

**MINUTES**  
*Of The*  
*Sixty-Second Annual Session*  
*Of*  
**THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE**  
**WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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Convened with Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church,  
 Charlton, County Georgia, Thursday Night  
 Before the Fourth Sunday in  
 October, 1939.



**OFFICERS**

E. B. Joyner ..... *Moderator*  
 E. E. Crosby ..... *Clerk*

# Proceedings

The Sixty-Second Session of the South Georgia Association of the Free Will Baptist of the United States convened with Philadelphia Church, Charlton County, Georgia, on Thursday evening before the fourth Sunday in October, 1939.

## THURSDAY EVENING

General devotion service was led by the pastor of the church, Elder C. J. Pitts. Elder E. B. Joyner preached in reference to the 3rd chapter of Proverbs, subject, "God is to Man What Man is To God."

## FRIDAY MORNING

The body was called to order with song and prayer service. We sang Holy Holy Holy, after which, the Moderator made a nice address to the body. Bro. A. H. Quinn was ask to assist in recording the procedure until the clerk could arrive.

A temporary list of delegates was formed in order to proceed to organize. The Moderator appointed a committee on devotion as follows: J. W. Colson, J. T. Anderson, Vernon Hughes. He also appointed a committee as follows to read church letters: G. W. Cloud and Don Wheeler. The Moderator ask A. H. Quinn and F. E. Crosby to assist in appointing the various committees during the noon hour. At this time the devotion committee reported the Elder E. L. Paulk to preach at eleven thirty o'clock. Motioned and seconded to adjourn for preaching.

Elder Paulk preached from the third chapter of St. John, subject "Have A Little Talk With Jesus." Lunch was served on the church ground to the fullest measure.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

We began the service by singing, "I Want To Serve Him More."

Prayer by Elder E. B. Duckwirth.

The clerk called the list of officers. All present except the Executive Committee. All the letters from the churches were read and accepted with their delegates.

Moved and seconded to elect officers by acclimation, carried. Nominations for Moderator as follows: Elder E. B. Joyner, Elder E. B. Duckworth. The Moderator ask the assistant Moderator to take charge of the vote. Votes cast for E. B. Joyner, fifty. Elder E. B. Joyner was elected.

Nominations for assistant Moderator as follows: Elder C. J. Pitts, Bro. Pitts was elected. Moved and seconded to elect Elder F. E. Crosby as Clerk, Carried. Moved and seconded to elect Bro. G. W. Cloud as Treasurer, carried.

Moved and seconded to appoint a Finance Committee to compile the Association fees and recommend disbursements, carried.

The Committee is as follows, O. V. Taylor, Kelly Collins, Ralph Baggs and A. P. Wade. The body accepted the Committee.

The Moderator ask for visiting Brethern to report to the body Br. G. D. Lamb reported from the Salem Association in West Florida.

The Moderator ask for Petionary Letters to the Association. A letter from Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., was read. Moved and seconded to accept the letter and list the church as one of our number. The Moderator extended the hand of fellowship and made the church welcome to the Association. At this time the Devotion Committe reported that Elder K. V. Shutes would preach Friday night at 7:30 and Elder W. L. Mills to lead the devotion service. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted, carried. Moved and seconded to elect an Ordaining Council by nominations and vote. Nominations as follows: Elders E. L. Paulk, K. V. Shutes and C. J. Pitts: They were elected. Moved and seconded that the chair appoint an Executive Committe. Committe as follows: T. N. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.; George Courson, Alma, Ga.; A. H. Quinn, Hazelhurst, Ga.; S. M. Alterman, Folkston, Ga. and Elder E. B. Joyner, Alma, Ga., Chairman.

Mover and seconded to keep the old Executive Committee as Honorary Committee:

J. N. Johnson, Chairman .....	Alma, Ga.
S. A. Brewton .....	Blackshear, Ga.
G. W. Cloud .....	116 Wolf St., Jacksonville, Fla.
T. R. Smith .....	Bristol, Ga.
L. M. Harrell .....	Hazelhurst, Ga.

At this time the various committees were named and given instructions to the work. Moved and seconded to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning, carried. We sang, "Oh How I Love Jesus." Dinner was served at the church.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

Song service was led by Br. Dennis Moore. We had the pleasure of having the Waycross Quartett sing several songs. The devotions were led by Elder W. L. Mills. Prayer by Elder F. E. Crosby. An offering was made to Elder C. C. Coursey to the amount of \$25.09. Sermon by Elder K. V. Shutes. After service the delegates and visitors were assigned to homes for the night.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The body was called to order and the congregation sang "Sweet By and By." We were led in prayer by Elder C. J. Pitts, after which the Moderator gave a splendid talk.

First, Elder C. J. Pitts reported of his visit to the National Association in Nashville, Tenn., and Bryan, Texas. The fees to the Association in Nashville was not accepted. The same money was sent to the Association in Bryan, Texas. \$5.00 was given for fees and \$5.00 for delegate's expense. Bro. G. W. Cloud was accepted as delegate to the Association in Texas. He made a brief report. Moved and seconded to accept their reports. Bro. Pitts reported of the Union Meeting and Sunday School Rally. At this time the Moderator ask the committees to present their reports. Several were read and accepted. The report on Character and Usefullness of the Ministers was reurned to the committee for reconsideration. Moved and seconded to adjourn for preaching. After a short recess we were led in prayer by Elder H. I. Hall and Elder E. B. Duckworth preached from the 8th chapter of Amos. Special song by two little girls of Philadelphia church. Lunch was served at the church.



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order and the congregation sang, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Prayer was offered by Bro. G. W. Cloud. The remaining of the church letters was read and accepted.

Some discussion was carried on concerning the character of the ministry. The matter was tabled until a latter hour. The state of churches raised some discussion which was left in the hands of the executive committee. That was in the case of the Alma church.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a delegation of four to the State Association to meet in November. The Moderator appointed A. H. Quinn, S. M. Altman, Don Wheeler and G. W. Cloud:

The Moderator ask for Petitions for the next Association. Marrietta, Bethel and Corinth ask for the next session. The majority voted for the Association to visit Marrieta church, Toombs County, Georgia, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1940. Moved and seconded to extend a rising vote of thanks to the entire community of Philadelphia church for their untired efforts and hospitality throughout this Association, carried. At this time the Committee on Devotions reported that Elder F. E. Crosby would preach at 7:30 Saturday night. Moved and seconded that this Association adjourn to meet with Marrietta church Toombs County on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1940, carried.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

The devotion service was held by Rev. A. B. Adams followed by preaching, Elder F. E. Crosby.

Following is a list of the churches and their delegates present:

Alama—Mrs. T. L. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lynch.

Alabaha—Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Harrison, Mrs. G. C. Brewton.

Bethel—B. S. Craven, W. H. Orvin.

Corinth—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wade, and Mrs. Emlie Smith.

Ebenezer—Butler Baxter and wife, Nettie Mae Baxter, Sue Nell Baxter, Mrs. Laban Percelle.

Glennville, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harrell, Miss Burnice Lewis and Donnie Kate Harrell.

Harmony—J. L. Brown, Frank Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Waters, Thyra Douglas and Loma Crawford.

Liberty—C. Harkleroad, O. V. Taylor and J. E. Harkleroad.

Memorial—J. H. Rentz, Coy Rentz, Wilton Rentz, Lavonia Rentz, Louise Rentz, and W. C. Mann.

Marietta—W. E. McLain, Willis McLain, Kelly Collins and Bennie Anderson.

New Hope—A. B. Brannen and wife, D. A. Blantona and wife, and Mrs. Lora Pie.

Oak Hill—M. N. Steedley, Dave Steedley, Ellis Williams.

Oak Grove—

Pine Grove—Mrs. Mary Lightsy, Cola Rogers, Ruth Lightsy and Ralph Lightsy.

Pine Level—G. W. Courson, J. L. Tanner, T. L. Holton, Herman Douglas and Don Wheeler.

Philadelphia—J. W. Colson, J. T. Anderson and Charlie Altman.

Satilla—Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown, O. V. Hughes, Mrs. B. F. Lord, A. H. Quinn, Miss Rosa Lee Quinn.

Spring Grove—By Pastor.

Stoney Hill—Talmage Anderson, Bud Anderson, and Morgan Powell.

Zion—Leo Pool and Ralph Baggs.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.—F. C. Peavy, Mrs. W. L. Mills, G. W. Cloud and Mrs. C. J. Pitts.

Emmanual—Joseph Canady, Dock Evans, David Bryant.

### **DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE**

We the Denominational Literature Committee ask that pastors and officers of our F. W. B. Churches urge all our people to buy F. W. B. literature insofar as the F. W. B. Press is capable of supplying our requirements.

Our people with high ideals should assist our press by sending in suggestions from the fields and articles for the different publications.

T. H. Waters, Chairman  
Mrs. Donie Kate Harrell  
Mrs. T. L. Tanner  
W. C. Mann

### **DESTITUTION**

We the Committee on Destitution make our report. We find all our churches supplied with pastors for the coming year and in fair condition spiritually but we feel the need of more visiting among our people both ministers and members. We believe that there would be more spirit supplied if there were more visiting and praying.

T. N. Harrison, Chairman  
Walter Lynch  
George Courson  
F. C. Peavy

### **SUPPORT OF MINISTRY**

We your Committee find from the report of the churches in this body that in most cases our ministers have not been paid as much as they should have. They cannot spread the Gospel as they should without the proper support. We recommend that

each church put forth more effort in the support of this cause. We urge that the churches begin the titheing system. This will enable them to finances their church and all auxiliaries of the church.

J. L. Brown, Chairman,  
W. E. McLain,  
Bernice Lewis,  
Mrs. Mary Lightsy,

### TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following. Intemperance is very dangerous to all people, therefore, we say the pastor of each church to render a servivce each quarter on temperance. We feel assured that each Sunday School Teacher should dwell on this subject and cooperate with the pastor in his teachings against its use. Each day we can call to mind the homes that have been ruined by the use of liquor. All this proves that too much cannot be said against it. We are much in prayer that everything possible will be done to help this cause.

Charlie Altman, Chairman,  
Cola Rogers,  
Dave Steedley,  
Thyra Douglas,  
J. O. Harrell,  
Mrs. B. F. Lord.

### OBITUARY

We your Committe on Obituary after reading the letters from the different churches find and have recorded the following deaths.

Bethel Church—John T. Jones, Thomas Varnadore.

First F. W. B. Church of Jacksonville, Fla.—Bessie Knott, Dec. 2, 1938, Ellen Ratliff, May 26, 1939.

Oak Hill Church—T. W. Crapps.

Pine Level—J. R. Johnson, Emma Wilcox.

Satilla—John Graham, Mary Hutto.

Marietta—Mrs. Lee Kite, Mrs. Sappho King.

Corinth—Dora Smith.

Ebenezer—John H. Rogers, S. M. Howard.

New Hope—Peter McLain.

T. L. Holton, Chairman,  
A. B. Brannen,  
Mrs. T. H. Waters,  
Rosea Mae Quinn,  
W. H. Orvin,

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We the Committee on Christian Education submit the following report. We find in the best and proper spiritual development of our people, there seems to be a falling away from the Good Old Time Religion. We observe that one of the greatest needs in the denomination is a deeper christian experience. We urge that all churches encourage young boys and girls to make use of every opportunity to attend theological schools. We ask that all officers and societies subscribe, read and study all our denominational literature, that they may be better prepared to the task called upon to do. We vote and encourage the maintainance of an evangelistic tent and that it be in continual use as means of christian development which we deserve. We further recommend that our pastors appoint an education committee in each church to raise funds for our bible schools which have been badly neglected. At this time we have several deserving men and ladies who are trying to better themselves to fit the needs of our times. Let us do more than talk for our schools badly needs our support especially that of our own state.

A. H. Quinn, Chairman,  
Willis McLain,  
Ruth Lightsey,  
Mrs. A. P. Wade,  
Loma Crawford.

## RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions, after hearing the reports from the various churches of our Association find that the spiritual condition of some of these churches is not as good as we would like to see. We would like to ask the ministers of our churches to preach on the 13th chapter of I Corinthians 1st to 16th verse.

We further urge that the members of all churches cooperate with the pastors and have more brotherly love for each other. Finally let the churches cooperate with any and all actions taken by this body. Prayerfully submitted.

Ralph Baggs, Chairman,  
Mrs. W. L. Mills,  
A. P. Wade,  
M. N. Steedley,  
G. H. Rentz.

## STATE OF CHURCHES

We your Committee on State of Churches find all churches in fair standing. We notice from the letters that one of the churches did not have communion last year. We ask the people to renew their vows to God and deepen their spiritual life. We do not believe that such carelessness will exist. We urge all churches to organize as many auxiliaries as possible, this will lift the spiritual life. We also find that Alma church will not have a regular pastor. May the Lord bless our efforts to improve upon that which he has given us.

B. S. Craven, Chairman,  
O. V. Taylor,  
Mrs. L. A. Brown,  
Mrs. G. C. Brewton,  
C. Harkleroad.



## CHARACTER and USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY

We your Committee on Character and Usefulness of the Ministry submit this report. We find from the letters to this Association that the churches send no accusation against the ministers to the body. We are sorry to state to our honorable body, but it becomes our duty, after a thorough investigation we find that Elder Perry Buckins is not in good standing with his church. We recommend that his name be discontinued from ministerial roll and his credentials be called in.

L. A. Brown, Chairman,  
J. L. Tanner,  
W. B. Baxter,  
J. E. Kirkland,  
Minnie Anderson.  
J. F. Douglas.

## FINANCE REPORT

We your Finance Committee submit the following:

Balance from last session .....	\$ 18.20
This session .....	121.75
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$139.95</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

For Minutes .....	\$35.00
State Association .....	10.00
National Association .....	5.00
Letter Forms .....	5.00
Clerk .....	10.00
Moderator .....	5.00
J. B. Harris .....	10.00
Sister J. A. Blanton .....	10.00 ✓
C. C. Coursey .....	4.91
Home Mission .....	8.00 ✓
Foreign Mission .....	6.00 ✓
National Education .....	6.00 ✓

<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$114.91</b>
Balance on hand .....	\$25.04

G. W. Cloud,  
A. P. Wade,  
Kelly Collins,  
Ralph Baggs,  
O. V. Taylor.

## MINISTERS PRESENT

Elder J. B. Harris	Elder C. J. Pitts
Elder E. B. Joyner	Elder A. B. Adams
Elder E. L. Paulk	Elder H. I. Hall
Elder W. C. Coleman	Elder K. V. Shutes
Elder F. E. Crosby	Elder E. B. Duckworth



## LICENTUATES

Rev. J. K. Westberry

Rev. W. L. Mills

Rev. J. R. Graham

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## 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 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 enterprise 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 God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ that 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 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 house 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 of fraction thereof.

8. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by a majority vote.

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## DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceeding 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 pastor 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 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 are 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 conduct.

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, not 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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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living 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 on 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.—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 on 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; I 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 brought 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 practices.—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 impression 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 God and our Lord Jesus Christ who brought 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. 1:9-11.

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. 15:21; 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 saint's 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.

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The next session will meet with Marietta Church, Toombs County, Georgia, Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1940.



# Statistical Table

Churches	Counties	Pastors 1940	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.	Meeting Days
Alma .....	Bacon .....														
Alabaha .....	Pierce .....	L. C. Johnson.....	Sameul Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.	2			1				80	\$10.00	\$130.70	\$2000.00	
Bethel .....	Appling .....	F. E. Crosby.....	Mrs. Beatrice Orvin, Baxley, Ga.	1					1	1	45	5.00	70.00	1000.00	2
Corinth .....	Bacon .....	E. L. Paulk.....	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga. ....	8		2	1	1	1	1	137	3.00	122.15	1350.00	3
Ebenezer .....	Tatnall .....	L. C. Johnson.....	L. L. Baxter, Glenville, Ga.....		1						167	4.00	327.56	3000.00	2
Glenville .....	Tatnall .....	L. C. Johnson.....	E. C. Davidson, Glenville, Ga.....				3		6		144	4.00	253.34	3500.00	1,3
Harmony .....	Union .....	J. O. Fort.....	C. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla.....	9	2						164	5.00	295.00	2000.00	3
Liberty .....	Coffee .....	W. L. Mills.....	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.....					3			40	3.00	52.81	1000.00	1
Memorial .....	Appling .....	E. B. Joyner.....	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.....	16			1			1	154	6.00	135.00	1000.00	1
Marietta .....	Toombs .....	E. B. Duckworth	Bennie Anderson, Lyons, Ga. rt. 1	4		1	3	3		2	73	7.00	50.00	1500.00	3
New Hope .....	Wayne .....	W. C. Coleman.....	A. B. Brannen, Jesup, Ga. ....	2					1	1	37		50.00	500.00	2
Oak Hill .....	Bacon .....	F. E. Crosby.....	M. N. Steedley, Alma, Ga. ....					2	1	1	34	3.00	75.00	200.00	4
Oak Grove .....	Appling .....														
Pine Grove.....	Appling .....	K. V. Shutes.....	Mrs. Mary Lightsy, Bristol, Ga.....	4			2	1			106	6.50	118.23	2500.00	3
Pine Level.....	Bacon .....	J. O. Fort.....	Don Wheeler, Alma, Ga.....	7		1	3			2	110	10.00	104.36	2500.00	1
Philadelphia .....	Charlton .....	C. J. Pitts.....	J. I. Anderson, Folkston, Ga.....	10		2	2				59	7.00	89.88	1000.00	2
Satilla .....	Jeff Davis	E. B. Joyner.....	C. C. Quinn, Hazelhurst, Ga.....	7		1		1	4	2	208	8.25	134.51	4500.00	4
Spring Grove .....	Wayne .....	A. B. Adams.....	R. L. Stewart, Jesup, Ga. ....	1		4			1		17	3.00	50.96	500.00	3
Stoney Hill.....	Tatnall .....	L. C. Johnson.....	Elmer Iddings, Manoskes, Ga.....	5	5		1				106	3.00	30.90	800.00	3
Zion .....	Long .....	F. E. Crosby.....	P. N. Ryles, Ludowici, Ga.....	1		1	6		1		37	3.00	57.70	150.00	1
1st F. W. B. Ch. Jacksonville, Fla. ....	Duval .....	C. J. Pitts.....	G. W. Cloud, 1167, Wolf St. Jacksonville, Fla.....	14		6	9			2	147	10.00	85.00	2000.00	1,2 3,4
Emmanual .....	Duval .....	H. I. Hall.....	Paul Phillips, Jacksonville, Fla.....	8	10	11					29	5.00	172.25		