

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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Convened With  
**CORINTH CHURCH**  
BACON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
On  
**OCTOBER 23RD & 24TH, 1948**

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**PRESIDING OFFICERS**

Eld. Floyd B. Cherry, Moderator ..... Glennville, Ga.  
Elder I. J. Blackwelder, Ass't. Moderator ..... Alma, Ga.  
Elder G. W. Cloud, Clerk ..... P. O. B. 6111, Jax, Fla.  
Elder W. L. King, Ass't. Clerk ..... Baxley, Ga.

The next session will convene with Philadelphia Church five miles southwest of Folkston, Ga. on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1949. Elder E. C. Morris to preach the Association Sermon at 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

## MINISTERIAL ROLL

Eld. E. B. Joyner, Alma, Ga.  
Eld. J. B. Harris, Odum, Ga.  
Eld. A. L. Thornton, Hazelhurst, Ga.  
Eld. W. C. Coleman, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga.  
Eld. T. O. Morgan, 2248 Orchard St., Jax, Fla.  
Eld. C. J. Pitts, 540 James St., Jax, Fla.  
Eld. W. L. Mills, 430 Hermes St., Jax, Fla.  
Eld. B. A. Altman, Folkston, Ga.  
Eld. J. R. Graham, Surrency, Ga.  
Eld. A. B. Adams, Hazelhurst, Ga.  
Eld. E. B. Duckworth, Lyons, Ga.  
Eld. Theo. M. Carter, Surrency, Ga.  
Eld. E. C. Morris, 606 Belmont Ave., Tifton, Ga.  
Eld. F. B. Cherry, Glenville, Ga.  
Eld. E. L. Paulk, Alma, Ga.  
Eld. G. W. Burkett, 1617 E. 12th St., Jax, Fla.  
Eld. I. J. Blackwelder, Alma, Ga.  
Eld. Claude Hadden, Metter, Ga.  
Eld. Bessie Allen, Rt. 1, Thomaston, Ga.  
Eld. G. W. Collins, Lyons, Ga.  
Eld. C. H. Haden, Mette, Ga.

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## LICENTIATES

S. H. Caudill, Highway Ave., Jax, Fla.  
Henry Mills, Alma, Ga.

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Bro. A. B. Brannen, Treasurer, Rt. 1, Jessup, Ga.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

F. B. Cherry	I. J. Blackwelder
G. W. Cloud	Geo. Hutto
T. F. Johnson	

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## ORDAINING COUNCIL

I. J. Blackwelder	J. R. Graham
C. J. Pitts	

# PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-first annual session of the South Georgia Association met with Corinth Church near Alma, Ga. on Oct. 23rd, 1948.

Eld. E. B. Joyner, Moderator, brought a short timely message and prayer.

The body was declared open for the business of the session.

Motion carried that we receive corresponding letters together with delegates.

Reading clerks were appointed as follows: Sis. Ruth Lightsey and Lillian Carter, to read the letters from the different churches.

As Eld. L. C. Johnson was unable to attend this session and as he was to deliver the Associational Message, the Moderator appointed the Pine Level Church Delegation as a committee to supply the pulpit for this morning's message.

They promptly reported that Eld. F. B. Cherry would bring the message.

Motion carried at this time we stand adjourned for the message and the dinner refreshments which were so much in abundance.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p.m.

## 11:30 Service

At 11:30 Bro. Cherry began his wonderful message using as the Scripture basis for his remarks St. Luke 15: 4,9,24, "Lost," as his text.

## Friday 1:30 P. M.

The body again called to order by Moderator after a song and prayer by Eld. Walsh Collins.

The body heard the reading of the letters from the churches.

Motion carried that we accept all those reported at this time with the Moderator receiving any that come in later.

All delegates seated as listed.

Motion carried that we nominate all officers then proceed to vote in order.

Vote taken resulting in the election of Eld. F. B. Cherry Moderator, Eld. I. J. Blackwelder Ass't. Mod., G. W. Cloud Clerk, W. L. Koenig Ass't. Clerk. A. B. Brannen was elected as Treasurer.

Ordaining Council as follows: I. J. Blackwelder, J. R. Graham, C. J. Pitts.

The Executive Committee composed of Mod., Ass't. Mod., Clerk, and Geo. Hutto and T. F. Johnson.

Called for petitionary letters and received one from Metter Church of Metter, Ga. and by vote of body, after reading their request they were seated and received into our body as one of us together with their delegates.

Delegates as follows: Sisters Claud Hadden and H. H. Hutcheson.

Moderator gave them the hand of fellowship for the body after which Eld. Claude Hadden responded with a few well chosen words.

Called for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations and no response.

Report of Devotional Committee at this time. Eld. C. J. Pitts to preach Friday night at 7:30 and I. J. Blackwelder at 11:30 Sat. morning.

Moderator appointed committee as follows:

Denominational Literature: Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Lollie McLeod, and Sam Altman, Sr.

Committee on Committees: Ruth Lightsey, E. L. Paulk, T. L. Rigdon.

Temperance: Henry Mills, L. A. Eunice, R. F. Connell, and S. M. Blanton.

Motion carried that we recess from labors until Saturday morning, 9:30.

The evening message by Eld. C. J. Pitts at 7:30 p.m.

### **Evening Service**

After a fine spiritual song service, the body was led in prayer by Eld. S. H. Caudill, and after a brief introduction of Bro. Caudill by Bro. Pitts, he made a brief testimony and gave over to Bro. Pitts for the evening message which was a great message.

After the close of the sermon, the body was homed by the local church in an orderly manner and we were dismissed by prayer till Saturday morning 9:30.

### **Saturday Morning 9:30**

The body called to order by the Moderator who brought a wonderful message from 1st Peter 3rd chapter.

Renewed the call for other churches and delegations. None received at this time.

Called for petitionary letters from new churches and Corinth Church of Oak Park, Ga. was duly received.

Visiting messengers from sister Ass'ns. called for and Eld. J. D. Little was recognized from the Little River Ass'n. and seated with us.

Delegations appointed to Sister Ass'ns.:

Little River: Eld. E. L. Paulk and Eld. J. B. Harris.

Salem, of Fla.: G. W. Cloud.

Chattahoochee: Eld. J. B. Harris and J. R. Graham.

State Ass'n. Nov. 16,17: G. W. Cloud, S. D. Harrison, E. C. Davidson, T. F. Johnson, and R. F. Connell.

Received different reports from committees. (Please see Reports).

Received Obituary from Marietta Church and as requested by the committee, we stood with bowed heads in silent memory to the departed members of our loved ones.

Led in a fervent prayer by Eld. E. C. Morris.

An offering was received at this time for the building fund of Oak Hill amounting to \$35.46.

After this, the body was dismissed for the preaching hour to be led by the Eld. I. J. Blackwelder at 11:30 o'clock.

### **11:30 Service**

The message was indeed a masterpiece, and was delivered in a wonderful manner.

After the message our State Promotional Secretary was introduced. Eld. E. C. Morris in a well chosen way placed before our people the state cause and explained its purpose in our church programs for the coming year.

At the conclusion of this item there was an offering taken for the cause and the amount received was \$38.00 for which Bro. Morris thanked the body.

### **Saturday 1:30 P. M.**

After a wonderful dinner prepared for us, we met for the closing matters of our Ass'n. as follows.

Motion carried that the Clerk have Five Hundred minutes printed for distribution to the different churches on a basis as shown by letters to the Ass'n, and if any church or group of people wish an additional number of minutes for themselves, they are to contact the Clerk before the printing of the minutes and pay the prevailing price for additional minutes desired.

New Hope Church at this time requested an additional one dollar's worth for their church and same was paid into the hand of the Ass'n. Clerk.

# REPORTS

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATIONS

Alabama: J. B. Thornton, S. D. Harrisons, J. D. Peacock, and Mrs J. B. Thornton.

Bethel: Leroy Altman.

Corinth (of Alma.): A. P. Wade, Henry Mills, P. R. Crowder, Owen Carter. Jessie Carter, P. L. Wade, and Marvin Jordan.

Lower Corinth (of Metter, Ga.): Sis. H. H. Hutcheson. Ebenezer: C. C. Wilkerson and wife.

First of Jax Fla.: G. W. Cloud and Sis. T. O. Morgan.

Glennville: E. C. Davidson, H. N. Baxter, L. C. DeLoach, Barney Baxter, and Sis. E. C. Davidson.

Liberty: C. Harkleroad, and Nat Winter.

Marietta: J. V. Lewis and Willis McLain.

Memorial: David Mann, James Blanton, Elmer Mann, S. M. Blanton, Mrs. James Blanton, Mrs. Elmer Mann, Mrs. Bertie Blanton.

New Hope: Coy Murry, Vernon Herrin, Melton Westberry, and Pearl Brannen.

Philadelphia: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chesser, Mrs. Leather Harbin, and Sam Alta.

Pine Grove: H. M. Strickland, Lorace Eunice, and Sisters Mary Lightsey, Ruth Lightsey, and Mamie Lightsey.

Pine Level: T. L. Rigdon, Herman Douglas, T. F. Johnson. Lellie McLeod, Mrs. T. L. Rigdon.

Oak Grove: W. L. Koenig.

Oak Hill: Ellis Williamson, Mamie Meekerhomer, Taylor E. Steedley.

Satilla: Hollis Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutto.

Stoney Hill: Talmage Anderson, Billy Jernigan.

Unity: Sis. Eua McCann, Myrtle Orvin and Sarah J. Murphy.

Spring Grove: Bro. Robert Stewart, J. L. Dukes, Sis. Robert Stewart.

Zion: By Pastor.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Resolutions:

We, the committee on resolutions, submit the following: We recommend that this body resolve to link our prayers and means together to bring to pass the proposals that have been made and adopted by all of the committees. We also recommend that this body give a rising vote of thanks

to this church and community for its hospitality.

Signed by Oak Hill Church.

### **State of Churches:**

So far as your committee is able to ascertain, all our churches are in good order and most of them are making progress. However some of our churches are neglecting the ordinances of Communion and Feet Washing. We urge all our pastors to insist that their churches keep these ordinances as often as feasible.

Signed by Stoney Hill Church.

### **Ordaining Council Report:**

We, your council, recommend that the ordination of all applicants be deferred at this time in as much as neither applicant has been called to the pastorate of a church.

Respectfully submitted by the Ordaining Council: I. J. Blackwelder, J. R. Graham, C. J. Pitts.

### **Support of Ministry:**

We, your committee on support of ministry, submit the following report: We feel that every God-called minister should be supported by the work that he serves so that he can put his full time into his services. We believe a minister should be worthy of his hire. Also we feel that great improvement could be made in the amount and method of supporting our pastors. We also recommend that our churches should have a regular Sunday morning offering in order to help keep up the treasury and be able to meet and support our pastors in a financial way.

Signed by Bethel Church.

### **Christian Education:**

We submit the following recommendations for Christian Education: First, we believe that education is essential for every individual. We feel these Talents remain hidden or undeveloped if proper training is lacking. Second, we feel that more thought should be given to the type of education our young people are receiving. Too often Christian Education has gone lacking. Third, we feel that it is the responsibility of our church to direct and train young people, but before we can do much in this direction, we need able leaders in our church. We recognize a need for training classes to train the teachers of our Sunday School in order to teach and direct our young people. Fourth, we should have our ministers encouraged to increase their educational status. We should be especially interested in encouraging our young people or young min-

isters to obtain all the training possible. Five, we feel it is our duty to support and cooperate with the Association in the raising of the three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) for the Free Will Baptist Bible College for the next year from the state of Ga.

Submitted by Memorial Church.

**Destitution:**

We, your committee on destitution, submit the following report:

We observe from the reading of the letters that all churches are supplied with pastors for the coming year. We find that part of our churches have no Sunday School, League or Ladies Aid. Some have not reported prayer services held in their churches. As these auxiliaries are great assets to the denomination, we recommend that our pastors stress that these auxiliaries be organized in the churches.

Submitted by Unity Church.

**Denominational Literature:**

We, your committee on denominational literature, recommend that our churches and church members be loyal to our denomination by using our-own literature, subscribing to our denominational papers and making use of the available helps that can be obtained through our denominational press.

It is only through our cooperation and patronage that our press can be strengthened and therefore be able to respond to the increasing demand for more and better literature. We urge that our pastors and church leaders emphasize the importance of our people's reading more wholesome literature, as it is quite obvious that the influence from the reading of unwholesome books and magazines is an outstanding evil of the day.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Aultman, Sr. Lollie McLeod, and Mrs. E. C. Davidson.

**Temperance:**

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following: We believe in temperance in all things that are permissible and total abstinence of all that is evil. We believe that if parents were more temperate in their every day living, conversation, and reading materials, Juvenile delinquency could be curbed. We believe the reading of trashy literature and movie going is largely responsible for our juvenile problems. Houses of correction are filled

with teen-agers and court dockets are crowded with crimes that have been committed by the juveniles of our country, and the cause has been brought about by our fast living, and the lack of discipline in the home. We are taught to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We recommend that good literature, such as the church papers, and good Christian books be secured as much as is possible in every home, that we as church people refrain from all gossip, and that our conversation be clean as becometh Christian people for we shall give an account of every idle word before God. We also recommend abstinence from all intoxicating beverages for no drunkard hath eternal life abiding in him.

Submitted by Com. Henry Mills, L. A. Eunice, S. M. Blanton.

#### **Nomination:**

We, your committee on nomination, submit this for our report:

We suggest that the next session of our Ass'n. be held with the church of Philadelphia, near Folkston, Ga. and that Elder E. C. Morris preach the 11:30 sermon Friday morning.

Submitted by Alabama Church, Committee.

#### **Sunday School:**

The Sunday School Committee report: We see by the reading of the church letters that some of the churches have no Sunday School, and some are not as progressive as they should be. We recommend that each church that has no Sunday School try to put forth greater effort in cooperation with the pastor to organize one. We believe the young folks as well as the old receive a lot of training through the Sunday School. We also urge that the Sunday School be represented in the Sunday School Convention. We urge that we bind ourselves together in prayer for the uplifting of our Sunday Schools, and that each teacher and officer examine themselves and live holy acceptable lives before God.

Submitted by Oak Grove Church.

#### **Comittee on Comittees:**

The following churches are expected to bring to Association next year the committee report assigned here.

Pine Grove, Nomination; Pine Level, Support of the Ministry; Philadelphia, Obituary; Satilla, Sunday School;

Glennville, Christian Education; First of Jax, Resolutions; Marietta, Temperance; Harmony, Destitution; Spring Greve, Denominational Literature; New Hope, Finance.

Signed by Committee: Ruth Lightsey, E. I. Paulk, T. L. Rigdon.

**Finance:**

We, your committee on finance, beg to make the following report:

Received from the different sources this session:

On hand from last year .....	\$ 4.18
From different churches .....	178.50
Total .....	\$182.68

We make this suggestion for your apportionment as follows:

For minutes of this body's session .....	\$ 75.00
Moderator services .....	10.00
Clerk .....	15.00
Treasurer .....	5.00
Eld. J. B. Harris .....	15.00
Sis. J. A. Blanton .....	10.00
Local Superannuation Board .....	15.00
National Association Fee .....	5.00
State Association Fee .....	10.00
Sis. C. C. Coursey .....	10.00
Brc. J. K. Westberry .....	10.00
Total recommended disbursements .....	\$180.00
Balance on hand .....	\$ 2.68

Respectfully submitted for your approval by New Hope Church as committee.

P.S. We recommend to this body that a free will offering be made at this session for the erection of a new building for Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church.—Signed Committee.

Offering, \$35.46.

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# OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries submit this our report.

We here and now invite this entire body to rise to our feet with bowed heads in humble submission to the will of the Heavenly Father and in silent prayer for thirty seconds as we commit them into His hands and we recommend one page of our minutes be dedicated to their memory.

The following were lost to the churches as follows:

New Hope Church—Trudie Bishop, Edith Wilson.

Glennville Church—S. O. Burke, M. S. Lewis, and Sis. S. O. Burke.

Philadelphia Church—Sis. J. E. Hardy.

Bethel Church—Florrie Osborn.

Oak Grove, Church—Sis. Dilla Stanfield.

Marietta Church—Mallie McLain.

First of Jax, Fla.—Rebecca Parramore.

Corinth Church—Mary Hughes, J. I. Hughes, Mitchel Bell.

Satilla Church—Gurry Quinn.

Pine Grove Church—J. Alex. Tuten.

Metter Church—A. D. Emanuel.

Ebenezer Church—Sis. S. H. Howard.

Alabama Church—Frank Brewton, Cameron Harrison, Sis. Allen Luke.

Zion Church—Janie Baggs, Nan Easterling.

Pine Level Church—A. J. Douglas.

Stoney Hill Church—Willie Rogers.

## 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, inherits 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 a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation through 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 Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God; 3. Continued 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; and 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 the 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." I 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 personal communion with God.

16. **Resurrection, Judgement, 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."

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### **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 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 knowl-

edge 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 principals sacred and Christian obligations 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 the 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.

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### 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 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 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 (Art. 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 general then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call for absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (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 this 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 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, 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 acknowledgement 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 conversa-

tion 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 unreasonable 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 monthly conferences.

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### **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 post pone 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.

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## 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.

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# STATISTICAL TABLE

Church .....	County .....	Pastor .....	Clerk .....	Baptized .....	Rec. by Letter	Prof. of Faith	Restored .....	Dis. by Letter	Expelled .....	Died .....	Female .....	Male .....	Total .....	Ass'n. Purposes .....	Paid Pastor .....	Value of Ch. Property	Meeting Times of .....
Alabama	Pierce	W. S. Driggers	S. D. Harrison					5		1	46	29	75	\$10.00	\$ 455.00	\$2000.00	*
Bethel	Appling	E. L. Pault	Mrs. Lillis										30	5.00	223.76		
Corinth	Bacon	J. R. Graham	P. J. Jarrard	4	1	1				3	80	61	141		254.69	3800.00	*
Ebenezer	Tatnall	F. B. Cherry	C. C. Wilkerson	5	1	1							183	10.00	1300.00	30000.00	
First of Jax	Duval	G. W. Burkett	G. W. Cloud		1	3	3	1	1	1	25	10	35	10.00	506.00	2500.00	x
Glenville	Tatnall	F. B. Cherry	J. O. Harriell	2		2		5	3		106	45	151	10.00	1250.00	6000.00	†
Harmony	Union																
Liberty	Coffee	W. L. Mills	O. V. Taylor										20	5.00	156.52	2500.00	†
Marietta	Toombs	E. C. Morris	Mrs. A. L. McLain	7					1		31	51	99	10.00	320.00	2000.00	¶
Memorial	Appling	E. L. Pault	S. M. Blanton	20	5						124	80	204	12.00	401.69	1500.00	
New Hope	Wayne	A. B. Adams	B. H. Anderson	15	2		5	2		2	68	29	94	13.50	255.75	1700.00	\$
Philadelphia	Charlton	J. R. Graham	Mrs. O. F. Harden	12		7	2	2		1	81	42	125	10.00	602.29	2000.00	
Piney Grove	Appling	E. L. Paulk	Mary Lightsey	1				2		1	43	67	110	10.00	366.37	3700.00	¶
Pine Level	Bacon	I. J. Blackwelder	Mrs. A. G. McLeod					3		1	77	54	131	10.00	690.21	5000.00	†
Oak Grove	Appling	W. L. Mills	Ruby McLain	6					1		20	21	41	5.00	178.00	1000.00	\$
Oak Hill	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	J. E. Shaw ....			21					24	11	38	5.00	146.00	15000.00	
Satilla	Jeff Davis	I. J. Blackwelder	T. E. Harrison	6				5		1			268	20.00	741.10	7500.00	\$
Spring Grove	Wayne	J. R. Graham	J. S. Wood	1		2		1	1	1			52	10.00	327.15	1500.00	\$
Stony Hill	Tatnall	F. B. Cherry	Ray. Jernigan							1	18	20			240.00		
Unity	Duval	C. J. Pitts	Mrs. E. H. Hains	4	2	7		1			36	16	52	15.00	480.00	6000.00	x
Zion	Long	J. R. Graham	Mrs. Coy Bowan										27	3.00	100.00		
Lower Corinth	Emmanuel	C. H. Hadden		1			1		2				72		1000.00	1000.00	†
Metter	Emmanuel	E. B. Joyner	Floyd Beasley		4				1				56	5.00	197.51	1000.00	

Please Note: † 1st Sunday; \$ 2nd; ¶ 3rd; \* 4th; and x Full Time.