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Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1956

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Ga.
 Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Durward Long, Lake Butler, Florida
 Clerk.....Rev. George Ludwig, Glennville, Ga.
 Assistant Clerk.....Rev. Irvin Hyman, Alma, Ga.
 Treasurer.....H. N. Baxter, Glennville, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The above officers of the association and
 Wallace Knight.....Glennville, Ga.
 T. E. Harrison.....Hazlehurst, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Louis H. Moulton.....2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Ga.
 Rev. Ralph Lightsey.....Hazlehurst, Ga.
 Rev. George Ludwig.....Glennville, Ga.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Tom Hamilton.....Glennville, Ga.
 Rev. C. D. Rentz.....Baxley, Ga.
 George Hutto.....Hazlehurst, Ga.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. B. Brigman.....Alma, Ga.
 S. M. Altman Sr.Folkston, Ga.
 Grover Brewton.....Blackshear, Ga.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Louis H. Moulton.....2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Ga.
 Rev. George Ludwig.....Glennville, Ga.
 J. B. Brigman.....Alma, Ga.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President.....Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Alma, Ga.
 Vice-President.....Mrs. Willie Carter, Surrency, Ga.
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Miss Elise Bennett, Alma, Ga.

The South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church near Baxley, Georgia, in its seventy-ninth annual session. Rev. Irvin Hyman led in singing "Jesus Saves." Mrs. Hyman was the pianist. Mr. Loris Eunice gave the invocation and Rev. C. N. Burroughs welcomed the association to Bethel Church. A period of prayer, invoking God's blessings upon the association, was entered into in which several took part.

The moderator brought a few choice remarks urging harmony and Christlikeness in all the deliberations of the association. He used 1 Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

The business session was opened and the visitors recognized. Visiting ministers welcomed were: Rev. David Hutchinson, Pamlico, South Carolina; Rev. Dennis E. Bias, Jacksonville, Florida; Rev. Manse Cason, Georgia Union Association; Rev. C. N. Burroughs, Jacksonville, Florida; Rev. C. J. Harvey, Midway Association. Visiting laymen were welcomed among whom were Mrs. David Hutchinson and Mrs. C. J. Harvey.

The ministers of the South Georgia Association welcomed were: Rev. W. C. Coleman, Rev. Thomas Collins, Rev. J. R. Graham, Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Rev. J. B. Harris, Rev. Irvin Hyman, Rev. Wilford Harden, Rev. Durward Long, Rev. George Ludwig, Rev. Clarence McMillan, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Rev. Harris Nix, Rev. C. D. Rentz and Rev. J. E. Wood.

By motion, the program arranged by the executive committee was adopted, giving the moderator the privilege of making any change necessary.

A motion was passed that the various committees be elected by the body. The following committees were elected:

Finance Committee: Mr. J. B. Brigman, Mr. S. M. Altman and Mr. Grover Brewton.

Resolutions Committee: Mr. Oliver Taylor, Mr. Johnnie Chapman and Rev. George Ludwig.

Nominating Committee: Rev. J. E. Wood, Rev. Durward Long and Rev. Irvin Hyman.

By motion, the credentials committee was to be charged with making a digest report of the letters to this association. Mr. Willis McLain and Mr. H. N. Baxter were appointed to serve on the credentials committee today, substituting for Rev. E. B. Joyner who was absent and for Rev. Durward Long who was the speaker for the morning message. A motion, just preceding the appointment of these two men, passed, giving the moderator the privilege to appoint a substitute for any person serving on more than one committee wherein there was found to be conflict in serving in two capacities at the same time.

The clerk read the roll call of churches and by motion the letters were received and the delegates seated, along with any late delegates which should arrive. The new Brunswick Church petitioned the association for membership. By motion, the church was received and the hand of fellowship extended by the moderator on behalf of the body to the acting pastor, Rev. Irvin Hyman.

A motion passed that the committee on committees be dispensed with.

Hymn time introduced the worship hour. Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Hyman sang as a special number, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Rev. Durward Long brought the morning message on "The Essential." He stated, "The secret of the early church was in prayer. Today, likewise, the greatest essential of the church is prayer. Prayer," he continued, "is the breath of the soul, the mark of conversion. Getting hold of God with the heart is the chief matter of prayer." An invitation of consecration was extended.

The host pastor made the announcements concerning lunch. Benediction was by Mr. J. B. Brigman.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 21, 1956

Rev. Irvin Hyman led the congregation in singing "Leaning" and "Trust and Obey," after which prayer was offered by Rev. David Hutchinson and Mr. Wallace Knight. Mr. J. B. Brigman spoke briefly on "The Layman Prays."

The state promotional secretary spoke on the work of the promotional department of the state and awarded certificates for systematic regular giving to the unified program.

Rev. Louis H. Moulton gave a brief report concerning the national convention in Huntington, after which Rev. George Ludwig gave the missions report.

A partial report was given by the ordaining council and then Rev. C. J. Harvey was introduced to speak on behalf of Mount Bethel Camp. A motion passed to recommend to the finance committee the allocation of twenty-five dollars to defray our part of the cost of the state association at the camp this year. This motion was amended to receive an offering to assist the finance committee in this allocation, the remainder of the offering to go to the unified program. The offering received was \$56.00.

A recommendation to the ordaining council was read by the moderator. A motion passed to postpone the adoption of this recommendation.

The report of the committee on denominational literature was given by the Savannah Church; support of ministry by the Piney Grove Church; superannuation by the Corinth Church.

A motion passed to adjourn until nine o'clock Saturday morning. Rev. Clarence McMillan dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1956

The woman's auxiliary of the South Georgia District met at Bethel

Church. The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Buddy Carter. "Stand up for Jesus" was led by Miss Elise Bennett with Mrs. Ocala Fussell at the piano. Devotional was led by Mrs. Nolan Purcell. Prayer by Mrs. Irvin Hyman. Auxiliaries were recognized and delegates seated.

Appointment of committees were as follows: nominating committee, Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, Mrs. Jewel Anderson and Miss Elise Bennett; finance committee, Mrs. L. A. Eunice, Mrs. Nolan Purcell and Mrs. Brady Summerlin.

A motion was passed that the meeting of the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention be changed from the appointed time with the South Georgia Association to meet the first Saturday in September.

A motion carried that each auxiliary in the district organize a fund to raise money for a plane ticket home for our missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard. Mrs. Hyman gave a report on the national convention.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. Irvin Hyman, president; Mrs. Willie Carter, vice-president; Miss Elise Bennett, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Jewel Anderson, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ocala Fussell, youth chairman; Mrs. C. D. Rentz, field secretary; Mrs. Alex Dixon, personal service chairman; Mrs. E. C. Davidson, stewardship and prayer.

Total funds from auxiliaries was \$53.70. A recommendation was made that \$10.74 be sent to state association, \$10.00 for home missions and \$10.00 for printing minutes. A recommendation was also made that the secretary be allowed to purchase a needed record book.

Following the woman's auxiliary convention, the association was called into a brief business session by the moderator. The report of the ordaining council was given. Rev. Wilford Harden and Rev. Clarence McMillan both had a few words to say indicating their regret of their former attitude toward the ordaining council. A motion passed to ordain Brothers Harden and McMillan. An impressive ordination service followed.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 22, 1956

The session was opened with the singing of "'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus." A season of prayer followed in which several took part. Rev. Harris Nix brought the devotion on "Prayer Changes Things."

The minutes of the preceding day were read and adopted. The moderator called for additional letters with one church, Alabama, responding.

The report of the committee on destitution was given by Spring Grove Church; the report of the committee on Christian education by Ebenezer Church.

The finance committee's report was given and adopted. An offering was received to help defray the expenses of the finance committee's budget. The offering was \$35.86.

Delegates to the state association were elected: Mr. Wallace Knight, Mr. J. B. Bragman, Mr. C. R. Brewton and Mrs. Arena Davidson.

Delegates to be recommended to the state association for the national

association were: Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. Irvin Hyman and Mrs. H. R. Eason.

Following the report of the ordaining council, the resolutions committee gave its report which, by motion, was adopted. As per resolution the moderator appointed Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Rev. Ralph Lightsey and Rev. George Ludwig for the constitution revision.

The obituary committee's report was made by Bethel Church.

A motion passed that we adopt the uniform letter blank used by all the other associations in the state, these blanks to be furnished by the promotional department of the state.

By motion, the ministers in the South Georgia Association were to be furnished a card showing the standing of each minister in the association. By motion, the chair appointed a committee to secure these cards: Rev. Irvin Hyman, Rev. E. C. Morris and Mr. Nolan Purcell.

A brief report was given by Mrs. Hyman on behalf of the auxiliary.

A motion passed that a budget committee be appointed to draw up a budget for the South Georgia Association and be presented to our churches. By motion, this was amended to charge the executive committee with this responsibility.

Following the credentials committee's report, a motion was passed that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Bethel Church for its hospitality.

By motion, we stood for a moment of silent prayer in honor of our deceased.

Three invitations were extended for the session next year: Marietta, Piney Grove and Satilla. By majority vote, Marietta's invitation was accepted.

The nominating committee gave its report. By motion, the officers were elected by acclamation.

Dr. L. C. Johnson was recognized and spoke briefly on behalf of the college in Nashville.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks gave a short testimony and challenge concerning the African mission field. A love offering was taken for the Sparks in the amount of \$86.41.

By motion, the association was adjourned and the worship hour ensued. Following a special number by four little girls from Oak Grove Church, Rev. J. E. Wood brought the final message of the session on "Revitalizing the Ministry." He used Ephesians 5:14-18 and said, "God wants us to be filled with the Spirit. Multitudes today are searching for something they can feel. When we ministers feel the need of being filled with the Holy Spirit, then we'll see and have more Spirit-filled members in our churches."

After the benediction by Rev. Irvin Hyman, the host church served lunch.

Delegates

Alabama—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brewton, Mr. W. T. DeLoach, Mrs. D. A. Smith.

Baxley—Mr. Coy Rentz, Mrs. Gaines Quinn.

Bethel—Mr. Roy Osborne, Miss Dorothy Orvin, Mrs. Geneva Vaughn, Mrs. Agnes Orvin.

Brunswick—Letter only.

Corinth—Mr. and Mrs. Stanford White, Mr. and Mrs. Loran Hughes, Mrs. Sidney Wade.

Deep Creek—Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Drake, Mr. A. B. Bennett Sr., Mr. G. A. Wiggins, Mr. Dean Drake, Mrs. Jackie Wiggins.

Ebenezer—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Folsom, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Purcell, R. D. Folsom Jr., Mr. Ennis Purcell, Mrs. Cleff Anderson, Mrs. D. E. Wilkinson.

Glennville—Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Baxter, Mrs. Ossie DeLoach, Mrs. Arcna Davidson, Mrs. Della DeLoach, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Knight.

Harmony—Mr. Johnny Chapman.

Liberty—Mr. J. E. Kirkland, Mr. O. V. Taylor.

Lower Corinth—Mr. E. C. Collins, Mr. Leon Findley, Mr. W. D. Moseley, Mr. Thomas Collins.

Marietta—Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Willis McLain, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Anderson.

Memorial—Mr. and Mrs. David Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Mann, Mr. George Rentz, Mr. William Rentz, Mr. Steve Blanton, Mr. Willie Carter, Mrs. Willie Carter, Mrs. Leona McMillan.

Metter—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Mrs. Mirt Rigdon, Mrs. Erwin Hubbard, Mrs. J. L. Burden.

New Hope—Mr. Clayton Westberry, Mrs. Pearl Brannen, Mr. Collice Brannen, Mrs. Opal Brannen, Mr. Palmer Lendon, Mrs. Gussie Lendon.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Ora Lee Hart, Mrs. Ira Eason, Mrs. Myrtle Haynes.

Oak Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, Mrs. Marsh Smart, Mrs. Bertha Williams.

Philadelphia—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chesser.

Pine Level—Mr. and Mrs. Brit Brigman, Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Miss Judy Johnson, Mr. Clyde Bennett, Mr. Premipal Rigdon.

Piney Grove—Mr. and Mrs. Lorace Eunice, Mrs. Mary Lightsey, Mrs. Inez Brannen.

Satilla—Mr. Sam Carter, Mr. George Hutto, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. McNair, Mrs. O. Q. Carter, Miss Faye Quinn, Mr. Grover Herrington.

Savannah—Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, Mr. Russell Brewton, Mr. I. J. Blanton, Mr. I. W. Bevil.

Spring Grove—Mr. Charlie Williams, Mr. Stanton Chadwick, Mr. W. S. Tyre, Mr. Zeke Fennell, Mrs. Ida Brewer, Mrs. Juanita Dent, Mrs. Burnice Sutton, Mrs. Ellen Williams.

Stoney Hill—Mrs. Beulah Dawson, Mrs. Elmer Cason.

Zion—Mr. Nat Ryals, Mrs. Geraldine Nix.

Reports of Committees

REPORT OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Report of the missions committee appointed at the last session of the South Georgia Association:

At present, there are five churches adopting "Dollar per year per member plan."

Amount Deposited in Citizens Bank, Glennville, Georgia	\$ 96.00
Cash in Hand	61.00
Total in Treasury	\$157.00

Louis H. Moulton, Chairman

J. B. Brigman

George A. Ludwig, Secretary and Treasurer

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

After thorough examination, we recommend the ordination of Rev. Wilford Harden and Rev. Clarence McMillan to the gospel ministry. Requests come also for the ordination of Rev. Harris Nix and Rev. Thomas Collins. Brother Nix has been licensed for only ten months and we have told him to come back at the December quarterly meeting. Brother Collins is out of our jurisdiction inasmuch as he is a member of another association. Mr. Larry Iddens, for whom license was requested, was not present.

Ralph Lightsey

Louis H. Moulton

George A. Ludwig

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

Denominational literature for use in Sunday schools, leagues, auxiliaries and the various departments of our churches, is available from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, and from denominational headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. We urge every church in the association to use, as far as is possible, our own denominational literature.

Savannah Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

Realizing that in past years our ministry has been inadequately supported by our churches which, in a great many cases, has resulted in our ministers having to go into other fields for their livelihood, we recommend: That as a denomination we give this our serious and prayerful study that we might

support our ministers to the extent that they can give more time to their churches and people, that they might have a better social and spiritual understanding. We, as a committee, feel that any financial assistance contributed to the ministers carrying the gospel will be repaid fourfold. We also feel that Free Will Baptists are failing our Lord and Saviour when they fail to support our ministers.

Prayerfully submitted,

Piney Grove Church

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE

May we remind our denomination of its duty to supply the means of caring for our aged and retired ministers who have given their all to the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist churches.

They have worked hard to bring the gospel to you and me and to make the Free Will Baptist churches what they are today. As God made plans in His Word for the carrying on of the gospel, we too should open up our storehouses and supply the needs of those who have carried out those plans.

May God bless them and may we love them enough to find some means of support as recorded in God's Word.

Prayerfully submitted,

Corinth Church

REPORT OF DESTITUTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee on destitution, make this our report: We find that some churches do not have leagues or woman's auxiliaries. We urge all churches to have all the organizations and auxiliaries in the church that they might hold up Jesus Christ in a more Christlike manner.

We observe from reading the letters that several churches are not supplied with pastors for the ensuing year. We urge each church to try to secure a pastor before the convening of the body.

Respectfully submitted,

Spring Grove Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian education, beg to submit the following report: In view of the growing realization of the need of trained leadership in our churches, and being aware that these leaders can be more efficiently prepared through Christian education at our own Bible college, we urge that churches go all out with prayers and finances in view of the special enlargement program being launched by our Bible college.

We also recommend that each church do its utmost in persuading ministerial candidates to prepare themselves for the ministry in our own Bible college preferably or in some other Christian institution and declare their interest through financial support.

Your committee feels that not only ministerial candidates should be counseled to attend a Christian institution, but that all young people pre-

Church	County	1956 Pastor	1957 Pastor	Clerk and Address	Members Received	Lost This Year	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Funds to Association	Value of Church Property	Unified Program	Missions	Supernatural	Paid Evangelist	Meeting Days
Alabama	Pierce	V. L. Pritchett	V. L. Pritchett	W. T. DeLoach, Blackshear, Ga.	1	6	42	\$ 540.00	\$10.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$212.00	\$	\$	\$	\$100.00	2 - 4
Baxley	Appling	C. D. Rentz	C. D. Rentz	Henry Herndon, Baxley, Ga.	20	1	32	900.00	5.00	20,000.00					300.00	2 - 4
Bethel	Appling	C. N. Burroughs	C. N. Burroughs	Mrs. Beatrice Orvin, Rt. 2, Baxley, Ga.		1	60	465.00	5.00	4,500.00			48.41		167.00	1 - 3
Brunswick				Mrs. Calvin Henderson, 105 Crandall St., Brunswick, Ga.	14		14		2.00							
Corinth	Bacon	C. L. Pritchett	E. J. Williams	Roy Carter, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.	6	1	1	76	581.43	5.00	8,000.00			87.00	100.00	1 - 3
Deep Creek	Jenkins	Thomas Collins		Estelle Brinson, Millen, Ga.	1	3	1	123	645.29	7.00	5,000.00			20.00	98.13	1 - 3
Ebenezer	Tattnall	T. G. Hamilton	T. G. Hamilton	W. N. Purcell, Glennville, Ga.	5	2	167	3,170.00	10.00	46,000.00	237.96				200.00	Full Time
Glennville		George A. Ludwig	George A. Ludwig	Miss Gladys Lewis, Glennville, Ga.	9		163	3,120.00	10.00	50,000.00	420.00				250.00	Full Time
Harmony	Union	Durward Long	Durward Long	Mrs. K. M. Ciyatt, Lake Butler, Fla.	3		133	3,230.00	15.00	25,000.00	489.72				175.00	Full Time
Liberty	Coffee	Clarence McMillan	Wilford Harden	O. V. Taylor, West Green, Ga.				265.68	5.00	5,000.00	15.00				84.50	1 -
Lower Corinth	Emanuel	T. H. Cillins	Rev. Wheeler	W. D. Moseley, Lyons, Ga.	11	3	79	600.00	7.00	2,550.00			11.00	3.00	100.00	2 - 4
Marietta	Toombs	Lonnie Sparks		Mrs. A. L. McLain, Box 303, Lyons, Ga.	3	4	1119	1,125.00	10.00	6,000.00	335.09				250.00	1 - 3
Memorial	Appling	Mance Cason	C. B. Dowdney	Willie M. Carter, Surrency, Ga.	5	10	3	202	1,215.47	10.00	4,500.00	167.60	88.00	26.25	266.06	1 - 3
Metter	Candler	G. S. Holton		Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Metter, Ga.			61	201.93	7.00	4,000.00	18.32				96.90	2 - 4
New Hope	Wayne	Wilford Harden	Wilford Harden	Burnice Brannen, Rt. 3, Jesup, Ga.		2	128	357.94	10.00	5,000.00			14.69	27.10	133.00	2 - 4
Oak Grove	Appling	Lonnie Sparks	Emmett McDuffie	Ruby McLain, Rt. 1, Surrency, Ga.	1	3		500.00	5.00	3,000.00	219.78				100.00	2 - 4
Oak Hill	Bacon	Tom Lightsey	Tom Lightsey	Zeak Steedley, Rt. 3, Alma, Ga.	4	1	2	53	579.51	10.00	5,000.00	104.59			171.75	2 - 4
Philadelphia	Charlton	J. R. Graham	Clarence McMillan	S. M. Altman Jr., Folkstone, Ga.	10	5	176	1,991.35	10.00	3,600.00			140.00		284.89	Full Time
Pine Level	Bacon	Irvin Hyman	Irvin Hyman	Mrs. Vera Wheeler, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.	2	1	112	2,478.80	10.00	12,500.00			137.18	236.00	240.00	Full Time
Piney Grove	Appling	C. D. Rentz	C. D. Rentz	Mrs. Inez Brannen, Bristol, Ga.	14	2	132	925.00	10.00	5,000.00			116.81	12.00	200.00	1 - 3
Satilla	Ieff Davis	Ralph Lightsey	Ralph Lightsey	Mrs. Betty Carter, Rt. 2, Hazlehurst, Ga.	1	6	1258	3,537.31	25.00	21,000.00	780.00	183.77			300.00	Full Time
Savannah	Chatham	Louis H. Moulton	Louis H. Moulton	Harold K. Swann, 121 Hibiscus Ave., Savannah, Ga.	59	5	163	3,350.00	10.00	20,000.00	230.00	275.21			300.00	Full Time
Spring Grove	Wayne	J. E. Wood	J. E. Wood	Mrs. Irene Tyre, Box 342, Jesup, Ga.	39	9	1	171	2,895.00	10.00	3,500.00				172.00	Full Time
Stony Hill	Tattnall	T. G. Hamilton	T. G. Hamilton	Elmer Cason, Glennville, Ga.			73	923.97	10.00	6,000.00	108.00	30.27			100.00	1 - 3
Zion	Long	Clarence McMillan	Waris Nix	Mrs. Bertie Davis, Rt. 3, Ludowici, Ga.	21		46	242.17	5.00	2,000.00	22.00				208.00	Full Time

paring to live and serve Christ and their church, be assisted in their selection of an institution in which to further their learning.

We recommend that teacher training courses, league training courses, and soul-winning classes be made available for our people.

Respectfully submitted,
Ebenezer Church

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Receipts

In Treasury	\$ 50.58
Receipts from Churches	223.00
Offering Received at this Session	56.00
Total	\$329.58

Disbursements

Minutes	\$120.00
State Association	20.00
State Association for National Association	5.00
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	15.00
Treasurer	5.00
J. B. Harris	15.00
Mrs. C. C. Coursey	10.00
Mrs. B. A. Altman	10.00
Mrs. A. B. Adams	10.00
W. C. Coleman	10.00
E. L. Paulk	10.00
Unified Program	31.00
Mount Bethel Camp	25.00
Total Disbursements	\$296.00
Balance in Treasury	\$33.58

J. B. Brigman
S. M. Altman Sr.
G. C. Brewton

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, our present constitution does not make any provisions for certain essentials; and whereas, there is a need for constitutional grounds for procedure and action, hereby resolved: That a constitutional revision committee of three be appointed today to carefully study our present constitution in view of inadequacy and recommend any change or additions deemed necessary. The report of this committee to be given at the next session in 1957.

Whereas, the Bible admonishes us all to study to show ourselves ap-

proved unto God; and whereas, there is a tendency to lower the standards of ministerial qualifications generally, as well as those heretofore established by the South Georgia Association, resolved: That we, the people of the South Georgia Association, encourage and assist in every possible way those who have the responsibility of maintaining a higher standard for our ministers whom God has called to lead and guide our children as well as adults, into the way of truth and eternal life.

Whereas, the ordaining council is always pushed for time in which to properly examine and help candidates for license and ordination, resolved: That the ordaining council meet quarterly at a time and place agreed upon by those involved. Such days are to be separate and apart from the association and quarterly meeting. All candidates for license and ordination are urged to meet with the council on these days instead of at the association and quarterly meeting. The actual ordination is to take place at the association or quarterly meeting.

O. V. Taylor
Johnny Chapman
George Ludwig

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your obituary committee, submit the following report: During the past year several of our brothers and sisters in Christ and members of Free Will Baptist churches have passed from this world into another. They are: Oak Hill—Mrs. Mary Jane Parker, Mr. Sinie Pittman; Spring Grove—Mrs. Eloise Kirkland; Bethel—Mrs. Nore (Johnson) Teston; Baxley—Jerry Cowart; Corinth—Mr. Kelly Carter; Pine Level—Mrs. Mattie Simmons; Satilla—Mr. W. B. Remley; Memorial—Mrs. Ella Hutto, Mrs. F. E. Bacon, Mr. Alvin McLain; Marietta—Mrs. Letty McLain.

We thank God for permitting the above mentioned ones to reside in our midst, and are aware that our God doeth all things well. We recommend that this body stand for a time of silent prayer in memory and in honor of the deceased.

Bethel Church

REPORT OF THE DIGEST COMMITTEE

All churches, including Brunswick, represented with 109 delegates; total membership, 2,544; total last report, 2,639; received by baptism, 102; by letter, 89; restored, 1; by profession of faith, 21; lost by letter, 63; died, 15; Sunday school enrollment, 1,837; total collections, \$6,055.19; total league members, 622; total collection, \$1,291.41; woman's auxiliary members, 210.

Pastors' salary, \$34,177.35; paid evangelists, \$4,107.23; unified program, \$3,324.74; home missions, \$850.68; foreign missions, \$352.09; Christian education, \$156.56; buildings and repairs, \$13,881.07; miscellaneous, \$6,727.09; value of church properties, \$295,650.00; total expenses for year, \$76,906.30;

total received from all sources, \$77,383.49; associational purposes, \$213.00; balance on hand, \$7,893.09; ordained ministers, 27; licensed, 1.

George Hutto
Willis McLain
H. N. Baxter

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. Louis H. Moulton; assistant moderator, Rev. Durward Long; clerk, Rev. George Ludwig; assistant clerk, Rev. Irvin Hyman; treasurer, Mr. H. N. Baxter; executive committee, Mr. Wallace Knight, Mr. T. E. Harrison; ordaining council, Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Rev. George Ludwig; credentials committee, Rev. Tom Hamilton, Rev. C. D. Rentz, Mr. George Hutto; finance committee, Mr. J. B. Brigman, Mr. S. M. Altman Sr., Mr. Grover Brewton; missions committee, Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Rev. George Ludwig, Mr. J. B. Brigman.

Faithfully submitted,
J. E. Wood
Durward Long
Irvin Hyman

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Number of auxiliaries reporting, 9; enrollment, 137; number new members, 12; number lost, 5; average attendance, 16; number GTA's, 2; with membership, 23; YPA's, 3; with membership, 34; vacation Bible schools assisted in, 4; number Bible college students assisted, 5.

Number of members contributing to missions, 31; number tithers, 47; amount sent to co-laborer fund, \$40.00; Easter offering for foreign missions, \$36.74; Thanksgiving offering for state home missions, \$15.83; value of boxes to orphanage, \$120.00; cash gifts to Bible college, \$42.00; total per capita fee sent to W. N. A. C. treasurer, \$53.70; total amount spent for auxiliary literature, \$80.85; total amount for local church activities, \$311.50.

Study courses conducted, 23; daily Bible readers, 46; number family altars, 34; special programs, 6; weeks of prayer conducted, 13; self-denial offering, \$62.76; special offerings, \$250.40.

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Articles of Faith

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

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

3. *Christ.* Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature

truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. *The Holy Spirit.* The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

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, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men 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 a 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 in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

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

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

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

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

13. *Gospel Ordinances.* Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel; feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. *Tithing.* God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the gospel (Matthew 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" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

15. *The Christian Sabbath.* The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.

16. *Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution.* The Scriptures

teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

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."

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."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the 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.

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 to promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises 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.

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 local church is an independent body, so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, the calling of a pastor and the discipline of its members.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any time, at either a regular or called conference.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church. In the absence of the pastor, the chairman of the deacon board or someone appointed by the church shall act as moderator.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church. They hold office at the pleasure of the church during the maintenance of Christian character, faithful service and sound doctrine. They assist at baptism and the Lord's Supper, have care of the poor and conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

5. Conference shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer. (2) Invitation to visiting brethren to seats. (3) Call for acknowledgements. (4) Call for old or deferred business. (5) Call for new business. (6) Call for miscellaneous business.

6. Visiting brethren from sister churches shall speak and make motions or seconds, but are not allowed to vote.

7. Any person, upon proper application to a local church, may be received upon a profession of faith, by letter or by baptism by immersion.

8. Members shall be received into the church by the unanimous consent of the members present.

9. If members are to be tried for misconduct, written notices of the charges and specifications of the same should be furnished to those accused at least one week before the trial. If the charges are not confessed, the trial proceeds in regular order by the presentation of testimony, without personal disputation or remarks from those not church members.

10. Questions of fellowship, expulsion and all other items of business of the church shall be settled by a vote of the majority present, and this action shall be final provided public announcement of the intended action is made at the last regular meeting; and the quarterly meeting has no power to reverse it, but may, if deemed necessary, withdraw the hand of fellowship from a church as a whole when its action is inconsistent with sound doctrine of Christian policy.

11. Expelled members, upon request, shall be restored to full fellowship if their conduct, since expulsion, has convinced that church that they have sincerely repented of their former evils.

12. A vote shall not be taken upon questions without a move and a second. All important questions shall be decided by standing vote.

13. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

14. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

15. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling. Any person who desires to speak must rise to his feet and be recognized by the moderator. His discussion must be relative to the issue.

16. 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.

17. When the moderator desires to speak, he must appoint some brother to act in his stead.

18. No person, having the floor, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he is out of order.

19. It shall be the duty of each church member to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet at least once a year.

20. All members, participating in the communion service, should be in fellowship with the church. All Christians should be invited to partake of the Lord's Supper with us (1 Corinthians 11:28).

21. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

22. No licentiate shall be ordained until he has been licensed for one year and called by one or more churches. However, in the event that a minister has been licensed for one year and is attending a Bible college or seminary and requests ordination through the proper procedure, then it is left to the discretion of the ordaining council to examine and ordain the candidate for ordination.

23. Licensed ministers must renew their licenses annually.

24. This decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any two successive regular 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 prior to business, the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

3. At the beginning of each session the minutes of the preceding session 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 for officers and committee members shall be made from the floor or by a nomination committee.

9. After motion has been decided, any member having voted in the affirmative may move for 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 the right to decide what matters 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

Article 1. This yearly meeting or association shall be called the South Georgia Association, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist quarterly meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The conference of this yearly meeting or association shall consist of delegates from the several quarterly meetings of which it is composed, every quarterly meeting being entitled to one delegate, every quarterly meeting containing five hundred members to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional five hundred members. Churches sending delegates to this association shall be allowed one delegate for each twenty members or fraction thereof.

Article 3. The officers of this yearly meeting or association shall be a standing clerk, treasurer and moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the yearly meeting or association, with assistants as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist quarterly meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the practices, and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the treatise of their faith, and in the minutes of the national association, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This yearly meeting or association shall have power to discipline the quarterly meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this yearly meeting or association shall be held annually at which time it shall be the duty of the quarterly meetings and churches of which this yearly meeting or association is composed, to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report this standing, prospects and statistics; at which time the association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective quarterly meetings, and transact

such other business not repugnant to this constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and quarterly meetings within the limits of this yearly meeting or association.

Article 7. This yearly meeting or association shall have power to adopt any regulations or bylaws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the yearly meeting or association at any regular session.

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