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PROCEEDINGS:

The Seventy fourth session of the South Georgia Association convened with Alabaha Church, Pierce County, 26th and 27th of Oct. 1951. The Moderator Elder E. C. Morris was present and at 10 a. m. opened the session by singing "At The Cross."

Opening with prayer by Elder C. J. Pitts. Scripture reading by the Moderator Rev. Chapter 12. At this time the moderator welcomed all visitors. Elder Emmitt McDuffie, from the Georgia Union Association, Bro. A. L. Sellers from Union Association, Bro. E. C. Roland, Bro. J. F. Cannon, Bro. A. L. Davis, Sister Louis Davis, all were received in Christian Fellowship by the body.

Elder J. B. Harris made interesting report of his visit to the Chatt. Association. Motion was made that the body welcome corresponding messengers, and visitors.

Move was made by motion to recess the session for 10 minutes before services.

FRIDAY 11 A. M.

The body was called to order by the moderator "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung:

Special song by Bro. W. L. Mills, Bro. I. J. Blackwelder, Bro. Page, and Sister McLain.

Message by Rev. A. B. Adams, Subject 21st Numbers.

Prayer by Elder E. B. Joyner.

After preaching an offering for foreign missions was taken.

The body adjourned for the noon recess.

A basket dinner was spread by the host church. This was enjoyed by all. Following lunch christian fellowship was enjoyed until 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY 1.30 P. M.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn "He Is So Precious To Me". Prayer by Rev. Neil Perrish.

At this time Rev. H. L. Knight made brief talk. Also Bro. G. C. Holing, Bro. Sam Parker was recognized from the Chatt. Association. Little River Association, Rev. Neil Perrish and wife.

At this time the moderator declared the body ready to elect officers.

In the results Bro. J. O. Fort, was unanimously elected

moderator and T. E. Harrison chosen clerk. Bro. J. R. Graham, chosen vice moderator and Bro. Grover Brewton, assistant clerk.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint the Credentials Committee. Rev. C. J. Pitts, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Bro. J. B. Brigman were appointed. At this time they retired from the body to discharge their duties.

The moderator asked Bro. Grover Brewton, Elder W. L. Mills to act as residing clerks. Letters read and adopted by the body and delegates seated as follows: Alabama, Bro. G. C. Brewton, Bro. C. B. Brewton, Bro. J. B. Thornton, W. T. Deloach, Sister Howard Thomas.

Bethel: Bro. Perry Beck, Bro. Welford Harden.

Corinth: Bro., Sister Claude Wade, Sister Owen Carter, Bro. Jim Hughes, Bro. A. P. Wade, Bro. and Sister G. W. Jordan.

Deep Creek: Bro. M. B. Drake, Bro. A. B. Bennett, and Bro. Carlton Whitehead.

Ebenezer: Bro. C. C. Wilkerson, Bro. Lawton Howard, Bro. Fred Purcell, Bro. R. D. Folsom, L. L. Hilton, Bro. R. M. Moody, Bro. W. N. Purcell, Sister C. C. Wilkerson.

Glennville: Bro. Otis Harrell, Bro. W. B. Kight, Bro. E. C. Davidson, Bro. , Sister H. N. Baxter, Bro., Sister Barney Baxter.

Grand Crossing: Bro. Charles Allen, Sister Nellie Allen Sister Clara Curry.

Harmony: Bro. J. S. Howard, Sister J. S. Howard, Bro. A. E. Crawford, Sister A. E. Crawford, Sister Horace Crawford, and Sister C. L. Brown.

First Church Jax: Bro. G. W. Claud, Bro. Argent Steedley.

Liberty: Bro. C. Harkerroad, Bro. O. V. Taylor.

Lower Corinth: Bro. E. C. Collins, Bro. A. E. Larriscy.

Memorial: Bro. B. O. Googe, Bro. David Mann, Sister David Mann, Bro. Coy Rentz, Bro. G. C. Carter, Bro. J. A. Blanton, Sister Wille Carter, Bro. and Sister J. F. Page, Bro. and Sister O. P. Carter.

Metter: Bro. Ralph Lively, Bro. George Beasley, Sister Julian Burden.

Marietta: Bro. and Sister Ira Branch, Bro. McCraney, Bro. Bennie Anderson.

New Hope: Bro. Coy Murray, Bro. A. B. Brannen, Bro. Lawrence Bonhannon, Sister Pearl Brannen.

Oak Hill: Bro., Sister William Steedley, Bro. and Sister Frank Bennett, Sister Delbert Williams.

Oak Grove: Bro. and Sister Estes Herring, Sister Nana Mae Ray, Sister Henrietta Sellers, Sister Bessie Roberson.

Piney Grove: Bro. H. M. Strickland, Bro. Hinton Harris, Bro. Tom Lightsey, Sister Mary Lightsey, Inez Brannen and Sister Ruth Johnson.]

Philadelphia: Sister O. F. Harden, Sister B. A. Altman, Sister James Anderson, Bro. S. M. Altman, Sr.

Pine Level: Bro. and Sister J. B. Brigman, Bro. J. D. Johnson, Bro. Alton Cauley, Sister Lola Hand, Sister Vera Wheeler.

Satilla: Bro. and Sister Gaines Quinn, Bro. and Sister George Hutton, Sister Corbett Carter.

Stoney Hill: Sister Grace Anderson, Raymond Jerigan, Talmadge Anderson.

Unity: Sister C. J. Pitts, Bro. and Sister E. H. Harris.

Zion: Represent with Letter by Pastor.

Credential Committee made report (See report.)

Following above report a general discussion was made in regards to seating the Ebenezer Delegation-it resulted in a vote 54 to 7 to qualify them for christian fellowship in this association.

4:30 p. m.

By motion made the body adjourn business session until Saturday a. m. at 10 o'clock.

Preaching Services 7:30 p. m.

Message by Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

SATURDAY 10 A. M.

The session was opened by singing "Standing on the Promises." Prayer by Rev. H. L. Knight followed by devotional message by Rev. R. C. O'Donnell, while the devotional message was enjoyed. Rev. L. C. Johnson our FWB College President made his appearance and was welcomed by the body.

At this time the moderator asked for reports of committees. (See Reports)

The moderator appointed committee on committees-Bro.

J. R. Graham, Bro. George Hutto, Bro. H. M. Baxter were chosen.

Motion carried to hear Rev. H. L. Knight moderator of State Association in brief interesting message on FWB State Camp, stressing the efficient services it renders in molding christian character-emphasized the need for our State Camp to be more liberly financed by the different churches.

By Motion, moderator appointed ordaining council. Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Rev. Lewis Moulton, Rev. C. J. Pitts, were appointed.

At this time devotional committee made report. The body recessed for a few minutes.

11 A. M.

The Association was called in by an inspiring spirtual service in songs.

Rev. L. C. Johnson gave a real heart touching message on the subject "Forgotten Stone."

After this great message a collection for the college resulted in \$462.05 for FWB College.

The body adjourned for lunch again these blessings were enjoyed.

SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.

By song and prayer by Bro. Cordell, the session was opened. The following committees heard and approved: (See Reports:)

Nominations

Support of the Ministry

Obituary

Denominational Liteature

Sunday School

Christian Education

Resolutions

Finance

A brief message was heard by our State Promotional Secretary Rev. E. C. Morris in special message uring each church in this session adopt and set aside on special collection monthly and send to support the unified program.

Ordaining Council made report (See Report)

The moderator appointed delegates to represent in the

State Association Bro. E. C. Collins, Bro. Gains Quinn, Bro. A. W. Shires, Bro. E. H. Harris, Bro. J. B. Brigman which convenes with Glenaville 12th 13th of November, 1951.

By motion made that association pay \$15.00 to delegates as Ent. Fees: for State Association.

Bro. J. B. Harris was recommended by this body to the State Association, to represent the State in our national association.

By motion Elder Lewis H. Moulton, Bro. Fred Purcell Bro. T. E. Harrison was chosen by the Moderator to sponsor and create ways and means to finance a national Radio Hour for our denomination.

Moved, second that the same members on the executive board be retained the ensuing year. The body gave rising vote of thanks to Alabaha Church for their generous hospitality.

By motion the moderator made appointments of delegates to visit our Sister Association. Bro. E. C. Davidson, George Union, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Little River, Bro. G. W. Cloud, Martin, Salem, Fla., Rev. E. C. Morris, Chatt.

The Ordaining Council, Ordained the following deacons, Bro. J. B. Brigman, Bro. J. D. Johnson, Bro. Herman Douglas, Bro. Sammie Harrison, Bro. Strickland. Ordination for Ministerial work, Elder G. C. Holton. The council composed of Elder I. J. Blackwelder, Elder L. C. Johnson, Elder C. J. Pitts called for the candidates for ordination and a very touching and impressive ceremony was given in charging them. Prayers by the council was a very fitting charge and in consecration of their lives to God. It was moved that the association adjourn to meet with Unity FWB Church of 2816 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla., on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October 1952.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We your ordaining council carefully questioned and examined the two brothers who have come before us for ordination. We recommended the postponement of Bro. Smith Ordination. We recommend the ordination of Bro. G. S. Holton to the ministry of FWB denomination.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We your committee recommend that the delegates of

Ebenezer Church be seated in the association.

Rev. C. J. Pitts

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder

Bro. J. B. Brigman

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following report. We find that there has been recommendation made in the last two Associations pertaining to Sunday Schools that has not been put into practice.

(1) In 1949 a recommendation was made to Elect a Sunday School Field Worker. The worker was elected but there has been no work done to your Committees knowledge. We recommend that this be investigated and a New Field Worker be elected and provisions be made for his expenses of travel or other expenses that might be needed.

(2) At the Association in 1950 there was a recommendation made that each Church if possible hold a Teachers training course for our Sunday School Teachers. This recommendation has not been carried out to any extent. We recommend that this be carried out in more of our Churches in the coming year if possible.

We also recommend that all our churches make a special drive in the coming year to promote a Banner Sunday School year. Prayerfully submitted Satilla Free Will Baptist Church.

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

We your committee on support of ministry submit the following:

Realizing that in past years our ministry has been inadequately supported by our churches which necessitates in a great many cases our ministers going into other fields for livelihood, recommend that we as a denomination give this serious and prayerful study that we might support our ministers to the extent that they can give more of their time to their churches and people that they might have a better social and spiritual understanding. Respectfully submitted, Pine Level Church.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature present the following report:

Inasmuch as our own Free Will Baptist Press prints and distributes material for use in Sunday Schools, Leagues, Auxiliaries and the various departments of the church. in the form of quarterlies, pamphlets, papers and booklets, we recommend use of the same to the fullest extent by every Free Baptist Church.

We further call attention to the fact that recently a change of personel has taken place at the Free Wil Baptist Press and we sincerely believe that in the future our Denomination Literature will constantly improve and even now is second to noe. Respectfully submitted, The Glennville Church.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, offer the following report:

(1) That we discontinue the printing in our minutes that part of church Decorum and Associational Decorum that conflicts with our National Treaties which we have adopted; and that we substitute that part of our National Treatse which deals with the same.

(2) Resolved: That our Associational minutes be printed and distributed to our churches just as quickly as possible after close of the Association.

(3) That every church in the South Georgia Association endorse and support the unified program of the State of Georgia. In support of this unified program it is the hope and desire of the State Denominational Leaders that each church receive and send in a monthly offering.

(4) Resolved: That as far as practical, every effort be put forth to begin the session of the Association at the appointed time in order to expedite the business.

(5) Resolved: That the letters from the individual churhes be read, omitting the financial figures, in order to expedite the Associational procedure. Inasmuch as this information is printed in the minutes for all to see, the committee feels that the reading of the church name, membership report, pastors name and amount paid together with name of church clerk and date of adoption should suffice.

(6) Resolved: That the South Georgia Association go on record as opposed to our Presidents appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and so inform our State Association with the hope that our State Association will protest this

action of our President.

(7) Resolved: That paragraph (4) four of our constitution be removed entirely from our constitution. Ebenezer Church, Roy Folsom, Fred Purcell Roosevelt Moody.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church, of Jacksonville, Florida, as your committee on nominations, humbly submit our report and ask that the next session of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist convene with the Unity Free Will Baptist Church of 2816 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida and that Elder I. J. Blackwelder bring the associational or introductory message. Signed by the committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your committee recommend as follows: Nominations, Alabama; Christian Education, Pine Level; Support of Ministry, Unity; Temperance New Hope; Destitution, Spring Grove; Obituary, Corinth; Denominational Literature, Ebenezer; Finance, Philadelphia; Sunday Schools, Pine Grove; and Resolutions, Memorial. George Hutto, Rev. J. R. Graham, H. N. Baxter.

FINANCE REPORT

We your committee on Finance beg to make the following report. We have received from all sources at this session as follows:

On hand	\$23.68
From the churches	201.45
Received of Bro. T. M. Carter balance left over	4.88
Total on hand	\$230.01

We recommend the following expenditures:

For minutes	\$100.00
Clerk	15.00
Treasurer	5.00
Elder J. B. Harris	15.00
Superannation	15.00
State Ass'n	10.00
Sister C. C. Coursey	10.00
Sister B. A. Altman	10.00
Bro. J. K. Westberry	5.00
Moderator	10.00
Total recommended expenses	\$215.00
Balance on hand	15.01

Respectfully finance committee, Philadelphia Church.

Obituaries

We the Obituary committee report the following deaths during the past year:

Ebenezer Church one, no name. Zion Church, Bro. Len Hope. Piney Grove Church, Bro Ellis Lightsey, Bro. Willis Lightsey, Sister Cola Lightsey, Sister Fannie Lightsey. First F. W. B. Jacksonville, Bro. Peavy Glennville, Bro. Arthur Bowen. Philadelphia, Sister Eliza Davis, Sister Mary Chancey. Ebenezer Church, Mrs. Rosa Baxter. Harmony, Mrs. C. L. Hilton, Bro. A. L. Anderson. Lower Corinth, Bro. J. E. Lariscy. Satilla Bro. Walter Spann, Sister Seaborn Smith, Bro. Harry Herrington, Sister Estella Overstreet, Bro. Joe B. Overstreet. Pine Level Church, Grady C. Johnson. Metter Church, Mrs. J. W. Steptoe. New Hope Church, Bro. D. H. Westberry, Sister Susie Blanton. Stoney Hill Church, Mrs. Ben Anderson. Unity Church, Sister Camilla Napier. Deep Creek, Sister Maude Oglesby, Sister Doll Powell.

Obituary Committee

We bow in humble submission to the Will of our Heavenly Father and ask that this body stand for a minute of silent prayer in reverence to these dear ones who have passed on to their Heavenly home.

Respectfully submitted. Grand Crossing Free Will Baptist Church.

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 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 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 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. Perserverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace perservere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of enternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinance. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and Lord's Supper, are ordiances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordiance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true belivers.

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 employment 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 enternal 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 obligation 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 suport of the church, 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.

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 acknowledgement. (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 brothern to cite each of them to the next conference.

16. No member shall be expelled unless he has been 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 they 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 anyone 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 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.

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.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder Emmitt McDuffie	Roshell, Ga.
Elder Lewis H. Moulton,	Glennville, Ga.
Elder G. S. Holton,	Lyons, Ga.
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 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 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. Benton	2710 Rever Ave. Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder C. D. Rentz	Baxley, Ga.
Elder W. L. Purvis	Macon, Ga.

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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 Report of The South Georgia Association

Number of churches 24. Total membership of churches 2,554. Total number received by baptism 111. Total number received by letters 36. Total number received other ways 26. Total number of additions for the year 173. Number dismissed by letters 41. Number expelled 39. Number died 26. Total number lost 106. Number of Sunday Schools 23. Total enrollment of Sunday Schools 1328. Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues 8. Total enrollment of Leagues 243. Number of Woman's Auxiliaries 7. Enrollment of Auxiliaries 127. Number of Weekly Prayer Meetings 8. Number of ordained ministers 27. Number of licensed ministers 2. Number of churches having full time services 4. Number of churches having half time service 11. Number of churches having quarter time service 11. Number of churches having parsonages 2. Amount paid pastors \$14,451.76. Amount paid evangelists \$2,216.55. Amount paid for missions \$1,289.25. Amount paid for Christian Education \$2,492.57. Amount paid for Superannuation \$88.69. Amount paid for buildings and repairs \$10,056.27. Amount paid for all other items not listed \$1,533.51. Total expenditures \$32,128.60. Value of Church property \$125,850. Value of Parsonage Property \$16,000.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR 1951	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Baptized	Letter	Profession	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Passed	Male	Female	Total	Asso. Purposes	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property	Meeting Dates
Alabaha	Pierce	T. M. Carter	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear Ga.	3		1					33	54	87	\$10.00	\$660.00	\$3,000	2nd 4th Sun.
Bethel	Appling	J. R. Graham	Miss Lillian Altman, Baxley, Ga.								20	22	42	5.00	97.55	1,000	4th Sun.
Corinth	Bacon	E. McDuffie	G. W. Jordan, Alma Ga. Rt. 2	13							38	89	147	5.70	327.52	3,500	3rd Sat. Sun.
Deep Creek	Jenkins	E. B. Duckworth	Estelle Brinson, Millen Ga.	3	3					2			151	5.00	271.74		4th Sun.
Ebenezer	Tatnall	L. H. Moulton	W. N. Purcell, Glennville, Ga.	16	6			4	3	1	65	94	159	10.00	1,500	30,000	2nd 4th Sun.
Glennville	Tatnall	L. H. Moulton	Otis Harrell Glennville, Ga.	7	2	7		1		1	49	89	138	10.00	1,500	20,000	1st. 3rd Sun.
Grand Crossing	Duval	S. H. Coudill	No Clerk	6	1	1					8	24	32	3.00		2,000	full time
Harmony	Union	J. O. Fort	C. L. Brown, Lake Butler, Fla.	1				4		2			132	10.00	1,845	20,000	full time
First of Jax.	Duval	E. D. Coleman	G. W. Cloud, Box 6111 Jax. Fla.	1	1	1		1	14	1	12	19	31	10.00	185.00	2,500	full time
Liberty	Coffee	E. B. Joyner	O. V. Taylor, West Green					1					19	5.00	189.50	2,000	1 st. Sun.
Lower Corinth	Emmunal	G. S. Holton	Allen E. Laricy, Lyons, Ga.								21	39	60	9.25	302.28	2,500	1-3 Sun.
Memorial	Appling	C. D. Rentz	S. M. Blanton Surrency, Ga.	19		1		6	1		85	129	214	12.50	468.10	2,500	1st. Sun.
Metter	Candler	G. S. Holton	Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Metter, Ga.							1			53	5.00	111.94		No record
Marietta	Toombs	I. J. Blackwelder	Mrs. O. L. McLain, Lyons, Ga.	8	11								119	10.00	831.65	5,000	1st. 3rd Sun.
New Hope	Wayne	J. R. Graham	Mrs Vivian Lanier, Jesup Ga.							2	33	64	97	5.00	254.31	2,500	2-Sun.-Sat.
Oak Hill	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	M N. Steedley, Alma, Ga.	5	3					1	18	27	45	5.00	541.85	4,000	4th Sunday
Oak Grove	Appling	W. L. Mills	Mrs. Ruby McLain, Baxley Ga.								25	25	50	10.00	308.60	2,500	3rd Sun.
Piney Grove	Appling	E. L. Paulk	Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.	4				1		4	39	72	111	9.00	400.00	4,000	3rd wkend
Philadelphia	Charlton	A. B. Adams	O. F. Harden, Folkston, Ga.					1		2	47	99	146	10.00	558.01	2,500	1 st. 3rd Sun.
Pine Level	Bacon	T. M. Carter	Mrs. W. G. McLeod, Alma, Ga.	4				9		1	54	80	134	10.00	890.00	5,000	1st. 3rd Sun.
Satilla	Jeff Davis	Ralph Lightsey	T. E. Harrison, Hazlehurst, Ga.	1			2	10		5	128	225	353	25.00	1,997.45	8,000	2-4 Sun.
Stony Hill	Tatnall	E. B. Joyner	Raymond Jernigan, Glennville Ga.	2	4			1		1	23	21	44	5.00	236.87	1,200	3rd wkend
Unity	Duval	C. J. Pitts	T. A. Napier 926 Saranace St. Jax.	17	5	13		2	21	1	44	70	114	10.00	920.00	12,000	Full Time
Zion	Long	J. R. Graham	Annie H. Jackson, Ludowici Ga.	1						1	7	15	22	2.00	56.39	150	3rd Sun.
Spring Grove	Wayne	W. L. Mills	Irene Tyre, Jesup, Ga. Box 342										54	5.00	645.00		3rd Sun.