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PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-second setting of the South Georgia Association was held with Philadelphia Church on October 21 and 22, 1949. The Moderator, Elder F. B. Cherry, being absent, the Vice Moderator, Elder I. J. Blackwelder, called the body together, after a few numbers in song and prayer, he declared the body ready to proceed to business, and a motion carried that all delegates in attendance from the sister churches, together with their letters, be seated.

Then followed the election of officers to direct the action of this body, was taken up at this time.

Nominations called for and Elder I. J. Blackwelder, J. R. Graham, and W. L. Mills, were nominated for Moderator and vote taken, resulting in the election of Elder Blackwelder. Assistant Moderator, nominations called for, Elder J. R. Graham being the only nominee, the clerk cast the unanimous ballot for Elder Graham.

Clerk nominations called for, G. W. Cloud being the only nominee, the Moderator declared him elected Clerk.

Brother W. L. Koeing was elected Assistant Clerk by unanimous vote of body.

Ordaining Council was elected as follows: Elder E. L. Paulk, W. L. Mills and E. C. Morris. A motion carried to elect the Executive Board from the body.

The following were nominated from the floor, and before the vote was taken a motion to declare the four names receiving the highest number of votes be the Executive Board, carried, and vote taken resulting in the election of Brothers George Hutto, Britt Brigman, J. M. Moore, Charley Altman. A motion to stand adjourned for the morning message and noon refreshments carried at this time.

At eleven-thirty A.M., Elder E. C. Morris entered the pulpit for the Association sermon. He read for our hearing the one verse from Isaiah, 62nd Chapter, Verse 10, then asked for the song to be used, "When I See the Blood." In addition to a masterful sermon, he took occasion to relate to us some of the activities of the state work and especially through the Department he so ably represents. At the close of the message, an offering was made to be applied to our Foreign Mission treasury, as he explained it was very low at this time. (Amount \$64.76.).

Body dismissed by prayer until 1:30 P.M. to allow for noon day refreshments.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P.M.

Body called to order by Moderator, congregation singing, "Let Him Have His Way With Thee."

After a very able devotional led by Elder Henry Mills, the Moderator called for visiting or corresponding messengers from sister associations, and the Elder Neal Parrish from the Georgia Union Association was recognized and invited to seat with us. Too, Elder H. G. Cruse of North Florida Conference was recognized and given seats in our body. From the Little River Association we received as delegates Brothers Ben Baker and R. M. Faulks.

Reading clerks appointed by Moderator to read the corresponding letters as follows: Mrs. Dorothy Harris and Mrs. Lola Hand.

Letters were placed on table and read as follows:
Alabama, represented by C. P. Brewton, J. B. Thornton, and Mrs.

A. L. Davis, and J. B. Peacock.

Bethel, represented by J. P. Beck, Mrs. J. P. Beck, and Lillian Altman.
Corinth, by C. L. Wade, A. P. Wade, W. M. Hollingsworth, Mary May,
and Sister A. Smith.

Ebenezer, by Carl Wilkerson and Mrs. Carl Wilkerson.

First Free Will of Jacksonville, Florida, by F. C. Peavy, G. A.
Sullivan, and W. M. Andreu.

Glenville, by H. N. Baxter, Mrs. H. N. Baxter, Mrs. Wallace Knight,
and Mrs. A. B. Davis.

Harmony, by W. L. Brown, Kenneth Clyatt, Mrs. Robert Klyatt, Mrs.
J. O. Fort.

Liberty, by Mr. and Mrs. C. Harkleroad.

Marietta, by W. H. Clements, Joe Coursey, and H. P. Moore.

Memorial, by David Mann, C. D. Rentz, Mrs. Burt Blanton, Mrs.
Joyce Mann, Mrs. Arthur Gooze, William Rentz, Perry Jears,
Mildred Paus, Joe Fowler, and James Blanton.

New Hope, by R. P. Anderson, N. O. Herrin, Melvin Musgrove, Clay-
ton Westberry.

Philadelphia, by W. L. Chancey, Alvin Chancey, Jr., J. E. Harvey,
Charley Altman, Sammy Altman, Sr.

Pine Grove, by Ruth Johnson, Tom Lightsey, Robert Bell.

Pine Level, by J. B. Brigman, Algieri Rigdon, Mrs. W. G. McLeod,
R. L. Floyd, and Billie Cauley.

Oak Grove, by W. L. Koeing, J. B. Ray, Mrs. J. B. Ray, Mrs. Peggie
Collins, Mrs. Hazel Coursey, Mrs. Henrietta Sellers.

Oak Hill, by Zeke Steedley, and E. Steedley.

Satilla, by George Hutto and wife, Grover Herrington and wife,
Eldrid Bullard, and Odessa Thompson.

Spring Grove, by J. L. Dukes.

Stony Hill, by Talmadge Anderson, Billie Jernigan, Mildred Ander-
son, and Mary Jernigan.

Unity, by Mrs. Dorothy N. Harris, Mrs. Carrie Nipper, Mrs. Betty
Holley, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barton.

Zion, by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson.

Metter, by J. F. Reardon, and Mrs. Floyd Beasley.

The following committees were appointed at this time, the devo-
tional Sammy Altman, Sr., as chairman of same.

Committee on committees as follows: H. N. Baxter, George
Hutto, Mrs. Lola Hand. A motion carried vesting Brother J. M.
Moore with authority to deliver the funds now held in bank from the
sale of Old Alma Church to the newly elected treasurer of the newly
organized group in the rebuilding of the Alma Free Will Baptist
Church. The devotional committee reported that Elder E. L. Paulk
was to conduct the devotional. For tonight's service and that Elder
C. J. Pitts will bring the evening message. By vote of body we now
stand adjourned for supper and the evening message.

Body called to order at seven P.M. by Moderator and congrega-
tion. Sang "Kneel at the Cross." After several more numbers the
Elder Paulk led in a devotion, and prayer offered by the Elder J. R.
Graham.

And before the evening message by Elder C. J. Pitts, the little

Miss Julia Davidson of Glenville, Georgia, favored us with a wonderful solo, "Was That Somebody You."

After the service by Brother Pitts, there was an offering made for the promotional cause amounting to \$32.05, after which we were dismissed to resume our labors at 9:30 A.M. Saturday.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Body called to order by Moderator and led in the grand old number, "To the Work." Devotions conducted by the Elder S. H. Caudill.

Renewed call for visiting ministers or delegates, and the Elder A. O. Clark of the Christian Church was duly recognized and seated with us.

Elder L. C. Johnson, the President of the Free Will Baptist College of Nashville, Tennessee, was recognized and seated with us.

Called for reports from the different churches and committees, and received and listed them in order, adopting them (See Reports).

The body took up as a special order of business the requesting of all churches to close our church year as of September. Last Sunday in calendar year was discussed at length and vote being taken resulting in the adoption of asking that all church years begin as of October, first Sunday in each calendar year.

Devotional committee reported that Elder A. B. Adams to conduct the devotion and Elder L. C. Johnson preach at eleven-thirty.

A motion carried that this body appoint a S.S. Committee. Same was done and Elder J. O. Fort, Britt Brigman, and Mrs. Ruth Johnson were named.

The question of our Association Union Meeting being in two parts was discussed at length and a motion carried asking that we all meet in one body as has been our practice in past years.

Adjourned till one-thirty for noon day service and dinner hour.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P.M.

Body called to order by Moderator. Devotions led by Elder Theo M. Carter. By motion which carried, the body voted to meet in Sunday School Convention with Pine Level Church near Alma, Georgia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1950.

A vote carried that a Credential Committee be appointed. Following named to committee: Elder J. O. Fort, Theo. M. Carter, and C. J. Pitts.

The following were appointed to represent us in the State Association of Georgia: W. L. Brown, G. A. Sullivan, G. W. Cloud, Mrs. Lola Hand, Mrs. J. O. Fort.

Flat Creek Church petitioned this body for admittance at this session and they were received and given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator, and in formation placed in our minutes, together with other statistics.

See Committee Reports.

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, wish to submit this as our report. First, we recommend that the next session of the South Georgia Association be held with Memorial Church near Surrency,

Georgia, and the Elder W. L. Mills preach the introductory sermon at 11:30 A.M. Friday. Respectfully submitted by Pine Grove Church as committee.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, recommend that our churches and members be loyal to our denomination and show same by using our own literature, subscribing to our denominational papers, and making use of the available helps that can be secured or obtained through our press. It is only through our co-operation and patronage that our press can be strengthened and therefore be able to respond to the increasing need for more and better literature. We urge that our pastors and church leaders emphasize the importance of our people 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 J. L. Dukes.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, recommend that the 1948 Temperance Report be again adopted and placed in our minutes as our report for this year, (same adopt as follows). 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 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 recomend that good literature, such as church papers and good Christian books be secured as much as possible for each home, and we as church people refrain from all gossip, and that our conversation be clean as becometh Christians, for we shall give an acount of every idle word before God. We also recommend the total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages, for no drunkard hath eternal life abiding in him. Submitted by your committee. W. H. Clements, H. P. Moore, Brooks Coursey.

FINANCE

We, your Finance committee on Finance, beg to make the following suggestions: We have received from all sources at this session, from last session on hand now

1948 Session brought forward.....	\$ 2.68
From the different churches.....	184.00

TOTAL ON HAND.....\$186.68

We recommend the following Expenditures:

For minutes of this Session.....	\$ 85.00
For clerk services.....	15.00
Treasurer	5.00
To Elder J. B. Harris.....	15.00
Sister J. A. Blanton.....	10.00
Superannuation Fund.....	15.00
National Association.....	5.00
State Association.....	10.00
Sister C. C. Coursey.....	10.00
Brother J. K. Westberry.....	5.00
Total Recommended Expenditure.....	\$185.00

BALANCE ON HAND.....\$ 1.68

We also recommend that in the future that when the church letters are given to the Finance committee, the money be left in the letter. Prayerfully submitted by your committee, The New Hope Church.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee chosen to submit for your and our approval and consideration, first we are mindful of the admonition, "Go ye into all the world," which implies that we are to carry the message to a lost world of our Lord, and as such, we are suggesting that you as a body look to the placing of an evangelist on the field to carry our cause to the remote places of the land.

We are urging this body to aid our missionaries in furthering our efforts to win the lost to Christ. Resolved that this body go on record as offering to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for their very gracious entertainment and care of us while in their midst. First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, as committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report; Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." First, we find too many of our members who are breaking the Sixth Covenant they made when they came into the church, a promise to God that they would labor for all phases of the church, and this includes the Sunday Schools. Second, some of our pastors are unwilling to help promote the Sunday School as they should. We feel this is the reason that we have no district Sunday School Convention. Third, every church and pastor should pray more for the youth of our land, and that we be willing to sacrifice more time to our Sunday Schools. Fourth, we recommend that this body make some provision that we have a worker in the South Georgia Association to organize Sunday Schools in the churches where we have none, and that each church have a teacher training course for the coming year. Fifth, let us bind ourselves together in prayer that God will dwell in our hearts and in the hearts of all Free Will Baptist people, that we must keep our covenant with Him. Sixth, we ask that this body take a vote on the fourth recommendation. Prayerfully submitted by Satilla Church.

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

We, your committee on Support of Ministry, submit the following report. Realizing that in past years our ministry has been inadequately supported by our churches, and this due in part to a lack of understanding of our duty in this regard, and realizing the Scriptures give very definite instructions in regard to this duty, we recommend that the Association appoint a committee on Stewardship, whose duty will be to encourage each local church to conduct at least one stewardship study course during the coming year. We recommend that this committee urge each church to appoint a Stewardship committee with whom they might work in promoting this Stewardship study. Submitted by Pine Level Church, committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We recommend that the following churches bring to the Association next year the reports as listed below. Nominations by Alabama. Christian Education, Ebenezer. Support of the Ministry by Harmony. Temperance, Corinth. Destitution, Memorial. Obituary, Oak Hill. Denominational Literature, Lower Corinth. Finance, Philadelphia. Sunday School, Unity. Resolutions, Stony Hill. Signed by Special committee as follows: H. N. Baxter, George Hutto, Mrs. Lola Hand.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, your new committee on Sunday School Convention plans, submit the following report: date of the next Sunday School Convention, Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1950; place, Pine Level Church near Alma, Georgia.

We further recommend that this Association endorse the selection of Elder I. J. Blackwelder as Field Secretary, his duties will be to visit churches in interest of Sunday School work, take offerings and teach courses in Sunday Schools. He shall make reports to and work under the direction of this committee. Signed J. O. Fort, chairman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Realizing that a goodly number of our churches are not using to the fullest advantage the Sunday School League and Woman's Auxiliary to promote Christian education through these agencies, we also recommend that each church have a daily vacation Bible School during the coming year. If a church should need help in directing such a school, they may secure some one from our Free Will Baptist College of Nashville, Tennessee. We strongly recommend that each church make regular monthly contributions to our Bible College. The Glenville Free Will Baptist Church committee.

Obituaries

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit as our report this, we here and now invite the entire body to rise to our feet with bowed heads in humble submission to the will of the heavenly Father, and in a moment of silent prayer commit them into His hands, and we recommend that one page of our minutes be dedicated to their memory. The following were lost from our ranks during this year.

From Harmony Church, Mrs. G. W. Harrison and Walter Brooks. Metter, John W. Steptoe and Mrs. Julia Bell Cowart. Marietta, C. P. Wiggins. Unity, Robert Adams, C. B. Farmer and Mrs. Josie Kent. Philadelphia, Elder B. A. Altman, Hamp P. Mizell, Mrs. Florence (Mizell) Squires. New Hope, Mrs. Emma Blanton. Glenville, Charlie Stanfield and Albert B. Davidson. Pine Level, Mrs. Courtney Johnson. Spring Grove, Bob Westberry. Pine Grove, Phillip Beare. Bethel, W. H. Orvin, Sr. and W. Harvin, Sr. Memorial, Jasper Aycock. Corinth, George Duggin. Alabaha, Mrs. J. C. Brewton.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation, his posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance, or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him always. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, and 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

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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 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 word, 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 Christian 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 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 (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 acknowledgements. (6) For reference or 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

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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 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 member 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.

PRESIDING OFFICERS

Elder I. J. Blackwelder, Moderator Alma, Ga.
 Elder J. R. Graham, Assistant Moderator Jesup, Ga.
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 Elder G. W. Collins Lyons, Ga.
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 Elder J. O. Fort Lake Butler, Fla.
 Elder Henry Mills Rt. 1, Millen, Ga.

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 Elder J. L. Dukes Jesup, Ga.
 Elder Henry Mills Jr. Rt. 1, Millen, Ga.
 Elder M. L. Powell Midville, Ga.

STATISTICAL RECORD

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR, 1949	CLERK and P. O. ADDRESS	Baptized	Letter	Profession	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died	Female	Male	Total	Asso. Purposes	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property	Meeting Dates
Alabaha.....	Pierce.....	W. S. Driggers.....	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.	3						1	48	29	77	\$10.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 2000.00	4 Sun.
Bethel.....	Appling.....	A. B. Adams.....	Miss Lillian Altman, Baxley, Ga.....					1		1	22	17	39	5.00	34.78	1000.00	
Corinth.....	Bacon.....	J. R. Graham.....	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga.....					1	1	1	58	79	137	5.00	156.87	3500.00	3 Sun.
Ebenezer.....	Fattnall.....	F. B. Cherry.....	C. C. Wilkerson, Glenville, Ga.....	8					2					10.00	1400.00	30000.00	1-3 Sun.
First of Jax.....	Duval.....	G. W. Burkett.....	G. W. Cloud, Box 6111, Jax, Fla.....	14	3	5	1	1	2		31	23	54	20.00	554.65	2500.00	Full Time
Glenville.....	Fatnall.....	F. B. Cherry.....	J. O. Harrel, Glenville, Ga.....	4					7	2			156	10.00	1400.00	4500.00	2-4 Sun.
Harmony.....	Union.....	J. O. Fort.....	C. L. Brown, Lake Butler, Fla.....	5		1		2		2			125	10.00	1800.00	1000.00	Full Time
Liberty.....	Coffee.....	W. L. Mills.....	O. V. Taylor, Westgreen, Ga.....										20	5.00	136.78	2000.00	3 Sun.
Marietta.....	Toombs.....	E. C. Morris.....	Mrs. O. L. McLain, Lyons, Ga.....	3		3				1			65	10.00	450.00	2000.00	3 Sun.
Memorial.....	Appling.....	E. L. Paulk.....	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.....	7		2		4	4	1	124	80	204	12.00	384.35	3000.00	1 Sun.
New Hope.....	Wayne.....	A. B. Adams.....	Coy Muray, Jesup, Ga.....	2	1					1	62	33	95	10.00	207.69	1700.00	2 Sun.
Philadelphia.....	Chariton.....	J. R. Graham.....	Mrs. O. F. Harden, Folkston, Ga.....	10		2	2	1		3	92	41	133	10.00	605.44	2000.00	1-3 Sun.
Pine Grove.....	Appling.....	E. L. Paulk.....	Mrs. Mary Lightsee, Bristol, Ga.....	5					2	1			113	7.00	455.19	3500.00	3 Sun.
Pine Level.....	Bacon.....	I. J. Blackwelder.....	Mrs. W. G. McLeod, Alma, Ga.....	16	3	15		2		1	82	60	142	10.00	798.54	5000.00	1-3 Sun.
Oak Grove.....	Appling.....	W. L. Mills.....	Mrs. Ruby McLain, Baxley, Ga.....	1	2	1					21	22	43	5.00	263.00	1000.00	3 Sun.
Oak Hill.....	Bacon.....	E. B. Joyner.....	M. N. Steedly, Alma, Ga.....								16	21	37	5.00	150.00	3000.00	4 Sun.
Satilla.....	Jeff Davis.....	I. J. Blackwelder.....	T. E. Harrison, Hazelhurst, Ga.....	1	1	1		3			128	140	268	10.00	965.00	7500.00	2-4 Sun.
Spring Grove.....	Wayne.....	J. R. Graham.....	J. S. Woods, Jesup, Ga.....	8				2	3		17	37	54	5.00	195.00	2500.00	2 Sun.
Stony Hill.....	Fatnall.....	F. B. Cherry.....	Raymond Jernigan, Glenville, Ga.....					2					33	5.00	200.00	1200.00	1 Sun.
Metter.....		Theo. M. Carter.....	Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Metter, Ga.....							2			57	5.00	122.25		2 Sun.
Lower Corinth.....																	
Unity.....	Duval.....	C. J. Pitts.....	Mrs. Dorothy Harris, Jax, Fla.....	18	1	9	6	3	3		50	30	80	10.00	480.00	6600.00	Full Time
Zion.....	Long.....	J. R. Graham.....	Mrs. Sallie Brown, Ludlowici, Ga.....	1									24	2.00	67.60	150.00	3 Sun.
Deep Creek.....		Henry Mills.....	Mrs. Virgie L. Oglesby, Millen, Ga.....	44						1			150	5.00	420.00		4 Sun.