harrison was elected clerk pro tem.

The Association entered into business, by calling for the letters from the different churches.

Letters from the following churches were received and delegates enrolled:

Satilla—Alvin H. Quinn, Floyd Crosby, T. E. Harrison, Lemuel Altman, C. C. Quinn, A. B. Adams.

Pine Level—T. F. Johnson, Evelyn Walker, Lola Johnson, W. A. Crawley, John A. Tanner, Lollie Johnson.

Liberty—O. V. Taylor, Mrs. Nat Winters, Mrs. A. Peterson C. Harkleroad.

First Free Will Baptist Church Jacksonville—A. P. Kirkland, G. W. Cloud, S. S. Moody, and Sister Ethel Norton.

Spring Grove—Fred Sutton, Mrs. S. M. Finnell, Mrs. M. L. Warn.

Zion—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Baggs.

Alma—T. L. Tanner, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Sister J. C. Parson.

Alabama—L. L. Harrison, Mrs. L. L. Harrison, Taft Deloach, C. W. Thrift, G. C. Brewton, Mrs. G. C. Brewton, S. A. Brewton.

Oak Grove—J. L. Richardson, John McLain, Johnnie Coursey, Mrs. C. C. Coursey, Sister J. L. Richardson, Mrs. Mary Harder.

Bethel—B. S. Craven, Mrs. Alice Craven, Mrs. May Holten.

Corinth—J. M. Moore, G. W. Jordan, Mrs. Susie McDonald.

New Hope—J. E. Pye, R. J. Anderson, B. H. Anderson, Mrs. R. J. Anderson, Annie Jewell Harris, Burnell Anderson.

Eberezar—Mrs. R. B. Baxter, Mrs. Maude Purcell, Nolan Purcell.

Glenville—R. E. Kicklighter, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Burk, Gladys Lewis, Mrs. R. E. Kicklighter.

Fishing Creek—R. O. Crosby, R. T. Boatright, Mrs. R. T. Boatright, J. G. Purvis.

Pine Grove—J. A. Tuten, Allen Tuten, Mrs. Mary Lightsey, Ruth Tuten.

Memorial—Represented by letter.

Oak Hill—M. N. Steedley.

Philadelphia—J. W. Colson, Mrs. J. W. Colson, S. M. Altman, Mrs. J. A. Prevatt.

Marietta—W. E. McLain, J. E. McLain.

Devotional Committee appointed by the moderator.

Moderator appointed Bro. G. W. Cloud, and Bro. J. N. Johnson to read the church letters.

Letters read and approved by the body. Delegates enrolled.

The following ministers were present:

Elder J. A. Blanton, Eld. E. B. Joiner, Eld. J. B. Harris, Bro. G. W. Jones, Bro. B. F. Bratcher, Elder C. C. Coursey, Bro. E. L. Paulk, Bro. A. J. Williams, Bro. W. S. Powell, Bro. T. O. Morgan, Bro. W. L. McLain.

Business adjourned 11:30. Bro. W. C. Coleman preached an inspiring message after which we all enjoyed a delicious serve on the church yard.

Prayer by Bro. J. B. Harris.

FRIDAY EVENING

Spiritual song service called the body together.

Prayer by Bro. C. C. Coursey.

The Associated body was permanently organized by electing Elder J. A. Blanton, Moderator; Elder E. B. Joiner, Assistant Moderator, T. E. Harrson Clerk and John M. Taylor, Treasurer.

At this time some interesting letters were heard on ladies' aid work.

E. Wheeler made report of Home Mission Board, (See Report)

Moderator appointed Bro. G. W. Cloud, Bro. C. C. Quinn, Bro. C. Harkleroad to assist the clerk in arranging the various committees.

The moderator called for corresponding messengers.

Elder S. R. Lawhorn was received from the Chattahoochee Association, Bro. J. R. Davidson, Glenville, Ga., (Georgia Union Association), Elder J. R. Hunt, from the Benjamin Randall Conference, and Bro. E. F. Smith, Bro. E. L. Long.

Bro. J. E. Killingsworth delivered a brief and instructive talk and was received to seat.

Bro. W. C. Coleman, was received from the Georgia Union Association.

The body adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Saturday. Prayer by Bro. S. A. Brewton.

The Association was served a wholesome dinner at 6:00 o'clock on the church yard.

After devotional services, Bro. J. R. Davidson at 7:30 preached —Text—Let us arise and go hence an instructive and spiritual message was delivered.

Prayer by Elder E. B. Joiner.

SATURDAY MORNING

After devotional services, the moderator called the body to order for business.

The credentials of Bro. T. O. Morgan, Bro. W. S. Powell, Bro. W. L. McLain and Mrs. Bessie M. Allen were submitted to the Ordaining Council for examination and report of same.

Moderator appointed Bro. G. W. Jones, Bro. A. J. Williams to fill vacancies on Ordaining Council. Elder C. C. Coursey to act as Chairman.

At this time the Association heard report from Elder J. B. Harris, of his faithful services and effort to reorganize the Ohoopee Church, and it was voted that continue same until he succeeds.

The business session adjourned to meet back for regular business at 2:00 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. C. Harkleroad.

SATURDAY 11:30

After devotional services, Bro. N. E. Williams, leader of songs. By several requests Elder J. A. Blanton preached. Text, The Seven Seals, Rev. 8-1. A wonderful message was delivered, after which a delicious lunch was served.

Prayer by Bro. J. R. Hunt.

SATURDAY EVENING

The association was declared open for business by the Moderator, and after devotional services composed of songs and prayer, led by Bro. T. F. Johnson, the following committee reports were read and adopted. (See reports).

Support of The Ministry, Sabbath School, Temperance State of Churches, Ladies Aid and Young People's Work, Desitution; Obituary, Education, Character and Usefulness of The Ministry, Finance, Denominational Literature, Nominations.

MISCELLANEOUS

The body voted Bro. I. J. Blackwater \$100.00 to be paid to him by the Home Mission Board of South Georgia Free Will Baptist

Association to help him finance his Ministerial course.

It was moved and carried that \$30.00 to be set up for minutes and clerk draw on treasurer for same.

It was moved and carried that Bro. E. Wheeler, treasurer of Home Mission Board to furnish fidelity bond to the amount of \$500.00. Motion was made and carried to pay Bro. S. R. Lawhorn's expenses to the amount of \$10.74.

The Association voted to pay Moderator, Elder J. A. Blanton \$7.50. Elder E. B. Joiner, assistant moderator \$7.30, and T. E. Harrison, clerk \$10.00 for their respective services.

Motion was made and carried, that Elder J. A. Blanton and Elder E. B. Joiner to be sent to the Benjamin Randall Conference to convene Tuesday night after 2nd Sunday in October 1932, as our corresponding messengers.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Corinth Church and community for their hospitalities.

The Moderator, announced that the business of the Association had been completed, and the clerk declares no further business at the desk. The association adjourned with prayer by Bro. A. J. Williams, to meet again at Satilla Church, Jeff Davis County, Georgia, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1932.

J. A. Blanton, Moderator,

E. B. Joiner, Assistant Moderator

T. E. Harrison, Clerk,

John M. Taylor, Treasurer:

SATURDAY 6:00 P. M.

After brief devotional services and testimonials Elder J. R. Hunt Preached, Text: Why make ye trial of me?, Mark 12-15.

SUNDAY 11:30 A. M.

Mrs. Bessie Allen preached Text: Wait to righteousness and Sin not. 1st Cor. 15-34.

SUNDAY 7:30 P. M.

Elder J. B. Harris Preached.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

J. M. Moore, C. Harkleroad, Bro. W. N. Hollingsworth.

PREACHING REPORT

Thursday night—Elder S. R. Lawhorn.
 Friday A. M. 11:30—Bro. W. C. Coleman.
 Friday P. M. 7:30—Bro. J. R. Davidson.
 Saturday A. M. 11:30—Elder J. A. Blanton.
 Saturday P. M. 6:00—Elder J. R. Hunt.
 Sunday A. M. 11:30—Mrs. Bessie M. Allen.
 Sunday P. M. 7:30—Elder J. B. Harris.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| From last session | \$28.75 |
| Paid on Minutes | 28.00 |
| On hand | 75c |
| From This Session | \$68.55 |
| TOTAL | \$69.30 |

Home Mission \$11.81.

DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

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| For Minutes | \$30.00 |
| Clerk | 10.00 |
| Moderator | 7.50 |
| Assistant Moderator | 7.50 |
| Bro. Lawhorn | 10.74 |
| TOTAL | \$65.74 |
| Balance on hand | 3.55 |

John M. Taylor, Treasurer.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance submit the following report:
 We are glad to note that our people as a rule are temperate so far as intoxication.

We recommend that our people train their children from the youth the curse of strong drink. We also recommend our preachers preach one sermon each year on temperance. We are sure that strong drinks are doing more to the down fall of our people than any other crime.

S. A. Brewton, Chairman,
 P. J. Jarrard, J. L. Richardson.
 Mrs. Alice Craven, Burrell Anderson,
 Susie McDonald.

Ladies' Aid and Young People's Work

We your committee on Ladies' Aid and Young Peoples' work, recommend that all churches should have a ladies' aid and League as these auxiliaries are a wonderful help to any church and community financially, socially and spiritually.

We find that Jacksonville, Ebenezer, Glenville, Alma and Pine Level churches have a very active Ladies' aid and are doing a great work in the upbuilding of humanity.

Jacksonville Free Will Baptist Ladies' Aid has taken in the amount of \$135.43 this year.

These ladies have made over three hundred sick visits, and a great deal of personal work. They are a great help in the upkeep of the needy in their city or community.

Ebenezer Ladies' Aid has received \$57.72 during the year. One hundred and fifty sick calls have been made.

Glenville Ladies' Aid has received \$90.95. Miscellaneous paid out \$79.00. on hand \$11.95.

It is our earnest prayer that each church will resolve with the help of God to make every effort to organize a Ladies' Aid and that our young people be encouraged and trained that they may be qualified for the Christian duties of life.

These organizations are such an inspiration to any church in bearing its burden and in training the minds of its young people, upon whom we all realize depend the strength of our churches and in helping to uplift the cause of Jesus Christ.

Mrs. H. C. Norton Chairman,

Lollie Johnson, Mrs. Maude Purcell, Mrs. R. B. Baxter.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to submit this our report: We are glad to state that we find our churches wonderfully improving in their Sabbath School work. Although there is room for improvement and we recommend that our churches go forward along this line until they have an active, spiritual Sunday School in every church in the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association.

T. L. Tarner, Chairman.

A. P. Kirkland, Evelyn Walker, Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

We your committee on support of the Ministry beg leave to submit the following: That every member of the F. W. B. churches keep the 3rd article of our church covenant, or be brought to justice

by the church. "If ye love me keep my commandments—Let your light shine members, or step aside."

Johnnie Coursey, Chairman.

Mary Harden, May Holten, Mrs. J. L. Richardson,
Mrs. C. C. Coursey.

DESTITUTION

We your committee on destitution beg to submit the following report.

We find all of our churches supplied with pastors except Ohoopee and it's not functioning as a church.

Mrs. R. B. Baxter, Chairman.

Mrs. R. T. Boatright, A. T. Tuten, Jewell Harris
Mrs. Maude Purcell.

EDUCATION

Truly realizing the need of a more efficient ministry, and a higher proficiency in church activity; be it resolved that we make every effort to safeguard our denomination by preparing ourselves intellectually and spiritually for the divine undertaking in all christian work; and that our young people be encouraged to train themselves and take every opportunity to qualify for the Christian active duties in life.

G. C. Brewton, Chairman.

Mrs. G. C. Brewton, John McLain, C. W. Thrift, B.
H. Anderson, Mrs. R. J. Anderson—Committee.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee on State of Churches submit the following report: We find that most of our churches are in a good spiritual condition, but find that some of them have no Sabbath School, prayer meeting, or Ladies' Aid Society.

We recommend that our Pastors and Deacons of the respective churches emphasize and urge the importance of the various auxiliary work in all our churches.

O. V. Taylor, Chairman.

W. A. Crawley, Mrs. A. Peterson, M. L. Warren,
Committee.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We your committee on Denominational Literature submit the following report: Seeing the great need of all churches using our literature published at Ayden, N. C. we recommend that all our churches use our literature.

R. E. Kicklighter, Chairman.

Mrs. R. E. Kicklighter, J. E. Pye, R. J. Anderson.

NOMINATIONS

We your committee recommend that the next session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convene with Satilla Church, Jeff Davis County, Georgia, six miles South of Hazlehurst, Ga., near route No. 15, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October 1932.

We recommend that Elder E. B. Joiner preach the introductory sermon.

Floyd Crosby, Chairman.

C. C. Quinn, Leonard Altman, J. M. Moore, B. S. Craven, Ruth Tuten, Committee.

FINANCE

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

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| Associational Purposes..... | \$68.55 |
| Home Missions | 11.81 |
| Total | <hr/> \$80.36 |

J. A. Tuten, Chairman,

D. L. Baggs, Committee.

OBITUARY

We your committee on obituary submit the following report: With deep regret we give a list of the dead of our churches.

John F. Youmans, Mrs. Sallie Brooks, Mrs. C. F. Stueville, Mrs. Amanda Gorden, W. S. Stanfield, Henry Driggers, Mrs. J. W. Fennel, Mrs. Olivia Wing, Louise Eddenfield, Roxie Allen, Mrs. Lonzo Carter, J. A. Smart and Mr. Driggers, Mrs. J. S. Showers.

Gladys Lewis, Chairman.

Nolan Purcell, John A. Tanner, A. B. Adams, Mrs. Nat Winters—Committee.

Character and Usefulness of the Ministry

We your committee on Character and usefulness of the ministry submit the following report: As to the character of our ministers we feel like that is good. As to their usefulness largely they are doing all they can—altho, we recommend that they all stress among their churches good Sabbath Schools, prayer meetings, and Ladies'

Aid work, as we believe that there can be lots of good accomplished by so doing.

We also recommend that our churches be more careful as to who they let come into their churches as preachers, as we have been warned against imposters; we understand that Bro. R. J. Edwards, has been expelled from his association.

J. N. Johnson, S. A. Brewton, Susie M. Fennell,
Mary Lightsey, T. F. Johnson Chairman (Committee).

MINISTERIAL REPORT

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| J. A. Blanton | Surrency, Ga. |
| J. B. Harris | Reidsville, Ga. |
| I. J. Blackwelder | Columbia Bible School, Columbia, S. C. |
| G. W. Jones | Hazlehurst, Ga. |
| B. F. Bratcher | Hazlehurst, Ga. |
| W. H. Towers | Hazlehurst, Ga. |
| A. J. Williams | Hazlehurst, Ga. |
| A. L. Thornton | Hazlehurst, Ga. |
| W. S. Powell | Hazlehurst, Ga. |
| T. O. Morgan | 2243 Orchard St. Jacksonville, Fla. |
| W. L. McLain | Lyons, Ga. |
| C. C. Coursey | Baxley, Ga. |
| E. L. Paulk | Bristol, Ga. |
| E. B. Joiner | Lake Butler, Fla. |
| Mrs. Bessie M. Allen | Edison and McDuff, Jacksonville, Fla. |
| H. C. Brown care of Vet. Hosp. | Lake City, Fla. |
| Jas. A. Evans | Lucomer, N. C. |

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the ordaining council do hereby recommend the ordination of Bro. W. L. McLain, T. O. Morgan, W. S. Powell.

We recommend that the reception of Mrs. Bessie M. Allen be put to a standing vote of the body for acceptance or rejection.

C. C. Coursey, Chairman.

A. J. Williams, G. W. Jones.

LICENTIATES

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| T. O. Morgan | 2243 Orchard St. Jacksonville, Fla. |
| W. L. McLain | Lyons, Ga. |
| W. S. Powell | Hazlehurst, Ga. |
| Mrs. Bessie M. Allen | Edison and McDuff, Jacksonville, Fla. |

MISSION BOARD REPORT

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| On hand Oct. 1930 | \$154.50 |
| Rec d from Association Fishing Creek | 5.00 |
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| Total | \$159.50 |
| Paid J. J. Blackwelder | 100.00 |
| Paid N. E. Williams | 16.00 |
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| | \$116.00 |
| Balance on hand | 43.50 |
| Int. | 1.50 |
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| Total Bal. on hand | \$45.00 |

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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| C. C. Coursey | Baxley, Ga. |
| H. N. Baxter | Glenville, Ga. |
| T. H. Smith | Bristol, Ga. |
| J. N. Johnson | Alma, Ga. |
| G. W. Cloud | 1167 Wolf St., Jacksonville, Fla. |

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 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 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 into 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 compose the Ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto, and legal delegates from the churches compos-

ing the same.

3. Requirements of the churches: Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association in which it 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, 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 an 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 consent.

5. The officers of this Association 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.

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.—I Cor. 8;16, Isa. 40;2.

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 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.—1 Tim. 2;15, Heb. 2;19, 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 place 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 34:47, John 3:16, Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer 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 on 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 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 provisor made of God in Christ for the benefits of all mankind, who repent 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 wilfully 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 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 are such as Apostles saith because they received not the love of truth, and 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.—I 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 and grace 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 8;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 is 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;3-36.

15. We believe in teaching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism laying on the hands receiving the sacrament in bread and wine, washing of the saint's 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 3;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 judgement at the last day.—John 5;28-29, II Cor. 5;10.

18. We believe that the happiness of the righteousness 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 with-

cut 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 | PASTORS | 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. |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|----------|------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alma | Bacon | I. J. Blackwelder | T. L. Tanner, Alma, Ga. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 45 | 1 | \$240.00 | \$3 000 |
| Alabaha | Pierce | J. R. Davidson | C. B. Brewton, Mershon, Ga. | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 4 | 168.00 | 1,000 |
| Bethel | Appling | B. F. Bratcher | Mrs. Mary Jones, Baxley, Ga. rt. 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 2 | 64.67 | 500.08 |
| Corinth | Bacon | A. J. Williams | P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga. Rt. 2 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 101 | 3 | 45.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Ebenezer | Tattnall | J. R. Davidson | R. D. Folsom, Glennville, Ga. | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 154 | ? | 418.50 | 2,000.00 |
| Fishing Creek | Pierce | E. B. Joiner | T. H. Smith, Bristol, Ga. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 1 | 50.00 | 500.00 |
| Harmony | Union | Henry Melvin | C. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 127 | 3 | 420.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Jacksonville | Duval | E. B. Joiner | G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe St. Jacksonville, Fla. | 8 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 2 | 242.35 | 1,500.00 |
| Glennville | Tattnall | J. R. Davidson | W. H. Deloach, Glennville, Ga. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 88 | 1 3 | 400.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Liberty | Coffee | C. C. Coursey | O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 1 | 101.85 | 1,200.00 |
| Memorial | Appling | B. F. Bratcher | L. L. Lightsey, Surrency, Ga. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ? | 1 | 133.03 | ? |
| Marietta | Toombs | A. V. Emanuel | Isaac Monroe, Lyons, Ga. | 10 | ? | 6 | ? | ? | ? | ? | 36 | ? | 15.00 | ? |
| New Hope | Wayne | J. B. Harris | J. E. Pye, Jesup, Ga. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 69 | 2 | 76.91 | 1,200.00 |
| Oak Grove | Appling | J. B. Harris | Mrs. Ruby McLain, Baxley, Ga. | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 96 | 2 | 36.50 | 1,000.00 |
| Philadelphia | Charlton | E. L. Paulk | R. M. Altman, Folkston, Ga. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 3 | 116.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Pine Level | Bacon | I. J. Blackwelder | T. F. Johnson, Alma, Ga. | 37 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 151 | 1 | 81.71 | 2,000.00 |
| Piney Grove | Appling | C. C. Coursey | J. A. Tuten, Bristol, Ga. Rt. 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 3 | 160.00 | 500.00 |
| Satilla | Jeff Davis | J. A. Blanton | C. C. Quinn, Hazlehurst, Ga. | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 179 | 4 | 155.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Spring Grove | Wayne | G. W. Jones | Susie M. Fennell, Jesup, Ga. Rt. 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 3 | 32.77 | ? |
| Oak Hill | Bacon | E. L. Paulk | M. N. Steedley, Alma, Ga. | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 2 | ? | ? |
| Stoney Hill | Tattnall | J. B. Harris | Willie Rogers, Reidsville, Ga. Rt. 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | ? | 3 | 0 | 1 | 86 | 3 | 56.70 | 500.00 |
| Zion | Long | G. W. Jones | C. M. Easterling, Ludowici, Ga. | 3 | 0 | 0 | ? | ? | 1 | ? | 25 | 1 | 63.97 | ? |