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OF THE

59th ANNUAL SESSION

OF

THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

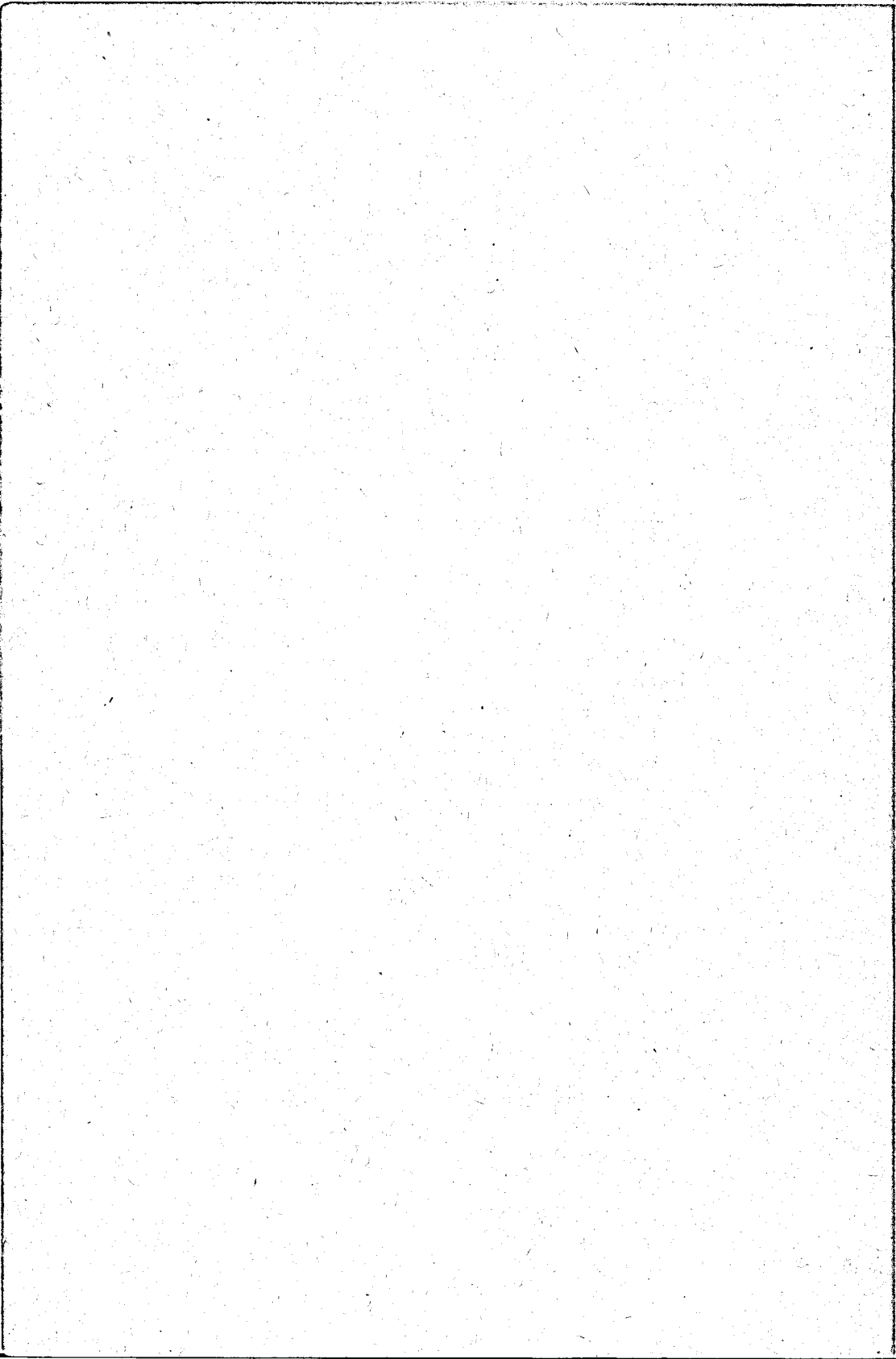
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Convened with Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Appling
County, Georgia, Tuesday Night Before the Fourth
Sunday in October, 1936.

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E. B. Joyner..... Moderator

F. E. Crosby..... Clerk



OFFICERS

E. B. Joyner, Moderator Lake Butler, Fla.
E. B. Duckworth, Assistant Moderator Lyons, Ga.
F. E. Crosby, Clerk Hazlehurst, Ga.
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G. W. Jones Hazlehurst, Ga.

The next session Meets with Pine Level Church, Bacon County, Georgia
on Tuesday Night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1937.

Betty Taylor
Illa Jean Johnson

Veriline Rigdon

Lataine Taylor

Geraldine Taylor

Hazel Brumby

Freddie Taylor

L. W. Taylor

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Rev. J. B. Harris

Rev. E. B. Joyner

Rev. C. C. Coursey

Rev. A. L. Thornton

Rev. G. W. Jones

Rev. E. L. Paulk

Rev. W. C. Coleman

Rev. T. O. Morgan

Rev. F. E. Crosby

Rev. C. J. Pitts

Rev. L. C. Johnson

Rev. T. J. Harrison

Rev. A. B. Adams

Rev. Perry Buckins

Mrs. Bessie Allen

Collection

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FOREIGN MISSIONARY

Miss Laura Belle Barnard,
Queens Hill, Kotagiri, South India

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-ninth session of the South Georgia Association of The Free Will Baptist Association convened with Memorial Church, Appling County, Georgia, on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1936. The Moderator, Rev. J. R. Davidson, opened the service by singing No. 131, in revival showers. The Moderator read a scripture lesson followed by prayer. The Moderator then called for the reading of the various letters from the churches in alphabetical order. Letters from the following churches were read and delegates enrolled:

Alabama Church:—Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brewton, Mrs. W. R. Harrison, Burnice Davis and C. B. Brewton.

Bethel Church:—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orvin, Perry Beck, B. S. Craven.

Corinth Church:—Sister Annie Wade, A. P. Wade, P. J. Jarrad, Stephen Carter, E. F. Vickers, Claude Wade, M. C. Harper, Sister Allie Carter and Sister Emily Smith.

Ebenezer Church:—L. L. Baxter, Mrs. W. B. Baxter, Nicey Baxter, D. E. Wilkinson, Mrs. H. H. Wiles, Mrs. Ida Baxter.

Harmony Church:—Aldyne Joyner, Annie Brown, Janie Brown, Pearl Hill

Glenville Church:—H. N. Baxter and wife, R. E. Kicklighter and wife, E. C. Davidson, Mrs. J. R. Lewis and Mrs. Stella Knight.

Jacksonville Church:—Sister Mamie Anderson, Laura Prim, G. W. Cloud.

Memorial Church:—David Mann, George Rentz, Ed Leggett, Willie Mann, Madie Carter, B. O. Googe, Coy Rentz and Joe Paige.

Marietta Church:—W. E. McLain, Annie Laura McLain, Willis McLain and Mrs. Kelly Collins.

Oak Grove Church:—Sister Lucile Eason, and Sister Alberta McLain.

Oak Hill Church:—Sister N. M. Eason, Bro. M. N. Steedly.

Piney Grove Church:—Bro. H. M. Strickland and wife, J. J. Brannen and wife, Sister Mary Lightsey and Sister Cola Rogers.

Philadelphia Church:—B. A. Altman, Mrs. Ellen Prevat, Mrs. Ettie Altman

Pine Level Church:—Bro. J. B. Brigman, G. W. Courson.

Satilla Church:—C. C. Quinn, Geo. Hutto, G. W. Harrison, Oscar Davis, Sister Elliott Remley, Mary Jane Brown and Molley Williams.

Stoney Hill Church:—Bro. C. C. Anderson, Talmadge Anderson, Dennis Lynn and E. T. Iddings.

Spring Grove Church:—J. L. Proveaux and Fred L. Dukes.

New Hope Church—Bro. and Sister A. B. Brannen, Sister Marietta Murray

Zion Church:—Bro. R. L. Baggs and Sister D. L. Baggs.

By motion and carried the delegates and ministers were seated. The Moderator appointed a devotions committee as follows:

G. H. Rentz G. C. Brewton Geo. Hutto.

MINISTERS PRESENT

J. R. Davidson, E. B. Joyner, J. B. Harris, F. E. Crosby, G. W. Jones, E. L. Paulk, C. J. Pitts, W. C. Coleman.

LICENCED PREACHERS

A. B. Adams, Perry Buckins, J. K. Westberry.

The devotion committee reported that Rev. C. J. Pitts would bring the morning message.

Motion carried that the body suspend the regular order of business and adjourn for preaching.

Rev. C. J. Pitts used for a text Gen. 26-18. He brought a wonderful message after which we enjoyed an hour of rest and refreshments.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

At 2:00 the moderator called the body to order. We sang No. 133, "In Revival Showers." Prayer was offered by Rev. K. V. Shults.

At this time the remainder of the letters were read.

A motion was carried to elect officers by acclamation. Bro. E. B. Joyner and Bro. E. B. Duckworth was nominated for moderator. The vote was cast and Rev. E. B. Joyner was elected moderator. Rev. E. B. Joyner meekly took his respective place in the chair. Rev. E. B. Duckworth was then elected Vice Moderator, Bro. F. E. Crosby as Clerk and Bro. G. C. Brewton as Treasurer. The moderator called for petitionary letters. None was presented. All visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. The following were seated, Rev. K. V. Shults, Bro. W. J. Cloud, from Florida and Rev. J. R. Graham from the Methodist Church.

At this time the Preaching Committee reported Rev. E. B. Duckworth to preach Wed. P. M., at 7:30 o'clock.

By motion the chair was granted the right to appoint the various committees. The following committees were appointed.

OBITUARY—E. L. Paulk, Ida Harrison, Grady Johnson.

AUXILIARY—C. J. Pitts, Delora Regdon and Mrs. H. N. Baxter.

RESOLUTIONS—J. B. Harris, Linnie Johnson and Willis McLean.

NOMINATIONS—G. W. Courson, Charlie Brewton and Ellin Prevatt.

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY—Bernice Davis, Perry Beck and R. L. Baggs.

FINANCE—Jessie Carter, L. L. Baxter, and Marvin Steedley.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE—G. W. Cloud, Annie Brown and Eula Mae Baxter.

TEMPERANCE—A. B. Brannen, Laura Prim and A. B. Adams.

STATE OF CHURCHES—W. C. Coleman, W. H. Orvin and Benny Altman.

DESTITUTION—G. W. Jones, Mrs. M. E. Anderson, and George Hutto.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—E. B. Duckworth, E. C. Davidson, F. E. Crosby, Perry Buckins, F. L. Dukes.

CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY—G. C. Brewton, J. B. Brigman, B. S. Craven.

The audience sang No. 10, "Won't It Be Wonderful There." A letter of thanks from Sister Blanton and family in regards to the memorial placed to the grave of Rev. J. A. Blanton was read and appreciated.

Bro. Cloud reported of his visit to the Salem Association. He gave a good report. Bro. J. B. Harris also reported of his visit to the Chattahoochee Association. A lovely report he gave.

Motion carried to call off, to reassemble Thursday A. M. After a song, Rev. E. L. Paulk preached a wonderful sermon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

After song and prayer service by Rev. Perry Buckins, Rev. E. B. Duckworth brought a wonderful message taken from St. John 1: 29-47, Text, St. John 1:38, "What Seek Ye?"

THURSDAY A. M. 10:00 O'CLOCK

Devotions led by Rev. J. R. Davidson. The assistant moderator opened order of business. He asked for Bro. J. R. Davidson to assist him in the work. By motion and second he was given help.

The remainder of the letters were read and adopted. Motion carried to hear the reading of the reports from the various committees. The following reports were read.

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 feel a great need of taking into our daily lives God's word, Prov. 23-35. We insist upon our preachers taking a greater stand against, not only drinking but anything that will be of offense to others, especially anything that would cut down the youth of our land. It breaks the heart of fathers, makes wives widows, and curses the land with idleness, misery and crime. It crowds our prisons. It furnishes victims to the scaffolds. It violates obligations. It curses GOD and despises HEAVEN. We feel that Christian people should lay the example and we will have more followers.

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A. B. Adams, Chairman

Mrs. Laura Pirm

A. B. Brannon.

DESTITUTION

We the committee on destitution make our report. We find all of our Churches supplied with pastors except the church at Alma. We recommend that they get a pastor if possible. We also ask that our ablest preachers visit them. Let all the people pray for them and all other churches. In case that Alma fails to get a pastor, we recommend that Bro. F. E. Crosby be authorized to arrange a schedule for them and that this body pay his expense for the necessary visits to the church. Bro. Crosby may present his expense account to the treasurer of this association quarterly.

G. W. Jones

Mrs. M. E. Anderson

George Hutto

SUPPORT OF MINISTERS

We the committee on support of ministers see that some of the churches have been supporting their pastors very well and some have not. We feel that the people should put forth more efforts to encourage the ministers in a financial way to spread the gospel to the lost world.

Burnice Davis, Chairman.

R. L. Baggs

J. P. Beck.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We your committee on Christian Education make the following report: Seeing the need of a better Prepared Ministry and leaders in our church and realizing it is through an educational institution that these things are achieved we urge our people to cooperate with our national board of education to the fullest extent in whatever plan they submit in regard to the School Property located at Weaverville, N. C.

We ask the pastors and official board of each church to see that the plan is submitted to the local churches and kept before them until the victory is won.

We also take into consideration our young ministers who are in school now. We ask our board of education to formulate some plan to raise funds to help them through school and submit same to each church, the funds to be distributed by the board as necessity demands.

E. C. Davidson, Chairman.

Perry Buckins

Fred Dukes

F. E. Crosby.

E. B. Duckworth.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee on state of churches wish to submit this our report. It seems from the reading of the church letters that the spiritual condition of our churches are not as good as they ought to be. We recommend that those together with their pastors try to organize Sunday Schools and a mid-week prayer meeting where there is none. It seems that we are as a whole too much at ease in Zion. We need to be up and doing for the Master. It seems that there is a hidden wedge somewhere in the camp. We recommend that the whole body pray mightily that the Lord will remove it.

W. C. Coleman, Chairman

W. H. Orvin

B. A. Altman.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

As your committee on denominational literature we urge that each Sunday School Ladies Aid and League use literature printed at the F. W. B. Press in Ayden, N. C., that we may become better versed in the church doctrine, thereby becoming more efficient workers in the cause.

G. W. Cloud, Chairman.

Sister Annie Brown.

D. L. Baggs.

NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nominations hereby beg to recommend that this association convene with Pine Level Church, Bacon County, which is out six miles Northwest of Alma, Ga., on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1937.

G. W. Courson, Chairman.

C. B. Brewton

Mrs. Ellen Prevatt.

P.S. We also recommend that Rev. C. J. Pitts preach the introductory sermon on Wednesday A. M. at eleven o'clock and that Bro. F. E. Crosby preach the opening message on Tuesday night.

CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY

We your committee on character and usefulness of the ministry submit the following report. We recommend that Corinth Church carry out their agreement with the executive committee in regard to the charge against Rev. A. J. Williams.

In the case of Rev. A. L. Thornton, we find that he is still inactive. We further find by investigation that Rev. T. O. Morgan is not as loyal to the cause as he should be and that his efforts, if any, are not constructive to the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

In the case of Rev. A. J. Williams, we recommend that this body accept his resignation as a minister. We recommend that the Pastor of Rev. A. L. Thornton, together with Rev. F. E. Crosby, and Rev. G. W. Jones visit Bro. Thornton. We recommend that the Moderator visit Bro. Morgan with the Executive Committee for a consultation.

G. C. Brewton, Chairman.

J. B. Brigman.

B. S. Craven.

AUXILIARIES

We your committee on auxiliaries work submit our report as follows: Gathering from the reading of the reports from the various churches throughout the South Georgia Association we find that there are a large number of our churches that have no Sunday Schools, Prayer Meetings, Ladies Aid or Leagues.

Seeing as we do that each of these are very essential in their respective places we recommend that our brethren and pastors encourage, stress and organize each of these in its respective place in the churches, or as many as possible. We further recommend that each of these respective bodies as far as possible F. W. B. members as officers and teachers, as they are a part of the body of the church. We feel that no one would be efficient to lead others to something they were not interested in themselves. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Our denominational pride urges us to further recommend that each of these Auxiliaries use F. B. A. literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. J. Pitts, Chairman.

Mrs. H. N. Baxter

Mrs. Kelly Collins

FINANCE

We the undersigned submit the following report. We find sent in from various churches for all purposes. Total.....\$122.91.

P. J. Jarrard, Chairman.

M. N. Steedley.

D. E. Wilkinson.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following statement. We recommend that any ordained minister who becomes out of order with sufficient proof that he is guilty, shall return his Credentials to the ordaining council.

We also recommend that the pastors of all churches preach a doctrinal sermon as much as once a year.

Willis McLain, Chairman.

J. L. Tanner, Jr.

J. B. Harris

OBITUARY

We your committee find that God has seen best and as it has pleased Him to call to their great reward a good number of our Brothers and Sisters. We, with much sorrow and regret of the loss, will have to bow in submission to His will. Names as follows:

Alabaha Church—Bro. O. W. Nobles.

Harmony Church—Bro. W. O. Brooks.

Bethel Church—Sister J. T. Jones.

Corinth Church—Sister Lola Taylor and Sister Elois Williford.

Philadelphia Church—Sister Geneva Monroe. One name not reported.

Glenville Church—Bro. R. R. Percell, Bro. L. D. Brown, Bro. C. S. Driggers, Bro. Arthur Watson, Sister Sallie Deloach, Sister Eliza Groover and Sister Laura Mulligan.

E. L. Paulk

Mrs. Ida Harrison.

Grady Johnson.

The preaching committee reported Bro. K. V. Shults would preach at 11:30 o'clock.

A motion was carried to adjourn until 1:30 P. M.

At this time a public collection was taken for Rev. C. C. Coursey. It amounted to \$24.38.

Rev. K. V. Shults brought the message from Gal. 1:8.

At 1:30 the body was called to order by the assistant moderator.

The congregation sang No. 131, "Wear A Crown". Devotions by Rev. K. V. Shults. The Moderator recognized Rev. E. M. Altman and Rev. Mack Robinson as ministers from the Missionary Church.

At this time the entire body voted on the report on Christian Education. All voted in favor of the report.

Motion carried that the body receive the resignation of Bro. A. J. Williams Credentials. By vote the body excused Bro. A. J. Williams from the Association. Motion carried to excuse Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. W. C. Cole-

man and Rev. G. W. Jones, the ordaining council to examine Bro. A. B. Adams and Bro. Perry Buckins for ordination.

At this time all delegates who must go home were excused by vote.

MISCELANEOUS BUSINESSSS

All Treasurers reports were made and disbursements as follows.

Motion carried to have 500 minutes printed and that the clerk draw on the treasurer for the necessary funds. The clerk is further authorized to insure all minutes to the clerks of the various churches.

PREACHING REPORT

Tuesday night, Rev. G. W. Jones.
Wednesday A. M., Rev. C. J. Pitts.
Wednesday P. M., Rev. E. L. Paulk.
Wednesday night, Rev. E. B. Duckworth.
Thursday A. M., Rev. J. V. Shults.
Thursday night, Rev. F. E. Crosby.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Last Year	Not reported
From This Session.....	\$122.91
Total	\$122.91

DISBURSEMENTS

Minutes	\$35.00
Moderator	\$10.00
Clerk	10.00
To Union Meeting on Memorial.....	15.00
J. B. Harris	10.00
To General Conference	10.00 Plus fuel expense
To Zion Bible School	10.00
Sister John A. Blanton	10.00
Total	\$110.00
Balance on hand	\$12.91

Motion carried that the money for the moderator be divided equally with the moderator and the assistant moderator.

Motion carried asking all church clerks to supply the clerk of this association with as much information as possible about the organization of the various churches such as date of organization Etc.

Motion carried to send Rev. E. B. Joyner and Rev. E. B. Duckworth to the General Conference.

Motion to send \$10.00 to the General Conference or association.

All other disbursements were done by Motion and second.

Motion carried that Bro. Perry Buckins represent us in the Midway Association.

Motion carried that Bro. J. B. Harris represent us in the Little River Association.

Motion carried that Bro. G. W. Cloud represent us in the Salem Association.

Motion that the clerk correspond with the neighboring associations, with a minute of this association.

By motion the body adjourned.

At this time the Ordaining Council gave ordination to Rev. A. B. Adams and Rev. Perry Buckins. They were authorized to preach "The Word."

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 or at the discretion of the body.

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 twenty 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; 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; 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; 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; I. 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, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with laying on of hands, receiving the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting,

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 collections 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 Saturday 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 acknowledgements. (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 acknowledgement 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, no 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 Saint's 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.

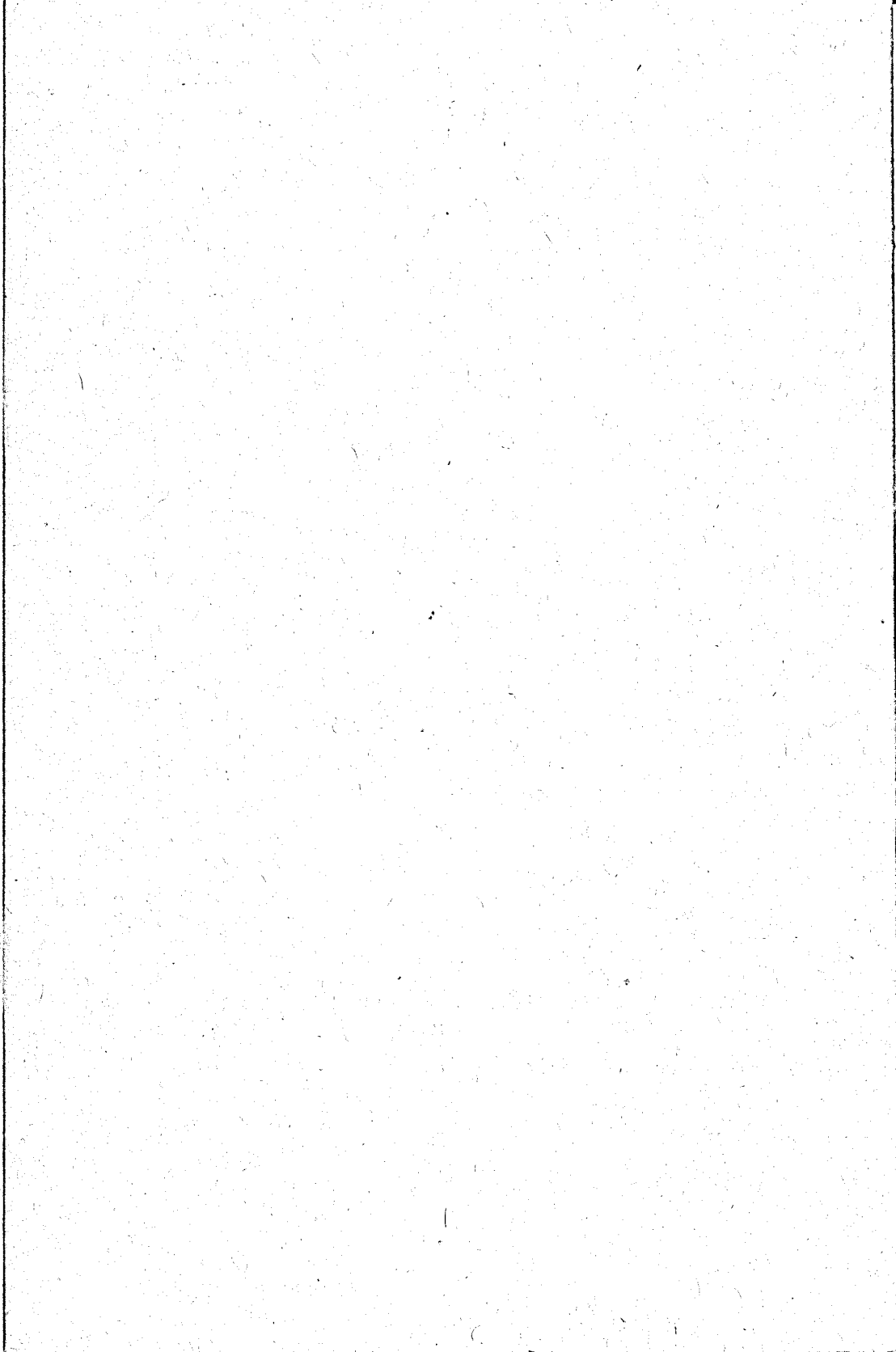
31. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

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 monthly conferences.

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