
MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy Fifth
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONVENED WITH
Unity Free Will Baptist Church

2816 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

OCTOBER 24 and 25, 1952

PRESIDING OFFICERS

Elder J. O. Fort Moderator _____ Lake Butler, Fla.
Elder T. G. Hamilton _____ Glennville, Ga.
Brother T. E. Harrison, Clerk _____ Hazlehurst, Ga.
Elder Elton Coleman _____ 2613 owell Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

The next session of the Association will convene with Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church, Glennville, Ga., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1953, at ten a.m.

PROCEEDINGS:

The Seventy-fifth session of the South Georgia Association convened with Unity F. W. B. Church, 2816 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla., 24th and 25th of Oct., 1952. The Moderator, Rev. Joe Fort, was present and at 10:00 a.m. opened the session with a spiritual message in songs.

After prayer — Scripture reading and devotional given by the Moderator. At this time Rev. Joe Fort, Moderator, welcomed all visitors.

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

In the results Rev. J. O. Fort was unanimously elected Moderator and T. E. Harrison chosen Clerk. Rev. T. G. Hamilton, chosen Vice-Moderator and Rev. Elton Coleman Assistant Clerk, Bro. S. M. Altman, Treasurer.

Motion carried that Bro. J. B. Brigman, Bro. Gaines Quinn, Rev. J. O. Fort, Rev. T. G. Hamilton and T. E. Harrison constitute the Executive Board of the South Georgia Association.

Moved and carried (by vote of the Body) Rev. Elton Coleman, Rev. T. M. Carter and Rev. C. J. Pitts as members of Ordaining Council.

At this time a short recess and fellowship enjoyed before the morning message.

A spiritual message in songs was rendered, followed by a message, Elder I. J. Blackwelder.

The Body adjourned for noon recess. A basket dinner was spread by the host church. This was certainly enjoyed by all. Following lunch Christian fellowship was enjoyed until 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn, "Down at the Cross," followed by prayer.

The Moderator appointed Elder Elton Coleman and Elder T. G. Hamilton to act as reading clerks. Letters read and

adopted by the body and delegates seated as follows:

Alabama — Sister Jo Ann Allen, Mary Ellen DeLoach, Bro. W. T. DeLoach, Bro. S. D. Harrison and G. C. Brewton.

Bethel — Elder W. C. Coleman.

Corinth — Bro. Owen Carter and wife, Bro. and Sister Jim Hughes, Bro. and Sister A. P. Wade, Sister J. J. Carter.

Ebenezer — Bro. Joe Anne Hamilton, Sister T. G. Hamilton, Sister Nolan Purcell, Sister Jewell Anderson.

Glennville — Bro. W. B. Knight, Sister Ossie DeLoach, Bro. E. C. Davidson, Bro. H. N. Baxter and wife.

Grand Crossing, Bro. C. C. Allen, Bro. Dock Evers, Sister W. W. Peterson.

Harmony — Sister J. O. Fort, Sister Kenneth Clyatt, Sister Robert Clyatt, Sister W. S. Howard, Sister Howard Mann.

First Church of Jacksonville — Sister D. D. Pinkston, Bro. Charles Jamison, Sister Evelyn Beach.

Liberty — Rev. E. B. Joyner.

Lower Corinth — Bro. Harley Larissey, Bro. E. C. Collins, Bro. Thomas Collins.

Memorial — Sister Gladys Rentz, Sister Doris Carter, Sister Evelyn Long, Sister Willie Carter, Winnell Long, Bro. J. E. Blanton, Bro. Curtis McMillon.

Metter — Bro., Sister Ralph Liveley.

Marietta — Bro. Willis McLain, Bro. Bennie Anderson.

New Hope — Bro. and Sister W. S. Lanier.

Oak Hill — Bro. Zeke Steedley, Bro. Frand Bennette.

Oak Grove — Bro. Jabez Ray, Sister Adna Sellers, Sister Bessie Roberson.

Piney Grove — Bro., Sister Remer Rogers, Sister Mary Lightsey, Miss Betty Sue Boyett, Bro., Sister Lorace Eunice.

Philadelphia — Sister James Anderson, Sister Joe Prevatt, Bro., Sister Harry Chesser, Sister O. F. Harden.

Pine Level — Bro. J. B. Brigman, Bro. T. F. Johnson, Bro. Ira Douglas.

Satilla — Bro. Woodrow Burrows and wife, Bro. Gaines Quinn and wife, Fay Quinn, Ada Beth Phillips, Janice Quinn, T. E. Harrison.

Stoney Hill — Bro. Raymond Jernigan Jr., Bro. Billy Brazell.

Unity — None (host church).

Zion — By letter, Rev. J. L. Dukes.

Deep Creek — By letter.

Spring Grove — Bro., Sister Milton Tyre, Bro., Sister W. S. Tyre.

Friendship — By letter.

Motion made at this time the Chair appoint Committee on Committees:

Bro. Frank Bennette, Sister D. E. Pinkston, Bro. Tom Johnson, Bro. C. D. Rentz, Sister Letha Clyatt were asked to serve on above committee.

Motion carried that Home, Foreign Missions be added to Committee on Committees report.

At this time Rev. T. M. Carter made report on seven articles which completely covers a constitution and by-laws to be carried out in our Union meetings and amendment to Article No. 5 was changed to read, "To License and Request Ordination of its Ministers by the Ordaining Council of The Association," Rev. J. R. Graham, Rev. Elton Coleman, Rev. T. M. Carter, chairmen.

At this time it was asked by the Body that we elect a leader to organize a District Ladies Auxiliary in our Association. Resulted in the election of Sister J. O. Fort.

Motion carried — that twelve Ministers Certificates, twelve Licentiate Certificates and twelve Deacons' Certificates be ordered and to be properly signed by chairman of the Ordinating Council, also Moderator and Clerk of the Association as applicants, have — or may — qualify for same.

The Body voted the clerk pay for 500 church letter forms, these forms to be mailed out with the minutes to the different churches.

At this time Bro. G. C. King was received by the body, made an interesting talk, representing the Chatt. Association.

Bro. W. M. Wilson from Little River Association was enjoyed by his brief remarks.

Bro. A. L. Sellers, from Union Association, was welcomed in brief talk.

Devotional Committee made report.

Bro. Rentz 8:00 Devotionals.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton to bring the message.

Bro. E. C. Morris has been asked by the board to devote his full time to the State promotional work. He gave the body a very encouraging brief of the figures that show progress in our denomination and paid many compliments to the effort

put forth by the different churches. All associations in State made their quotas. (Collection offered \$46.88).

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of F. W. B. Bible College, made a very interesting brief message asking that all churches put forth special efforts during month of November to raise funds to pay off Balance of \$41,000 on college building.

Move was made to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

At 6:00 a lunch was served.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

We certainly enjoyed the message in songs, specially rendered by Bro. Elton Coleman, Unity quartet rendered spiritual message in songs. Elder C. J. Pitts leader in young folk courses.

FRIDAY, 8:00

Devotionals by Bro. Rentz. Message by Rev. T. G. Hamilton. Subject, "Stretch forth thy withered hand" Mark 4—1 to 5. God wonderfully blessed.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Devotions by Bro. Sellers—Led in prayer.

Motion from the floor to give the Chair the authority to appoint a clerk protem in the absence of both clerk and assistant clerk.

Recognition of the delegates from Stonev Hill church.

Call for reports from committees by the Moderator.

Reports received, read and adopted as follows: See reports.

Temperance, finance, Ordaining Council, Christian Education, Support of the Ministry, Destitution, Denomination Literature, Sunday School, Nominations, Resolutions, Obituary.

Bro. Gaines Quinn was heard at this time in an impressive brief talk on our National Radio Program. See Report.

Motion that the Statistics Page in Minutes carry the former Pastor's, Clerk's names and addresses.

Also extra pages in Minutes carrying names and addresses of newly elected offices in the different churches.

At this time it was voted by the body that our Association year end August 31st and new year begin Oct. 1st of each year.

Moved that Bro. Gaines Quinn act as Sunday School field

director and Rev. T. G. Hamilton serve as director of our Leagues.

Moderator called for report on Devotions Committee. In this report Rev. Elton Coleman. Devotionals Sat. 11:45.

Rev. J. O. Fort brings the morning message 12:00. These messages were enjoyed by the body, after which a basket spread of plenty of food and drink by the Host church.

SATURDAY, 2:00 P.M.

The Session was opened by singing hymn, "All Hail The Power." Prayer by Bro. Cordell.

Elder T. M. Carter asked that the applicants for ordination come up and be seated on front seats. Bro. Gaines Quinn, Bro. Dukes came very reverently. Then a very sincere and forceful charge was given them by Elder T. M. Carter. Then all ministers present formed a chain, and hands to laid upon the applicants then the chain of the Ordaining Council asked Rev. Coleman to lead the prayer of which was touching to the hearts of all present.

Rev. C. J. Pitts read and gave a brief message in spiritual denominational advice to them. This was followed by a heart-touching fellowship.

Motion carried that a committee of three delegates be named to aid in raising funds for the Bible College during the "Drive Month."

Bro. W. B. Knight, Bro. G. W. Cloud, T. E. Harrison, com.

At this time a rising vote of thanks was given Unity church for all hospitalities were ours and the sweet fellowship enjoyed.

After brief remark in invitations for the entertainment of the next session it was voted by the Body we meet with Ebenezer church, Glennville, Ga., on Friday and Saturday before the 4th in Oct. 1953. (Philadelphia, Spring Grove offered Host).

It was voted by the body that the clerk report letter to the State Association and we be represented with five delegates. Bro. W. B. Knight, Bro. Gaines Quinn and wife, Bro. G. W. Cloud, Sister J. O. Fort.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, offer the body the following report. We have on hand a former balance of \$20.54. Balance from '51 Session \$11.58. Received from this Session

Total receipts from all sources \$275.58. Disbursement as follows:

For Minutes, Letter forms	\$120.00
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	15.00
Treasurer	5.00
J. B. Harris	15.00
Superannuation	15.00
State Association	10.00
Sister C. C. Coursey	10.00
Sister B. A. Altman	10.00
	\$210.00
Balance on Hand	65.58
	\$275.58

Bro. J. B. Ray, Bro. Woodrow Burrows, Bro. Bennie Anderson, Bro. C. M. Burrows, S. M. Altman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Supt. Names and Addresses

Bro. Gaines Quinn, Satilla, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Bro. Lavergne Brannen, New Hope, Surrency, Ga.

Bro. McKenley Steedley, Oak Hill, Alma, Ga., Rt.

Bro. C. C. Allen, Grand Crossing, Grand Crossing, Fla.

Bro. Milton F. Tyre, Spring Grove, Jesup, Ga.

Bro. J. Lawton Howard, Ebenezer, Ludowici, Ga.

Bro. David Mann, Memorial, Surrency, Ga.

Bro. W. L. Collins, Unity, 218 Shortreed St., Jacksonville, Fla., phone 8-4178.

Bro. J. E. Harvey, Philadelphia, Folkston, Ga.

Bro. Charles Jamison, First of Jacksonville, 2248 Orchard St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Bro. Barney Baxter, Glenville church, Glennville, Ga.

Bro. John B. Thornton, Alabaha, Blackshear, Ga., Rt. 1.

LEAGUE

Presidents, church, addresses:

Bro. R. E. Armstrong, 1st of Jacksonville, 857 Huron St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Bro. John P. Pitts, Unity, 1224 Wolfe St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Bro. Eldred Quinn, Satilla, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Bro. Jobe Blanton, Memorial, Surrency, Ga.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

President, church, addresses:

Mrs. Woodrow Burrows, Satilla, Lumber City, Ga.

Mrs. Leila Aldridge, Philadelphia, Folkston, Ga.

Mrs. D. D. Pinkston, 1st of Jacksonville, 3005-w - 5th St.,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. J. O. Harrell, Glennville, Glennville, Ga.

Mrs. T. G. Hamilton, Ebenezer, Glennville, Ga.

Mrs. Berdie Banton, Memorial, Surrency, Ga.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Elder C. J. Pitts, Elder T. M. Carter, Elder J. B. Brigman

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

We, your committee, recommend as follows: Nominations, Glennville, Christian Education, Harmony, Support of The Ministry and Superannuation, 1st church of Jacksonville, Temperance, Memorial, Destitution, Marietta, Obituary. Oak Hill, Denominational literature. Oak Grove, Sunday School Satilla, Resolutions Pine Level, Missions, Unity.

Mrs. D. D. Pinkston

Mrs. Opal Howard

Bro. Frank Bennett

Bro. C. D. Rentz

ADDRESSES — Clerks and pastors, newly elected:

Ebenezer—Eld. T. G. Hamilton, Glennville, Ga.

First of Jacksonville—Eld. Elton Coleman, 2613 Lowell Ave.

Clerk, Miss Argent Steedley, 1613 Perry St. Jacksonville, Fla.

Glennville,—Elder T. G. Hamilton, Glennville, Ga.

Philadelphia—Elder J. E. Wood, Perry, Fla.; Clerk, Mrs. O. F. Harden, Folkston, Rt. 1.

Memorial—Willie M. Carter, clerk, Surrency, Ga.

Lower Corinth—Clerk, Mrs. Nane Earl, Lyons, Ga., Rt. 2.

Oak Hill—Clerk, Bro. J. E. Shaw, Alma, Ga., Rt. 4.

Satilla—Elder J. E. Wilkes, Hazlehurst, Ga., Miss Ada Beth Phillips, Hazlehurst, Ga., Rt. 3.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Resolutions committee, offer the following report:

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

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

3. That every church in the South Georgia Association

endorse and support the unified program of the State of Ga. In support of this unified program it is the hope and desire of the State Denominational leaders that each church receive and send a monthly offering.

5. 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 of the Association.

5. Resolved: That the letters from the individual churches be read, omitting the financial figures, 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 the name of church clerk and date of adoption should suffice.

6. Resolved: That the South Georgia Association go on record as still opposed to our President's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and so instruct our State Association with the hope that our State Association will protest this action of the President.

7. Resolved: That paragraph (4) four of our constitution, dealing with church property and the sale of the same, be kept in our constitution.

8. Resolved: That each duly appointed delegate from the various churches be registered, in a registration book furnished by the Association, by the clerk of the Association, or someone appointed by the Moderator, and also hold elections by secret ballot. Any ballot signed by any member of the body who is not duly entitled to vote shall be forfeited.

9. Resolved: That our church decorum should be revised to agree with our National Treatise which we have adopted.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL and CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Ordaining Council and Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

Upon examination we find Rev. Elton I. Coleman is in possession of F. B. Credentials and is a former member of the Antioch F. B. Church of the N. E. Miss. Association. We recommend that this body accept his credentials.

We also find upon examination that Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Jr., has credentials with the Little River Association of Georgia of F. B. We recommend that this body approve his credentials.

Upon examination we find that Bro. J. L. Dukes is sound

in the faith. He passed a satisfactory examination by answering the question asked him. Because of the age of Bro. Dukes and the fact that without his services the church to which he is called will be without a pastor, we have digressed from the educational qualifications and recommend that he be ordained.

Upon examination of Bro. C. E. Collins, Jr., we find that he has been licensed only a few weeks and he has indicated doctrinal teachings which are contrary to F. B. doctrine (namely an experience in speaking in an unknown tongue).

We recommend that he be silenced from preaching in F. B. Churches and that the church that called him call a F. B. pastor or it will lay itself liable to expulsion from the association.

We further recommend upon examination that Bro. Gaines Quinn, herein sound in the faith, be ordained as a deacon by this body or returned to his church for ordination.

Rev. C. J. Pitts, chairman

Elder T. M. Carter, member

Elder Elton D. Coleman, member

Bro. J. B. Brigman (cred.)

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, wish to submit for your consideration and adoption if found acceptable the following: that former suggestions as to teacher training courses be given due consideration and each church invoke the services of our S. S. Field worker if possible for him to aid in the proper procedure for the courses.

We further urge each pastor to endeavor to organize a S. S. in each church where none exists. Prayerfully submitted by Com. Piney Grove 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 Will Baptist church.

We would urge that every Free Will Baptist pray for those who prepare our denominational literature and that God will cause others to turn to this field of service so that

our literature might meet the need of our people.

Respectfully submitted, Ebenezer Church.

DESTITUTION

We, your committee on Destitution, make this, our report:

We observe from reading of the letters that one church is not supplied with a pastor for the ensuing year. We urge that each church try to secure their pastor before the convening of this body.

We find that some churches do not have Leagues or Ladies Aids organizations. We urge all churches to try to have all the cornerstones under the church that they might hold up Jesus Christ in a more Christ-like manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Spring Grove Church

SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

Oct. 25, 1952

We, your committee on Support of Ministry, submit the following:

Realizing that our ministry has been inadequately supported by our churches and that I Corinthians 9:14 says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." We recommend that our people adopt God's financial plan of tithes and offerings which will yield sufficient financial means for the support of all phases of the gospel ministry including our aged and retired ministers.

Respectfully submitted,
Unity Church.

E. H. Harris, chairman,
C. N. Burroughs, Perple Orvin, Committee

OBITUARIES

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following deaths during the past year:

New Hope, Sister Phronie Pye; Ebenezer, Sister J. A. Bro. Floyd Young, Rev. J. A. Westberry, Bro. Wildon Rentz, Baxter, Bro. L. O. Kennedy; Memorial, Bro. Oscar Gooze, Grand Crossing, Bro. S. R. Smith; Oak Hill, Bro. N. M. Steedley; Spring Grove, Sister Norma Sue Preveaux, Sister Georgia Griffis; Philadelphia, W. R. Rider, Bro. Charley J. Altman; Corinth, Bro. Dewey Smith; Zion, Sister C. Ginn, Bro. T. S. Hope; Stony Hill, one; Marietta, two.

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 those dear ones who have passed on to their Heavenly home.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinth Free Will Baptist Church

REPORT OF SOUTH GEORGIA RADIO COMMITTEE For Year 1952

Receipts:

Spring Grove, \$13.00; Marietta Church, \$26.00; Philadelphia Church, \$8.00; New Hope, \$13.00; Pine Grove, \$12.00; Alabaha, \$13.00; Pine Level, \$13.00; Deep Creek, \$13.00; Memorial, \$13.00; Glennville, \$52.00; Satilla, \$52.00; Ebenezer, \$47.00; Corinth, \$3.00; Ogeechee Union, \$10.00; South Georgia Union, \$20.00; Mrs. Dorothy N. Harris, \$5.00; **Total Receipts, \$313.00.**

Paid Outs:

Radio Station WBGR for 8 weeks, Sept. and Oct., \$14.10 week, \$112.80; Radio Station WACL, Waycross, 7 weeks at \$15.08 per week, \$105.56; Stamps and envelopes, \$1.30; Money and telegraph, \$1.14; Exchange on check, 10c; **Total Paid Out, \$220.90.**

Cash on Hand in Bank: \$92.10.

Signed,

G. W. Quinn, Treasurer

Radio Committee

South Georgia Association.

TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on temperance, submit the following report:

Temperance means habitual moderation and control in the indulgence of the appetites and passions.

In Galations, 5:22, 23, we are taught that temperance is a fruit. The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, goodness, temperance.

"We quote," Benjamin Franklin once said, Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the home, clothes on the back, and vigor in the body.

2 Peter 1:5 6 7. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to

knowledge temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

Knowledge is a prerequisite to temperance, and temperance, to patience. It is very difficult for an intemperate person to be patient.

One of the greatest evils of today is intemperance and intemperance often begins in the home. Many who would not think of placing on their table wine or liquor of any kind, will load them with food that creates a thirst for strong drinks. Prov.: 20:1, tells us that wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. All intoxicating drinks are deceptive. They seem to give strength, but in reality cause weakness; seem to create heat, but in fact lower the general temperature; they seem to impart vitality, but really destroy life; they seem to promote happiness, but cause the greatest unhappiness and misery. Intemperance may be attributed much of the world's sorrow.

In all the walks and relationships of life, whether in the home, the medical profession, the pulpit or the legislative assembly, men should stand for temperance. To license the liquor traffic is to legalize and foster it. It cannot exist nor thrive without the patronage of each rising generation, a large number of whom it must ruin, body, soul and spirit. For our state to receive money from such a source, therefore, must be highly reprehensible. The practice has fittingly been likened to a father catching sharks, and baiting his hook with his own children.

Unless Fathers and Mothers practice temperance, they cannot expect their children to do so.

Submitted,

W. S. Lanier, Chairman

Vivian Lanier

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the committee on Christian Education, submit the following report:

1. Realizing the urgent need of trained leaders in our churches of today, and believing that our ministers should head the list we recommend that the resolutions prepared by Rev. Ralph Lightsey and adopted by this association in 1950 concerning the preparation of ministers be written into the constitution of this association.

2. We suggest that our churches make greater effort to use Christian workers available for training courses or other services in the various auxiliaries of our churches that we may make greater progress and that all our people may see the advantage of having trained leaders.

3. Conscious of the great part our Bible College has in Christian training we recommend that the South Georgia association work out a definite plan whereby we may take care of our part of the indebtedness incurred by the recent purchase of the property of the Bible College to be paid in November, and that each church further support the college in a systematic method.

4. May we heed Paul's words to Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your committee, recommend as follows:

Nominations, Glennville; Christian Education, Harmony; Support of the Ministry, Superannuation, 1st of Jacksonville, Fla.; Temperance, Memorial; Destitution, Marietta; Obituary, Oak Hills; Denominational Literature, Oak Grove; Sunday School, Satilla; Resolutions, Pine Level; Missions, Unity.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. D. Pinkston

Mrs. Opal Howard

Bro. Frank Bennett

Bro. C. D. Rentz

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

Number churches 26; Total membership 2539; Received by Baptism 142, by letter 30, received all other ways 7; Lost by expulsion 20, lost by death 16; Number Sunday Schools 19; Total Sunday School enrollment 1324; Number F. W. B. Leagues 8; Total F. W. B. League enrollment 360; Number Women's Auxiliaries 6; Women's Auxiliary enrollment 141; Number weekly prayer meetings 10; Number ordained ministers 25; Number licensed ministers 2; Number full time services 5; Number half-time services 8; Number full quarter time services 12; Total paid pastor \$16,423.43; Total paid evangelists \$3077.27; Paid for missions \$1,098.94; Paid for Christian Education \$4190.18; Paid for superannuations \$136.92; Paid for building and repairs \$10,746.36; Paid for

all other items not listed \$2824.70; Total expenditures \$40,765.46; Number of Parsonages 2; Value of Parsonage property \$20,000; Value of other church property \$159,500; Moderator elected, Elder J. O. Fort, address Lake Butler, Fla.; Clerk elected, T. E. Harrison, address, Hazlehurst, Ga., Rt. 2.

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 Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him always. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is freed 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 universal 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 employment 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 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 support 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 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 days' 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 acknowledgment. (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 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 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 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 Associa-

tion 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	_____	Rochelle, 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	_____ P. O. Box 553,	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 J. C. Benton	_____ 2710 Rever Ave.,	Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder C. D. Rentz	_____	Baxley, Ga.
Elder W. L. Purvis	_____	Macon, Ga.
Elder J. L. Dukes	_____	Jesup, Ga.
Elder V. L. Pritchett	_____	No Address
Elder J. E. Wood	_____	Perry, Fla.
Elder T. G. Hamilton	_____	Glennville, Ga.
Elder Elton Coleman	_____ 2613 Lowell Ave.,	Jacksonville, Fla.
Elder Ralph Lightsey, Dean of Bible College (F. W. B.)	_____	Nashville, Tenn.
Elder I. J. Blackwelder	_____	Alma, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Elder Henry Mills, Jr. _____ Rt. 1, Millen, Ga.
Elder M. L. Powell _____ Midville, Ga.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR 1952	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.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	54	87	\$10.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 3,000	2nd, 4th Sun.
Bethel	Appling	J. R. Graham	Beatrice Orun, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	28	52	6.00	166.40	2,000	4th Sun.
Corinth	Bacon	V. L. Pritchett	W. G. Jordan, Alma, Ga.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	59	89	148	5.00	328.00	3,500	3rd Sat., Sun.
Deep Creek	Jenkins	E. B. Duckworth	Estelle Brinson, Millen, Ga.	0	0	0	0	8	0	0			144	5.00	344.99		4th
Ebenezer	Tatnall	L. H. Moulton	W. N. Purcell, Glennville, Ga.	8	7	0	0	7	0	2	65	100	165	13.00	1,550.00	30,000	2nd, 4th
Glennville	Tatnall	L. H. Moulton	J. O. Harrell, Glennville, Ga.	5	2	0	0	3	0	0			150	15.00	1,500.00	20,000	1st, 3rd
Grand Crossing	Duval	S. H. Coudill	Mrs. W.W. Peterson, Gd. Cross. Fla	5	0	0	0	0	3	1			44	6.00			Full Time
Harmony	Union	J. O. Fort	C. L. Brown, Lake Butler, Fla.	6	4	0	0	4	0	0			138	10.00	2,072.50	20,000	Full Time
1st of Jax.	Duval	Elton Coleman	Geo. Cloud, Box 6111, Jax., Fla.	13	16	0	2	5	2	0	25	40	65	15.00	805.00	5,500	Full Time
Liberty	Coffee	E. B. Joyner	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.										19	5.00	191.24		1st Sun.
Lower Corinth	Emanuel	Emmitt McDuffie	Nanerl Lariscey, Lyons, Ga.	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	58	5.00	312.00		1st, 3rd
Memorial	Appling	Emmitt McDuffie	Villie Carter, Surrency, Ga.	6	0	1	0	2	1	4	83	130	213	17.00	825.42	2,500	1st, 3rd
Metter F. W. B.	Candler	G. S. Holten	Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Lyons, Ga.	1									54	5.00	249.27		2nd, 4th
Marietta	Toombs	I. J. Blackwelder	Brooks Coursey, Lyons, Ga.	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	70	45	115	10.00	846.52	5,000	1st, 3rd
New Hope	Wayne	I. R. Graham	Mrs. W. S. Lanier, R. 2, Jesup, Ga.	4	0	0	0	0	2	1			101	10.00	228.15	2,500	2nd Sat., Sun.
Oak Hill	Bacon	E. B. Joyner	M. N. Steadley, Alma, Ga.	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	22	27	49	10.00	366.50	4,000	4th Sun.
Oak Grove	Appling	W. L. Mills	Mrs. Ruby McClain, Baxley, Ga.	0	3	0	0	0	0	0			50	10.00	311.66		3rd Sun.
Piney Grove	Appling	C. D. Rentz	Mrs. Mary Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	38	77	115	15.00	377.41	4,000	3rd Sun.
Philadelphia	Charlton	J. R. Graham	Mrs. O. F. Harden, Folkston, Ga.	8	0	0	1	2	0	1	48	101	149	15.00	705.16	5,000	1st, 3rd
Pine Level	Bacon	T. M. Carter	Mrs. G. W. McLeod, Alma, Ga.	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	54	78	132	15.00	920.00	5,000	1st, 3rd
Satilla	Jeff Davis	L. H. Moulton	C. E. Harrison, Hazlehurst, Ga.	15	3	0	1	6	0	0	110	153	263	20.00	1,760.90	10,000	2nd, 4th
Stony Hill	Tatnall	E. B. Joyner	Raymond Jernigan, Glennville Ga.	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	30	58	10.00	233.58		3rd Sun.
Unity	Duval	C. J. Pitts	T. A. Napier 926 Saranace, Jax, Fla	14	3	3	0	14	0	0	32	47	79	10.00	997.45	12,000	Full Time
Spring Grove	Wayne	W. L. Mills	rene Tyre, Jesup, Ga.	12	7	0	0	1	0	2	28	42	70	10.00	665.67	2,500	1st, 3rd
Zion	ong	I. L. Dukes	Annie H. Jackson, Ludowici, Ga.							2	7	14	21		46.18		2nd

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Introductory.**
2. **Moderator calls the body to order.**
3. **Call for corresponding letters and enroll delegates.**
4. **Appointing Committee on Divine Service.**
5. **Call for Petitionary Letters.**
6. **Call for Corresponding Letters from Sister Associations.**
7. **Call for election of officers.**
8. **Appointment of Committees.**
9. **Call for report of Committees.**
10. **Miscellaneous Business.**
11. **Adjournment.**