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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elder E. B. Joyner, Chairman Alma, Ga.
Elder C. J. Pitts, 540 James St. Jacksonville Fla.
T. N. Harrison Blackshear, Ga.
A. H. Quinn Hazelhurst, Ga.
S. M. Altman Folkston, Ga.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY

Miss Laura Belle Barnard Queen's Hill, Kotagiri, South India

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder J. B. Harris Odum, Ga.
Elder E. B. Joyner Alma, Ga.
Elder C. C. Coursey Baxley, Ga.
Elder E. L. Paulk Alma, Ga.
Elder W. C. Coleman Surrency, Ga.
Elder T. O. Morgan .. 2248 Orchard St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder Peter McLaine Lyons, Ga.
Elder C. J. Pitts 540 James St., Jacksonville Fla.
Elder L. C. Johnson Glennville, Ga.
Elder A. B. Adams Hazelhurst, Ga.
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Elder H. I. Hall 58 E. 9th St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder E. B. Duckworth Lyons, Ga.
Elder C. C. Butler Lake Butler, Fla.
Elder Ralph Lightsey Bristol, Ga.

The next session will meet with Corinth Church, Bacon County, Ga., Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1942.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with New Hope Church, Wayne County, Georgia, in its sixty fourth annual session on Thursday evening before the fourth Sunday in October, 1941.

THURSDAY EVENING

Song and prayer service preceeded the message of the evening which was ably given by Elder E. B. Joyner.

FRIDAY MORNING

When the Friday morning service opened there was a good delegation of ministers, delegates and visitors in the house. Elder W. C. Coleman had charge of the song service after which the moderator conducted a short devotional by reading Psalm 133 and making timely comments and prayer. At this time the moderator called the association into a business session.

The moderator read a letter from Elder F. E. Crosby, clerk of the association, stating his inability to be present and asked that someone be elected to take his place as clerk; also asking the body to drop his name from the ministerial roll until he returned to active Christian service. His letter was received by the body.

The moderator appointed a devotional committee as follows: J. B. Brigman, R. D. Westberry, J. V. Lewis.

The following committee was appointed to assist the moderator in appointing the various committees during the noon hour: Vernon Hughes, T. N. Harrison, B. E. Avery.

Ministerial roll called and those present listed. (see list)

Motion made to adjourn for the preaching hour and noon.

Rev. L. C. Johnson brought the 11:00 o'clock message on the subject: "What Think Ye of Christ?" Text—Matthew 22: 42.

At noon hour a delicious meal was served on the church ground.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After assembling from the noon hour Elder W. C. Coleman led the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises." Prayer was offered by brother J. B. Brigman.

The moderator called the body to order and had the church letters read and they were adopted and the delegates seated.

Motion made that the body elect officers and that it be done by acclamation.

The officers elected were: Elder E. B. Joyner, moderator; Elder J. C. Pitts, assistant moderator; Elder L. C. Johnson, clerk; Brother G. W. Cloud, treasurer. Those elected on the ordaining council were: Elders L. C. Johnson, E. B. Joyner and C. C. Coursey.

Elder C. J. Pitts was elected to serve on the executive committee.

The devotional committee reported that Elder W. L. Mills would conduct the devotional for the evening service and Elder M. T. Golf of Lenox, Georgia would preach.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING

After congregational singing Elder W. L. Mills conducted the devotional after which Elder M. T. Golf brought the evening message. The delegates were then assigned to their homes for the night.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning service was opened by congregational singing led by Eld. W. C. Coleman, then Elder E. B. Joyner conducted the devotional, which prepared us for the day's service.

The body was called to order for business by the moderator.

A short memorial service was conducted in honor of Bro. S. A. Brewton, who was leader in associational activities for many years.

The chairman of the ordaining council made a statement to the body concerning the ordination of Bro. Ralph Lightsey. The body voted to enter Bro. Lightsey's name on the ministerial roll as an ordained minister.

The finance committee made its report which was accepted by vote of the body.

The treasurer made his report and it was accepted.

Motion made to adjourn for preaching service and dinner.

Elder B. A. Altman conducted the devotional preceding the regular message by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, returned missionary for India. Miss Barnard's message was a real challenge to "Go ye into all the world." After the message an offering for missions was taken which amounted to twenty-one (\$21.00) dollars.

The noon meal was served on the church ground.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order after the lunch hour by congregational singing and prayer for the transaction of further business.

The ordaining council was given authority to look into any irregularities that might exist among our ministers.

Bros. E. C. Davidson and G. W. Cloud were appointed as delegates to the National Association, which convenes in Columbus, Miss. on Tuesday evening after the second Sunday in July.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Alabama—Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Harrison, C. D. Brewton, Mrs. Mary Lou Cannon.

Bethel—Perry Beck, Henry Harding.

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

Ebenezer—Bros. R. B. Baxter, R. D. Folsom, Sisters Ida Baxter, Eunice Baxter.

Emmanual—D. E. Avery, Pensie Avery.

Glennville—Bro. Otis Harrell, W. H. Deloach, E. C. Davidson, Sister Laura Belle Barnard, Annie C. Zorn, Gladys Harrell.

Harmony—By letter.

Jacksonville, First Free Will Baptist Church—G. W. Cloud, Mamie Anderson, Mattie Peavy, F. C. Peavy.

Liberty—O. V. Taylor, Mrs. Nat Winters.

Marietta—J. V. Lewis, Herbert Moore.

Memorial—Dora Beckwart, Horace Rentz, Louise Rentz, J. W. Blanton, Berdie Blanton.

New Hope—Bros. J. E. Pye, R. D. Westberry, David Westberry.

Oak Grove—Bro. S. T. Stanfield, Mrs. Kate Collins, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hall.

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

Philadelphia—Mrs. J. T. Anderson, Mrs. M. Altman, Mrs. S. M. Altman, Mrs. Harold Barfield.

Pine Grove—Mary Lightsey, Ruth Lightsey, Susie Boyett, Irene Boyett, H. M. Strickland.

Pine Level—Herman Douglas, J. B. Brigman, J. A. Tanner, L. W. Taylor.

Satilla—J. S. Holton, Vernon Hughes.

Stoney Hill—Talmadge Anderson, Harvey Standard, Beulah Dawson.

Spring Grove—J. L. Dukes.

Zion—Nat Ryles, Annie Hopie, Ralph Baggs.

It was voted that the association meet in its next session with Corinth Church, Alma, Georgia on Thursday evening before the fourth Sunday in October.

The pastor of the local church announced that there would be no preaching Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Bro. J. B. Brigman was appointed as a delegate to the State Association.

Motion made to give the community a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality to the delegates and visitors during this session of the association.

Since there was no further business a motion was offered to adjourn and the congregation joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet."

This session of the South Georgia Association was one of the most harmonious in the history of the association. The blessing of the Lord was upon the entire session.

The committee on committees gave the following report:

Christian Education—Vernon Hughs, G. H. Rentex, J. W. Blanton, Dona Beckworth, Mamie Anderson.

Denomination Literature—W. H. Deloach, J. O. Harrell, Mrs. J. O. Harrell, Mrs. A. P. Wade, Mrs. Nat Winters.

Destitution—F. C. Peavy, Mrs. M. Altman, Mrs. Susie Boyett, Mrs. Harold Barfield, Gross Anderson, M. N. Steedley.

Finance—A. P. Wade, Ralph Baggs, Louise Rentz, Ruth Lightsey.

Obituary—Dave Westberry, J. L. Dukes, J. V. Lewis, Shelton Standfield, Annie C. Zorn.

Resolutions—Herbert Moore, Mrs. R. B. Baxter, Bernice Lewis, Perry Beck.

State of Churches—Mrs. J. T. Anderson, Mrs. Emily Smith, C. B. Brewton, Mrs. J. A. Baxter, O. V. Taylor, Mrs. Berdie Blanton, P. H. Harden, Dave Steedley.

Temperance—T. N. Harrison, Herman Douglas, Princie Avery, Mrs. Mary Lightsey, Jim Holton.

Support of the Ministry—D. E. Avery, L. W. Taylor, Mrs. S. M. H. M. Strickland, Irene Boyd, Jim Pye, Elam Paul, E. C. Davidson.

Ministers present:

J. B. Harris, E. B. Joyner, W. C. Coleman, T. O. Morgan, C. J. Pitts, L. C. Johnson, Ralph Lightsey, J. I. Hall, J. R. Graham, B. A. Altman, W. L. Mills, C. C. Coursey, Mrs. Bessie Allen.

Licentiates:

J. H. Westberry, S. W. Mathis.

REPORTS

We the committee on Christian Education submit the following report: Realizing the need of more educated leaders, especially among the ministers of our denomination; we urge each pastor and member to support the cause of Christian Education.

Vernon Hughes, Chairman

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We your committee on Denominational Literature make this our report: We urge upon all our ministers and churches to use Free Will Baptist literature throughout their churches. We further urge that all Free Will Baptist homes subscribe to our Free Will Baptist papers. The Sunday Schools are asked to adopt our National Sunday School Conventions six point record system in order to be a standard Sunday School.

W. H. Deloach, chairman

DESTITUTION

We your committee on Destitution make our report: We find all churches represented at the association supplied with pastors for another year.

We do urge however, that a greater spirit of Christ prevail among our churches so that more souls may find Christ as their Saviour.

F. C. Peavy, chairman

FINANCE

We your finance committee make the following report:

Balance on hand from last session	\$ 58.34
Received this session	122.93
Total	\$181.27

Disbursements:

For minutes	30.00
State Association	8.00
National Association	5.00
Letter forms	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Moderator	10.00
Home Missions	8.00
Foreign Missions	8.00
Superannuation	7.00
Education	15.00
J. K. Westberry	5.00
Elder J. B. Harris	5.00
Elder C. C. Coursey	5.00
Sister J. A. Blanton	5.00
Total disbursements	\$126.00

A. P. Wade, chairman

OBITUARY

We your Obituary Committee find the following of our dearly beloved have departed this life since last we met.

Alabama—S. A. Brewton.

Corinth—Miss Zola Belle Baxter.

Emmanuel—Elder Henry Brown.

Glennville—S. C. Plummer.

Liberty—Bettie Kirkland, Samuel Garley.

Marrietta—Marrietta McLain.

New Hope—Steve Herrin.

Satilla—Mrs. Jane Cothorn, Mrs. Mollie Harrison, Mrs. Virginia James, E. W. Jones, Wright Harrell, Rev. J. T. Harrison.

Zion—H. A. Middleton.

Dave Westberry, chairman

RESOLUTIONS

We the committee on Resolutions make the following report: Be it resolved that each church have a regular prayer meeting, league, and Sunday school.

Be it further resolved that our ministers urge upon our people the importance of tithing.

Be it further resolved that this body give this community and church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Hubert Moore, chairman

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 various churches that the spiritual condition of our churches has some what improved during the year. Let us pray that we might have a nation wide revival among our churches. We notice also that some of our churches are not having communion services, this we regret very much. We urge that all churches observe this great ordinance at least 3 times yearly, as this is very essential to the spiritual condition of our churches.

Mrs. J. T. Anderson, chairman

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

We your committee on the Support of the Ministry make our report: We notice from the reading of the church reports that there is a great lack in the support of the ministry. We urge that the churches adopt a more systematic plan for the support of their ministers.

We further recommend the tithing system for our churches, and there be a budget arranged for the allocation of the funds. We suggest someone be appointed in charge of carrying this plan.

D. E. Avery, chairman

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance make the following report: We urge that our pastors and Sunday school teachers preach and teach more moderation especially on drink. This is a duty we owe not only to ourselves but to all with whom we come in contact. Intemperance breaks up happy domestic relationships. It is injurious physically, socially and spiritually. So let us rise up as a group of Christians against all these evils of intemperance.

T. N. Harrison, chairman

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation, his posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance, or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him always. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23: 23), and the apostle

Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (Cor. 16: 2).

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

1. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

2. We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

3. We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

4. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

5. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christians obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

6. To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 who 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL 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.

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 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 minister 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 or fraction thereof.

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

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

To the _____ of the Free Will Baptist which
convened with the _____ Church at _____
_____, 19_____.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren _____
whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion _____

Members received this year _____

Number baptized _____ Number dismissed _____

Number died _____ Total membership _____

Condition of prayer meeting _____

Condition of Sunday School _____

Average number of pupils _____

Number of officers _____ Number of teachers _____

Paid pastor _____ Paid evangelist _____

Missions: Home _____ Foreign _____

For building and repairs _____

For Education _____ Publication _____

Amount enclosed for Minutes _____

Pastor's name and address _____

Name and addresses of ministers belonging to our church _____

Done by order of _____ assembled in conference, this
_____ day of _____, 19_____.

_____, Moderator,

_____, Clerk

Remarks _____

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS 1942	CLERKS AND P. O.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Restored	Died	No. of Members	Association Fees	Pastors Salary	Val. Church Prop.	Meeting Days
Alma	Bacon													
Alabama	Pierce	L. C. Johnson	Samuel Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.	3	2				1	35	\$ 5.00	\$194.25	\$2000.00	4
Bethel	Appling	W. C. Coleman	Beatrice Orvin, Baxley, Ga.	7	2					45	3.00	97.95	1000.00	2
Corinth	Bacon	E. L. Paulk	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga.	4	7	1			2	155	5.00	80.00	1350.00	3
Ebenezer	Tatnall	L. C. Johnson	L. L. Baxter, Glennville, Ga.	17		1			2	114	5.00	360.00	3000.00	2
Emmanuel	Duval	H. I. Hall	Mrs. D. E. Avery, Jacksonville, Fla.	5	7	8			1	24	5.00	43.98		
Glennville	Tatnall	L. C. Johnson	E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga.		1	3			1	140	5.00	480.00	3500.00	1, 4
Harmony	Union (Fla)	L. C. Johnson	C. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla.							101	5.00	304.25	2000.00	3
Liberty	Coffee	W. L. Mills	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.			1			2	41	3.00	86.55	1500.00	1
Memorial	Appling	E. B. Joyner	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.	4					2	160	6.00	141.10	1000.00	1
Marietta	Toombs	E. B. Duckworth	J. V. Lewis, Lyons, Ga.	4	3				1	82	5.00	78.50	2000.00	3
New Hope	Wayne	W. C. Coleman	A. B. Brannen, Jesup, Ga.	5	2			2	1	44	3.00	79.15	1200.00	2
Oak Hill	Bacon	E. L. Paulk	M. N. Steedley, Alma, Ga.						1	33	3.00	19.80	150.00	4
Oak Grove	Appling	J. R. Graham	Ruby McLain, Baxley, Ga.							28	2.00	67.00	1000.00	
Pine Grove	Appling	Ralph Lightsey	Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.	3					1	60	5.50	81.73	2500.00	3
Pine Level	Bacon	J. O. Fort	Delman Wheeler, Alma, Ga.	13	2					135	10.00	162.20	2000.00	1
Philadelphia	Charlton	B. A. Altman	Mrs. M. Altman, Folkston, Ga.	6		7				92	8.00	100.00	1500.00	2
Satilla	Jeff Davis	E. B. Joyner	Ocala Hughes, Hazelhurst, Ga.	6	3	5			6	212	10.00	162.75	4500.00	4
Spring Grove	Wayne	J. R. Graham	Robert Stewart, Jessup, Ga.	2	1					43	2.00	40.80	500.00	3
Stoney Hill	Tatnall	E. L. Paulk	Willie Rogers, Reidsville, Ga.	18	2				1	73	5.00	62.00	500.00	3
Zion	Long	J. R. Graham	Nat Ryles, Ludowici, Ga.						1	34	2.00	68.00	150.00	1
1st F.W.B. Ch. Jacksonville, Florida	Duval	W. L. Mills	G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe Street, Jacksonville, Florida	4	7	9	2		1	71		211.59	2000.00	