

# MINUTES

of the

## ORIGINAL SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convened with

### GLENNVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLENNVILLE, GA.

on

October 22, 1943

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#### PRESIDING OFFICERS

Elder E. B. Joyner, *Moderator* ----- Alma, Ga.  
Elder E. C. Morris, *Vice-Moderator* ----- Glennville, Ga.  
Bro. G. W. Cloud, *Clerk* ----- 1167 Wolf St., Jacksonville, Fla.

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The next session will convene with Satilla Free Will Baptist  
Church near Hazelhurst, Ga., on October 19-21st, inclusive, 1944.



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## 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 Service.
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.

## OFFICERS

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

## MINISTERIAL ROLL

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 B. A. Altman ----- 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 ----- Homerville, Ga.  
 W. L. McLane ----- Lyons, Ga.

## LICENTIATES

Bro. G. W. Burkett ----- Eighth St. & Egner, Jacksonville, Fla.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the Original South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with Glennville Church, Glennville, Ga., on the twenty-second of October, 1943.

The Body was called to order by the Moderator at ten o'clock and after singing the old familiar hymn, "Near the Cross," and prayer by Elder J. B. Harris, the pastor declared the body ready for business. After a few brief remarks he appointed the following as a Devotional Committee: Elder E. C. Morris, Bro. H. N. Baxter and Bro. Carl Wilkerson.

Called for church letters and the recording of the delegates present were as follows:

*Alabaha Church*—Bro. and Sister T. N. Harrison, Bro. and Sister J. D. Vann.

*Bethel*—No delegates; pastor represented.

*Corinth*—Bro. J. M. Moore, Sister Emily Smith.

*Ebenezer*—Bro. C. C. Wilkerson.

*Emmanuel*—Bro. Geo. S. Calhoun, H. K. Turnage and wife.

*First of Jacksonville*—Sister Sarah Morgan and Sister G. W. Burkett.

*Glennville*—Bros. E. C. Davidson, R. E. Kicklighter, Floyd Baxter.

*Harmony*—Bro. J. S. Howard, Sister E. B. Joyner.

*Liberty*—Bro. J. S. Howard, Sister E. B. Joyner.

*Memorial*—Bros. S. M. Blanton, J. A. Blanton, James Blanton, Berty Blanton, Willis McLain, Silas McLain, J. V. Lewis and wife and Lillian Marietta.

*New Hope*—Bros. A. B. Brannon, L. Anderson, Dave Westberry.

*Oak Grove*—Bro. W. L. Koeing.

*Oak Hill*—M. N. Steedley, Zeak Steedley.

*Pine Grove*—Bros. H. M. Strickland and wife, Clifton Lightsey and wife and Valdene Lightsey.

*Pine Level*—Clyde Bennett, W. L. Johnson, T. F. Johnson, Mrs. Idell Anderson, Deloria Johns.

*Philadelphia*—Bro. and Sister J. A. Prevatt.

*Satilla*—Bros. Vernon Hughes, H. A. Quinn, R. F. Connell, Sisters Elliott Remley, Mary J. Brown.

*Spring Grove*—Letter.

*Stoney Hill*—Talmage Anderson, Alma Anderson, Christine Standard.

*Unity*—Sisters A. Rhoden, H. C. Thompson.

*Zion*—Pastor.

At this time the body received the delegation and seated them and we began the election of officers, which resulted in the following being elected:

*Moderator*—E. B. Joyner.

*Vice-Moderator*—Elder E. C. Morris.

*Clerk*—G. W. Cloud.

*Treasurer*—A. B. Brannon.

Bro. Stewart of the Missionary Baptist Church was introduced to our body. He gave us a hearty welcome to this city and to his church, if, in the

event, our building could not accommodate the body, for which he was very graciously thanked. He, too, was given a seat with us in our deliberations.

Elder Floyd Cherry of the Liberty Association of Florida was received into our body. At this time Elder E. C. Morris of the Western Association of North Carolina was received into our body and seated. Bro. Morris at this time also gave to the visitors and delegation a very hearty welcome to the city of Glennville, Ga., and to this church as he is the Host Pastor for this session.

The devotional report was as follows: Elder Floyd Cherry to bring the noon day message. The body stood adjourned until two o'clock for the message.

At eleven o'clock, Bro. G. W. Cloud led in a brief song and prayer. Sister Jerry Hancock played a saxophone solo. The pulpit was ably filled by Elder Cherry, using the scripture lesson from St. John, sixth chapter, verses one to fourteen, text: "The Powerful Christ."

Following the message we enjoyed a spread dinner which was very good.

#### *Afternoon Session*

At two o'clock the body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. R. Graham led us in a very touching prayer.

The chair appointed Elder Floyd Cherry and Vernon Hughes as Reading Clerks, to read the reports coming from the different churches.

At the convening of the body all committees were given their assignments. Bros. J. S. Howard, A. H. Quinn and Joe Prevatt were appointed as a Committee to appoint chairmen for the different committees and they were busy during the noon recess and there was added to the committee the following as will be shown under the different committee reports.

Now we come to the homing of the delegation, which was very ably handled by the Host Church Committee under the efficient direction of Sister E. C. Davidson as chairman. The body then stood adjourned until ten o'clock, Saturday morning.

At eight o'clock, Friday night, the pulpit was occupied by Elder M. T. Goff, a visitor from the Little River Association, in a ten minute devotional service which included the singing of "Amazing Grace," and the reading of the scriptures taken from the eighth chapter of Acts, the 26th verse.

At 8:10 P. M., Elder Ralph Lightsey was presented. He brought the evening message, basing his thoughts on the fifth chapter of Mark, verses 21-43, inclusive. Following this great message we were dismissed for the night until ten o'clock, Saturday A. M.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING**

The body was called to order by the Moderator. We began our days labor after a song and prayer by Bro. J. S. Howard of Dukes, Fla. The Moderator read a short lesson from Romans 12: 1-3, inclusive.

At this time we had the reports from the messengers to the Sister Asso-



ciations. Bro. Harris made his report of his visit to the Little River Association and it was wonderful.

At this time the question arose as to the visiting delegation's expenses. The body, by regular motion, seconded and carried (no opposition), voted that we pay the trip expense of any messenger sent by this body to any Sister Association. Bro. E. C. Davidson also made a brief report of his trip to the Georgia Union Association.

By motion of Bro. J. S. Howard of Harmony Church the name of Sister E. B. Joyner was added to the delegates from Harmony; same carried by the body.

The name of Bro. R. D. Westberry was added to the delegates from New Hope Church.

At 10:50 A. M. the body was dismissed by prayer for Elder J. R. Davidson to bring the eleven o'clock message and we were at ease until 2 P. M. Bro. Davidson brought us a great message and we were spiritually filled.

After the message we again were invited to the prepared tables to a great feast.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

At two o'clock the Moderator called us to order and we began the home stretch of our session.

The committees were now ready to report and they were accepted and filed as the reports will show.

In the Finance Report, the Committee Report was amended from the floor and we were duly ordered to send twenty dollars to the Georgia State Association that we may have full finances for our part in the National Body instead of the five dollars as recommended by Committee.

At this time a special offering was taken from the body to be divided as follows: Elder A. L. Thornton to be given five dollars; the rest to be given equally between Elder C. C. Coursey and Sister J. A. Blanton and Elder J. A. Harris. The offering amounted to forty dollars.

A Board was appointed by the Moderator to see after the disposition of the Alma, Ga., church property: Committee—Vernon Hughes, Chairman, one year term; H. N. Baxter, two years; J. M. Moore, three years; J. V. Lewis, four years; L. J. Anderson, five years.

At this time the Ordaining Council made a favorable report on their findings of the qualifications of Bro. Theo. M. Carter, and they recommended his ordination. The body gave place for this important feature at this moment, which was very beautiful.

Petitions were now received for the next session of our body. We received invitations from the following churches: Marietta, Pine Level, Corinth and Satilla. Vote being taken by the body, Satilla was chosen for our next session.

We elected Bro. G. W. Cloud to represent us in the National Association, meeting with Flat River Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Mo., in July, 1944. To the Georgia State Association we elected Bro. E. C. Davidson and wife as delegates.

In the closing of our session our own Sister Barnard, a missionary to

India, was given a place for a missionary talk and she did so sweetly. We were delighted to have her bring such a wonderful report. In closing, we received a foreign mission offering amounting to sixty-six dollars.

So ends one of the loveliest sessions we have ever held.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the fine Church of Glennville and to the people of this and surrounding community.

We were now dismissed by prayer to meet with Satilla in 1944.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS: STATE OF CHURCHES

We, your Committee on the State of Churches, after hearing the letters read from the various churches, find them all in a very good state spiritually, but we are very sorry that some of them have no Sunday School, nor Prayer Meeting. Now, let's all try to remedy these conditions by prayer, for we are taught in His Word that prayer is the key that unlocks the windows of heaven and gives us those blessings that we so often need. Brethren, let us try and make the ensuing year a "Banner Year" by doing everything we can for the upbuilding of His cause and kingdom while He blesses us to live here.

Signed,

J. M. Moore, *Chairman*

M. N. Steedley

Talmage Anderson

J. O. Harrell

Mrs. H. K. Turnage

#### DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Denominational Literature, make the following recommendations:

*First*—That each of our auxiliaries use the Free Will Baptist literature so far as it will meet the needs or demands.

*Second*—That our pastors with the leaders in each church make every effort possible to place in each home in the South Georgia Association at least one of the following publications; namely, The Free Will Baptist, a weekly published in Ayden, N. C., or the Free Will Baptist Gem, published in Monett, Mo., a monthly.

*Third*—That we endeavor to place a copy of our Treatise in the hands of as many of our members as possible that we may better understand the doctrine and discipline of our church.

Respectfully submitted by Committee,

E. C. Davidson, *Chairman*

J. W. L. Johnson

Clyde Bennett

Mrs. Idell Anderson

Mrs. J. V. Lewis

#### DESTITUTION

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

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

Signed by Committee:

R. D. Westberry, *Chairman*  
Emily Smith  
Mrs. J. B. Vann  
Mrs. Talmage Harrison

## RESOLUTIONS

Ye, your Committee on Resolutions, make the following report: *First*—That each church in the Association support our State and National program and sent a delegation to the State Association for we believe that these are channels through which we can serve the world in the name of Christ; *Second*—That this body give to this church and town, also Ebenezer Church a rising vote of thanks for their very kind hospitality while in their midst.

Signed,

J. V. Lewis, *Chairman*  
C. C. Wilkerson  
H. K. Turnage  
Miss Valdese Lightsey  
Mrs. Delora Johnson

## SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY

We, your Committee on the Support of the Ministry, make this as our report. We notice in the various church reports that there is quite a lack in the support of our ministry, some churches have reported paying as much to the evangelist as to their pastors. We recommend that each minister deliver a message occasionally on tithing; also that each church see that their pastor receives a just recompense for his service for the laborer is worthy of his hire and they who preach the gospel should live off the gospel. May we suggest that some one be appointed to arrange a more systematic plan for the support of the ministers.

Vernon Hughes, *Chairman*  
Roy Osborne  
R. D. Folsom  
R. B. Baxter  
Mrs. J. A. Prevatt  
Mrs. H. C. Thompson

## TEMPERANCE

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit 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 earnestly should pray and steer them from the places of strong drink and all evil and thus assure them that we, their parents and friends, are continually praying for them. We Christian people should live in Jesus Christ that our lights should so shine that others may find rest and assurance of God.

Signed,

R. F. Connell, *Chairman*  
L. J. Anderson  
George Calhoun  
Floyd Baxter  
Mary Lightsey  
Edith Brigman  
Annie Hope

### FINANCE

We, your Finance Committee, make this as our report and recommendation:

We find on hand from last association in the hands of our treasurer—\$ 65.49  
We have received at this sitting from all sources ----- 183.10

Total on hand ----- \$248.59

We recommend the following disbursements:

For Minutes and also recommend that we have 500 Minutes

printed -----	\$50.00	
State Association -----	5.00	
National Association -----	5.00	
Clerk -----	15.00	
Moderator -----	10.00	
Home Missions -----	5.00	
Foreign Missions -----	5.00	
Superannuation -----	5.00	
Education -----	15.00	
Elder J. B. Harris -----	10.00	
Elder C. C. Coursey -----	10.00	
Sister J. A. Blanton -----	10.00	145.00

Balance on hand ----- \$103.59

### OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, report as follows: We find recorded as having died during this past associational year the following:

*Piney Grove*—Bro. Jesse Williams.

*Satilla*—Bros. C. C. Quinn, Frank Thompson, Dave Turner and Sister Hailard Parish.

*Alabaha*—Sister Dan Sapp.

*Harmony*—Sister W. J. Markham.

*Marietta*—H. L. Thompson and Sister Emma Murray.

*Pine Level*—Bro. Geo. W. Courson.

*Glennville*—Bro. Clint De Loach.

*Corinth*—Sister Luceresa Allen.

Signed by Committee:

R. E. Kicklighter, *Chairman*

Sister L. M. Remley

Sister L. A. Brown

Sister Clyde Bennett

Sister E. B. Joyner

## 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

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will Baptist Church, of \_\_\_\_\_, send greetings to the South Georgia Association, convening with \_\_\_\_\_

We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following whom we deem worthy of seats in your august body: \_\_\_\_\_

We have had the pastoral services of Elder \_\_\_\_\_ for the past year and have called the Elder \_\_\_\_\_ for the ensuing year.

We have communed and washed the Saints feet \_\_\_\_\_ times this year.

The spiritual condition of our church is \_\_\_\_\_.

We have the following ministers holding membership with us: \_\_\_\_\_

We have \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School. We have \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Aid.

We have a Prayer Meeting \_\_\_\_\_.

We meet on the \_\_\_\_\_ of each month.

We hand in the statistics of our church as follows:

Members on roll last report \_\_\_\_\_ Received by Baptism \_\_\_\_\_;  
By Letter \_\_\_\_\_; By profession of faith \_\_\_\_\_.

We lost membership as follows:

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Dismissed by letter \_\_\_\_\_ Expelled \_\_\_\_\_.

We now have a membership as follows: Males \_\_\_\_\_ Females \_\_\_\_\_  
Total membership \_\_\_\_\_.

We have paid our pastor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ We paid for evangelistic services \$ \_\_\_\_\_ We paid to miscellaneous expenses, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We sent for Foreign Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ We sent for Home Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Superannuation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Unified Program \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For any expenditures not listed above \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

The value of our church property is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We now have on hand the balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We are sending to this session for the Association purposes the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

This letter ordered in conference this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Elder or Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator and adopted as read  
on the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.



## 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	Total Members	Pastors Salary	Association Fees	Val. Church Prop.	Meeting Days
Alabaha	Pierce	R. Lightsey	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.	3	--	--	--	--	--	1	81	\$290.00	\$ 5.00	\$2,000	
Bethel	Appling	W. C. Coleman	Gracie Walton, Baxley, Ga.	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	69	194.50	5.00	-----	
Corinth	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	P. J. Jarrad, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.	2	--	--	--	--	1	--	125	177.37	5.00	1,350	
Ebenezer	Tatnall	E. C. Morris	L. L. Baxter, Glennville, Ga.	6	--	--	--	2	--	--	118	617.00	7.00	-----	
Emmanuel	Duval	D. E. Avery	Pencie Avery, Jacksonville, Fla.	4	7	--	--	--	5	--	64	108.46	-----	4,600	Full Time
1st F.W.B. Ch.			G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe,												
Jax'ville, Fla.	Duval	B. A. Altman	Jacksonville, Fla.	3	9	--	7	--	22	--	67	297.00	35.00	2,000	Full Time
Glennville	Tatnall	E. C. Morris	E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga.	1	4	--	--	--	--	1	156	637.70	7.50	-----	1-3 Sun.
Harmony	Union	Floyd Cherry	C. L. Brown, Lake Butler, Fla.	4	6	--	--	--	1	--	104	752.50	10.00	2,000	1-3 Sun.
Liberty	Coffee	Theo. M. Carter	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	41	54.50	5.00	-----	1st Sun.
Memorial	Appling	E. B. Joyner	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	158	251.32	7.00	-----	
Marietta	Toombs	E. B. Duckworth	Silas McLane, Lyons, Ga.	3	--	--	--	--	--	2	85	100.00	3.00	-----	
New Hope	Wayne	J. R. Graham	B. H. Anderson, Jesup, Ga.	25	4	--	--	--	2	--	73	110.40	2.00	1,200	2nd Sun.
Oak Grove	Appling	W. C. Coleman	Ruby McLane, Baxley, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	76	106.50	3.10	1,000	
Oak Hill	Bacon	J. R. Graham	M. N. Steedley, Alma, Ga.	2	3	--	--	--	--	--	35	105.49	3.00	-----	
Pine Grove	Appling	R. Lightsey	Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.	3	--	--	--	--	--	1	65	234.78	5.00	2,500	3rd Sun.
Pine Level	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	J. N. Johnson, Alma, Ga.	5	1	--	--	--	--	1	146	274.81	15.00	-----	
Philadelphia	Charlton	J. R. Graham	Mrs. M. Altman, Folkston, Ga.	--	2	3	--	--	7	--	50	166.61	10.00	-----	1st Sun.
Satilla	Jeff Davis	E. B. Joyner	B. F. Lord, Hazelhurst, Ga.	2	1	2	--	--	4	4	196	238.07	10.00	4,500	4th Sun.
Spring Grove	Wayne	J. R. Graham	R. L. Steward, Jesup, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	72	92.12	5.00	-----	
Stoney Hill	Tatnall	E. C. Morris	W. W. Rogers, Reidsville, Ga.	5	--	--	--	--	1	1	45	116.90	2.00	-----	
Unity	Duval	C. J. Pitts	Mrs. H. C. Thompson, Jax, Fla.	2	1	6	--	--	--	--	58	230.00	10.00	2,000	Full Time
			2725 Lenox Ave.												
Zion	Long	J. R. Graham	Annie Hope, Ludowicie, Ga.	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	20	40.00	1.50	-----	E. S. Nite