

# MINUTES

*Of The*

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

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## THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Convened with Marietta Free Will Baptist Church  
Toombs County, Georgia, Thursday Night  
Before the Fourth Sunday in  
October, 1940

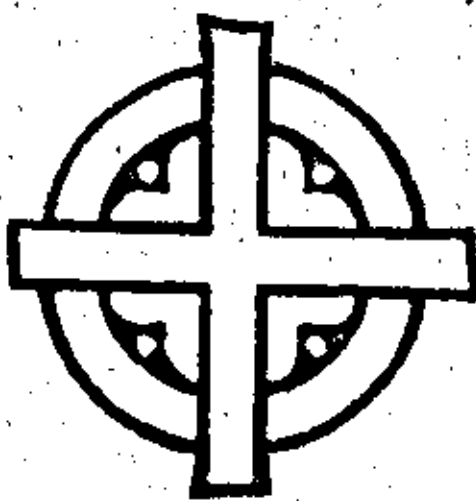
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### OFFICERS

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



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## OFFICERS

Elder E. B. Joyner, Moderator -----Alma, Ga.  
Elder F. E. Crosby, Clerk -----Hazelhurst, Ga.  
Brother G. W. Cloud, Treasurer, -----116 Wolf St., Jacksonville, Fla.

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Elder E. B. Joyner, Chairman -----Alma, Ga.  
T. N. Harrison -----Blackshear, Ga.  
George Courson -----Alma, Ga.  
A. H. Quinn -----Hazelhurst, Ga.  
S. M. Altman -----Folkston, Ga.

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Elder E. L. Paulk -----Ray, Ga.  
Elder K. V. Shutes -----Glennville, Ga.  
Elder C. J. Pitts -----540 James St. Jacksonville, Fla.  
F. E. Crosby, Gen. Substitute -----Hazelhurst, Ga.

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Elder J. B. Harris -----Odum, Ga.  
Elder E. B. Joyner -----Alma, Ga.  
Elder C. C. Coursey -----Baxley, Ga.  
Elder A. L. Thorton -----Hazlehurst, Ga.  
Elder E. L. Paulk -----Ray, Ga.  
Elder W. C. Coleman -----Surrency, Ga.  
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Elder A. B. Adams -----Hazlehurst, Ga.  
Elder H. C. Brown -----403 W. 41 St. Jacksonville, Fla.  
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Elder H. I. Hall -----58 E. 9th St. Jacksonville, Fla.  
Elder K. V. Shutes -----  
Elder E. B. Duckworth -----Lyons, Ga.  
Elder C. C. Butler -----Lake Butler, Fla.  
Elder W. L. McLain -----Lyons, Ga.  
Elder J. R. Graham -----Odum, Ga.  
Elder B. A. Altman -----Folkston, Ga.  
Elder W. L. Mills -----1428 Iona St. Jacksonville, Fla.  
Mrs. Bessie Allen -----Ashville, N. C.

## LICENTIATES

Elder J. K. Westberry, -----  
Elder Ralph Lightsey, -----Bristol, Ga.

The next session will meet with New Hope Church, Wayne County,  
Georgia, Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1941.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Third Session of the South Georgia Association of the Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with Marietta Church, Toombs County, Georgia, on Thursday evening before the fourth Sunday in October, 1940.

Sermon by Elder E. B. Joyner. Text—St. John 5: 17, My Father worketh hitherto and I work.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The body was called to order and the congregation sang, We'll Work Till Jesus Comes. The Moderator gave a splendid talk concerning the blessings of God and our response to his call. Bro. Joyner also led the body in prayer, following a scripture lesson.

Immediately the moderator appointed a devotions committee as follows: Bros. W. E. McLain, L. M. Harrell, and James Anderson. Next the clerk called the ministerial roll with the following Ministers to be enrolled. See the ministerial roll.

The following church letters were read and the delegates seated as follows:

*Alabaha*—Sammie Harrison, G. C. Brewton, and wife.

*Bethel*—Grace Waldon, Oscar Taylor.

*Corinth*—J. M. Moore, A. P. Wade, Sister Smith, Lemar Smith, T. J. Jarrard, Vira Carter, and Oris Paulk.

*Ebenazar*—M. N. Percelle, Eunice Baxter, and F. W. Percelle.

*Glennville*—E. C. Davidson and wife, Maude Percelle, Bernice Lewis, Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Ottis Harrell, and Donnie Kate Harrell.

*Liberty*—O. V. Taylor, C. Harkleroad, Mrs. Natt Winters.

*Memorial*—Mrs. J. W. Blanton, Mrs. Dora Beckworth, and S. M. Blanton.

*Marietta*—W. E. McLain, Mrs. Bennie Anderson, Mrs. Theo. Collins, and Bennie Anderson.

*New Hope*—J. E. Pie, Saphronie Pie, Gussie Anderson, and Pearl Brannan.

*Oak Grove*—J. F. McLain, S. T. Stanfield, Dutches Eason, and Myrtle Hayse.

*Piney Grove*—Naomi Lightsy, Ruth Lightsy, H. M. Strickland, H. H. Brice, Ineze Brannan, and Irene Boyette.

*Pine Level*—Grady Johnson, and Delmar Wheeler.

*Philadelphia*—James Anderson and Wife, Mrs. W. E. Gibson, and Raymond Altman.

*Satilla*—Mrs. L. A. Brown, L. M. Harrell and Wife, Mrs. N. C. Blanton and Rosa Quinn.

*Spring Grove*—By pastor.

*Stoney Hill*—Talmadge Anderson, E. T. Eddins, and Bud Anderson.

*Zion*—By pastor.

*First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville*—F. C. Peavey, G. W. Cloud, J. S. Canedy and Minnie Anderson.

*Emmanuel*—Dock Evers, Iris Steadman.

Motion was carried to seat the above delegates. We invoked God's

blessings on the delegates with prayer, after which the body adjourned for the noon service. Brother Dennis Moore made a splendid welcome address and the devotions committee reported that Elder B. A. Altman lead in the devotions service and that Elder C. C. Coursey preach at 11:30 o'clock.

After a short recess the body came together and sang Amazing Grace. Brother Altman read the Tenth chapter of St. Luke with much inspiring comments. We were led in prayer by Brother Altman.

At 11:30 Elder C. C. Coursey delivered a powerful message, Scripture lesson, Romans 1: 16 Text, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. After the sermon the body was dismissed for recess. Dinner was served at the church.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled in order and we sang, Lord Revive Us. Bro. G. W. Collins led in a special prayer for Bro. Frank Thompson, Sister Mary Lightsey and several others.

First order of business, the moderator called for the election of officers. Moved and seconded to vote for officers by acclamation. The moderator called for nominations.

*First, Moderator*—Elder E. B. Joyner, no others. Moved and seconded that nominations close. Bro. Joyner was elected.

*Second, Assistant moderator*.—Eld. C. J. Pitts. There being no other nominations a motion and second was carried that nominations close. Elder C. J. Pitts was elected.

*Third, Clerk*.—Nominations, Elder F. E. Crosby. Moved and seconded that nominations close. Brother Crosby was elected.

*Treasurer*—Nominations, Bro. G. W. Cloud. Moved and seconded that nominations close. Brother Cloud was elected.

After the election of officers the moderator asked all visiting brethren to feel free and enjoy the session with us. Brother A. L. Powell from the Holiness Baptist and Bro. G. W. Collins from the Ogeechee Free Will Baptist responded with a nice talk.

It was moved and seconded that this body hold the executive board as in the past year, Carried.

Moved and seconded that the same ordaining council be used for the coming year, Carried.

Moved and seconded that this body appoint an alternate to assist in the absence of either of the ordaining council. Elder F. E. Crosby was appointed and elected by the body.

Moved and seconded that the chair appoint a chairman to each of the committees and with help of the clerk, fix a list of committeemen, Carried.

Moved and seconded that these retire to fix the list as previously stated, Carried.

At this time the assistant moderator took charge of the work and asked for the church letters to be read. He appointed Bro. G. W. Cloud and Sister Irene Boyette to read the letters. All the church letters were read and accepted. The body was fully organized with all delegates listed and given charges to their work.



The devotions committee reported that Elder F. E. Crosby lead the evening devotions and that Elder C. J. Pitts preach at 7:30 o'clock.

The moderator and his assistants reported on the arrangements of the committees and the report was accepted.

Moved and seconded that the body adjourn for the day. It was carried after the treasurer made his report for the year.

Following is a complete list of the committeemen:

*Denominational Literature*—Dock Evers, Ruth Lightsey, Raymond Altman, Ottis Harrell and J. M. Moore.

*Destitution*—Henry Brison, Mrs. James Anderson, Mrs. L. A. Brown, Naomi Brison and P. J. Jarrard.

*Support of the Ministry*—Jim Pie, Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, G. C. Johnson, Mrs. W. E. Gibson, and Mrs. N. C. Blanton.

*Temperance*—Bennie Anderson, Elder W. L. Mills, Mrs. E. C. Davidson, and Mrs. G. C. Brewton.

*Obituary*—O. V. Taylor, Samuel Harrison, Oris Paulk, M. M. Percelle and Mrs. L. M. Harrell.

*Christian Education*—Ralph Lightsey, Bernice Lewis, Mrs. L. C. Johnson, C. Harkleroad, and G. W. Cloud.

*Resolution*—Delmar Wheeler, L. C. Johnson, J. F. McLean, Mrs. W. E. Gibson, and F. C. Peavy.

*State of Churches*—E. C. Davidson, S. M. Blanton, Mrs. Nat Winters, S. T. Stanfield and Mrs. Bennie Anderson.

*Character and Usefulness of the Ministry*—G. C. Brewton, Elder C. J. Pitts, Mrs. R. B. Baxter, A. P. Wade and H. M. Strickland.

*Devotions Committee*—W. E. McLean, L. M. Harrell and James Anderson.

*Finance Committee*—A. H. Quinn, C. Harkleroad, A. P. Wade, Dona Kate Harrell and Mrs. R. B. Baxter.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

After dinner on the church yard the congregation assembled and had a wonderful song and prayer service. Singing was led by Brother D. D. Moore and the devotion were led by Rev. F. E. Crosby. Subject, Will God Answer Prayer. We were entertained by a special quartette led by Bro. Moore. Elder C. J. Pitts preached on the Subject, What shall we do brethren? A wonderful revival was expressed in the hearts of the people of the congregation.

After the service the delegates and visitors were assigned to homes for the night.

## SATURDAY MORNING

The body assembled on time and opened the worship by singing Tell It to Jesus Alone. We were led in prayer by Elder L. C. Johnson. The moderator read a Scripture lesson from the subject, love and charity. Again we were led in prayer by Elder E. B. Joyner.

First order of business, the ministerial roll was reviewed and all ministers were referred to. It was stated by the ordaining council that the Revs.

J. R. Graham, B. A. Altman, and W. L. Molls had been duly ordained and set aside for the Gospel. It was moved and seconded that their names be listed on the ministerial roll. Also a move and second was carried to list Brothers Ralph Lightsey and J. K. Westberry as Licentiates.

Next, the clerk read other letters which had come in from churches. They were accepted by a motion and second.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn untill 1:30 P. M. carried.

The devotions committee reported that Elder L. C. Johnson would lead the devotions and Elder E. L. Paulk would preach at 11:30 o'clock. Truly, it was a wonderful hour. The devotions were led by Bro. Johnson after which Elder Paulk preached using for a text, Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.

After the service was closed with great manifestation of love and cooperation the crowd was served with dinner on the church yard.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We assembled with songs and prayer. The prayer was led by Elder W. C. Coleman.

The moderator called for reports from corresponding delegates to other associations. Elder J. B. Harris reported for his visit to the Little River Association. He stated that he was made welcome and that he was seated as a delegate.

It was moved and seconded that we send representatives to the Little River, Salem, Georgia Union and Chattahoochee Associations in the year 1941. Brother G. W. Cloud reported that he was given a welcome in the Salem Association and that they had a wonderful session. He also stated that he intended to visit them again next year.

The moderator appointed E. C. Davidson to the Georgia Union Association, J. B. Harris to the Little River and Chattahoochee Associations and G. W. Cloud to visit the Salem Association. Elder E. L. Paulk was appointed to visit the Little River Association with Bro. Harris.

Next, the Moderator called for the committees to make their reports. At this time a committee on Resolutions was formed. Elder L. C. Johnson was appointed chairman and he selected as his assistants, G. C. Brewton and Don Wheeler. They were ask to make their reports to the Union Meeting.

The following reports were read and accepted:

### CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY

We, your committee, submit this our report. We find from investigation from the delegates from the various churches with which the ministers hold membership that their character is good. As for their usefulness there are some not as active as others. We recommend that this body and the churches encourage them to more usefulness. We further recommend the more active ministers encourage and assist the less active by helping them establish a definite work, and use them when possible in their own work.

S. M. Brewton, A. P. Wade, Rev. C. J. Pitts,  
H. M. Strickland, Mrs. R. B. Baxter

## TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report:, Intemperance is very dangerous to all people. Therefore we urge the pastor of each church to render a service each quarter on temperance. We also urge that each Sunday School teacher will cooperate with the pastor in teaching against its use. We feel assured that if they would render the service quarterly there would be much good accomplished for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are much in prayer that everything possible be done to render this service each quarter.

Bennie Anderson  
Rev. W. L. Mills  
Mrs. G. C. Brewton  
Vara Carter

## STATE OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on state of churches, submit our report as follows: We are glad to note from the reports coming from the various churches that the spiritual condition of our churches seems to have improved during the year, but we feel that there is yet room for great improvement: Let us pray that there will be a great spiritual awakening among our people. We note that some of our churches do not have any auxiliary. This we regret very much and insist that each of our pastors encourage and assist those churches in organizing such auxiliaries as they do not have, where it is possible.

E. C. Davidson  
S. M. Blanton  
S. T. Standfield  
Mrs. Nat Winters  
Mrs. Bennie Anderson

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the committee on Christian Education, submit the following report: We realize that the Free Will Baptists need trained workers; therefore, we present the following: We wish to set up a fund to be loaned out to young people, called of the Lord to be used for education in better preparation for the ministry. We wish to start this fund by asking \$25.00 from the treasurer. To provide for an increase in this fund we ask that each male member give twenty five cents a year for the Christian Education fund.

We the committee submit this as a definite request after prayerfully and carefully considering it.

Ralph Lightsey  
G. W. Cloud  
C. Harkleroad  
Bernice Lewis  
Mrs. L. C. Johnson

## SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

We, your committee, find our ministers are not being payed enough for

their service, and wish to call attention of all church members. We cannot expect our pastors who have prepared themselves to serve us without reasonable pay. May we strive to meet our obligations to them in the future more fully than in the past, by adopting some method of support. We also urge that all pastors work this in their own individual churches.

Jim Pie  
Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell  
G. C. Johnson  
Mrs. W. E. Gibson  
Mrs. N. C. Blanton

## RESOLUTIONS

We, the committee on resolutions, present the following: We resolve that each church that is a member of the South Georgia Association strive from this day forward to reach a higher goal in Christianity than we have in the past. That each church should strive with all Christian endeavors to have a Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, League and Aid Society second to none.

That our churches should endeavor to rid said churches of all vices, drunkenness, etc.

We urge that the Free Will Baptist people realize the importance of tithing. That our ministers endeavor with all Christian love to sponsor said above resolution.

Further, be it resolved that each church arrange to commune at least once each year, and quarterly if convenient. Also be it resolved that each church be represented at the Union Meeting with two delegates. Also that each minister attend, since his influence means so much to his church. We further resolve that a committee be appointed to formulate a plan to support the different working organs of our church, such as education, superannuation, home and foreign mission.

Be it further resolved that this body adopt the Treatise of the National Free Will Baptists, thus leading to uniformity of faith and practice.

Be it resolved that this body extend to the church of Marietta and community a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality to this body.

Delmon Wheeler, *Chn.*  
L. C. Johnson  
F. C. Peavy  
J. F. McLain  
Mrs. W. E. Gibson

## DESTITUTION

We, the committee on destitution, make our report. We find all churches which have reported to the Association, supplied with pastors for another year. We recommend all churches not supplied to seek to find some remedy to



overcome this stalemate condition. We recommend that each church pray that a greater spirit be manifested and that they may become more usefull and progressive in the church and community.

H. H. Bryson  
Naomi Bryson  
Mrs. L. A. Brown  
P. J. Jarrard  
Mrs. James Anderson

### FINANCE REPORT

We your finance committee submit the following report:

Balance on hand from last session -----	\$ 24.74	
Received this session -----	102.35	
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Total -----	\$127.09	
Disbursements as follows:		
For minutes -----		\$ 30.00
State asso. -----		10.00
National asso. -----		5.00
Letter forms -----		5.00
Clerk -----		10.00
Moderator -----		10.00
Home mission -----		10.00
J. B. Harris -----		5.00
C. C. Coursey -----		5.00
Mrs. J. A. Blanton -----		5.00
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Total disbursements -----		95.00
Balance on hand -----		32.09
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	\$127.09	\$127.09

We recommend that in the future, each church designate in their letter to the association just how their money should be disbursed under the following heads:

Association purpose -----  
Christian Education -----  
Missions -----  
Benevelence -----

A. H. Quinn  
Mrs. R. B. Baxter  
Dona Kate Harrell  
C. Harkleroad  
A. P. Wade

### DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on denominational literature, ask all our pastors

and auxiliary officers to urge all our people to buy and use F. W. B. Literature insomuch as the F. W. B. Press is capable of supplying our requirements. To make our Press capable of supplying our needs, we must support it.

Too, we feel the need of each home receiving at least one of our denominational papers and may it be one of our goals to extend it into every home.

We also urge our people with high ideals, to assist our press by sending in articles and suggestions from the various fields.

Doc Evers  
Ruth Lightsey  
J. M. Moore  
Raymond Altman  
Otis Harrell  
Dona Kate Harrell

A motion was made and sustained that Eld. L. C. Johnson preach the introductory sermon at 11:30 o'clock at the next Association, Friday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1941.

The body voted that the next Association convene with New Hope Church Wayne County, Ga. on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1941.

After the finance report was read and accepted it was moved and seconded to set aside \$25.00 in the treasury. It was also carried to pay \$3.50 to the Union Meeting which had been drawn by this Association.

The congregation sang, God Be With You, and we took the parting hand in the close of a glorious session.

The Moderator dismissed with prayer.

E. B. Joyner, *Moderator*  
F. E. Crosby, *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.

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

## 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 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 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 the 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, 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 monthly conferences.

### 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.



## Statistical Table

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS 1939	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 -----	-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	---	---	----	---
Alabama -----	Pierce -----	L. C. Johnson ----	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga. ---	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	25	\$ 5.00	\$120.00	\$2000.00	3
Bethel -----	Appling -----	F. E. Crosby ----	Beatrice Orvin, Bakley, Ga. -----	4	--	3	--	--	1	1	55	4.65	82.71	1000.00	3
Corinth -----	Bacon -----	E. L. Paulk ----	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga. -----	18	--	1	--	1	--	1	154	5.00	71.70	1350.00	3
Ebenezer -----	Tatnall -----	L. C. Johnson ----	L. L. Baxter, Glenville, Ga. -----	4	--	--	2	--	--	1	170	5.00	336.46	3000.00	2
Glenncille -----	Tatnall -----	L. C. Johnson ----	E. C. Davidson, Glenville, Ga. ---	3	--	2	2	--	--	2	144	10.00	364.50	3500.00	1,3
Harmony -----	Union -----	J. O. Fort ----	L. C. Brown, Dukes, Fla. -----	9	6	--	3	--	1	2	100	5.00	308.55	2000.00	3
Liberty -----	Coffee -----	W. L. Mills ----	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga. --	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	33	3.25	60.75	1200.00	1
Memorial -----	Appling -----	E. B. Joyner ----	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga. ---	3	1	--	1	--	--	3	154	6.00	134.19	1000.00	1
Marietta -----	Toombs -----	E. B. Joyner ----	Silas McLain, Lyons, Ga. -----	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	73	5.00	50.98	1500.00	3
New Hope -----	Wayne -----	W. C. Coleman ---	A. B. Brannen, Jesup, Ga. -----	1	--	1	--	--	--	1	31	2.50	42.77	1250.00	2
Oak Hill -----	Bacon -----	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---
Oak Grove -----	Appling -----	J. R. Graham ----	Ruby McLain, Surrency, Ga. ---	5	--	2	10	--	--	--	75	1.75	42.95	1000.00	---
Pine Grove -----	Appling -----	J. R. Graham ----	Mary Lightsy, Bristol, Ga. -----	5	--	3	--	--	--	2	50	7.10	140.20	2500.00	3
Pine Level -----	Bacon -----	J. O. Fort ----	Delmon Wheeler, Alma, Ga. ---	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	111	8.60	139.69	2000.00	1
Philadelphia -----	Charlton -----	F. E. Crosby ----	J. W. Colson, Folkston, Ga. -----	10	--	8	--	--	--	--	83	7.00	114.10	1500.00	2
Satilla -----	Jeff Davis -----	E. B. Joyner ----	C. C. Quinn, Hazlehurst, Ga. -----	9	--	--	3	--	3	3	210	8.00	115.11	4500.00	4
Spring Grove -----	Wayne -----	A. B. Adams ----	Robert Stewart, Jesup, Ga. -----	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	43	2.50	43.04	500.00	3
Stoney Hill -----	Tatnall -----	L. C. Johnson ----	W. W. Rogers, -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	110	5.00	32.00	500.00	3
Zion -----	Long -----	W. L. Mills ----	Paul Phillips -----	3	7	--	5	--	1	2	35	4.00	15.00	-----	---
Emanuel -----	Duval -----	J. R. Graham ----	P. N. Ryles, Ludowici, Ga. -----	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	2.00	53.70	150.00	1
1st F.W.B. Ch. Jacksonville Florida -----	Duval -----	C. J. Pitts ----	G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolf St., Jacksonville, Fla. -----	8	2	3	2	10	0	1	69	10.00	178.50	2000.00	1,2 3,4