

MINUTES

Of The

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

Of

THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convened with Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church,
Tattnall County, Georgia, Thursday Night Be-
fore the Fourth Sunday in October, 1935

J. R. Davidson,
P. B. Copeland,

Moderator
Clerk

ATTEST, M. C.
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OFFICIALS

J. R. Davidson, Moderator ----- Glennville, Ga.
P. B. Copeland, Clerk ----- Alma, Ga.
L. C. Johnson, Treasurer ----- Alma, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. N. Johnston, Chairman
S. A. Brewton
G. W. Cloud
T. R. Smith

ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. R. Davidson, Chairman ----- Glennville, Ga.
C. C. Coursey, ----- Baxley, Ga.
E. B. Joyner, ----- Lake Butler, Fla.

The next Session Meets with Memorial, Appling County, Georgia, on
Tuesday Night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1936.

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifth-eight Session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with Ebenezer Church, Tattnal County, Georgia, Thursday Night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1935.

The Association was opened with the reading of the Twelfth Chapter of Romans, followed by prayer by brother E. B. Joyner, "Onward Christian Soldiers" was then sung by the entire body. The Moderator then called for all church letters in alphabetical order. Letters from the following churches were received and delegates enrolled:

Alma Church:—Sister J. L. Johnson, Sister T. L. Tanner.
Alabama Church:—S. A. Brewton, Sr., Bernice Davis, Brother and Sister S. A. Brewton, Jr., Johnnie Vann.

Bethel Church:—W. H. Orvan, Perry Beck, Perry Buchans, B. S. Craven.
Corinth Church:—E. F. Vickers, Roy Carter, Sister Allie Carter, Sister Lillian Carter, P. J. Jarrard.

Ebenezer Church:—H. A. Baxter, H. A. Anderson, Mrs. L. M. Purcell, M. M. Purcell, W. W. Driggers, Mrs. R. L. Franklin, Mrs. J. M. Folsom, R. D. Folsom.

Harmony:—J. E. Waters, Mamie Howard, J. L. Brown, Mrs. Annie Brown, Etta Bennett.

Glennville Church:—E. C. Davidson, W. H. DeLoach, Mrs. D. W. Zorn, C. S. Driggers, R. E. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Burke, Mrs. Ella Lewis.

Jacksonville Church:—G. W. Cloud, A. P. Kirkland, Sister M. E. Anderson, H. C. Norton.

Liberty Church:—C. Harkleroad, G. Harkleroad, Sister C. Harkleroad.
Memorial Church:—G. H. Rentz, Mrs. Coy Rentz, Mrs. M. C. Rentz, Mrs. Berdie Blanton, I. W. Blanton, Mrs. M. W. Carter, Mrs. Eula Hutto, and B. O. Googe.

Marietta Church:—W. E. McLain, Willis McLain, Troy McLain.
Oak Grove:—Shelton Stanfield, Sister Duchess Eason, P. F. McLain, Sister Alberta McLain, Sister Mary Hardy.

Oak Hill Church:—M. N. Steedley, Oscar Jordan.
Philadelphia Church:—Mrs. C. J. Altman, Mrs. J. W. Colson, Miss Lorene Gibson, Miss Blanche Altman, Morris Altman.

Pine Level:—J. B. Brigman, Miss Lollie Johnson, P. B. Copeland, Lennie Johnson, Delora Rigdon.

Piney Grove Church:—Remer Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Manning Strickland, Sister Mary Lightsey.

Satilla Church:—G. W. Harrison, C. C. Quinn, Sister Lillie Spann.
Spring Grove Church:—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart.

Stoney Hill Church:—C. C. Anderson, Willie Rogers, Talmadge Anderson, Alma Anderson, Maude Powell.

Zion Church:—D. L. Baggs, Ralph Baggs.
Brother E. B. Joyner and Brother L. C. Johnson were appointed to read the letters.

It was moved and seconded that we seat Delegates and Ministers present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion that election of officers be by acclamation, carried.

J. R. Davidson,	Moderator
E. B. Joyner,	Vice-Moderator.
P. B. Copeland,	Clerk
L. C. Johnson,	Treasurer.

PETITIONARY LETTERS

The Moderator called for petitionary letter from Liberty Chapel asking for Membership in body of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association. Motion made and carried that we accept the letter and seat the delegates and that the Moderator extend to them the hand of welcome.

CALL FOR CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Brother M. H. Touchton,	North Fla. Association.
Brother H. J. Griffis,	Little River, Association.
Brother Jeff Giddins,	Little River Association.
Brother E. B. Duckworth,	Ogeechee Association.
Brother I. J. Blackwelder,	Central Conference, N. C.
Brother Enoch McDonald,	Missionary Baptist, Union Association.
Brother Lester Kicklighter,	Progressive Primitive Baptist, Beards Creek Church Association.

Motion was made and carried that the Corresponding Messengers and visitors be seated and given a welcome handshake by Moderator and Vice-Moderator.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn until the afternoon session.

Friday 2:00 P. M.

After the Devotion, motion was made and carried that we proceed with appointment of Committees as have served heretofore.

COMMITTEES

1. Preaching.—R. D. Folsom, Chairman, G. W. Cloud, J. B. Brigman.
2. Denominational Literature.—L. C. Johnson, Chairman, A. P. Kirkland, Sister D. W. Zorn.
3. Temperance.—C. C. Coursey, Chairman, Perry Buchans, J. L. Brown.
4. State of Churches.—S. A. Brewton, Chairman, Sister Lillian Carter, W. H. Hutcheson.
5. Destitution.—G. W. Gould, Chairman, E. B. Joyner, W. E. McLean, C. Harkleroad.
6. Education.—Brother I. J. Blackwelder, Chairman, H. M. Strickland, J. E. Waters.
7. Character and Usefulness of Ministers.—Willis McLean, J. J. Brannon, M. M. Purcell.
8. Obituary.—Morris Altman, Chairman, B. S. Craven, Sister Duchess Eason.

9. Auxiliary.—E. C. Davidson, Chairman, J. E. Pye, Sister Ida Harrison, R. D. Folsom, Sister M. E. Anderson.

10.—Resolution.—Lonnie Baggs, Chairman, Sister Delora Rigdon, Sister Lillie Spann.

11. Nomination.—Bernice Davis, Chairman, Sister Mamie Howard, C. C. Qiunn.

12. Support of Ministry.—J. B. Brigman, Chairman, W. H. Orvin, Sister J. L. Johnson.

13. Finance Committee.—E. B. Joyner, Chairman, F. E. Crosby, Wiley Driggers.

Moved and carried that we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday, A. M.

SATURDAY A. M. OCTOBER 26, 1935

Saturday Morning session opened with song 107 "Bringing in the Sheaves," Followed by song 201, "We're Marching to Zion." Morning devotional was led by Brother F. E. Crosby, Scripture Reading Thirteenth Chapter of Romans. Prayer by Brother J. B. Harris.

The meeting was called to order and the Moderator asked for reports from the various Committees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Preaching Report

Thursday Night, 7:30 o'clock	I. J. Blackwelder
Friday Morning, 11:30 o'clock	M. E. Tyson
Friday Night, 7:30 o'clock	M. H. Touchton
Saturday Morning, 11:00 o'clock	C. C. Coursey
Saturday Afternoon, 3:00 o'clock	E. B. Duckworth
Saturday Night, 7:30 o'clock	F. E. Crosby
Sunday Morning, 11:00 o'clock	E. B. Joyner

Treasurers Report

From last session	\$ 46.56
From this session	125 91

Total -----\$172.47

Disbursements

Minutes	\$ 40.00
For delegates to National Convention	30.00
J. B. Harris	10.00
Corresponding Messenger	8.50
T. L. Harrison	4.14
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	10.00
Total	\$112.65, 112.65

Balance on hand -----\$ 52.82

L. C. JOHNSON, Treasurer

Temperance

We your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

We find that strong drink is still doing a bad part among our people. We insist upon our Preachers and people taking a stand against intemperance, not only in strong drink, but in other things that are doing hurt to our country. Christian people lay the example and we will have more followers.

C. C. COURSEY, Chairman
J. L. BROWN
PERRY BUCHANS

Support of Ministers

We, the Committee on the Support of the Ministry, find that some of the churches have made an improvement in supporting their pastors, but we feel that there is still room for a greater effort on the part of the Churches and we urge that each member lay aside an offering for his pastor and try to show their people their responsibility along this line. Feeling assured that the Lord will bless them four-fold.

J. B. BRINGMAN, Chairman
W. H. ORVIN
MRS. J. L. JOHNSON

Destitution

We, your Committee on Destitution, wish to submit the following for your due deliberation: In so far as we can ascertain all of our Churches are supplied, at least in part with Pastors, and yet we find some of our Churches in need, *dire need* of moral and financial support from our association, that they may be able to rise up in full force and array against the forces of the evil one.

We hope that our Association can arrange a program to at least assist in keeping the fires burning during the coming year in those Macedonian Churches.

G. W. CLOUD, Chairman
W. E. McLAIN
C. HARKLEROAD
E. B. JOYNER

Committee on Christian Education

Realizing the great need of a more efficient and learned Ministry as well as leadership in various Auxiliary work in the Churches, we believe it a wise idea to use every possible effort to improve ourselves. Therefore, when we grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, we learn and equip ourselves in his work that we may rightly divide the words of truth. Education of the world can not be compared with Christian Education. We, therefore, insist that our people and Churches awaken to their

duties and encourage whom we may to advance forward instead of tarrying around the mountain.

F. E. CROSBY, Chairman
H. M. STRICKLAND
J. E. WATERS

State of Churches

We, the Committee on State of Churches wish to submit the following report:

We find that our churches in general, are in very good spiritual condition, and are doing a good work; however, some need a revival of interest among the membership, and we wish this body to make them an object of prayer.

S. A. BREWTON, Chairman
MRS. LILLIAN CARTER
W. H. HUTCHESON

Nominations

We, the Committee on Nominations hereby recommend that this Association convene with Pine Level Church, Bacon County, Ga., on Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1936.

BERNICE DAVIS,
MAMIE HOWARD
C. C. QUINN

The body overruled the recommendation of the Committee by a standing vote and due to the fact that Memorial Church had not had the Association in twenty-eight years, carried it there.

Obituary

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

Brothers R. J. Andrews, Jr., O. V. Brooks, J. S. Brown, Clive Clemons, D. L. Clyatt, H. B. Clyatt and Sister Emily Pinkston, and Roxie Pinkston, Harmony Church.

Brother Sam Moody, Jacksonville Church.

Sister Georgia Smart, and Myriam Carter, Corinth Church.

Sister Ophelia Simmons, Sitilla Church.

Brother L. L. Rush, Glennville Church.

Brothers Jim Johnson, N. Roddenberry, Sister Mary Prencott, Sister Ed Mizelle, Philadelphia Church.

Brother J. O. Gynn, Zion Church.

Sister Mary J. Johnson, Brother Ernest Rigdon, Pine Level Church.

Brother D. F. Steedley, Oak Hill Church.

Sister Fannie Hall, Marietta Church.

Brother J. A. Baxter, Ebenezer Church.

We, the Committee, wish to request that a list be written in the Asso-

ciational letters from each church every year, in order to make it more convenient to make a report of this type.

DUCHESS EASON, Chairman
MORRICE ALTMAN
B. S. CRAVEN

Auxiliaries

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

After hearing the letters read from the various Churches, we notice that a large number of our churches have no Sunday School, Ladies Aid, League or Prayer Meeting. Seeing as we do that each of these are very essential in their respective place, we urge that each church take more interest in this line of work.

We recommend that our Pastors encourage, stress and organize each of these in their churches where it is possible. We also ask the men to take greater interest in this line of work, and that our people use Free Will Baptist Literature as far as possible.

E. C. DAVIDSON, Chairman
R. D. FOLSOM
J. E. PYE
MRS. EDA HARRISON
MRS. M. E. ANDERSON

Character and Usefulness of the Ministry

We, the Committee on Character and Usefulness of Ministers submit the following report:

By investigation we find one of our ministers, namely, Rev. A. L. Thornton to be inactive and suggest that he be admonished to "Stir up the Gift of God within him."

We further find that there is some reflection on our Church and Association because of rumors of immoral nature, concerning another of our brother Ministers, namely, Rev. A. J. Williams and wish to recommend that the Executive Committee, together with the Moderator, of this Association make fair investigation of this said rumor and in turn make report to the Church in which he holds membership according to facts learned in the case. Prayerfully submitted.

WILLIS McLAIN, Chairman
M. M. PURCELL
J. J. BRANNON

Resolution

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

D. L. BAGGS
DOLORA RIGDON
LILLIE SPANN

Denominational Literature

We, your Committee on Denominational Literature urge that our churches use Free Will Baptist Literature in all their Auxiliary work; we further urge our people to subscribe to our Free Will Baptist Paper as it is of great spiritual value.

L. C. JOHNSON, Chairman
A. P. KIRKLAND
MRS. D. W. ZORN

Delegate to Other Associations

Chattahoochee Association	-----	J. B. Harris
Little River Association	-----	J. B. Harris
Ogeechee Association	-----	J. R. Davidson, Willis McLean
Georgia Union Association	-----	L. C. Johnson
Salem Association	-----	G. W. Cloud

The following to be represented by minutes:

North Florida Association
Union Association.
Martin Association.

Blanton Memorial

We, the Finance Committee for the Blanton Memorial submit the following report:

We have now on hand, ready to be used at any time this body sees fit \$65.00.

J. N. JOHNSON, Chairman
S. A. BREWTON

Motion that Blanton Memorial issue be carried before all churches in the November Meetings and that if necessary amount be raised and monument erected by January, 1936. Motion carried.

Voice of thanks was given together with Glennville Church and motion was made and carried that this body adjourn for this session and convene with Memorial Church, Tuesday Night, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1936.

P. B. COPELAND, Clerk

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. 28:19, 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.	Meetings Days
Alma	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	T. L. Tanner, Alma, Ga.	10	2	3					84	\$11.50		\$ 750	2
Alabama	Pierce	J. R. Davidson	T. N. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.	11	4	2					66	8.00	161.50	2,000	4
Bethel	Appling	J. R. Davidson	B. S. Craven, Baxley, Ga.	7	1	1	1	1			2	10.00	100.00	500	3
Corinth	Bacon	L. C. Johnson	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga.								136	10.00	96.00	1,300	3
Ebenezer	Tattnall	J. R. Davidson	R. B. Folsom, Glennville, Ga.				1				156	10.00	270.00	2,500	2
Harmony	Union	E. B. Joyner	C. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla.		3	2					8	5.00	232.00	2,000	3
Jacksonville	Duval	C. J. Pitts	G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe St. Jacksonville, Fla.	1	1	7	3	6		1	91	5.00	75.00	1,500	1-2-3
Glennville	Tattnall	J. R. Davidson	F. N. Baxter, Glennville, Ga.	5	2						1	10.00	317.00	3,500	1
Liberty	Coffee	C. C. Coursey	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.				1				10	3.00	65.00	1,200	1
Memorial	Appling	C. C. Coursey	M. W. Carter, Surrency, Ga.	28		6	2	1			111	6.00	158.00	1,000	4
Marietta	Toombs	E. B. Duckworth	Willis McLain, Lyons, Ga.	2			4	1		1	60	5.00	60.00	300	
New Hope	Wayne	G. W. Jones	A. B. Bramen, Jesup, Ga.				3	9	1		28	2.00	48.00	1,200	2
Oak Grove	Appling	C. C. Coursey	Mrs. Ruby McLain, Baxley, Ga.								73	3.00	35.00	1,000	2
Oak Hill	Bacon	E. L. Paulk	M. N. Steedley, Alma, Ga.				3	2	1		26	3.00	39.00	150	4
Philadelphia	Charlton	W. L. Coleman	J. W. Colson, Folkston, Ga.	1		1				3	53	5.50	82.00	500	2
Pine Level	Bacon	L. C. Johnson	P. B. Copeland, Alma, Ga.	5	1	1				3	1	10.00	142.00	1,500	3
Piney Grove	Appling	E. L. Paulk	J. A. Tuten, Bristol, Ga.	2				1			96	5.25	150.00	3,000	3
Satilla	Jeff Davis	E. B. Joyner	V. M. Thornton, Hazlehurst, Ga.	3	1		1				1	8.00	196.00	3,500	4
Spring Grove	Wayne	G. W. Jones	Mamie L. Warren, Jesup, Ga.		1			3			16	1.65	28.00	150	
Stoney Hill	Tattnall	J. R. Davidson	W. W. Rogers, Reidsville, Ga.	1	1	1			1		71	5.00	42.00	500	2
Zion	Long	A. J. Williams	C. M. Easterling, Ludowici, Ga.					1		1	27	3.00	31.00	150	