

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

Convened with
PINE GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Bristol Georgia

on
October 26th, 27th, 1945

PRESIDING OFFICERS

ELDER E. B. JOYNER, Moderator.....Alma, Ga.
ELDER F. B. CHERRY, Asst. Moderator.....Lake Butler, Fla.
BRO. G. W. CLOUD, Clerk.....1167 Wolfe St., Jax 5, Fla.

The next session will convene with Harmony Church Near Dukes,
Florida, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1946.

Elder E. C. Morris to preach Associational Sermon Friday,
11:30 A. M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory.
2. Moderator calls the body to order.
3. Call for corresponding letters and enroll delegates.
4. Appointing Committee on Divine Service.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters from Sister Associations.
7. Call for election of officers.
8. Appointment of Committees.
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: _____

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: _____

We have _____ Sunday School. We have _____ Ladies' Aid.

We have a Prayer Meeting _____.

We have services _____ 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 _____; Restored _____

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 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.

Address

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Sixty-Eighth Session of the South Georgia Association of Original F. W. B. The body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. C. Morris at ten-thirty o'clock by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace", Moderator called all to prayer and the prayer was worded by the former Moderator, Elder E. B. Joyner.

Moderator Morris now bringing the Moderator's Message, using the 133rd Psalm.

Devotional Committee appointed by Moderator as follows: Elder E. L. Paulk, H. M. Strickland and B. F. Lord.

At this time Bro. F. B. Cherry gained the floor for a few minutes to acquaint the body with the idea of the State Association Paper, The Gospel Herald that he as editor was sending to the different churches.

Devotional Committee reports that Elder E. B. Joyner would bring the Associational sermon at eleven-thirty.

We were asked by the minister to sing a couple of numbers before he brought the message and the body sang "More About Jesus" and "Loyalty To Christ."

And Bro. Joyner now proceeded to the stand and began his message, by using the 17th verse of the 26th Chapter of Matthew. He brought us a veritable masterpiece, after which we were dismissed by prayer until one-thirty for the noon repast, which was so plentifully spread on the tables for our benefit.

At one-thirty the body was again called to order by the Moderator. Congregation singing the old familiar song "Love Lifted Me". The body repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The Moderator reading the Eighth Psalm for his devotion, and we were then led in prayer by Elder C. J. Pitts.

Reading Clerks appointed by Moderator as follows: Sisters Ruth Lightsey, and Marguerite Cook.

Called for Church Letters and Delegation. The following letters were laid on the table for our information:

Ebenezer—Represented by J. A. Baxter and Sisters L. J. Patterson and Julia Folsom.

Oak Grove—Represented by Bros. Wm. L. King, A. P. Collins and wife.

Glenville—Represented by Bro. John Harrell and Sister E. C. Morris.

Harmony—Represented by Bro. John Howard.

Pine Grove—Represented by Bro. H. M. Strickland, Clifton Lightsey, J. J. Brannen, W. R. Rogers, L. A. Eunice and A. F. Tuten.

Unity—Represented by Bro. F. H. Caudill and G. W. Burkett.

Satilla—Represented by Bro. Vernon Hughes, R. F. Connell, Claude Hazelip, B. F. Lord, Geo. Hutto, Hollis Lynn, Lillian Hughes, Mary Jane Brown and Gertrude Hutto.

Alabaha—By Regie Thornton.

Pine Level—Represented by Bros. Britt Brigman, T. L. Rigdon and wife and Sister Marguerite Cook.

Marietta—Represented by Bro. Silas McLane, H. P. Moore and W. H. Clements.

Memorial—Represented by Bro. David Mann, Charles Mann and David Blanton.

Corinth—Represented by A. P. Wade, Everett Moore and J. M. Moore and wife.

Liberty—Represented by Bro. O. V. Taylor and Sister Nat Winters.

Oak Hill—Represented by Bro. David Steedley, Oscar Jordan.

First of Jax.—Represented by Bro. F. C. Peavey and Sisters Mamie Anderson and Lena Cloud.

Spring Grove—Represented by D. E. Killingsworth, A. L. Stewart and J. L. Dukes.

Philadelphia—Represented by Bro. R. Altman, James Anderson and wife, Ellen Prevatt and Juanita Hodges.

Stoney Hill—Represented by Bro. Talmage Anderson.

Bethel—Represented by Bro. Wade Orvin and wife and Sister Gracie Walton.

New Hopue—Represented by Bro. Westberry and Sister A. B. Brannen.

Zion—Represented by David Guinn, Bill Eason and P. N. Ryals.

All churches were received after reading the statistics and the delegation seated. The call was issued at this time inviting all Corresponding Messengers to rise and be recognized. Bros. E. Williams and Giddens of the Little River Association were given seats in our body and the Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship for the body.

Now we come to the election of officers and the results were as follows: for Moderator, Elder E. C. Morris and E. B. Joyner were nominated and ballot taken, Bro. Joyner being the winner. He in a few well chosen words of thanks and advice took over the chair now vacated by the Bro. Morris.

Assistant Moderator nomination, now called for. Bro. F. B. Cherry nominated, so he was elected unanimously as Assistant Moderator.

Clerk nomination now called for and the following were nominated: Elder E. C. Morris, Bro. G. W. Cloud and R. F. Connell. The ballot being spread and Bro. Connell was dropped. The race was between Elder Morris and G. W. Cloud. The vote taken and results in the election of Mr. Cloud for Clerk.

For Treasurer, Bro. A. B. Brannen was re-elected without any opposition.

Vacancy on Ordaining Council was filled by ballot at this time. Bro. F. B. Cherry was elected to the vacancy left by the Elder Ralph Lightsey, leaving the state.

Bro. C. J. Pitts and J. R. Graham were re-elected to the Ordaining Council at this time.

Executive Committee as follows: Bros. E. C. Morris, Britt Brigman Vernon Hughes, David Mann and Elder E. B. Joyner.

Finance Committee: A. P. Wade, Silas McLane, T. L. Rigdon, S. H. Caudill and A. B. Brannen.

Motion now carried that we have a nomination committee.

Committee as follows: E. C. Morris, J. S. Howard, Charlie Mann.

Committee on Committee's as follows: R. F. Connell, W. L. King, Sister H. N. Baxter.

Corresponding Messengers appointed to the Sister Association as follows: Bro. F. B. Cherry to Little River Association; G. W. Cloud to Salem of Florida; G. W. Burkett to North Florida Conference.

G. W. Cloud was elected to represent the South Georgia Association in the National Association in Eldridge, Alabama, July, 1946.

Bro. J. S. Howard, Britt Brigman and Sister E. B. Joyner were elected to represent the South Georgia Association in the State Association in Hawkinsville, Georgia in November, 1945.

The Letter of withdrawal from fellowship of Immanuel church of Jacksonville, Fla. was read at this time and the letter was ordered filed and the body by unanimous vote accepted the information, as the church had already withdrawn and has been operating as an independent group.

The ministers who hold membership was ordered left off the Ministerial roll as they too were a party to the withdrawal, from the South Georgia Association.

Committee on Committee Reports as follows:

Committees appointed as follows:

Destitution, Vernon Hughes, Clifton Lightsey, Allen Tuten and Sister James Anderson.

Education—E. C. Davidson, Mamie Anderson, Ellen Prevatt and Lillian Hughes.

State of Churches—Sister E. C. Davidson, Britt Brigman and James Anderson.

Obituary—Sister H. N. Baxter, Lena Cloud and J. S. Howard.

Temperance—J. L. Dukes, Wade Orvin, Sister E. C. Morris.

Resolutions—H. M. Strickland, G. W. Burkett and Mary Jane Brown.

Support of Ministry—R. D. Westberry, L. A. Eunice and David Mann.

Denominational Literature—F. C. Peavy, Everette Moore and O. V. Taylor.

Committees were all given their assignments and the body stood adjourned for the evening meal, which was so bountifully spread on the tables, and were to reassemble at seven o'clock and our very humble Bro. C. C. Coursey was to bring the devotion and Bro. Giddens from the Little River Association to bring the evening message.

At seven P. M. sharp, after we had a feast for our bodies, we were again called in to the service congregation singing several beautiful songs, after which our esteemed Bro. Coursey rose for the devotion, using the 12th Chapter of Romans as basis for his timely remarks, and it truly was great to hear the Old Saint of God again in his remarkable way of delivery on this occasion, a time we will long remember.

Bro. Giddens followed with a wonderful message we thoroughly enjoyed, and hope he may again visit with us and we shall be very glad to have him in our midst anytime.

At the close of the evening message the body was asked to bring a love offering for our very Dear Bro. Coursey, who has been ill for quite a long time, and on the tables we placed for him (Bro. C. C. Coursey) thirty-six dollars and fifty-two cents (\$36.52).

SATURDAY MORNING

According to previous announcement we met at nine-thirty o'clock for the days duties, and the body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Joyner, and after a congregational song, "This Is My Story", we were led in prayer by our beloved Elder W. C. Coleman. Moderator brought his message, using the 122nd Psalm for basis for his remarks.

Call made for any Messengers from other Christian bodies or representatives in our midst and there was one Brother from the Christian Church recognized, and seated in our body, Bro. J. E. Killingsworth.

The ordaining Council made a report at this time, that they had examined Bro. G. W. Burkett and had found his spiritually and doctrinally sound and they either recommended his ordination or the refusal to again issue him license to preach as he had been preaching as a licentiate for some fifteen years, and the body after hearing the report voted to have him ordained at this session, and the time for the service was set for two-thirty P. M. today.

Motion carried that the name of Bro. Harold I. Hall be left off the ordained ministerial roll as is shown by the church letter from Unity Church.

The Devotional Committee reports that Elder C. J. Pitts bring the morning devotion and Elder Floyd Cherry bring the morning message.

At 11:30, Bro. Pitts made a brief report that he would relinquish his time for the devotion and give all the time for Bro. Cherry to bring the morning sermon.

Bro. Cherry very ably filled the pulpit and used as his scripture First John, 3-1-3. After he had finished his message we were given an opportunity to give to the Georgia State Evangelization Campaign and the amount given by free-will offering amounted to (\$54.50). After this we were dismissed for dinner until one-thirty P. M.

At 1:30 P. M. we were reassembled for the closing session of this, another lovely session. We were led in prayer by Bro. J. S. Howard. After call to order Sister Ruth Lightsey gave a detailed report of the superannuation board's activities for the year and it was a very nice report. Same ordered placed in our files.

As we have lost one faithful minister from our ranks this year, there was an obituary committee appointed to draft suitable obituary for the late Elder C. C. Butler. Committee as follows: Elder F. B. Cherry, Bro. J. S. Howard and Carl Brown.

Motion carried that the five hundred dollars now held in Alma, Georgia bank from the sale of the old Alma church be retained there for the purpose of building a new building in Alma.

Also a motion carried that the trustees who handled the sale of the

Alma property be held to keep the money they received from the sale of the old building, until such time as we can use for the new building.

At this time the body entered into the ordination of Bro. G. W. Burkett, and after this beautiful service was concluded there was a motion offered that we extend to the Pine Grove church and community a rising vote of thanks for their very generous hospitality and kindness.

The business of this body now ended, we sang a beautiful number and were dismissed by prayer to meet with Harmony Church, three miles west of Dukes, Florida on Thursday night, before the fourth Sunday in October, 1946.

So ends another lovely session of the South Georgia Association.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, your ordaining council make this further report, that in regards the Unity church request concerning S. H. Caudill, we recommend that this matter be referred back to Unity Church. We feel that they are in a better position to pass on the applicant than this council.

Respectfully,

F. B. Cherry

J. R. Graham

C. J. Pitts.

NOMINATION

We, your Committee on Nomination, submit the following report:

First that we accept the invitation from the Church at Harmony for the next sitting of our body, and that we extend thanks to Pine Level and Marietta Churches for their very nice invitations, and that Elder E. C. Morris is to preach the Introductory Sermon Friday at 11:30 A. M.

Submitted by Committee,

E. C. Morris

J. S. Howard

C. Mann.

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

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

We notice in the Church Letters as reported to Association that some are far from giving to the pastors the proper support they deserve, and should have, we recommend that we pass a resolution that each Church should see that their pastors are taken care of to the utmost of their ability. We also recommend that more attention be given now, than in the past to the support of our beloved old ministers, who have given to the Church the best of their life, and who now is in need of financial assistance.

Signed by Committee,

R. D. Westberry

David Mann

Lorace Eunice

Obituaries

We, your committee on obituaries, find the following have passed away to their reward, from the following churches:

L. J. ANDERSON

Born 7-29-1893. Died 7-11-1946. New Hope Church

SULA ZORN, Glenville

TOM RALLS, Ebenezer

D. G. CRAWFORD, ROSCOE ANDERSON, AND
ELDER C. C. BUTLER (See attached obit.), Harmony

THREE NOTED AND NO NAMES GIVEN, Marietta Church

MILLARD LIGHTSEY, SISTER MILLIE HORN, Pine Grove

DAVID BAGGS, Zion, Born May 3, 1815. Died 10-13-1945

LILLIE HARDEN, Philadelphia

PAUL JONES, Satilla. Died July 6, 1945

MYRTICE FREEMAN, First of Jax

Signed,

SISTER J. A. BAXTER

SISTER G. W. CLOUD

BRO. J. S. HOWARD

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Christian Education make the following recommendations:

First that the body approve the expansion program, as set forth by our National Association, and that we accept the responsibility of raising the amount allotted to us, counting it a privilege to have this part in our educational program. Our State's allotment as compared with statistics, amount to approximately one dollar per capita, which we consider a very small amount. Second that each Church appoint some responsible member who is interested in our Educational Program to superintend the collection of the funds. We also urge that each pastor take the initiative in putting the matter before their Churches. Third—That each of our ministers and Christian workers avail themselves of every opportunity of attending our Bible Institute, sponsored by the National Association. Fourth—That we continue to encourage the support of our School through the endowment plan, praying that God will reward our efforts with a wonderful harvest of well qualified ministers and Christian workers.

Submitted by Your Committee,

E. C. Davidson

Ellen Prevatt

Mamie Anderson

Lillian Hughes

We your Sunday School Committee beg to submit the following report:

First, we find that several of our Churches do not have a Sunday School. We therefore recommend that all of our Churches endeavor to have an Evergreen Sunday School going.

Second, We recognize the fact of a District Sunday School Convention in our Association. We also recommend that all Schools cooperate in the District work.

Third, We recommend that our Schools secure and use all the literature our press has to offer, when it can be used to a good advantage, and that our Schools have a Training Course conducted by trained people, whenever possible.

Fourth, We recommend that our youth take advantage of every available source offered in order to further develop their spiritual education.

Committee,

Juanita Hodges

W. C. Hazlip

W. H. Clements.

RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions, first that each Church in the Association support our State and National Program, and send a delegate 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 body

resolve that all Churches not having these Auxiliaries (namely) prayer meetings, Sunday School League, Ladies Auxiliary, put forth a mighty effort to organize them in this coming year. That this body give to this Church, Pine Grove and their people of the surrounding community a rising vote of thanks for the great way we have been entertained during our stay with them.

Committee,
H. M. Strickland
G. W. Burkett
Mary Jane Brown.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

We recommend that we as Christians should be temperate in all things, pertaining not only to strong drink, but all other intemperate habits. May the Lord bless and lead us in the right way and light of his word.

Signed by Committee,
J. L. Dukes
W. H. Orvin
Mrs. E. C. Morris.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on State of Churches, submit the following report. We notice from reading of letters that two of our churches are without pastors for the ensuing year. We urge them to put forth every effort at once to secure a good man to serve them. Also only about half of our churches have Sunday Schools and Prayer Meetings, and some no Auxiliaries at work, we urge the pastors of these churches to see that at least Sunday School and Prayer Services are held regularly, and all four Auxiliaries if at all possible. We recommend that each church commune once each quarter.

Signed by Committee,
Sister E. C. Davidson
J. B. Bridgman
James Anderson.

DESTITUTION

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

We find that some of our Churches are not supplied with Pastors, judging from the Ministerial roll there is a good number of spirit filled Ministers who are without full time work, and are available for your service. We urge that you contact one of these, and that each Church call their Pastor before the Association convenes each year. Some of our Churches do not have Prayer Meetings or Sunday Schools. We believe that there is a goodly number of people converted in Prayer Services, and Sunday Schools. We deeply urge that some of you organize one,

even though you are few in number, the Lord has promised to be in your midst to own and bless.

Signed Committee,
Vernon Hughes
Allen Tuten
Mrs. James Anderson.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your Committee recommend the following:

That the Free-Will Baptist Literature be used exclusively by our Free Will aBptist Denomination, and we urge our people to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist Weekly, published in Adyen, N. C. or the F. W. B. Gem. A monthly magazine published in Monnett, Mo., also to aid in the circulation of our State paper, The Gospel Herald.

Signed by Committee,
F. C. Peavy
Everett Moore
O. V. Taylor.

FINANCE REPORT

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

We have received from all sources at this session the amount as shown.

	\$182.50
On hand from last session	87.01
Total	\$269.51

We have approved for Disbursements as follows:

For minutes and miscellaneous items as postage, etc.	\$65.00
For Clerk	15.00
For packing and postage on 1944 minutes due Clerk	3.00
Moderator	10.00
To Elder J. B. Harris	20.00
To Elder C. C. Coursey	20.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Sister J. A. Blanton	20.00
Unified Program	25.00
Home Missions	10.00
Total Expenses	\$193.00
Balance on Hand	\$76.51

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 Scriputres 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 ever 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 enterprise 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 members 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 and 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 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 deal 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 confer-

ences 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, providing 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 conferences 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 Saint's 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 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.

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 baptised, 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.

REVEREND C. C. BUTLER

Reverend C. C. Butler was born May 19, 1872 and departed this life August 25, 1946. Between these dates he built a life worth while, the highest, the best, that may be said of him. He was a good man. He was not a man that desired to shine in the eye of the public, but belonged to that class we call old fashioned. There was inbred in the warp and filling of his being those fundamental virtues that have been tested out in the laboratory of life. His life was on a solid foundation. There was nothing vain about him. He was an active minister in the service of his church, responding always most willingly to its calls. There is a vacancy in his home, his church, and his community that cannot be filled. But may we not spend our time mourning, but prepare to meet him when we shall sail into the port of the blessed.

F. B. CHERRY

J. S. HOWARD

C. L. BROWN

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Statistical Table

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS 1946	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	Baptised	Letter	Prof. Faith	Dis. Letter	Expelled	Died	Female	Male	TOTAL	Asso Purposes	Paid Pastor	Value Church Property	
Alabaha.....	Pierce.....	F. B. Cherry.....	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, G.....	4	---	---	3	---	---	47	36	83	10.00	501.00	\$2000.00	2nd & 4th
Bethel.....	Appling.....	W. C. Coleman.....	Gracie Walton, Baxley, Ga., Rt. 3.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	29	26	55	6.00	302.60	1000.00	1st & 3rd
Corinth.....	Bacon.....	B. A. Altman.....	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga., Rt. 2.....	---	---	---	1	---	---	68	57	125	5.00	180.72	1350.00	3rd Sun.
Ebenezer.....	Tatnall.....	E. C. Morris.....	L. L. Baxter, Glenville, Ga.....	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	177	10.00	900.00	4500.00	2nd & 4th
First of Jax.....	Duval.....	---	G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe St., Jax.....	---	---	---	3	8	1	34	16	50	15.00	392.00	2000.00	Full Time
Glenville.....	Tatnall.....	E. C. Morris.....	E. C. Davidson, Glenville, Ga.....	2	---	---	1	---	1	112	45	157	10.00	900.00	4000.00	1st & 3rd
Harmony.....	Union.....	F. B. Cherry.....	C. L. Brown, Dukes, Fla.....	7	2	---	1	---	3	---	---	105	10.00	870.00	4000.00	1st & 3rd
Liberty.....	Coffee.....	L. B. Adams.....	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.....	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	42	5.00	72.19	2000.00	1st Sun.
Marietta.....	Tombs.....	---	Silas McLain, Lyons, Ga.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	106	10.00	342.85	2000.00	---
Memorial.....	Appling.....	E. L. Paulk.....	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.....	3	---	1	5	---	3	95	63	158	5.00	287.96	1000.00	1st Sun.
New Hope.....	Wayne.....	J. R. Graham.....	B. H. Anderson, Jesup, Ga., Rt. 2.....	---	---	---	---	---	1	52	20	72	6.00	170.00	1500.00	2nd Sun.
Philadelphia.....	Charlton.....	J. R. Graham.....	Mrs. O. F. Harden, Filkston, Ga., Rt. 1.....	15	3	5	1	---	1	58	33	91	10.00	264.97	1500.00	1st Sun.
Pine Grove.....	Appilng.....	E. L. Paulk.....	Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.....	---	---	---	2	---	2	60	36	96	5.00	328.68	3000.00	3rd Sun.
Pine Level.....	Bacon.....	E. B. Joyner.....	Mrs. L. W. Taylor, Alma, Ga.....	---	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	148	10.00	302.25	2500.00	1st Sun.
Oak Grove.....	Appling.....	W. C. Coleman.....	Ruby McLain, Alma, Ga.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	24	5.00	75.40	---	---
Oak Hill.....	Bacon.....	A. B. Adams.....	M. N. Steedley, Alma, Ga.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	11	31	5.00	103.00	300.00	3rd Sun.
Satilla.....	Jeff Davis.....	J. R. Graham.....	R. F. Connell, Hazelhurst, Ga. Rt. 2.....	32	5	2	2	1	1	170	79	249	10.00	439.08	4500.00	4th Sun.
Spring Grove.....	Wayne.....	A. B. Adams.....	R. L. Stewart, Rt. 2, Jessup, Ga.....	2	1	---	3	---	---	---	---	69	5.00	103.75	1500.00	2nd Sun.
Stony Hill.....	Tatnall.....	E. C. Morris.....	W. W. Rodgers, Manassas, Ga., Rt. 1.....	6	---	---	---	---	---	44	34	78	5.00	107.51	1000.00	3rd Sun.
Unity.....	Duval.....	C. J. Pitts.....	H. C. Thompson, 2755 Lenox St., Jax.....	2	10	3	---	---	---	49	41	90	10.00	290.00	4000.00	Full Time
Zion.....	Long.....	J. R. Graham.....	Mrs. Annie Jackson, Ludowici, Ga.....	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	4.50	72.95	1000.00	2nd Sun.