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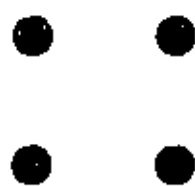
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GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

For the Year 1959-60

Moderator	Rev. Damon Dodd
2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Georgia	
Assistant Moderator	Rev. C. A. Huckaby
Alma, Georgia	
Clerk	Rev. Tom Hamilton
Box 24, Glennville, Georgia	
Assistant Clerk	Rev. James Pelt
Glennville, Georgia	
Treasurer	Rev. Wilford Harden
Baxley, Georgia	

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

David Mann	Surrency, Georgia
J. D. Johnson	Alma, Georgia

Ordaining Council

Rev. Tom Hamilton	Glennville, Georgia
Rev. C. D. Rentz	Brunswick, Georgia
Rev. Emmett McDuffie	Surrency, Georgia

Finance Committee

H. N. Baxter	Glennville, Georgia
J. B. Brigman	Alma, Georgia
G. C. Brewton	Bristol, Georgia

Credentials Committee

George Hutto	Hazlehurst, Georgia
Rev. Wilford Harden	Baxley, Georgia
H. F. Johnson Jr.	Baxley, Georgia

Mission Board

Rev. Damon Dodd, Chairman	Savannah, Georgia
Rev. James Pelt, Secretary	Glennville, Georgia
Rev. Tom Hamilton	Glennville, Georgia
J. B. Brigman	Alma, Georgia
Rev. James Ursrey	Alma, Georgia

Woman's Auxiliary

President	Mrs. Damon Dodd
2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Georgia	
Vice-President	Mrs. Willie Carter
Surrency, Georgia	
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Eloise Wainwright
2116 Glennwood Drive, Savannah, Georgia	

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

- Alabaha—Mrs. S. B. Allen, G. C. Brewton
Baxley—Mr. G. W. Quinn, Mrs. G. W. Quinn
Bethel—Mr. Leroy Orvin, Mrs. Leroy Orvin, Mrs. Annie Lee Altman
Brunswick—Mrs. C. R. Walden, Mrs. J. C. Brannen
Corinth—Mrs. P. R. Crowder, Mrs. Gordon Crowder, Mrs. Owen Carter, Mrs. Clayton Wade
Lower Corinth—By Letter
Deep Creek—Mr. Dewey Kent, Dan Johnson, Frank Williams
Ebenezer—Mr. R. D. Folsom, Mrs. R. D. Folsom, Mrs. Fred Purcell, Mrs. Oron Folsom, Mr. Fred Purcell, Mrs. D. E. Wilkinson
Glennville—H. N. Baxter, Mrs. H. N. Baxter, Mrs. Ossie DeLoach, Mrs. A. B. Davidson, Mrs. Stella Knight
Harmony—By Letter
Liberty—O. V. Taylor, Nat Winters, Mrs. Nat Winters
Metter—Mrs. Carl Baker, Mrs. H. A. Ward, Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Charles Beasley
Marietta—Silas McLain, Willis McLain, Mrs. DeAlva McLain, A. D. Mayo Jr., Mrs. Ethel McLain
Memorial—David Mann, Steve Blanton, William Rentz, George Rentz, Mrs. Pearl Carter, Mrs. Lizzie Blanton, Jessie McMillan, Mrs. David Mann, Mrs. Donie Mann
New Hope—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Brannen, Clayton Weathers, Noah Herrin, Mr. Clayton Westberry, Pilmar London
Oak Grove—Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Carter, Mrs. Emmett McDuffie
Oak Hill—Mrs. M. N. Steedly, Mrs. W. M. Steedly, Homer Taylor
Philadelphia—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chesser
Pine Level—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brigman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dock Johnson, Mrs. Colon Anderson, Mrs. Grace Huckaby, Mrs. Ocie Cauley, Alton Cauley, Mrs. Lola Hand
Piney Grove—Mr. and Mrs. Remer Rogers, Mrs. Inez Brannen, Mrs. Mary Lightsey
Satilla—George Hutto, T. E. Harrison, R. F. Connell
Spring Grove—Juanita Dent, J. Q. White, Geraldine Nix, Stanton Chadwick, Shorty Mallard, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Hatchesen
Savannah—Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, John Blanton, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Betty Eure, Mrs. Frances Rider, Mrs. C. E. Westberry
Stony Hill—Mrs. Beulah Dawson, Mrs. Mary Stripling, Mrs. Ella Morris
White Hall—Mrs. Mamie Bunch, Mrs. Emma Leggett, Carlton Simpson
Zion—Mrs. Opal Ryals, Miss Lola Mae Ryals, Mrs. Bertie Davis

MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. C. D. Rentz, Brunswick, Ga.; Rev. V. L. Pritchett, Eastman, Ga.; Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Surrency, Ga.; Ralph Lightsey, Hazlehurst, Ga.; Emory Corbett, Waycross, Ga.; J. M. Cobb, Baxley, Ga.; C. A. Huckaby, Alma, Ga.; Jack Brantley, Ludowici, Ga.; Dewey Quinn, Hazlehurst, Ga.; Damon Dodd, Savannah, Ga.; L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.; Bobby Poole, Lake City, S. C.; J. R. Davidson, Atlanta, Ga.; E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.; Wilford Harden, Baxley, Ga.; C. L. McMillon, Folkston, Ga.; C. J. Harvey, Albany, Ga.; Theron Long, Alma, Ga.; James Pelt, Glennville, Ga.; Tom Hamilton, Glennville, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, September 25

The eighty-second annual session of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists was begun with the singing of the hymn, "Down at the Cross," under the direction of the Rev. Ralph Lightsey.

The moderator introduced the Rev. James Pelt who spoke on the theme, "The Holy Word of God," the devotional topic for the morning.

The moderator, the Rev. Ralph Lightsey, welcomed the eighty-second session of the South Georgia Association to the Satilla Church. He then spoke words of admonition to the association using Proverbs 3:5, 6 as the basis for his remarks.

Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize the chair to appoint two members to fill the vacancies on the credentials committee. The Rev. James Pelt and Mr. Silas McClane were appointed by the chair to serve in this capacity.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the chair appoint a delegate to serve on the finance committee in the absence of Mr. W. D. Mosley until such time as he comes. Dock Johnson was appointed to this committee.

The chair opened the floor for nominations to the nominating committee. Those nominated and elected were: Mrs. Lola Hand, Mr. Gaines Quinn and John Blanton. Motion made, seconded and carried that the nominations cease and that the nominees be elected by acclamation.

The moderator appointed Willis McClane, George Hutto and Grover Bruton to comprise the resolutions committee.

Visitors were recognized and were as follows: Rev. V. L. Pritchett, Georgia Union Association; Rev. Jack Brantley, Florida; Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Little River Association; Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. Bobby Poole, Central Association, South Carolina; W. O. Carter, Central Florida Conference.

Motion made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates present and any who might come later.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the program be adopted and the chair be empowered to make necessary changes where needful so as to expedite the business of the association.

The business session was adjourned for the worship hour.

The Rev. James Pelt directed the congregation in the singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The Rev. J. R. Davidson gave the invocation, and then "Amazing Grace" was sung.

The speaker for the morning worship service, The Rev. Damon Dodd, was introduced by the moderator. The theme for the morning messenger was "The Word As Revealer of Sin." Following the message, Mr. Pelt directed in the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." The Rev. J. M. Cobb closed the service with prayer.

Friday Afternoon, September 25

The afternoon session was opened with the Rev. T. W. Long directing the congregation in the singing of "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." The Rev. Emory Corbett led the congregation in prayer.

The afternoon devotional was given by the Rev. Emmett McDuffie, "The Word and Defeated Disciples" was the theme discussed by the speaker.

The Rev. C. A. Huckaby presented some highlights from the National Association at Asheville, North Carolina.

The Rev. C. J. Harvey, publicity director for the youth camp at Ashburn, Georgia, presented a challenge to the association to support Camp Mt. Bethel.

The Rev. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, gave some facts pertinent to Christian education.

Statistics and facts relative to the new church in Atlanta, Georgia, were given by the pastor, the Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the partial report of the credentials committee.

Delegates to the State Association were appointed and are as follows: J. B. Brigman, Mrs. J. M. Cobb and Mr. William Rentz.

Motion made, seconded and carried to continue the procedure followed in the past as to the location of the association by following the alphabetical order of the churches. Savannah Church to be the location of the 1960 session of the South Georgia Association.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn for the afternoon.

Friday Evening, September 25

The song service was under the direction of the Rev. T. W. Long. He directed the group in the singing of the hymns, "At the Cross" and "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me." "Moments of Blessing," testimony time, was under the direction of the Rev. C. D. Rentz.

The congregation sang, "Ring the Bells of Heaven," then Mrs. J. M. Cobb sang, "Whisper a Prayer." The Rev. C. A. Huckaby spoke on the subject, "The Sanctifying Power of the Word." The service was concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning, September 26

The association was called to order by the chair. Mrs. J. M. Cobb directed the group in the singing of the hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing." The Rev. J. M. Cobb was asked by the moderator to deliver the morning devotional. He used the theme, "Christ and the Word."

The report of the woman's auxiliary was called for and Mrs. Damon Dodd gave the report. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report as information.

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report of the mission committee and vote upon the recommendations one by one. Motion made,

seconded and carried to adopt item one (1) Motions made, seconded and carried to adopt items two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) of the committee's report.

The credentials committee report was given by the Rev. James Pelt. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

The finance committee's report was called for and given. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report of the ordaining council.

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the resolutions committee's report and vote on the items one by one. Motion made, seconded that item one be amended to read: That the placing of the union meetings be continued after the present manner of going down the roll of the churches alphabetically, and that they be printed in the minutes of the association. The motion carried. Motions made, seconded and carried to adopt items two, three, four and five.

Motion made, seconded and carried to express appreciation to the moderator, the Rev. Ralph Lightsey, and his family, for their contribution to the cause of Christ in the South Georgia Association.

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report of the nominations committee. Motion made to elect by acclamation the nominees submitted by the nominating committee. The motion carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried to elect the Rev. Damon Dodd and Tom Hamilton to the mission board.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn the association and to meet with the Savannah Church in 1960.

The Rev. James Pelt directed the congregation in the singing of several hymns. The closing message of the association was delivered by the Rev. Tom Hamilton. The theme for the final worship period was, "The Power of the Word to Give Victory Over Sin." The benediction was prayed by the Rev. James Ursrey.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolutions committee, prayerfully submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. We recommend that the place of the union meetings be selected in the association sessions, and that they be printed in the minutes for the year.

2. We also recommend that a ministers' conference be organized under the direction of the South Georgia Association, said association to be responsible to enroll all ministers in the association. Meetings shall be held twice a year and at a time and place to be decided by the ministers.

3. We further recommend that a district Master's Men organization be set up in a manner authorized by the association.

4. We also wish to call attention to the importance of a resolution offered by the former resolutions committee as follows: That the credentials committee be charged with the responsibility of having one of its members seated at the registration table on the opening day of the association to receive the letters from the various churches as the delegates and ministers register, and that the letters and association funds be submitted at that time.

5. We finally recommend that this body express its thanks and appreciation by a standing vote to the following: (1) Satilla Church and the community for so royally entertaining this session of the association; (2) to the officers of the association for their efficiency and faithfulness in the performance of their duties.

Willis McClane, *Chairman*
George Hutto
G. C. Brewton

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your ordaining council, recommend the receiving of the Rev. J. M. Cobb, pastor of the Baxley Church, as a member of the South Georgia Association, and that the moderator extend the hand of fellowship to the same in behalf of the association.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Lightsey, *Chairman*
Tom Hamilton, *Secretary*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your finance committee, report the following:

Received from Churches	\$254.00
Balance Brought Forward	47.15
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Total on Hand	\$301.15

Disbursements

Minutes	\$130.00
State Association	20.00
State Association for National Association	5.00
Treasurer	5.00
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	15.00
Supplies	5.25
Unified Program	25.00
Camp Mt. Bethel	15.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	30.00
Atlanta Church	25.00
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Total Disbursements	285.00

Balance in Treasury

\$ 15.90

Rev. Wilford Harden
J. Dock Johnson

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Word of God teaches us that we are entrusted with the gospel of Jesus Christ and are responsible under God to get the Word out to the ends of the earth. There have been times when we, as Free Will Baptists, consoled ourselves with the fact that we had no outlet for this kind of activity. That time is now far behind us and we are faced with manifold opportunities for preaching the gospel in many places. Perhaps the two outstanding localities that beckon South Georgia Association at this present moment are Brazil, South America, and Atlanta, Georgia. It is around these opportunities that your missions committee proposes to build our program of missions for the coming year. We, therefore, respectfully and prayerfully submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. Inasmuch as the Holy Spirit has called to the mission field in Brazil, South America, two of our own members, Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson, we propose that the South Georgia Association assume the support of these two fine people on that mission field. In order to assure each church a part in this support, we recommend that we apportion the local churches the following share of the support:

Savannah Church—\$50.00 per Month
Ebenezer Church—\$25.00 per Month
Glennville Church—\$25.00 per Month
Satilla Church—\$25.00 per Month
Pine Level Church—\$20.00 per Month
All Others Each—\$10.00 per Month

2. We further recommend that the missions committee be enlarged from three (3) to five (5) members and that it be designated Mission Board of the South Georgia Association.

3. We recommend that one member of this board be named treasurer and that all funds for this missionary project to be sent to this treasurer, who shall then forward the amount to be sent through the proper channels.

4. We finally recommend in this connection that the members of the mission board be instructed by the association and permitted by the churches to send representatives into the local churches to explain this program to them and to encourage and assist them and their pastors in setting up their proportionate support.

5. We recommend that the \$1.00 per member campaign be once more set up in all the churches of the South Georgia Association and that we set October 25 as the day when all of our churches shall bring this campaign to a close; and that all funds collected in this manner be divided at the discretion

Church	County	1960 Pastor	1959 Pastor	Clerk and Address
Alabaha	Pierce	T. W. Long	T. W. Long	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Georgia
Baxley	Appling	J. M. Cobb	C. D. Rentz	Henry Herndon, Box 29, Baxley, Georgia
Bethel	Appling	Dewey Quinn	Tom Lightsey	Miss Dorothy Orvin, Route 3, Baxley, Georgia
Brunswick	Glynn	C. D. Rentz	J. L. Grizzard	Mrs. D. T. Owens, 3308 Robin Run, Baxley, Georgia
Corinth	Bacon	James Ursrey	James Ursrey	Mrs. Clayton Wade, Route 2, Baxley, Georgia
Deep Creek	Jenkins	V. L. Pritchett	V. L. Pritchett	Miss Estelle Brinson, Route 4, Meigs, Georgia
Ebenezer	Tattnall	Tom Hamilton	Tom Hamilton	Billy Purcell, Glennville, Georgia
Glennville	Tattnall	James Pelt	James Pelt	Barney Baxter, Route 2, Glennville, Georgia
Harmony	Union	Milton Worthington	Durward Long	K. M. Clyatt, Lake Butler, Florida
Liberty	Coffee	Wilford Harden	Wilford Harden	Mrs. Delane Harkleroad, West Georgia
Lower Corinth	Emanuel	G. S. Holton	G. S. Holton	W. D. Mosley, Lyons, Georgia
Marietta	Toombs	V. L. Pritchett	V. L. Pritchett	Mrs. A. L. McLain, P. O. Box 804, Lyons, Georgia
Memorial	Appling	Emmett McDuffie	Emmett McDuffie	Willie Carter, Surrency, Georgia
Metter	Chandler	Carl Baker	Carl Baker	Mrs. Floyd Beasley, P. O. Box 72, Surrency, Georgia
New Hope	Wayne	Wilford Harden	Wilford Harden	Marjorie Westberry, Odum, Georgia
Oak Grove	Appling	Emmett McDuffie	Emmett McDuffie	Mrs. Lucille Eason, Route 2, Baxley, Georgia
Oak Hill	Bacon	James Ursrey	James Ursrey	Delbert Williams, 907 Taylor Street, Baxley, Georgia
Philadelphia	Charlton	Clarence McMillan	Clarence McMillan	S. M. Altman Jr., Folkston, Georgia
Pine Level	Bacon	C. A. Huckaby	C. A. Huckaby	Mrs. Vera C. Wheeler, P. O. Box 100, Folkston, Georgia
Piney Grove	Appling	T. W. Long	T. W. Long	Mrs. Inez Brannen, Bristol, Georgia
Satilla	Jeff Davis	William Gardner	Ralph Lightsey	J. E. Hutto, Hazlehurst, Georgia
Savannah	Chatham	Damon Dodd	Damon Dodd	John W. Motley, 2103 Beech Street, Hazlehurst, Georgia
Spring Grove	Wayne	Harris Nix	Sammy Wilkinson	Mary Ruth Westberry, Route 3, Hazlehurst, Georgia
Stoney Hill	Tattnall	Tom Hamilton	Tom Hamilton	Elmer Caison, Glennville, Georgia
White Hall	Ware	Emory Corbett	Emory Corbett	Mrs. Carlton Simpson, 1310 Myrtle Street, Hazlehurst, Georgia
Zion	Long	Jack Brantley	Harris Nix	Mrs. Bertie Davis, Route 1, Box 20, Hazlehurst, Georgia

	Members Received	Lost This Year	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Funds to Association	Value of Church Property	Unified Program	Missions	Paid Evangelist	Total Offering	Services
	2			128	\$1,225.00	\$10.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 20.00		\$130.60	\$ 1,776.29	2 - 4
				42	1,330.00	5.00	25,000.00	100.00		180.00	3,811.38	Full Time
orgia	2	2	2	55	430.25	5.00	4,500.00			75.00	551.95	1 - 3
unswick, Georgia	11			41	610.95	5.00	10,000.00				3,185.23	Full Time
orgia	14	7	3	89	575.27	10.00	8,250.00	16.84		200.00	1,637.06	1 - 3
orgia	8	5	2	134	836.19	10.00	5,000.00	60.00	18.10	174.45	1,217.58	2 - 4
	8	28	2	153	3,315.00	10.00	45,000.00	300.00	476.00	200.00	6,776.50	Full Time
ia	14	2	2	158	3,200.00	10.00	50,000.00	367.00	413.01	365.00	7,935.52	Full Time
	1	1		132	4,085.00	15.00	35,000.00	319.12		175.00	7,202.12	Full Time
orgia				15	532.62	7.00	5,000.00	39.36		72.10	895.17	1 - 3
				63	73.00	5.00	4,000.00			67.34	153.34	2 - 4
s, Georgia	4	5	3	119	1,250.00	10.00	6,000.00	300.00	41.45	375.00	3,464.17	1 - 3
	2	1		203	1,211.88	10.00	4,000.00	180.00		259.00	1,965.00	1 - 3
r, Georgia	1			62	151.27	5.00	4,000.00	26.00		60.25	447.16	2 - 4
	8	3		120	593.38	10.00	5,000.00	45.10		137.05	1,441.50	2 - 4
orgia	4			62	1,200.00	5.00	5,000.00	305.00		173.80	2,876.39	2 - 4
ycross, Georgia	6	2	2	70	775.65	10.00	10,000.00	148.62		225.00	2,274.63	2 - 4
	6	6		163	2,027.70	15.00	23,000.00			56.91	8,908.62	Full Time
ma, Georgia	11	6	1	152	3,050.00	15.00	19,000.00		156.46	440.00	6,818.66	Full Time
	1	7		116	700.00	8.00	7,000.00	60.00		180.00	1,887.75	1 - 3
	6	3	1	279	3,925.00	25.00	25,000.00	750.00		240.00	6,964.97	Full Time
vannah, Georgia	70	3	1	341	4,650.00	25.00	116,000.00	635.00		300.00	55,223.78	Full Time
orgia	5	2		205	1,470.81	10.00				185.00	2,934.70	Full Time
	3	2		83	831.44	10.00	7,800.00	180.00		225.00	2,564.10	1 - 3
Waycross, Georgia	37	2	2	148	3,566.00	10.00	8,000.00	338.00		140.00	5,741.38	Full Time
nsend, Georgia	1	3	1	49	454.83	5.00	3,000.00	30.00		115.00	533.30	Full Time

of the mission board between the church in Brunswick and the church in Atlanta.

Enclosed herewith in the financial report of the mission committee from October 1, 1958, to September 25, 1959.

Damon C. Dodd
James C. Pelt
J. B. Brigman

OBITUARY REPORT

Satilla Church—Mrs. Rebecca Hutto
Marietta Church—Lester Nixon, W. H. Clements, Thelma Edenfield
Corinth Church—Mr. J. M. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Moore, Mrs. A. P. Wade
Ebenezer Church—Mrs. Julia Folsom, Mrs. M. M. Purcell
Glennville Church—Mr. Herman Barnard, Mrs. Maggie Anderson
Notice: Please list the deceased on the back of your associational letter.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your credentials committee, submit the following report:
There were 23 churches reporting to the association; 87 delegates reporting; 14 ministers present; 4 visiting ministers; 13 visitors attending.

Wilford Harden
James Pelt

UNION MEETINGS FOR 1960-61

May 28, Baxley Church
July 30, Bethel Church
October 29, Brunswick Church
January 28, 1961, Corinth Church
April 29, Ebenezer Church
July 29, Glennville Church

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your nominating committee, offer the following nominees for officers of the association:

Moderator, Rev. Damon Dodd; assistant moderator, Rev. C. A. Huckaby; clerk, Rev. Tom Hamilton; assistant clerk, Rev. James Pelt; treasurer, Rev. Wilford Harden.

Executive Committee: David Mann, J. D. Johnson

Ordaining Council: Rev. Tom Hamilton, Rev. C. D. Rentz, Rev. Emmett McDuffie

Finance Committee: H. N. Baxter, J. B. Brigman, G. C. Brewton

Credentials Committee: George Hutto, H. F. Johnson Jr., Rev. Wilford Harden

Mission Board: Rev. James Pelt, J. B. Brigman, Rev. James Ursrey

Budget Committee: Rev. Theron W. Long, H. N. Baxter, Rev. Dewey Quinn

G. W. Quinn
John T. Blanton
Mrs. Lola Hand

MINISTERIAL ROLL

ORDAINED

J. M. Cobb, Baxley, Georgia
J. E. Ursrey, Alma, Georgia
Chester A. Huckaby, Alma, Georgia
G. W. Collins, Lyons, Georgia
J. R. Graham, Jesup, Georgia
E. B. Duckworth, Cochrane Field, Macon, Georgia
C. H. Hadden, Twin City, Georgia
Thomas G. Hamilton, Box 24, Glennville, Georgia
Wilford Harden, Baxley, Georgia
S. G. Holton, Lyons, Georgia
Tom Lightsey, Bristol, Georgia
Durward Long, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois
Theron W. Long, Alma, Georgia
Clarence McMillan, Folkston, Georgia
Harris Nix, Jesup, Georgia
Damon C. Dodd, 2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Georgia
Emmett McDuffie, Surrency, Georgia
James M. Pelt, Glennville, Georgia
C. D. Rentz, Brunswick, Georgia
Sammy Wilkinson, Caixa Postal 273, Campinas, East de Sao Paulo,
Brazil, South America
E. B. Joyner, Alma, Georgia
E. L. Paulk, Alma, Georgia
J. E. Blanton, Jesup, Georgia
Emory Corbett, Waycross, Georgia

LICENTIATES

Carl Baker, Metter, Georgia
Dewey Quinn, Hazlehurst, Georgia
Larry Holland, Savannah, Georgia
Bill Reagan, Savannah, Georgia

South Georgia District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Morning Session

The annual convention met with Savannah Free Will Baptist Church on September 5, 1959. Rev. James Pelt led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves." The president, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, called the meeting to order. Mrs. John Blanton gave the devotional, using as her topic "We Love Him Because We Remember." The address of welcome was extended by Mrs. Byron Tucker.

Rev. James Pelt, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Rev. Chester Huckaby and Rev. Malone Cobb were present. They were officially welcomed by the president.

Mrs. Dodd called the roll which consists of all the churches in this district. The following committees were appointed: Registration, Mrs. Ralph Styron, chairman, Mrs. Alex Dixon and Mrs. C. H. Thorton; credentials, Mrs. Herman Douglas, chairman, Mrs. R. B. Anderson and Mrs. J. O. Harrell; nominating, Mrs. Aldeen Baxter, chairman, Mrs. Henry Hernden, Mrs. Clara Cobb, Mrs. Elise Anthony and Mrs. Inez Brannen.

After the congregation sang the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," special music was rendered by the Savannah Trio, singing, "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love." After this, Mrs. Barbara Carter presented an interesting skit entitled, "Remembering Him Through Education of Young People."

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, executive secretary-treasurer, WNAC, gave a report on the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention. She discussed the need of a mission station in Mexico. Mrs. Edwards urged us to teach missions and to support missions with intercessory prayer for our missionaries.

The hymn, "Others," was used as a special message in song by Rev. James Pelt. The devotional before the morning message was given by Mrs. H. N. Wainwright. Miss Daisy Smith sang "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me."

The morning message was brought by Mrs. Eunice Edwards, using a portion of Luke 24, emphasizing the theme, "They Remembered His Words."

After the benediction, everyone was directed to the dining hall where a delicious meal was served.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him" and "Sweeter Than the Day Before," followed by prayer. Rev. Pelt directed the congregation in the following choruses: "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me," "Lead Me to Some Saul Today" and "Let Others See Jesus in You."

A devotional, "Meditations," was given by Mrs. Karl Schultz. The Piney Grove Auxiliary presented a skit, "What the Auxiliary Means." "Remembering Him Through Study" was the subject used by Mrs. J. O. Harrell.

This was followed by the quartet from the Savannah Church singing "It Pays to Serve Jesus."

In the absence of Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, the president read a letter from her, expressing her thanks to the auxiliary for the way they had responded in purchasing a typewriter for the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. She urged each one to be aware of their financial needs and particularly their spiritual needs.

After a solo, by Mrs. Karl Schultz, Mrs. Annie C. Bruner gave an interesting discussion on the topic, "Remembering Him Through Stewardship."

The president opened the business meeting with a call for the report from the credentials committee. The following report was submitted: We, your credentials committee, wish to submit the following report: We have examined the reports and find these auxiliaries reporting with a total of 149 members—Stoney Hill, Glennville, Pine Level, Piney Grove, Baxley, Savannah and Ebenezer. We do not have an invitation for the next district meeting. We recommend that each member attending the convention be counted as a delegate; that we take Mexico as our special work of 1960.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Gaines Quinn, *Chairman*
Mrs. Annie C. Bruner
Mrs. Henrietta Banks

The registration committee reported: 56 delegates, 4 ministers and 14 visitors present.

The finance committee submitted the following report: We, your finance committee, have examined the treasurer's report and find: balance brought forward, \$111.06. We recommend these items for disbursements: the District Auxiliary Convention send .40 (forty cents) per member for state dues, \$59.60; we give Mrs. Eunice Edwards \$25.00 on her expenses to Savannah; for expense of printing programs for this convention, \$5.69; we give \$5.00 toward the printing of the South Georgia Association minutes; we give Sammy and June Wilkinson \$25.00 on their expenses to the mission field; we give the Savannah Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Herman Douglas, *Chairman*
Mrs. J. O. Harrell
Mrs. R. B. Anderson

There was a motion made to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion made that each woman attended the district convention be counted as a delegate. Motion carried.

The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers:
President, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, 2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Ga.
Vice-President, Mrs. Willie Carter, Surrency, Ga.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. Wainwright, 2116 Glynnwood Dr., Savannah, Ga.

Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Lois Bacon, Route 1, Box 23, Glennville, Ga.
Youth Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Carter, 600 McCrory St., Baxley, Ga.
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. J. O. Harrell, Route 1, Glennville,
Ga.
Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Clara Cobb, 400 McCrory St., Baxley,
Ga.
Field Secretary, Mrs. Gaines Quinn, 502 McCrory St., Baxley, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Aldeen Baxter, *Chairman*
Mrs. Henry Hernden
Mrs. Clara Cobb
Mrs. Elease Anthony
Mrs. Inez Brannen

Our state president, Mrs. Edith Shiver, requested that our district send a delegate to serve on the nominating committee at the State Convention in November. Mrs. J. O. Harrell of Glennville volunteered. The Baxley Church gave an invitation to entertain the next district convention. A motion was made that we accept this invitation to meet with the Baxley Church in September, 1960. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards conducted a very instructive question and answer time. At the close of this, Rev. Damon C. Dodd prayed the benediction.

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 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 would 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 endorsed 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 has 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 the 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 so 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 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 a 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 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 or 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 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 the 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 the power to adopt any regulations or bylaws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations 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.