

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy Third Annual Session
OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONVENED WITH
Memorial Free Will Baptist Church

Near Surrency, Georgia

on
OCTOBER 20th and 21st, 1950

PRESIDING OFFICERS

ELDER E. C. MORRIS, Moderator-----Tifton, Ga.
ELDER J. R. GRAHAM, Assistant Moderator-----Jesup, Ga.
ELDER T. M. CARTER, CLERK----600 Monk St. Brunswick, Ga.
BROTHER T. E. HARRISON, Assistant Clerk----Hazlehurst, Ga.

The next session of the Association will convene with Alabaha Free Will Baptist Church near Blackshear, Georgia on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1951 at ten a. m. Elder A. B. Adams will preach the introductory sermon on Friday at 11:30 a. m. Elder Ralph Lightsey is the Alternate.

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy Third Annual Session
OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONVENED WITH
Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
Near Surrency, Georgia

on
OCTOBER 20th and 21st, 1950

PRESIDING OFFICERS

ELDER E. C. MORRIS, Moderator.....Tifton, Ga.
ELDER J. R. GRAHAM, Assistant Moderator.....Jesup, Ga.
ELDER T. M. CARTER, CLERK____600 Monk St. Brunswick, Ga.
BROTHER T. E. HARRISON, Assistant Clerk____Hazlehurst, Ga.

The next session of the Association will convene with Alabaha Free Will Baptist Church near Blackshear, Georgia on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1951 at ten a. m. Elder A. B. Adams will preach the introductory sermon on Friday at 11:30 a. m. Elder Ralph Lightsey is the Alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-third setting of the South Georgia Association was held with Memorial Church on October 20th and 21st, 1950. The Moderator, Elder I. J. Blackwelder, was present and at 10:00 A. M. opened the session by singing the hymn "Traveling On."

After a devotional led by Elder T. M. Carter from 2nd Chronicles 7:12-14, the moderator declared the session open.

An address of welcome was delivered at this time by Elder E. L. Paulk, the host pastor.

The Moderator appointed Elder E. C. Morris to serve on the credentials committee in the absence of Elder J. O. Fort. The duties of this committee are to report on the eligibility of the delegates from the sister churches and other matters coming before them regarding credentials and etc.

After the appointment of Elder Morris, who was to act as chairman, the committee retired from the church to take up any business which might be presented.

An announcement was made at this time concerning the absence of Elder W. L. Mills, who was unable to attend the Association because of the seriousness of our dear Brother L. C. Peavy.

Elder T. H. Wylley our Missionary to Cuba, was presented at this time, who gave a wonderful report of our Free Will Baptist work in Cuba. The devotions committee recommended that Elder L. H. Moulton bring the Associational sermon in the absence of Elder W. L. Mills.

Brother G. W. Cloud reported his visit to the Salem Association of Florida, where he was seated and received as a delegate.

Elder J. B. Harris made a brief report as to his physical condition and his inability to visit the sister associations.

The credentials made their report, and all delegates were seated except those from Deep Creek and Corinth Churches.

After a brief intermission the body reconvened for the 11:30 sermon by Elder Moulton.

The services were opened by singing the hymn "Did You Think To Pray"? Scripture 1st Peter 3-18. Subject Missions.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

At 1:30 the congregation was called to order and the body sang "Beautiful Robes". The body was led in prayer by Elder W. C. Coleman. The Devotional committee, composed of Brothers John B. Thornton, David Mann and Dennis Moore made its report at this time for the remainder of the session.

Other matters having taken the time of the morning, the election of officers was not held until this time.

Elder T. M. Carter and Brother G. W. Cloud were nominated for the place of clerk. Elder T. M. Carter was elected for clerk.

Brother T. E. Harrison and Brother G. W. Cloud were nominated for assistant clerk with the election of Brother T. E. Harrison.

Elder I. J. Blackwelder, Elder Ralph Lightsey and Elder E.

C. Morris were nominated for Moderator, with the election of Elder E. C. Morris. Elders J. R. Graham, C. J. Pitts and I. J. Blackwelder were nominated for the place of assistant Moderator which resulted in the election of Elder J. R. Graham.

Brother S. M. Altman Sr., was elected treasurer and the ordaining council elected is composed of Elders E. L. Paulk, I. J. Blackwelder, and C. J. Pitts. Elders J. O. Fort, T. M. Carter, and C. J. Pitts were elected to serve as the Credentials Committee.

Those elected to serve on the Executive Board are; Brothers George Hutto, J. M. Moore, Charley Altman.

At this time a petitionary letter was read from the newly organized church at Grand Crossing Florida. After hearing the petition from this church, it was carried that the church at Grand Crossing be given admission to the Association.

Reading clerks were appointed by the Moderator to read the corresponding letters as follows; Brother G. W. Cloud and Elder Ralph Lightsey.

Letters were placed on the table and read as follows: Alabaha by Bro. and Sister John B. Thornton, Bro. and Sister Reggie Thornton and Sister Lida Smith.

Bethel by Brother Franklin Johnson and Brother Wilford Harding.

Corinth by Brothers A. P. Wade and J. I. Hughes.

Ebenezer by Sister W. N. Purcell and Sister R. N. Moody.

First of Jacksonville by Brother G. W. Cloud.

Glennville by Bro. and Sister H. N. Baxter and Bro. and Sister R. E. Kicklighter.

Harmony by letter.

Liberty by Brothers O. V. Taylor and C. Harkleroad.

Marietta by Brother and Sister Willis McLain, Sister A. L. McLain, Brother Tom Wiggins and Brother Dennis Moore.

Memorial by Brother David Mann, B. O. Googe, J. A. Blanton, C. W. Rentz, G. C. Carter, John F. Page, Willie M. Carter, R. L. Dykes, Perry Deen, W. C. Rentz, James Blanton, and S. M. Blanton.

New Hope by Brothers A. B. Brannen, Clayton Westberry, Melvin Westberry and Sister Pearl Brannen.

Philadelphia by Bro. and Sister Harry Chesser, Bro. and Sister Joe A. Prevatt, and Bro. and Sister E. W. Shiver.

Piney Grove by Brothers Don Brannen, Roy Brannen, L. A. Eunice and Sister Mary Lightsey.

Pine Level by Brothers J. B. Brigman, T. F. Johnson, Herman Douglas, J. A. Tanner, Sister W. G. McLeod, and S. B. Brigman.

Oak Grove by Brother and Sister Jabez Ray and Brother Henry Sellers.

Oak Hill by Brothers Homer Taylor, and Ellis Williamson and Sister Ada Taylor and Marshall Smart.

Satilla by Brothers George Hutto, W. W. Burrow, T. E. Harrison and L. E. Hutto and Sisters George Hutto, W. W. Burrow, Girtman Phillips, Ada Beth Phillips, and A. B. Adams.

Spring Grove by Brothers John Dukes and Robert C. Carter

and Sister Robert C. Carter.

Stony Hill by Brothers Harvey Standard, Talmadge Anderson, and James H. Albert.

Metter by Brother Paul Sanders and Sisters Julian Burden and John McDaniel.

Lower Corinth by Brothers John Larissey and Leon Wiggins.

Unity by Brothers E. H. Harris, Harley Andrews, G. M. Nipper and Sisters Sarah Jane Murphy and J. C. Benton.

Zion by Brother and Sister W. H. Jackson and Brother and Sister W. E. Hope.

Deep Creek, delegates not seated.

Grand Crossing no delegates as this church petitioned for admission to the association at this time.

Upper Corinth not represented.

The body Adjourned for the Afternoon.

After a period of rest and visiting, supper was served on the church grounds in a nice and refreshing fashion.

At seven o'clock the body re-convened for the evening service. After an able devotion and song service, Brother Wylley, our Free Will Baptist Missionary to Cuba delivered a very inspiring sermon, including in his discourse some of the various phases of his work as a Missionary.

SATURDAY A. M. OCT. 21, 1950

The body was called to order by the Moderator, who conducted the devotional by reading the 133 Psalm. The body sang hymn "Just Over in The Gloryland" followed by prayer by Brother G. W. Cloud.

Letters and delegates were called for from churches not represented Friday.

Letter and delegates from Stony Hill read and delegates seated.

The devotional committee recommended that Elder C. J. Pitts, deliver the devotional and Elder Ralph Lightsey bring the message for Saturday at 11 o'clock.

The committee on committees composed of Brothers H. N. Baxter, George Hutto, and G. W. Cloud made its report and it was adopted.

The credentials committee made its report and the report was carried with only one dissenting vote.

Elder Ralph Lightsey requested that the body adopt some plan whereby a more rigid type of regulations be adopted in ordaining our ministers.

Brother Wylley makes statement about courses of study to be adopted for men wishing to become ministers.

The Chairman asked Elder Lightsey to write his motion in the form of a resolution for the resolutions committee.

Corresponding messengers were called for to visit sister associations.

Messengers volunteered as follows:

Chattahoochee, Elder J. B. Harris and Sister W. G. McLeod.

Georgia Union, Elder W. C. Coleman and A. B. Adams.

Little River, Elder J. B. Harris and Brother T. E. Harrison.

Union, Brother T. E. Harrison and Elder E. B. Joyner.

Midway Elder, E. C. Morris.

State Association, Brothers T. E. Harrison, George Hutto, J. B. Brigman, Sister J. B. Brigman, and W. G. McLeod.

National Association, Brother G. W. Cloud.

The body recessed business at this time for the morning message.

After a very able devotion on the subject of unity, by Elder C. J. Pitts, Elder Ralph Lightsey brought a very time and forceful message. His subject was "And The Fire Fell."

The body adjourned for the noon and social hour. Dinner was again spread and enjoyed by every one.

SATURDAY P. M. 1:30 O'CLOCK

Body called to order by the Moderator. After a song and prayer service the body went into the session of the afternoon.

The various committee reports were read and adopted.

The resolution prepared by Elder Lightsey was read and adopted and is as follows:

Resolved: That a period of not less than one year elapse between the time of license and the time of ordination of a regular member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

2. That a period of not less than three years elapse between the time of license and the time of ordination of a member coming from another denomination.

3. That a member coming to us from another denomination as a candidate for the Free Will Baptist ministry must be examined by the ordaining committee before any local church can grant him license to preach.

4. That a set of books (consisting of one volume from each of these subjects: (1) Free Will Baptist Doctrine, (2) Great Doctrines of the Bible, (3.) Personal Soul-Winning, (4.) The Art of Preaching, (5.) English Grammar, (6.) Church Management, (7.) Sunday School Administration, (8.) Free Will Baptist Leagues, (9.) Woman's Auxiliary) be made available to each candidate for the ministry in the association. The books are to be loaned to the candidate at his request.

5. That each candidate for the ministry in the Free Will Baptist Church, who cannot or will not attend our Free Will Baptist College or some other approved college for at least two years, be required to pass an examination on each of these books before he can be ordained. This applies also to those coming to us from other denominations.

Following the adoption of these resolutions the body was ready to go into the ordination service.

The Ordaining Council, composed of Elders E. L. Paulk, I. J. Blackwelder and C. J. Pitts, took their place around the pulpit and asked for the candidates for ordination to come forward.

Elders S. H. Caudill, J. C. Benson and W. L. Purvis came forward and in a very touching and impressive ceremony these three were set aside by the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association as ministers of the gospel. A very timely and fitting charge was given to these ministers. Following this was a prayer of consecration by Elder W. C. Coleman.

It was moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Memorial Church for the splendid way it had taken care of the association. It was moved that the association adjourn to meet with Alabama Free Will Baptist on Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1951.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following report; We find, that with the exceptions of three or four of our churches, all have organized Sunday Schools. We recommend that the pastors of all churches stress to the parents of their churches the importance of youth training in our Sunday Schools.

The Free Will Baptist youth of to-day will be the Free Will Baptist Church of tomorrow. We recommend that all churches have a Training Course for their teachers (Second Timothy 2-15) Study to Show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your committee on finance beg to make the following suggestions; We have received from all sources at this session as follows:

On hand	\$1.68
From the churches	\$187.00
Total on hand	\$188.68

We recommend the following expenditures;

For minutes	\$100.00
Clerk	\$15.00
For Treasurer	\$5.00
Elder J. B. Harris	\$15.00
Superannuation	\$15.00
National Association	\$5.00
State Association	\$10.00
Sister C. C. Coursey	\$10.00
Bro. J. K. Westberry	\$5.00
Moderator	\$10.00
Total recommended expenditures	\$190.00
Refund from G. W. Cloud on minutes	\$20.00
Balance on hand	\$13.68
Total balance to date	\$23.68

We also recommend that we continue to leave the money in the letters, when given to the finance committee. Prayerfully submitted by your committee. The Philadelphia Church

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on nominations beg to submit the following report;

The South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with Alabaha Church on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October 1951.

We recommend that Elder A. B. Adams preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Ralph Lightsey be his alternate.

COMMITTEE ON DESTITUTION

We, your committee on destitution wish to make the following report;

We find that the following churches are without a pastor for the 1950-51 Associational Year: Deep Creek, Corinth, First Free Will Baptist of Jacksonville and Metter Church.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education, feel that the time has arrived for our churches to set up a standard for denominational leaders. Christian Education is very important and should be stressed, not only in every local church, but this committee feels that the ordaining council carefully examine every applicant as to his educational ability.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your ordaining council have carefully questioned and examined the four brothers who have come before us for ordination. Therefore we recommend that Brothers S. H. Caudill, J. C. Benson and W. L. Purvis be ordained. But we recommend that Brother G. S. Holton have his license renewed and that his ordination be postponed until later, as he has not been called to the pastorate of any church.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We recommend the following as our report for your consideration. Nominations by the First F. W. B. of Jacksonville, Christian Education, Harmony; Support of Ministry, Pine Level; Temperance, Marietta; Destitution, Bethel; Obituary, Grand Crossing; Denominational Literature, Glennville; Finance, Philadelphia; Sunday Schools, Satilla; Resolutions, Ebenezer.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

After much prayer and consideration, we, your credentials committee, offer the following report:

We listened to both delegations from Deep Creek and Corinth Churches and then talked at length with Elder Mills. Then after a series of prayers we came to the following conclusions:

1. According to his own statement, Elder Mills is in sympathy with the doctrine of another denomination.

2. General confusion exists in all the churches under his ministry.

3. He has made unbecoming and detrimental remarks of our ministry and has branded the layety, who do not agree with his belief, with unchristianlike conduct.

4. He has threatened the Association with a law suit, to prove all accusations, if an unfavorable decision is given against him.

5. He makes the statement that he will not abide by the decision of the Association.

6. Mr. Mills, was asked, by the committee, if he would be willing to resign his pastorate and let the churches call a neutral minister in order to preserve the unity of the churches. He declared very emphatically that he would not.

7. We do not believe that Mr. Mills is preaching sound Free Will Baptist doctrine, if so this confusion would not exist in such a great degree. God is not the author of confusion.

We recommend that this body silence Elder Mills and revoke his credentials.

Relative to the delegation from Deep Creek and Corinth Churches, if they are willing to abide by the decision of the Association, we recommend that they be seated. If they do not abide by the decision, of the Association that they have automatically withdrawn from the Association.

We further recommend that if these delegates automatically withdraw from the Association, by refusing to abide by its decision, that the churches, church property, and grounds be retained by the Association, to be used by those Free Will Baptist who are willing to abide by the decisions of the Association.

The body accepted the recommendations of the credentials committee by silencing Elder Henry Mills and revoking his credentials. It also accepted the second recommendation of the committee in retaining the possession of the churches, church property and grounds to be used by obedient Free Will Baptists.

Obituaries

We, your committee submit the following report;

That a page in the minutes be draped in black and that the body stand and with bowed heads reverence these our beloved brothers and sisters.

The following have departed from our ranks since last the Association met:

Oak Hill, Sister Mamie Meeker Corinth. Brother George Hyers. Marietta, A. L. McLain and Onnie Collins. Bethel Church, Sister Kate Orvin. Philadelphia Church, Bro. Archie Dinkins, and Sister Archie Dinkins. Alababa Church, Sister Sallie Walden. Pine Level Church, Brothers W. J. Courson, R. N. Harrington, Dr. L. W. Nelson and J. W. McClellan and Sister Ester Tanner. Satilla Church, Sister John A. Blanton. First F. W. B. Jacksonville, Brother L. H. Murrhee and Sister Doris Burkett. Unity Church, Sister J. A. Johns. Ebenezer, Brother T. L. Howard.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scripture 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 Savior 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 Ordinance. 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 uni-

versal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed 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 for 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."

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 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 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 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 E. C. Morris, Moderator ----- Tifton, Ga.
Elder J. R. Graham, Assistant Moderator, ----- Jesup Ga.
Elder T. M. Carter, Clerk ----- 600 Monk St. Brunswick, Ga.
Brother T. E. Harrison, Assistant Clerk ----- Hazlehurst, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder E. B. Joyner ----- Alma, Ga.
Elder J. B. Harris ----- Odum, Ga.
Elder A. L. Thornton ----- Hazlehurst, Ga.
Elder W. C. Coleman ----- Rt. 3 Baxley, Ga.
Elder T. O. Morgan ----- 2248 Orchard St. Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder C. J. Pitts ----- 520 James St. Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder J. R. Graham ----- Jesup, Ga.
Elder W. L. Mills ----- 430 Hermes St. Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder A. B. Adams ----- Hazlehurst, Ga.
Elder E. B. Duckworth ----- Lyons, Ga.
Elder T. M. Carter ----- 600 Monk St. Brunswick, Ga.
Elder E. C. Morris ----- 553 P. O. Box Tifton, Ga.
Elder E. L. Paulk ----- Alma, Ga.
Elder G. W. Burkett ----- 1617 East 12th St. Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder I. J. Blackwelder ----- Alma, Ga.
Elder Claude Hadden ----- Metter, Ga.
Elder G. W. Collins ----- Lyons, Ga.
Elder Sister Bessie Allen ----- Rt. 1, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder J. O. Fort ----- Lake Butler, Fla.
Elder S. H. Caudill ----- 5104 Highway Ave. Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder Ralph Lightsey, Candler School of Theology, Emory. Univ. Ga.
Elder J. C. Benson ----- 2710 Rever Ave. Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder C. D. Rentz ----- Baxley, Ga.
Elder W. L. Purvis ----- Macon, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Elder G. S. Holton -----
Elder Jesse Westberry ----- Baxley, Ga.
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 1950	CLERK AND 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	T. M. Carter	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Ga.	10	1	1		1		1	55	32	87	\$ 10.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 2,500.00	2-4 Sun
Bethel	Appling	J. R. Graham	Lillian Altman, Baxley, Ga.					3		1	21	17	38	5.00	107.45	1,000.00	4 Sun.
Corinth	Bacon	Henry Mills, Sr.	P. J. Jarrard, Alma, Ga.											5.00		3,500.00	3 Sun.
Ebenezer	Tattnall	Louis H. Moulton	W. N. Purcell, Glennville, Ga.	2				2		1			141	10.00	1,175.00	30,000.00	1-3 Sun
First of Jax.	Duval	Henry Mills Sr.	G. W. Cloud, Box 6111 Jax. Fla.	9				11	2	2	30	14	44	20.00	1,139.79	2,500.00	F. Time
Glennville	Tattnall	Louis H. Moulton	Otis Harrell, Glennville, Ga.	6						1			126	10.00	1,100.00	10,000.00	2-4 Sun
Harmony	Union	J. O. Fort	C. L. Brown, Lake Butler, Fla.	14	3			1					141	10.00	1,700.00	15,000.00	F. Time
Liberty	Coffee	E. B. Joyner	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.										20	5.00	132.23	2,000.00	3 Sun.
Marietta	Toombs	E. C. Morris	Mrs. O. L. McLain, Lyons, Ga.	12	3					2			85	10.00	450.00	2,000.00	½ Time
Memonial	Appling	E. L. Paulk	S. M. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.	9		1		6	7		124	77	201	15.00	441.00	3,500.00	1 Sun.
New Hope	Wayne	A. B. Adams	B. H. Anderson, Jesup, Ga.	1			2	1			66	33	99	5.00	141.60	1,900.00	2 Sun.
Philadelphia	Charlton	J. R. Graham	Mrs. O. F. Harden, Folkston, Ga.	14	1	1				2	149	101	250	10.00	661.26	2,000.00	1-3 Sun
Pine Level	Bacon	I. J. Blackwelder	Mrs. W. G. McLeod, Alma, Ga.	5				2		5	83	57	140	10.00	715.57	5,000.00	1-3 Sun
Piney Grove	Appling	E. L. Paulk	Mrs. Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.								73	40	113	10.00	363.55	4,000.00	3 Sun.
Oak Grove	Appling	W. L. Mills	Mrs. Ruby McLain, Baxley, Ga.	1				1			20	22	55	5.00	141.60	1,900.00	2 Sun.
Oak Hill	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	J. E. Shaw, Alma, Ga.	3	2					1			45	5.00	205.00	3,000.00	4 Sun.
Satilla	Jeff Davis	Ralph Lightsey	T. E. Harrison, Hazlehurst, Ga.	70	6		1	4		1	154	187	341	10.00	1,808.64	7,500.00	2-4 Sun
Spring Grove	Wayne	J. R. Graham	Clary C. Adams, Jesup, Ga.	8	2			3		2			59	5.00	262.95	2,500.00	2 Sun.
Stony Hill	Tattnall	E. B. Joyner	Raymond Jernigen, Glennville, Ga.	5	2								40	5.00	240.00	1,200.00	2 Sun.
Metter	Candler	T. M. Carter	Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Metter, Ga.		1					2			54	5.00	141.73	2,000.00	2 Sun.
Lower Corinth	Toombs	W. H. Purvis	Mrs. Zera Holton, Lyons, Ga.	20	7					1			63	3.00	400.00		
Unity	Duval	C. J. Pitts	Dorothy N. Harris 3529 Myra St.	24	5	5				1	58	43	101	5.00	480.00	12,000.00	F. Time
Zion	Long	J. R. Graham	Annie Jackson, Ludlow, Ga.					1					23	2.00	83.75	150.00	2 Sun.
Deep Creek	Jenkins	Henry Mills, Sr.															4 Sun.
Upper Corinth	Emmanuel	Claude Hedden															
Grand Crossing	Duval	S. H. Caudill	Amanda Dyess, Grand Crossing, F	18							11	7	18				F. Time