

# MINUTES

Of The

**FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Of

**THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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Convened with Alabaha Free Will Baptist Church, Pierce  
County, Georgia, Thursday Night Before the  
Fourth Sunday In October, 1934.

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The Next Session Meets with Ebenezer, Tattnall County,  
Georgia, on Thursday Night before the Fourth Sunday in  
October 1935.

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J. R. Davidson, ----- *Moderator*  
P. B. Copeland, ----- *Clerk*

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# PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-seventh session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with Alabaha church, Pierce County, Georgia, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October 1934.

In opening the Association the Moderator called the body together, and after making some very appropriate remarks the choir sang number 97; prayer by Brother E. B. Joyner.

Clerk being absent, P. B. Copeland was temporarily appointed.

Appointment of committee to arrange preaching: Grover Brewton, Chairman, E. C. Altman, G. W. Harrison.

The Moderator then read the Decorum of the Association, and then called for letters from the various churches. The Moderator appointed Brother Linton Johnson and Brother F. E. Crosby to read them.

Letters from the following churches were received and delegates enrolled:

Alma Church:—Walter Lynch, Sister J. L. Johnson, and T. L. Tanner.

Alabaha Church:—Mrs. Crowley Davis, Mrs. Ida Harrison, Bernice Davis, S. A. Brewton, and T. C. Brewton.

Bethel Church:—B. S. Craven, Ellis Craven, and Mrs. Kate Orvin.

Corinth Church:—P. L. Wade, E. F. Vickers, M. C. Harper, J. W. Byrd, D. E. Street, and Sister Allie Carter.

Ebenezer Church:—T. L. Howard, C. C. Wilkerson, Labon Purcell, Mrs. L. M. Purchell, Mrs. H. H. Wilds, Mrs. W. B. Baxter.

Harmony Church:—Mrs. J. L. Brown and Mrs. C. L. Brown.

Glennville Church:—S. O. Burke, D. C. Davidson, Mrs. H. N. Baxter, Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, Mrs. D. W. Zorn, R. E. Kicklighter.

Jacksonville Church:—Sisters G. W. Cloud, M. E. Anderson, H. C. Norton, Brother J. G. Lamb.

Liberty Church:—C. Harcleroad, Mrs. Veanie Harcleroad, Sam Gorely, O. V. Taylor.

Memorial Church:—B. O. Googe, J. A. Blanton, Jr., Flora Morris, Willie Mann, S. M. Blanton.

Marietta Church:—Brother W. E. McLain and Willis McLain.

New Hope Church:—A. B. Brannon, Arthur Blanton, Herman Pye, Wallace Anderson.

Oak Grove Church:—Mrs. Dutchess Eason, Mr. Curtis Courson.

Oak Hill Church:—Lizzie Steedley and Dave Steedley.

Philadelphia Church:—Loraine Gibson, Eunice Altman, Mrs. J. W. Courson, Raymond Altman, Haskel Courson.

Pine Level Church:—J. B. Brigman, J. D. Johnson, Don Wheeler, Lexie Johnson, P. B. Copeland.

Piney Grove Church:—Brother and Sister Millard Lightsey, Brother and Sister H. M. Strickland, Sister Cola Rogers, Brother and Sister J. D. Brannon.

Satilla Church:—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown, G. W. Harrison, G. L. Hutto, Alvin H. Quinn, Vernon Hughes, alternate for Mrs. Mattie Davis.

Spring Grove:—Brother J. L. Proveaux, Brother R. L. Stewart.

Stoney Hill Church:—Brother C. C. Anderson, Raymond Jernigen, Talmadge Anderson and Alma Anderson.

Zion Church:—P. N. Ryals, Wilson Davis and Mrs. D. L. Baggs.

The following ministers were present.

*Licensed*:—F. E. Crosby, Linton C. Johnson, C. J. Pitts, Tommie Harrison, J. K. Westberry.

*Ordained*:—C. C. Coursey, J. B. Harris, E. B. Joyner, J. R. Davidson, G. W. Jones and T. O. Morgan.

Motion by Brother Harris that delegates, ministers and officers be seated in Body, motion carried.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion that election of officers of this Association be by acclamation carried.

Officers: Moderator, Rev. J. R. Davidson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. G. W. Jones; Clerk, P. B. Copeland; Treasurer, Rev. Linton Johnson.

First Corresponding Messengers from other Associations:

Little River Association:—F. C. Douglas, Jeff Giddings, Ray Parrish, and B. C. Davis.

Georgia Union Association:—Brother Neil H. Parrish, states they had a lovely Association.

Then moved and carried that these visitors from Little River and Georgia Union Associations be seated as Corresponding Messengers.

### COMMITTEES

*Devotional*. Grover Brewton, Chairman, E. C. Altman, G. W. Harrison.

*Auxiliary*. Brother G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Fla.; Brother H. N. Baxter, Glennville, Ga., and Sister Ida Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.

*Denominational Literature*. Brother Linton Johnson, B. C. Davis, Little River Association, and Sister W. B. Baxter.

*Character and Usefulness of Ministers*. C. Harclerod, Chairman, S. A. Brewton, Alabama; M. E. Pope, New Hope.

*Nomination*. C. J. Pitts, Chairman, B. L. Stewart, B. S. Craven.

*Education*. E. B. Joyner, Chairman, F. E. Crosby, Alton Brewton.

*Support of Ministry*. J. B. Brigman, Chairman, L. A. Brown, T. L. Howard.

*Obituary*. P. L. Wade, Millard Lightsey, J. A. Blanton.

*State of Churches*. Dutchess Eason, Chairman, B. N. Ryles, J. W. Colson.

*Destitution*. Elmer Wheeler, Chairman, Sister Anderson, C. C. Wilkerson.

*Temperance*. C. C. Coursey, J. B. Harris, O. V. Taylor.

*Resolution*. Neil H. Parrish, Chairman, George Hutto, Dave Steedley.

Then moved and carried that body adjourn until 9:30.

OCTOBER 27, 1934

Body called to order by Moderator after singing No. 23 in hymnal, and prayer.

Moved and carried that Brother Duckworth from the Ogeechee Association be seated, and Brother Bryant from the Missionary Baptist Church be given honorary seat in this body.

Additional information from Jacksonville, Fla. church read.

Reports from committees were read as follows: Preaching report, Treasurer's report, Temperance, Auxiliaries.

The meeting adjourned for preaching at 11:30 o'clock and ordination services.

Brother Duckworth delivered a very inspiring message, followed by Brother E. B. Joyner, who also gave a short message, after which the ordaining council ordained Brothers Linton Johnson, Floyd E. Crosby, and C. J. Pitts. The meeting adjourned to convene at 2:00 o'clock for the purpose of finishing the business.

SATURDAY 2:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order and the reading of reports from the remaining committees were finished, followed by miscellaneous business.

Brother Linton Johnson delivered the Evening Message.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### *Preaching Report*

Thursday night .....	J. R. Davidson
Friday Morning, 11:30 o'clock .....	C. J. Pitts
Friday Afternoon, 3:00 o'clock .....	Neil H. Parrish
Saturday Morning 11:30 o'clock .....	E. B. Duckworth and E. B. Joyner
Saturday Night 7:30 o'clock .....	Linton Johnson
Sunday Morning 11:30 o'clock .....	J. R. Davidson

### *Treasurer's Report*

From last session .....	\$ 25.00
From this session .....	169.54
Total .....	<hr/> \$194.54

### *Disbursements*

Blanton Memorial .....	\$ 45.44
Exchange on check .....	.16
J. B. Harris .....	15.00
Brother Parrish .....	4.00
B. C. Davis .....	3.00
Association fee to General Conference .....	10.00

Delegates to General Conference -----	15.00
Moderator -----	10.00
Clerk -----	10.00
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Total -----	\$112.60, 112.60
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Balance on hand -----	\$ 81.94

Linton Johnson, *Treasurer*

### *Temperance*

We your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Seeing the Liquor traffic is not decreasing any, but gradually growing worse, we recommend that our denomination strive to impress upon the minds and hearts of the people the danger of strong drink.

We further recommend that our preachers first lay the example and then stress to the utmost the final fate of those who indulge in the curse of intoxicating beverages and the importance of training our children from youth the danger of strong drink.

C. C. Coursey, *Chairman*

O. V. Taylor

J. B. Harris

### *Support of Ministers*

We, the Committee on the Support of the Ministry, find from the reading of the letters that some of the churches are failing to support their preachers as they should, and we recommend that they try to do better and give according as the Lord has blest them.

J. B. Brigman, *Chairman*

Willis McLain

L. A. Brown

### *Destitution*

We, your Committee on Destitution, find that all our churches are supplied with pastors that are striving to build up the Kingdom of God. We find that most of our churches fail to measure up to Christian standards in financing the cause that our Saviour left in our hands to bring the world to Christ. We suggest and beg our Free Will Baptists to support our pastors that they may be able to give to this greatest of all causes more of their time, support, prayers, cooperation.

Elmer Wheeler, *Chairman*

### *Education*

Realizing the need of a more efficient ministry as well as leadership in the different auxiliary work in our churches, be it resolved that we make every possible effort to improve ourselves intellectually as well as spiritually in order that we may carry on the divine work with wisdom; and that we

instill ambition and leadership in our young people, that they may be encouraged to train themselves for the Christian activities of life.

E. B. Joyner, *Chairman*

F. E. Crosby

S. A. Brewton, Jr.

#### *State of Churches*

We, the Committee on State of Churches, find that most all our churches are in fairly good spiritual condition; however Brother Wheeler reports that Alma Church is in a very poor spiritual condition, also our Brother, delegate from Spring Grove, makes the same report. They seem to think this is due to lack of interest and attendance on the part of its members.

They with us, the Committee, make a special request that all other churches have special prayers for the spiritual revival of these two churches.

Mrs. Dutchess Eason, *Chairman*

J. C. Colson

P. N. Ryals

#### *Nominations*

We, the Committee on Nominations, wish to report as follows:

We find that there are three petitions for the Association next year as follows: Ebenezer, Glennville, Georgia; Pine Level, Alma, Georgia; Memorial, Surrency, Georgia.

Due to the fact that this body has been in this location, to our knowledge for the past two years, we wish to request that this body convene with Ebenezer Church, Glennville, Ga., as they petitioned the body last year, but consented to give back to Alabama with understanding that it be considered next year.

With a prayerful heart, we hope this association will consider Ebenezer for the assembling of this body next year.

Rev. C. J. Pitts, *Chairman*

R. L. Stewart

B. S. Craven

#### *Obituary*

We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to submit the following report:

List of deceased:

Sister Mary Ann Harrell, Satilla Church.

Mrs. Susie Holton, Bethel Church.

Brother Willis Chestnut, Zion Church.

Brother C. H. Wheeler, Sister Margaret Nelson, and Sister Sally Johnson of Pine Level Church.

Sister Betty Carelock, Liberty Church.

Other churches failed to give a list of their dead.

J. A. Blanton, Jr., *Chairman*

### *Auxiliaries*

We, your Committee on Auxiliary Work, submit the following report:

That all churches have a Sunday school and that the older men as well as younger ones be urged to take part in them, also where possible have a Ladies Aid which affords great opportunity to be of service to others.

We also urge that all pastors stress the importance of the Free Will Baptist Literature to the young Christians of the church, especially encourage those qualified for teaching and leading.

We recommend that all teachers and officers in these auxiliaries be members of the Free Will Baptist Church and use Free Will Baptist literature as far as possible.

Mrs. G. W. Cloud, *Chairman*

### *Character and Usefulness of the Ministry*

We, your Committee, submit the following report: As to the Pastors of our churches, we feel that they are above reproach. As to their usefulness, we find most of our pastors doing good work. Though some talk has been against our pastors, by strict investigation we find nothing to it.

C. Harkleroad

M. E. Pye

S. A. Brewton

### *Resolutions*

The Committee on Resolutions offer the following as a resolution for your adoption:

Be it resolved:

1. That any preacher who shall become a member of a church of this association shall be examined and approved by the Presbytery of this body before he shall enjoy the right to preach among us.

2. That the above resolution shall become a paragraph in our decorum.

Neal H. Parrish, *Chairman*

### *Denominational Literature*

We, your Committee on Denominational Literature, encourage our people to use Free Will Baptist Literature exclusively, except when it is necessary to use other.

We also recommend that we refrain from reading trashy literature and that we guard against the acceptance of alien doctrines.

Linton Johnson, *Chairman*

B. C. Davis

Sister W. B. Baxter

### *Blanton Memorial*

The following report shows amount received to date.

Liberty Church -----	\$ 5.00
Harmony Church -----	5.44
Ebenezer Church -----	6.00
Glennville Church -----	14.50
Alabaha Church -----	5.00
Piney Grove Church -----	8.00
Pine Level Church -----	1.50
From Public Contributions -----	4.10
Total -----	<hr/> \$49.54

J. N. Johnson, *Chairman*

S. A. Brewton

### *Ordaining Council*

We, the Ordaining Council, do hereby recommend the ordination of Brothers Linton Johnson, Floyd E. Crosby, and C. J. Pitts.

J. R. Davidson, *Chairman*

C. C. Coursey

E. B. Joyner

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The body at each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read, and 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 seat with us.
6. Call for Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint Committees: (a) Preaching; (b) Denominational Literature; (c) Temperance; (d) Churches and Destitution; (e) Education; (f) Ministers; (g) Obituaries; (h) Sunday Schools and Literature; (i) Resolutions; (j) Finance.
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 to 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 to religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We will endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God and the 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 of 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. 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 of 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 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 its consent.

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.

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 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 quick and dead.—I. Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1. John 2:2.

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

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

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all

should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1. Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1. John 5:1-10.

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

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 23:19, 20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

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

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4; 2 Peter 2:1; 2 Thes 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9-11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding session shall preside until their successors shall be known.

2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

3. At the close of each session the entire proceeding shall be read for correction and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.

9. After motion has been decided any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission from the body.

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

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

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

### CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. The church shall hold a two day's monthly meeting embracing Sat-

urday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of the conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Statistical Table

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS AND P. O.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by con. Faith	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Restored	Died	No. of Members	Association Fees	Pastors Salary	Val. Church Prop.
Alma -----	Bacon -----	J. R. Davidson --	T. L. Tanner, Alma, Ga. -----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	24	\$	\$101.67	\$2,000
Alabaha -----	Pierce -----	J. R. Davidson --	T. N. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga. --	5	3	1	---	---	---	---	67	6.00	130.00	2,000
Bethel -----	Appling -----	J. R. Davidson --	B. S. Craven, Baxley, Ga. -----	5	2	2	6	---	---	1	46	4.00	62.00	500
Corinth -----	Bacon -----	A. J. Williams --	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga. -----	2	1	3	---	---	---	---	132	5.00	80.00	1,200
Ebenezer -----	Tattnall -----	J. R. Davidson --	R. B. Folsom, Glennville, Ga. ----	3	---	---	3	---	2	---	160	8.05	281.20	2,700
Harmony -----	Union -----	T. B. Mellette --	Carl Brown, Dukes, Fla. -----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Jacksonville --	Duval -----	T. O. Morgan --	G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe St. Jacksonville, Fla. -----	23	---	9	---	---	---	---	91	5.00	-----	1,500
Glennville -----	Tattnall -----	J. R. Davidson --	Floyd Baxter, Glennville, Ga. ----	3	2	---	---	---	---	3	140	10.00	338.23	3,250
Liberty -----	Coffee -----	C. C. Coursey --	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga. ----	5	---	3	---	---	3	1	52	2.00	100.00	1,200
Memorial -----	Appling -----	C. C. Coursey --	M. W. Carter, Surrency, Ga. ----	8	---	7	---	---	---	1	86	5.00	112.80	1,000
Marietta -----	Toombs -----	Earl Duckworth	Willis McLain, Lyons, Ga. -----	23	1	1	1	3	---	---	50	1.00	75.00	-----
New Hope -----	Wayne -----	G. W. Jones -----	A. G. Bramen, Jesup, Ga. -----	3	---	---	1	4	---	1	15	2.00	35.00	1,200
Oak Grove -----	Appling -----	C. C. Coursey --	Mrs. Ruby McLain, Baxley, Ga. --	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	98	3.00	23.62	1,000
Philadelphia --	Charlton -----	C. C. Coursey --	Raymond Altman, Folkston, Ga. --	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	51	1.50	75.00	1,000
Pine Level -----	Bacon -----	E. B. Joyner -----	P. B. Copeland, Alma, Ga. -----	5	---	1	---	---	---	3	92	10.00	205.00	1,500
Piney Grove -----	Appling -----	E. B. Joyner -----	J. A. Tuten, Bristol, Ga. -----	8	---	---	---	2	---	1	50	4.00	159.10	2,500
Satilla -----	Jeff Davis -----	E. B. Joyner -----	V. M. Thornton, Hazlehurst, Ga --	4	2	2	1	1	---	1	165	10.00	120.00	3,500
Spring Grove -----	Wayne -----	G. W. Jones -----	Mrs. Eula Stewart, Jesup, Ga. ----	---	---	2	1	1	---	---	30	2.00	25.85	150
Oak Hill -----	Bacon -----	E. L. Paulk -----	M. N. Steedley, Alma, Ga. -----	3	---	2	3	2	3	---	28	3.00	52.28	150
Stoney Hill -----	Tattnall -----	J. R. Davidson --	W. W. Rogers, Reidsville, Ga. ----	---	---	---	---	---	1	2	65	3.00	48.00	500
Zion -----	Long -----	A. J. Williams --	C. M. Easterling, Ludowici, Ga. --	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	37	3.00	54.34	100