

MINUTES

Of The

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

**SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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Convened with Corinth Free Will Baptist Church,
Bacon County, Georgia, Thursday Evening
Before the Fourth Sunday in
October, 1942

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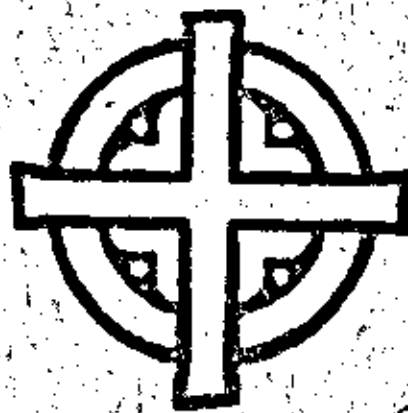
PRESIDING OFFICERS

ELDER E. B. JOYNER, *Moderator*-----Alma, Ga.

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Church of Glennville, Ga., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday
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ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory.
2. Moderator calls the body to order.
3. Call for corresponding letters and enroll delegates.
4. Appointing Committees on Divine Services.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters from Sister Associations.
7. Call for election of new officers.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Appoint delegates to Sister Associations.
10. Call for report of Committees.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Elder E. B. Joyner, Moderator ----- Alma, Ga.
Elder C. J. Pitts, Asst. Mod., 540 James St. ----- Jacksonville, Fla.
Brother G. W. Cloud, Secy., 1167 Wolfe St. ----- Jacksonville, Fla.

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 ----- Hezelhurst, Ga.
S. M. Altman ----- Folkston, Ga.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY

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

MINISTERIAL ROLL

LIST OF MINISTERS	ADDRESSES
Elder E. B. Joyner -----	Alma, Ga.
Elder J. B. Harris -----	Odum, Ga.
Elder C. C. Coursey -----	Savannah, Ga.
Elder E. L. Paulk -----	Alma, Ga.
Elder W. C. Coleman -----	Surrency, Ga.
Elder T. O. Morgan, 2285 Orchard St. -----	Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder C. J. Pitts, 540 James St. -----	Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder W. L. Mills, Route 5 -----	Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder D. E. Avery, 2420 Orchard St. -----	Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder H. I. Hall, 305 East Tenth St. -----	Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder B. A. Altman, Box 264 -----	Folkston, Ga.
Elder J. R. Graham, -----	Surrency, Ga.
Elder A. B. Adams -----	Hazelhurst, Ga.
Elder E. B. Duckworth -----	Lyons, Ga.
Elder C. C. Butler -----	Lake Butler, Fla.
Elder Ralph Lightsey -----	Bristol, Ga.
Elder Theo. M. Carter -----	
Elder W. L. McLane -----	

LICENTIATES

Bro. G. W. Burkett, 347 Woodlawn Ave. ----- Jacksonville, Fla.
Bro. J. W. Mathis Route 8 ----- Jacksonville Fla.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the sixty-fifth annual session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association, meeting in Corinth Church near Alma, Ga., on Friday, 10:00 A. M., 1942, Eastern War Time.

Upon being called to order by the moderator, Elder E. B. Joyner, the body sang an old familiar hymn, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart." The moderator read a portion of the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians and proceeded to bring an inspiring message from the scripture.

After the sermon the moderator then appointed a Devotional Committee to serve during the sitting of this body—committee as follows: Bros. J. A. Prevatt, J. P. Beck and Lamar Smith.

At this time the moderator appointed from the body a committee to arrange committees for the session as follows: Bros. G. C. Johnson, G. W. Cloud and T. N. Harrison.

At this time a letter was read from the superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., suggesting that it may be possible for him to send a truck to the South Georgia Association for a truck load of provisions if agreeable to this body. Same was tabled to be brought up after the body had been legally organized.

The Devotional Committee made their report that Elder W. L. Mills lead in a ten minute devotion, to be followed by Elder C. J. Pitts. In the full message Elder Pitts used the 12th verse of 1st Corinthians as the text for the morning message.

At the close of the sermon the body adjourned for a bounteous spread and we at this juncture dismissed until 2:00 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

At two o'clock the body was again called to order by the moderator and the body sang "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Prayer was offered by Elder L. C. Johnson.

This brings us to the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Elder E. B. Joyner nominated as Moderator, no further nominations; he is unanimously elected.

Elder C. J. Pitts was placed in nomination, no further nominations; he was duly elected as Vice-Moderator.

Brother G. W. Cloud was placed in nomination as clerk, no further nominations; he was duly elected as clerk.

As Brother Cloud was Treasurer he asked for the suspension of the rules at this time that he may make his annual report to the body; the same was granted and the report was made and the body accepted it.

The body again took up the regular election of officers. Brother A. B. Brannen was nominated and elected without opposition as Treasurer of the Association.

The body had read a very kind and inspiring letter from one of our very able but ill elders, our very dear Elder Coursey, of Savannah, Ga., who is unable to meet with us on account of his illness.

A motion prevailed that Elders L. C. Johnson's and C. C. Coursey's places be filled on the Ordaining Council as Elder Johnson is now living outside of the state and Elder Coursey is unable to attend. Elders E. L. Paulk and W. C. Coleman were nominated and elected unanimously to the Ordaining Council. Elder C. J. Pitts was elected as alternate on the Ordaining Council.

Elder L. C. Johnson at this time was given the special privilege of the floor to bring to our people the cause and to report to us of the Bible School now operating in Nashville, Tenn. He very ably presented to us a vivid account of the school and especially the opening. In his inimitable way he told us of the endowment plan of the school. He reports a very good response to the cause which we hold so dear.

The church letters were called for and the following responded with the delegates listed as shown.

Elder C. J. Pitts and Brother L. W. Nelson were appointed as readers for the church letters as they reported.

Churches representing by letter and delegation as follows:

Alabaha—Bro. J. B. Thornton, T. N. Harrison and wife and Beulah Davis.

Alma—Sister Courtney Johnson.

Bethel—Brothers J. P. Beck, W. H. Orvin and P. H. Hardin.

Corinth—Bros. W. N. Hollingsworth, Lamar Smith and A. P. Wade.

Ebeneezer—Bro. M. M. Purcell, Sisters Ida Baxter and L. L. Purcell.

Emmanuel—Sisters Pencie Avery, Silvia Hall and H. I. Hall.

Glennville—Sisters Dona Kate Harrell and E. C. Davidson.

Harmony—By letter.

Liberty—Bro. C. Harkleroad and Sister Nat Winters.

Memorial—Bros. W. C. Rentz, Charlie Mann, David Mann, J. W. Blanton, Sisters Bertie Blanton and Marguerite Joyner.

Marietta—Bros. Willis McLane and J. V. Lewis.

New Hope—Bros. A. B. Brannen, Melvin Westberry and R. D. Westberry.

Oak Hill—Ellis Williams and Dave Stedley.

Oak Grove—Bro. and Sister J. C. Kicklighter.

Pine Grove—Sisters Mary Lightsey, Irene Boyett, Nellie Lightsey and Naomie Lightsey.

Pine Level—Bros. J. B. Brigman, Herman Douglas, G. C. Johnson and Sister T. L. Rigdon.

Philadelphia—Bro. G. A. Prevatt, Sisters J. W. Colson and J. W. Prevatt.

Satilla—Sister Mattie Holton.

Spring Grove—By letter.

Union—By letter.

First Free Will of Jacksonville, Fla.—Bros. G. W. Cloud, F. C. Peavy, Sisters Lena Cloud and Mattie Peavy.

Unity—Sisters H. C. Thompson and A. Rhoden.

Upon hearing the reading of the letters and naming and recording the delegation the body seated the delegates.

Upon regular procedure the committees were named as follows:

Finance—A. P. Wade, A. B. Brannen, R. D. Westberry and J. V. Lewis.

Support of the Ministry—F. C. Peavy, Herman Douglas and Sister Lillian Harrison.

Destitution—Willis McLane, Ellis Williams, Charley Mann, Wm. Rentz and Sister Irene Boyette.

Denominational Literature—Bros. W. M. Hollingsworth, P. H. Harden, David Mann, Joe Blanton and Sister Nat Winters.

Temperance—J. B. Brigman, Sisters Sylvia Hall, J. W. Colson, Mattie Holton and Dona Kate Harrell.

Resolutions—Bros. J. V. Lewis, C. Harkleroad, Sisters Mary Lightsey, Joe Prevatt, Beula Davis, Ida Baxter and E. C. Davidson.

The body received at this time a petition for the Presbytery to inquire into the qualifications of Bro. D. E. Avery, as Emmanuel Church has requested he be examined and set apart to the ministry.

The Devotional Committee made their report at this time for Elder H. I. Hall to bring the devotion and Elder B. A. Altman to preach at the eight o'clock hour.

All committees were given their assignments and the body adjourned until ten o'clock Saturday morning.

The body was dismissed by prayer by a visiting brother, J. F. Dowling, from the Missionary Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla.

FRIDAY EVENING

At 7:00 P. M. the body met for a brief song service preceding the preaching hour.

At the appointed hour Eld. H. I. Hall began the devotion using as his scripture Matthew 18: 16, which he very ably handled.

Following the devotion, Eld. B. A. Altman came forth and selected for his evening study, Jonah 1: 1, 2. His theme was for us to go forth.

The pastor, Eld. A. L. Paulk, at the close of the message, proceeded to assign homes to the delegates, which he very ably did. We adjourned for the night; dismissed by prayer led by pastor.

SATURDAY MORNING

The body met as previous announcement called for ten o'clock and the moderator called the body together by singing the fine old familiar hymn, "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by Elder J. R. Graham.

At this time another call was made for any churches which had failed to report earlier. The following came forward with the following delegates:

Glennville—Sisters Dona Kate Harrell and E. C. Davidson.

Satilla—Sister Mattie Holdon.

The delegation duly received.

The Ordaining Council was allowed to withdraw from the body at this time to inquire into the qualifications of Bro. D. E. Avery and to report back to the body the result of their findings.

Devotional Committee made their report at this time that Elder J. B.

Harris deliver the ten minute devotion and that Elder L. C. Johnson bring the regular sermon.

At the close of the morning sermon, which was so much enjoyed by all, the body adjourned until two o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

At two o'clock the body was called to order by the moderator. After a beautiful song service and prayer by Eld. G. W. Burkett, the body entered the home stretch of the session. Committee reports called for and they were received and ordered placed in the minutes. (See Committee Reports.)

The Ordaining Council made their report on the fitness of Bro. D. E. Avery and he was ordained in an impressive manner.

At this time there was a call made for any petitionary letters and there was one. The Unity Church of Jacksonville made petition to become a member of this body and without a dissenting vote she was accepted together with her delegates, Sisters H. C. Thompson and A. Rhoden. The moderator gave them the hand of fellowship into the body.

Devotional Committee reported the services would continue through Sunday night.

At this time Elder J. B. Harris made a verbal report that he had been unable to visit as many churches as he had wished to but had called into quite a few places and had been wonderfully blessed in his feeble efforts. He also reported the following as financial receipts for his labors—\$53.60.

The question of petitions for the next association was called for at this time and received three requests. After voting we find that Glennville was selected as the home of our next session.

The name of Bro. Theo M. Carter was ordered restored to our ministerial roll, also the name of Bro. J. W. Mathis as a licentiate.

Elder Peter McLain's name was removed from the roll as he has passed to his reward.

Brothers A. B. Adams' and W. L. McLain's names were again restored to the roll.

A motion was carried that we tender to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality to us while in their midst.

A motion was carried that we represent in the State Association meeting in Glennville Church in November, 1942. We elected to represent us in this body Brother H. N. Baxter and Sister Ida Baxter.

Elder J. B. Harris was elected to represent the South Georgia Association in the Little River and the Chattahoochee Associations and G. W. Cloud to the Salem of Florida.

Elder C. J. Pitts made a verbal report of his trip to the National Association which met in Columbus, Miss., in June past. Same received with thanks.

The body ordered four hundred minutes printed for the distribution to the churches.

No further business came before us at this time, so ends one of the loveliest sessions the body ever had.

We sang "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." At the same time

we had a general handshaking, together with many things to remind us of this wonderful meeting.

R E P O R T S

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

We, your Committee on the Support of the Ministry, make this 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 recommend that some one be appointed in charge of carrying out this plan.

Signed, F. C. Peavy, *Chrm'n.*

OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find the following to have been called to their heavenly reward:

Pine Grove Church has lost Brother Durel Tyre, died Jan. 2, 1942.

Corinth Church has lost Brother J. H. Byrd, date unknown.

Philadelphia Church has lost Brother Walter Davis, date unknown.

Marietta Church has lost Brother W. E. McLean, died Nov. 7, 1941.

Spring Grove Church has lost Sister Bob Woods, born Nov. 14, 1872, died April 20, 1942.

Satilla Church has lost Sister Nancy Quinn and Johnnie Davis.

Signed by T. N. Harrison, *Chrm'n.*

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, make the following report:

That each church in the whole association support our National Program in as much as they are able, that our ministers keep our program before their people, that each individual endeavor to be a better witness for Christ and endeavor to lead some soul to him and that this body give this church and community a rising vote of thanks for their very kind hospitality to us while in their midst.

Signed by J. V. Lewis, *Chrm'n.*

STATE OF CHURCHES

We, the Committee on the State of Churches, make our report as follows:

We are glad to report that from the letters read that the spiritual condition of the churches is good.

We note that some do not have a regular Prayer Meeting, Sunday School or Ladies Aid work. We urge that churches that do not have these auxiliaries organize them as we feel that they are vital to all churches.

We also urge that communion services be held at least three (3) times yearly, as this is one of our dear Lord's commands and example left by him that we all should follow.

Signed by Sister Pencie Avery, *Chrm'n.*

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance make the following report:

Intemperance, we find, is one of the greatest evils of the day. Strong drink is thought of as the source of intemperance but there are other sources which are as dangerous, such as our conversation, etc. We recommend that our people bridle their tongues, for unruly members' words, unfitly spoken, have as bad effect as strong drink.

We christians must pray more earnestly for strong drink to be abolished from our nation in order to save our young people from eternal ruin.

As our boys are going into service, we parents should earnestly and prayerfully urge them to steer clear of strong drink and all evil; and thus assure them that we, their parents and friends, are continually praying for them.

Signed by J. B. Brigman, *Chrm'n.*

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Denominational Literature, make this our report.

We urge all of our ministers and churches to use the Free Will Baptist literature throughout their churches. We further urge that all Free Will Baptist homes subscribe to our papers.

Signed by W. N. Hollingsworth, *Chrm'n.*

DESTITUTION

We, your Committee on Destitution, make this our report.

We find all churches that are represented at this session supplied with pastors for another year. We do urge the churches which do not have a Sunday School or Prayer Meeting to organize one this coming year.

Signed by Willis McLain, *Chrm'n.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to make the following report:

We find on hand from last session as turned over to us from the retiring Treasurer, Bro. G. W. Cloud ----- \$ 44.49
Received at this session from all churches ----- 133.00

Total ----- \$177.49

Disbursed at this sitting the following:

For Minutes ----- \$40.00
State Association ----- 5.00
National Association ----- 5.00
Clerk ----- 10.00

Moderator	10.00
Home Missions	5.00
Foreign Missions	5.00
Superannuation	7.00
Education	10.00
Elder J. B. Harris	5.00
Elder C. C. Coursey	5.00
Sister J. A. Blanton	5.00

Total Disbursements ----- \$112.00

Balance on Hand ----- \$ 65.49

Signed by A. P. Wade, *Chrm'n.*

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 1943	CLERKS AND P. O.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Rec. by Con. Faith	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died	Male Members	Female Members	Total Members	Association Fees	Pastors Salary	Val. Church Prop.	Meeting Days
Alma	Bacon																
Alabaha	Pierce	F. Lightsey	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.	3			1				34	45	79	\$ 5.00	\$ 213.92	\$ 2,000.00	
Bethel	Appling	W. C. Coleman	Gracie Molton, Baxley, Ga.		2				1					1.00	75.00		
Corinth	Bacon	J. R. Graham	P. J. Jarrad, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.	4						1	72	83	155	5.00	116.60	1,350.00	3
Ebenezer	Tatnall	E. C. Morris	L. L. Baxter, Glennville, Ga.										113	5.00	415.00		2,4
Emmanuel	Duval	D. E. Avery	Pencie Avery, Jacksonville, Fla.	9					4				48	5.00	70.00		FT
1st F.W.B. Ch.			G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe,														
Jax'ville, Fla.	Duval	B. A. Altman	Jacksonville, Fla.		7			2			20	33	53	10.00	181.00	2,000.00	FT
Glennville	Tatnall	E. C. Morris	E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga.	7	4								152	5.00	477.15		1,3
Harmony	Union	M. L. Hollis	C. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla.		2			4			46	53	99	5.00	480.00	2,000.00	3
Liberty	Coffee	W. L. Mills	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.										41	3.50	168.80		1
Memorial	Appling	E. B. Joyner	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.	2					3				159	8.00	204.45		
Marietta	Toombs	E. B. Duckworth	J. V. Lewis, Lyons, Ga.						1	1			82	5.00	75.00	2,000.00	
New Hope	Wayne	W. L. Mills	A. B. Brannen, Jesup, Ga.	1									42	2.00	115.00		2
Oak Grove	Appling	J. R. Graham	Ruby McLain, Baxley, Ga.								40	36	76	1.50	76.77		4
Oak Hill	Bacon	J. R. Graham	M. H. Stedley, Alma, Ga.										32	1.00	76.00	200.00	4
Pine Grove	Appling	R. Lightsey	Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.	5						1	20	40	60	5.00	160.00	2,500.00	
Pine Level	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	L. W. Taylor, R-4, Alma, Ga.	2	1				2				136	5.00	254.72	2,500.00	
Philadelphia	Charlton	J. R. Graham	M. Altman, Folkston, Ga.	2		1		4		1			90	10.00	36.75		1
Satilla	Jeff Davis	E. B. Joyner	B. F. Lord, Hazelhurst, Ga.					4		2			40	10.00	201.84	4,500.00	
Spring Grove	Wayne	J. R. Graham	R. L. Steward, Jesup, Ga.	4		1				1			47	2.00	81.28		2
Stoney Hill	Tatnall																
Unity	Duval	C. J. Pitts	H. C. Thompson, Jacksonville, Fla. 2755 Lenox Ave.	16	21	25	5						46	10.00		600.00	ESN
Zion	Long	J. R. Graham	Annie Hope, Ludowicie, Ga.										20	2.00	57.11		