

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Convened with  
**SATILIA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
of Hazelhurst, Georgia

on  
**October 20th and 21st, 1944**

**PRESIDING OFFICERS**

**ELDER E. C. MORRIS**, Moderator.....Glenville, Ga.  
**ELDER RALPH LIGHTSEY**, Assistant Moderator.....Bristol, Ga.  
**BRO. G. W. CLOUD**, Clerk.....1167 Wolfe St., Jacksonville, Fla.

The next session will convene with Pine Grove Church near Bristol,  
Ga., on Thursday night, Eight o'clock before the fourth Sunday  
in October, Nineteen Forty-Five.



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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.

## 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:.....  
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We 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:.....  
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We have.....Sunday School. We have.....Ladies' Aid.

We have a Prayer Meeting.....

We have on the.....of each month.

He 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 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 expinditures 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.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Seventh Session of the Original South Georgia Association, met with Satilla Church, near Hazelhurst, Ga., on Friday morning the twentieth and twenty-first of October, 1944, in regular session.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. B. Joyner, of Alma, Ga., at ten a. m. The congregation sang the old familiar hymn, "I Am Thine Oh Lord." After this the Moderator led us in a very fervent prayer, after which he read the twenty-third Psalm, and based his Moderators' message around this Scripture.

Moderator now appointed a devotional committee, as follows, Bros. R. M. Remley, R. F. Connell, and Britt Briggman. Now we receive the delegates, together with the Church letters. List of churches responding are as follows:

Alabama—Delegates, Bro. and Sister J. D. Van, Bro. J. B. Thornton, and S. D. Harrison.

Bethel—Sister Gracie Walton.

Corinth—Bros. J. M. Moore, C. R. Williams, Jim Hughes, A. P. Wade, and Sister J. M. Moore.

Ebenezer—By Pastor.

First of Jacksonville Fla.—Sisters Liller Scott, Mamie Anderson, G. W. Burkett, and Bro. F. C. Peavy.

Glenville—Bro. E. C. Davidson.

Harmony Church—By letter.

Immanuel—Bro. J. W. Hall, and Sisters Pencie Avery, and Lucile Music.

Liberty—Bros. C. Harkelroad, and O. V. Taylor, Nathaniel Winters.

Marietta—Bros. J. V. Lewis, Pike McLain, and Troy McLain.

Memorial—Bro. George Rentz, and Sisters Louise Rentz, and Bertie Blanton.

New Hope—Bro. L. J. Anderson.

Philadelphia—Bro. E. C. Crews, and Sisters E. C. Crews and Leatha Harden.

Pine Grove—Bro. M. Lightsey, Sisters Mary Lightsey, and Lorace Eunice.

Pine Level—Bros. J. B. Brigham, Clyde Bennett, T. L. Rigdon, Herman Douglas, and Sisters T. L. Rigdon, Edith Brigman, and Myrtice Bennett.

Spring Grove—Bro. J. L. Dukes.

Stoney Hill—Talmadge Anderson.

Oak Grove—Bro. J. C. Kicklighter, and Allie Mae Kicklighter.

Satilla—John Ray, Leroy Remley, R. F. Connell.

Unity—Bros. Alva Rhoden, Junior Rhoden, and Sisters Bonnie North, and Roma Rhoden.

Zion—Bro. and Sister W. H. Jackson.

At this time a call was issued for any corresponding messengers, and Elder J. R. Davidson of Ashland City, Tenn., was recognized, and given a seat with us in this body for the session. (He is from the Cumberland of Tennessee). Bro. Davidson responded in a few well chosen words of appreciation, for our very generous consideration of him as he wished to be



heard later in regards to the F. W. Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn.

The devotional committee was called on for their report for the day and they reported that Elder J. R. Davidson of Ashland, Tenn., bring the morning message. And that Elder W. C. Coleman bring the ten-minute devotion preceding the eleven-thirty message of Bro. Davidson.

Body now stood adjourned until the morning message was delivered.

At 11:30 Bro. W. C. Coleman led in a very beautiful number, "Come We That Love the Lord," after which he led in prayer.

At this time Bro. Davidson very ably filled the stand, using as his Scripture the Fourth Chapter of the Acts, Verses 23-37, inclusive. Text, "Modeling a Church," which was considered a masterpiece.

Body adjourned at conclusion of message for a very delivious repast which was served on the Church yard, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Friday evening at two-thirty the body was again called to order by Moderator Cong, singing "Oh But I'm Glad." Prayer by Elder E. C. Morris.

Appointed reading clerks to read the church letters, as follows: Sisters Ruth Lightsey and Edith Brigman. After the reading of all letters the body voted to accept all the delegation and to proceed to elect officers.

Motion taken to elect officers by ballot. Motion lost.

Motion made for Moderator, E. C. Morris, E. B. Joyner and J. R. Graham. Vote veing taken and Bros. Morris and Joyner in run off. Vote taken, Bro. Morris elected. Moderator Assistant Assistant Moderator nominations as follows: Bro. Ralph Lightsey and J. R. Graham. Vote taken, Bro. Lightsey elected Assistant Moderator.

Nominations for clerk as follows: Bro. G. W. Cloud and E. C. Davidson nominated. Vote taken, result Cloud elected, clerk.

Bro. A. B. Brannon was unanimously elected treasurer, no opposition.

The following was elected for the ardaing council: Elder Ralph Lightsey, C. J. Pitts and J. R. Graham.

The Executive Board are as follows: E. C. Morris, chairman; L. J. Anderson, J. B. Brighman, A. H. Quinn, Alvey Rhoden.

Committees appointed as follows: State of Churches, J. B. Brigman, Herman Douglas, M. Lightsey and F. C. Peavy.

Denomination Literature: Bonnie North, Susie Boyett, Lorace Eunice, Gracie Walton.

Destitution: Clyde Bennett, Edith Brigman, Troy McLain.

Education: Ruth Lightsey, Junior Rhoden, Lorace Eunice, Alvin Quinn, Pencie Avery.

Resolutions: Mamie Anderson, Roma Rhoden, Albert Crews.

Support of the Ministry: L. N. Remley, T. L. Rigdon, Leatha Harden, J. W. Hall.

Temperance: John Ray, T. L. Rigdon, Mary Lightsey, J. V. Lewis.

Finance: Pike McLain, E. C. Davidson, Liller Scott.

Obituary: Lucile Music, Clyde Bennett (Elbert Crews Sister), Sister G. W. Burkett.

Motion carried that we do not pay any delegates' expenses to Sister Associations. Moderator appointed delegates to the State association as follows: Bros. J. B. Brigman, Clifton Lightsey, Lorace Eunice, and Sisters

Irene Lightsey and Edith Brigman. Body allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars by motion not to exceed this sum for delegates to draw on the treasurer for this amount. The body now elected a superannuation board as follows, composed of three, J. Brigman, Mamie Anderson, Ruth Lightsey.

The Devotional Committee made their report that Elder C. J. Pitts is to bring the evening message. The body now stands adjourned until eight o'clock for the evening message.

The body was called to the tables in the yard where we again were well cared for as the community and church had provided a beautiful supper for us at six o'clock.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT—EIGHT O'CLOCK**

The body was called to order, the congregation singing together a number of old familiar hymns. At this time the elder, E. C. Morris, led in a brief devotion, using the Third Chapter of First Cor. as his Scripture.

In his concluding remarks the congregation again sang an old song, "Rock of Ages," after which he turned the service over to Elder C. J. Pitts for the evening message. Elder Pitts used the Third Chapter of Second Timothy for his Scripture reading.

At the close of the evening message, Elder J. R. Davidson of Nashville, Tenn., gained the floor and he was allowed permission to bring a brief message in regards to our Bible College and he received an offering for the college which amounted to \$31.11.

Bro. Davidson again thanked the body for their generous response to this worthy cause.

### **SATURDAY MORNING**

Body called to order at nine-thirty a. m. by the Moderator, Elder E. C. Morris. After a brief devotion and prayer by the elder, D. E. Avery, the body entered into the business of the day.

Another call was made at this time for corresponding messengers from Sister Association and Bro. W. W. Potter from the Georgia Union Association was recognized and given a seat with the body. Also Sister Marie Ivy from the Midway of Georgia, was seated and given all the privileges of a visiting messenger.

The question of our next meeting was taken up at this time and the body voted to go to Pine Grove Church near Bristol, Ga., for the next session.

A motion carried that we have our minutes printed in some contract shop, if we are not able to have them printed in Ayden before January 1, 1945.

The Trustees that were elected at our last session to negotiate in regards the Alma, Ga., church property made their report at this time, that they had sold the property after it was duly advertised and they at public received the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and there was a motion that we turn in to the hand of our treasurer the money received from the sale of the Alma church property. Same carried, and the trustees were

ordered to transfer to the treasurer the \$500.00).

The body by motion elected a permanent Board of Trustees, as follows: H. N. Baxter, J. M. Moore, J. V. Lewis, L. J. Anderson and Vernon Hughes.

Devotional Committee reports that Elder J. B. Harris is to bring the morning devotion and Elder Ralph Lightsey is to bring the morning message.

Bro. Harris occupied the stand for a ten-minute devotion and used as his Scripture the subject: "There Shall Be in You a Well of Water Springing Up", as found in the Fourth Chapter of St. John's Gospel.

After the great devotional by Elder Harris the Elder, Lightsey, came to the stand and brought a wonderful message and used for the Scripture the Second Chapter of Romans and the Second Verse. At the conclusion of this great message a special offering was given for the unified program which amounted to the sum of \$39.88.

### **SATURDAY EVENING—TWO-THIRTY**

The body called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Elder A. B. Adams. Reports received and adopted and read. See reports.

The Ordaining Council made their report that the qualifications of Bro. W. M. Grant who is desiring to come into the ranks of Free Will Baptists from the Land Mark Baptist is now recognized as being in harmony with the Free Will Baptist Doctrine and Teachings, and he is hereby recognized and set apart to the full ministry of Free Will Baptist.

At this time a rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their very efficient manner in which we were entertained.

### **OBITUARY**

We your committee report as follows that we find the list who have passed to their reward to be from the different churches as follows:

Satilla Church—Bro. Frank Quinn, W. B. Remley, Sister Maggie Thornton, J. C. Quinn, Susan Spell Ellis and Arthur Altman Ellis.

Pine Grove—Maurice Eunice.

First of Jacksonville—Bros. A. P. Kirkland and Robert Cooper who were both deacons.

Pine Level—Floyd Courson.

New Hope—Bro. J. E. Pye and W. M. Edenfield.

Immanuel—Bro. Turnage.

Glenville—Sister S. C. Plummer.

Spring Grove—Sister Smiley Woods.

Stoney Hill—Sister Standard.

Zion—Bro. Leonard Wood.

Alabaha—Sister J. A. DeLoach.

Submitted by your committee:

Sister Lucille Music, Chairman

Sister Elbert Crews

Sister G. W. Burkett



## DESTITUTION

We, the Committee on Destitution, make this our report: We wind 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:

Troy McLain, Chairman

Miss Edith Brigman

## STATE OF CHURCHES

We, your Committee on the State of Churches, make this our report: We find that some of our churches are not holding Prayer Meetings, and do not have Sunday Schools, and we as a committee, believe that if the parents would take a more active interest in the youth of the land, and strive to take them to the Lord's House for this great teaching, they would become of greater worth in these trying times.

It behooves each of us to see that all have a part in this great cause.

We find by listening to the reading of the letters from the different churches that they all report fair condition spiritually, but we urge all to put forth a greater effort in the coming year than we have in the past year.

If the Free Will Baptist people will strive to this end this year the Lord will bless and add many to our church rolls this year.

Respectfully submitted:

J. Britt Brigman, Chairman

Frank C. Peavy

## EDUCATION

We, the Committee on Education, prayerfully submit the following report:

We suggest that each church send an annual endowment to the Free Will Baptist College. The best way to do this is monthly, as is provided in the check books furnished by the College. Also, each minister and laymen, will do well to support the College in this way.

Pastors, your churches will respond if you teach them to do this.

We notice from the reports that some of the churches did not support the College in any way.

Please do not let this be the case any more.

Furthermore, we suggest that our young people and needy ministers, the various churches, be encouraged to attend our own Christian College.

Prayerfully submitted:

Miss Ruth Lightsey, Chairman

Mrs. Pencie Avery

A. H. Quinn

Alvia Rhoden



are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.

9. After motion has been decided any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission from the body.

11. This Association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to its consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

13. No church shall liberate any minister who comes from any other denomination until he has been examined by the Ordaining Council and has received credentials bearing the approval of the council.

### CHURCH DECORUM

1. The Church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in Association year, or if they prefer t, 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

## DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, the Denominational Literature Committee, recommend the following:

That the Free Will Baptist denomination use Free Will Baptist literature exclusively.

That we have in our church treatise's available at all times.

That we urge our people to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist, a weekly, published in Ayden, N. C., or the Free Will Baptist Gem, a monthly, published in Monett, Mo., which is a monthly.

Submitted by your Committee:

Mrs. Bonnie North, Chairman

Mrs. Lorace Eunice

Mrs. Gracie Walton

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, through Jesus Christ, and adopted the following articles as our Confession of Faith, we now give ourselves to each other by the will of God, and agree to the following Church Covenant:

1. We solemnly covenant before God that we will strive by His assisting grace to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree, as members of the church and as Christians, to watch over each other in love, for mutual upbuilding in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. To be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults one to another, to strengthen the feeble, and to kindly admonish the erring, and to labor together for the building up of the Church and the denomination, and for the salvation of sinners.

2. We promise that we will faithfully and consistently maintain secret and family prayer and to religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We will endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God, and the ordinances of His Church, and not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of the church. Any members failing to observe this covenant shall be dealt with by the church.

4. We also promise that, unless providentially hindered, we will attend upon public worship, the social meetings of the church, and report ourselves regularly at the monthly conference, and that we will walk in all ordinances of the Lord's house.

5. We covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and sinful conformity to the world; that we will not traffic in the use of nor furnish to others intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our denomination and church, such as Missions, Education, Sabbath Schools, Moral Reform and others which tend to the glory of God and to the welfare of men; and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of

## **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, as they are unruly members, words unfitly spoken have as much evil effects 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 young men and boys are entering the service of our country, we parents should earnestly pray that they would steer clear of places of strong drink, and all evil, and thus assure them that we, their loved ones and are continually praying for them.

We, as Christians, should live in Jesus Christ that our lights would so shine that others may find rest and assurance of our Heavenly Father.

Submitted:

John Ray, Chairman

J. V. Lewis

Mrs. Mary Lightsey

Mrs. T. L. Rigdon

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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

First—That each church in the Association support our State and National program, and send 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 resolve that all churches not having these auxiliaries (namely), Prayer Meetings, Sunday Schools, Leagues, put forth a mighty effort to organize them this coming year.

That this body give to this church (Satilla), and their fine people of the surrounding community a rising vote of thanks for the great way we have been entertained during our stay while in their midst.

Prayerfully submitted:

Mrs. Mamie Anderson, Chairman

Mrs. Roma Rhoden

J. E. Crews

## **SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY**

We, as your Committee on the Support of the Ministry, make this as our report:

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 laborers are worthy of their hire.

Submitted by Committee:

L. M. Remley, Chairman

T. L. Rigdon



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. The Decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any two successive monthly conference.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in His attributes.—I. Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both quick and dead.—I. Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; I. John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to Go.—St. John 16:7-8; Acts, 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the last mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; I. Tim. 2:4.

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, and generally then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call for absentees. (5) For acknowledgments. (6) for reference of deferred business. (7) For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

12. Visiting brethren, as helpers called in from sister churches, shall speak and make motions or seconds, but are not allowed to vote.

13. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or baptism.

14. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall be valid, unless withdrawn. The members who make them shall be liable to be taken under dealing with the church.

15. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice further than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; 2. Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may join the glorified around the throne of God in ascribing blessings, honor, glory, and power to Him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

## CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association, whose duty it is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn finally until all business is settled and while interest to the Association and to use their best influence to promote all moral and benevolent means and institutions, such as Education, Sabbath Schools, Missionary Work, ect.

2. It shall be Composed of the Ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto, and of legal delegates from the churches composing the same.

3. Requirements of the churches: Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association in which they shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the ministers whose membership is with them. Give name and position of the church clerk. Give the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and dead; also the number of members and the amount paid Association purposes.

4. This Association shall be considered as an ecclesiastical body and shall control all the various churches composing the same so far as Gospel order extends. Also, no houses or lands shall be sold or disposed of without its consent.

5. The officers of this Association shall be: a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot.

6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

7. Churches sending delegates to this Association shall be allowed one delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof.

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

## DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding 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.

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



6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10, I. John 5:1-10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—T. Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ, His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45-65; U.S. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved herefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4, 2; Peter 2:1, 2; Thes. 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—1.—Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark, 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7-8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed

conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice further than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 19; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; 2. Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

## FINANCE REPORT

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

We find on hand from last session in hand of Treasurer.....	\$ 93.59
Amount sent to this session.....	169.60
Amount sent Hoome Missions.....	10.00
Collection taken (amount noted in business proceedings).....	39.88

Total .....	\$313.07
Received from Harmony Church after the body adjourned .....	10.00

Total .....	\$323.07
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Disbursements as follows:

To State Association.....	\$ 25.00
Minutes and miscellaneous items .....	60.00
For Clerk .....	15.00
For Moderator .....	10.00
Elder J. B. Harris.....	25.00
Elder C. C. Coursey.....	25.00
Supplement offering to unified program.....	35.12
Sister J. A. Blanton .....	- 5.00

Total .....	\$200.12
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We are now submitting to you for your final approval the above figures as our audit and recommendation, which leaves the cash balance of \$122.95 on hand.

Pike McLain, Chairman  
E. C. Davidson  
Liller Scott, Committee



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## Statistical Table

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS 1944	PASTORS 1945	CLERKS AND P. O.	Baptism	Letetr	Prof Faith	DEATHS	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Females	Male	TOTAL	Asso. Purposes	P. O. Pastor	Value Property	Meeting Days	
Alabaha.....	Pierce.....	Ralph Lightsey..	Ralph Lightsey..	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	36	46	82	\$	10.00	\$ 330.00	\$2,000.00	7-4 Sun.
Bethel.....	Appling.....	W. C. Coleman..	W. C. Coleman..	Gracie Walton, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga.....	6			1	2				46		6.00	215.00	600.00	1-3 Sun.
Corinth.....	Bacon.....	J. R. Graham.....	J. R. Graham.....	P. J. Jarrard, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.....							69	57	126		5.00	172.95	600.00	3rd Sun.
Ebenezer.....	Tatnall.....	E. C. Morris.....	E. C. Morris.....	L. L. Baxter, Glenville, Ga.....	2			1	1				118		10.00	627.00	3,500.00	2-4 Sun.
First of Jax.....	Duval.....	G. W. Burkett.....	Floyd Cherry.....	G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe, St., Jax, F	0	1	2	2	6	0	42	20	62		10.00	358.00	2,000.00	Ful' Time
Glenville.....	Tatnall.....	E. C. Morris.....	E. C. Morris.....	E. C. Davidson, Glenville, Ga.....	6	3	0	1		1			161		10.00	650.00	4,000.00	1-3 Sun.
Harmony.....	Union.....	Floyd Cherry.....	Floyd Cherry.....	C. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla.....		2							98		10.00	870.00	3,500.00	1-3 Sun.
Immanuel.....	Duval.....	D. E. Avery.....	D. E. Avery.....	G. A. Sullivan, 1537 Walnut, Jax, Fla:	4	2	7	1	2	2	42	30	72		10.00	267.90	2,000.00	Full Time
Liberty.....	Coffee.....	T. M. Carter.....	T. M. Carter.....	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.....	1								42		5.00	114.12	1,200.00	1st Sun.
Marietta.....	Toombs.....	Ralph Lightsey..	Ralph Lightsey..	Silas McLain, Lyons, Ga.....	16	1		3			60	41	101		10.00	321.97	2,000.00	3rd Sun.
Memorial.....	Appling.....	E. B. Joyner.....	E. B. Duckworth..	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.....	4						100	62	162		5.75	214.65	1,000.00	1st Sun
New Hope.....	Wayne.....	Ralph Lightsey..	J. R.. Graham.....	B. H. Anderson, Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga.....			1	2			51	21	72		5.00	135.00	1,500.00	2nd Sun.
Philadelphia.....	Charlton.....	J. R. Graham.....	J. R.. Graham.....	Mrs. M. Altman, Folkston, Ga.....		1			7				78		10.00	227.30	1,500.00	1st Sun.
Pine Grove.....	Appling.....	E. L. Paulk.....	E. L. Paulk.....	Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.....	4			1	2		30	20	50	500.00	300.00	2,700.00	3rd Sun.	
Pine Level.....	Bacon.....	Ralph Lightsey..	Ralph Lightsey..	Mrs. L. W. Taylor, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga...		1		2	1		82	57	146		15.00	300.00	2,500.00	1st. Sun.
Spring Grove.....	Wayne.....	A. D. Adams.....	A. D. Adams.....	R. L. Stewart, Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga.....				1					44		5.00	95.86	1,500.00	2nd Sun.
Stony Hill.....	Tatnall.....	E. C. Morris.....	E. C. Morris.....	W. W. Rogers, Reidsville, Ga.....				1	1		42	30	72		5.00	100.00	1,000.00	3rd Sun.
Oak Grove.....	Appling.....	W. C. Coleman..	W. C. Coleman..	Ruby McLain, Surrency, Ga.....				1			36	37	74		4.50	100.00	1,000.00	
Satilla.....	Jeff Davis.....	J. R. Graham.....	J. R. Graham.....	R. F. Connell, Rt. 2, Hazelhurst, Ga..	10		1	6	3		145	76	221		10.00	417.51	4,500.00	4th Sun.
Unity.....	Duval.....	C. J. Pitts.....	C. J. Pitts.....	Junior Rhoden, 3524 Lenox, Jax, Fla.	6	4	5				44	31	75		10.00	180.00	3,000.00	Full Time
Zion.....	Long.....	J. R. Graham.....	A. D. Adams.....	Annie Hope Jackson, Ludowicie, Ga	1	1			1				22		4.00	93.76	1,500.00	2nd Sun.