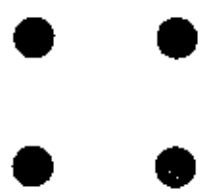


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GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

For the Year 1960-61

Moderator 2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Georgia Rev. Damon Dodd

Assistant Moderator Hazlehurst, Georgia Rev. Bill Gardner

Clerk Waycross, Georgia Rev. Wendell Long

Assistant Clerk Glennville, Georgia Rev. Tom Hamilton

Treasurer Baxley, Georgia Rev. Wilford Harden

Assistant Treasurer Baxley, Georgia Rev. J. M. Cobb

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

A. H. Quinn Hazlehurst, Georgia
Henry Eason Baxley, Georgia

Ordaining Council

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

Finance Committee

Rev. Wilford Harden Baxley, Georgia
G. C. Brewton Bristol, Georgia
Wallace Knight Glennville, Georgia

Credentials Committee

Rev. J. M. Cobb Baxley, Georgia
Rev. Jack Brantley Ludowici, Georgia
Mrs. Gaines Quinn Baxley, Georgia

Mission Board

Rev. Damon Dodd, Chairman, 1961 Savannah, Georgia
Rev. James Pelt, 1964 Glennville, Georgia
Rev. Tom Hamilton, 1962 Glennville, Georgia
Rev. J. E. Blanton, 1965 Jesup, Georgia
Rev. Joe Fort, 1963 Lake Butler, Florida

Woman's Auxiliary

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

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

- Alabaha—Miss Beth Allen, G. C. Brewton
Baxley—Gaines Quinn, Mrs. Gaines Quinn
Bethel—Mrs. Wilford Harden
Brunswick—R. B. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brannen
Corinth—Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. Varnell Hughes, Mrs. Owen Carter, Mrs. Jeannette Bragg
Lower Corinth—John Lairscey, E. C. Collins
Deep Creek—Dan Johnson, Lester Brinson, Joe Oglesby
Ebenezer—W. N. Purcell, Lester Franklin
Glennville—E. C. Davidson, Mrs. Arena Davidson, Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Mrs. Donna Kate Harrell, Robert Graham, Elton Harrell, Jimmy Rockmore
Harmony—By Letter
Liberty—By Letter
Jesup—Mrs. James T. Anderson, Watson Burke, James T. Graham, Mrs. Maggie Anderson
Metter—By Letter
Marietta—Ed Lewis, Mrs. A. L. McLain, Mrs. Pike McLain, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mayo Jr.
Memorial—By Letter
New Hope—A. B. Brannen, Pelma Landon, Mrs. A. B. Brannen
Oak Grove—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Barber, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. McLain
Oak Hill—By Letter
Philadelphia—Mrs. Mattie Altman
Pine Level—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McLeod, L. A. Rigdon, D. P. Rigdon
Piney Grove—Floyd Beasley, Mrs. Nadean Westberry, Mrs. Susie Boyett, Mrs. Inez Brannen, Mr. and Mrs. Remer Rogers
Satilla—Mrs. W. M. Gardner, A. H. Quinn
Spring Grove—Mrs. G. U. Dent, Mrs. L. C. Teston, Mrs. Stanton Chadwick, Mrs. Harris Nix, Stanton Chadwick
Savannah—Mrs. D. L. Griffin, Mrs. Eloise Wainwright, Mrs. J. C. Cure, Nell Schultz, Mrs. Marilyn Wood, Mrs. R. B. Anderson, Mrs. J. W. Driggers, Roberta Blaton, Joy Swann
Stony Hill—Mrs. Mary Stripling, M. C. Brown, Ronald Iddins, Mrs. Beulah Dawson, Mrs. Ella Morris
White Hall—Mrs. N. L. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steedley, Mrs. Wyndell Long, Alfonso Moore
Zion—Mrs. Jack Brantley, Miss Joy Brantley, Clinton Brantley

MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

W. M. Gardner Jr., Hazlehurst, Georgia; Emmett McDuffie, Surrency, Georgia; Tom Hamilton, Glennville, Georgia; V. L. Pritchett, Eastman, Georgia; Jack Brantley, Ludowici, Georgia; J. R. Davidson, Atlanta, Georgia; J. E. Blanton, Jesup, Georgia; G. S. Holton, Lyons, Georgia; Billy Livesay, Baxley, Georgia; C. D. Rentz, Brunswick, Georgia; J. M. Cobb, Baxley, Georgia; Theron W. Long, Waycross, Georgia; J. O. Fort, Lake Butler, Florida; Wilford Harden, Baxley, Georgia; E. C. Morris, Tifton, Georgia; Damon Dodd, Savannah, Georgia; Harris Nix, Jesup, Georgia; Emory Corbett, Folkston, Georgia; Clarence McMillan, Folkston, Georgia; H. L. Knighton, Albany, Georgia.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, September 23

The eighty-third annual session of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists was opened with the singing of the hymns, "The Solid Rock" and "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us." The choral director for the associational meeting was the Rev. W. M. Gardner, and the accompanist was Mrs. Gladys Bevel. The invocation was given by the Rev. J. E. Blanton.

The devotional thought for the morning, "Who Do Men Say That I Am?" was delivered by the Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

The clerk called the meeting to order and declared the same to be officially in session as the eighty-third annual session of the South Georgia Association. He then presented the moderator, the Rev. Damon Dodd. Mr. Dodd challenged the convention as to the importance of maintaining proper and Biblical ideas about Christ.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the partial report of the credentials committee. The delegates present were seated.

Motion made, seconded and carried to seat other delegates as they came.

The chair recognized the visitors attending the associational meeting. The following stood and identified themselves: Rev. J. O. Fort, Lake Butler, Florida; Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Georgia; Rev. Billy Livesay, Jacksonville, Florida; Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Albany, Georgia; Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. V. L. Pritchett, Eastman, Georgia.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the chair appoint individuals to fill the vacancies on the standing committees, until such time as the members of the committees should arrive.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the chair appoint an assistant moderator to act during the absence of the Rev. Chester Huckaby.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the program and authorizing the necessary changes that may present themselves as we go along.

Mr. F. H. Steedley, Mr. Vernon Barber, and Mr. Gaines Quinn were nominated to comprise the nominating committee. Motion made, seconded and carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect those nominated.

The executive committee report was called for and given by the clerk. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The chair appointed the following to the resolutions committee: Rev. J. E. Blanton, Rev. Wyndell Long, Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Mrs. Mary Strippling, Mr. J. C. Brannen.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the chair appoint an obituary committee. The following were named: Rev. G. S. Holton, Mrs. Gaines Quinn, and Mrs. Nadean Westberry.

The finance committee was appointed by the chair and are as follows: Mr. A. D. Mayo, Rev. J. M. Cobb, Rev. Wilford Harden.

The credentials committee appointees were Mrs. Wilford Harden and Mrs. Bill Gardner.

The Rev. V. L. Pritchett was called upon to close the business session with prayer. The association recessed until 11:15 for the worship service.

The Friday morning worship service began with the music director leading the congregation in the singing of the hymns, "At the Cross" and "He Brought Me Out." The guest soloist for the morning was Mrs. Karl Shultz. She sang "Blessed Redeemer," and was accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Bevel.

The morning message, "Peter's Confession—Our Impression," was delivered by the Rev. J. M. Cobb. "Near to the Heart of God" was sung by the congregation, following the conclusion of the sermon. The Rev. H. L. Knighton led the congregation in the closing prayer.

Friday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of the hymns, "I Will Sing the Blessed Story" and "I Love to Tell the Story." The devotional message, "Who Do Ye Say that I Am?" was brought by the Rev. J. E. Blanton.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the clerk be allowed to appoint a clerk pro tem to serve until the work of the ordaining council is finished. The Rev. Wyndell Long was appointed acting clerk.

The Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary for the state of Georgia, gave a verbal report on the National Association which convened at Fresno, California.

The woman's auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Damon Dodd, president.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report as information.

A report on the South Georgia Ministerial Association was given by the Rev. Damon Dodd. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the verbal report.

A report from the Sunday School Convention was given by the Rev. T. W. Long, president of the convention. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The Rev. E. C. Morris gave an oral report on the progress and status of the youth camp, Camp Mt. Bethel. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive report as information.

The Bible College report was given by the Rev. J. R. Davidson and a special offering was taken amounting to \$65.27. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive report as information.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the partial report of the resolutions committee.

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

The report of the obituary committee was given. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

A partial report of the ordaining council was given and adopted.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the chair appoint the delegates to the State Association to convene at Baxley, Georgia. Those appointed are as follows: Mr. E. C. Davidson, Mrs. Harris Nix, Mr. A. D. Mayo, Mrs. Stanton Chadwick, Mrs. Mattie Altman, Mrs. Bill Gardner, Mrs. Mary Stripling, Mrs. Donna Kate Harrell, Mrs. Beulah Dawson, Mrs. James Anderson.

The report of the promotional secretary of the state of Georgia was given by the Rev. E. C. Morris. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Saturday morning.

Friday Evening Worship Service

The congregation was directed by the chorister in the singing of the hymn, "I am Resolved."

The association joined the Rev. Bill Gardner in singing the choruses, "Heavenly Sunshine" and "Deep and Wide." Mr. Gardner then rendered a solo, "Ship Ahoy." A testimony time was directed by the host pastor, Rev. Damon Dodd, and was followed by the singing of the chorus, "I'm on the Rock."

The Rev. Mr. Gardner led the congregation in the singing of the hymn, "He Brought Me Out," and then sang a solo, "Room at the Cross."

The evening speaker, the Rev. Tom Hamilton, was presented by the moderator and spoke on the subject, "Peter's Confessions—Our Obsessions."

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. E. C. Morris.

Saturday Morning Session

The final session of the association was opened with the congregation singing the hymns, "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Send the Light."

The devotional message: "Flesh and Blood Hath Not Revealed It to Thee," was given by the Rev. James Pelt.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the oral report of the mission board given by the Rev. James Pelt.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the final report of the resolutions committee.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the clerk furnish a mimeographed sheet containing the matters taken up at this association that need immediate attention of the churches, and that the clerk be paid \$10 for the same. The finance to provide for the service to be taken from the associational treasury.

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report of the nominating committee.

Motion made, seconded and carried to proceed to elect by acclamation the nominees presented by the nominating committee.

Motion made, seconded and carried to express the association's appreciation to Tom Hamilton for services rendered as clerk.

Motion made, seconded and carried to continue the mission board and accept the tenure of offices as suggested by the nominating committee.

Motion made, seconded and carried to extend a standing vote of appreciation to the program personalities.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn the eighty-third session of the South Georgia Association to meet with the Spring Grove Church in 1961.

Saturday Morning Worship Hour

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing, "Praise Him! Praise Him." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Damon Dodd. Mrs. Donna Kate Harrel sang, "Nothing but Leaves." The pastors of the South Georgia Association rendered a special number, "I Would Be True." The Rev. Bill Gardner sang, "Amazing Grace."

The morning messenger, the Rev. J. O. Fort, spoke on the subject: "Peter's Confession—Our Possession," in keeping with the theme for the association: "On this Rock I Will Build My Church." Adjournment.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolutions committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the members of the mission board be elected according to the following plan: One for 5 years; one for 4 years; one for 3 years; one for 2 years; one for 1 year, and that each year hereafter one person be elected for a five (5) year term unless circumstances dictate otherwise and fill vacancies in any of the other terms.
2. That each church in our association send a minimum offering each month of \$5 to our associational mission board for the purpose of aiding in the establishment of new churches within our association.
3. We recommend also that each church in our association put the Free Will Baptist Bible College on their list as an object of prayer, and that each church send an offering each month, be it great or small.
4. Whereas, according to Free Will Baptist polity and practice, a local church has the right and privilege of electing its own deacons and setting their qualifications for ordination and determining their term of office; and whereas, the deacon is subject solely to the discipline of the local church as relates to his moral character, spiritual practice, and quality of service; and

whereas, legally the local church has the right and privilege according to Biblical and Baptist teaching to ordain her own deacons.

We therefore, by means of this resolution, remind the churches of the South Georgia Association that they may select and ordain their own deacons without referring them to the ordaining council to be examined and qualified by the association.

5. That we give the Savannah Church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality during this associational meeting.

J. E. Blanton, *Chairman*

Wyndell Long

Mrs. E. C. Davidson

Mrs. Mary Stripling

Mrs. J. C. Brannen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Whereas, the executive committee of the South Georgia Association upon giving much consideration to the proposed move to dissolve the Union Meeting of the South Georgia Association, and to initiate a quarterly meeting of the South Georgia Association; and whereas, the committee feels that it would be unwise to adopt such at this session; therefore be it

1. Resolved, that the proposed resolution to dissolve the present organization known as the South Georgia Union Meeting, and that the proposed plan for a quarterly meeting of the association be delayed until all the churches in the association have had opportunity to properly discuss and decide as to such action.

The executive committee would remind the local church of its liability in liberating ministers who come from sister associations of Free Will Baptists and other denominations.

We also urge that each church upon securing the service of a minister with the above mentioned status, to immediately request examination by the ordaining council of the South Georgia Association.

Damon Dodd

Tom Hamilton

James Pelt

J. Doc Johnson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, report the following:

Received from Churches	\$286.00
Balance Brought Forward	34.87

Total on Hand

\$320.87

Disbursements

Minutes	\$150.00
State Association	20.00
State Association for National	5.00

Treasurer	5.00
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	15.00
Supplies	7.00
Unified Program	25.00
Camp Mt. Bethel	15.00
F. W. B. Bible College	35.00
Atlanta Church	20.00
Total Disbursements	307.00
Balance in Treasury	\$ 13.87

G. C. Brewton
J. M. Cobb
A. D. Mayo Jr.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your credentials committee, submit the following report:

There were 27 churches reporting to the association; 88 delegates reporting; 11 ministers; 6 visiting ministers; 14 visitors attending.

Members Received, 280

Lost Last Year, 110

Died, 117

Total Membership, 3,063

Paid Pastors, \$47,647.84

Funds to Association, 286

Value of Church Property, \$452,000

Unified Program, \$3,766.74

Missions, \$14,326.28

Paid Evangelists, \$5,889.34

Total Offerings, \$117,437.96

Wilford Harden
Mrs. Wilford Harden
Mrs. W. M. Gardner

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your ordaining council, have examined the following ministers and recommend that they be received into fellowship in the South Georgia Association, and that the moderator extend the hand of fellowship to the same in behalf of the association: V. L. Pritchett, Billy Livesay, J. E. Blanton, Jack Brantley and Joe Fort.

Tom Hamilton
Emmett McDuffie
C. D. Rentz

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The obituary committee submits the following report:

The names of the deceased listed herein were taken from the church letters. If there are additional names, the committee will agree to include them in the report.

We, the church of Corinth, are sad to report the loss of one of our charter members, Mr. Mitchell Bell.

Baxley—Rev. E. B. Joyner, Miss Emma Cowart.

Metter—J. F. Reardon, founder and elder deacon of church, Mrs. Lizzie Perry.

Piney Grove—Mrs. America Harris.

Savannah—Wendell Kicklighter.

Philadelphia—Mrs. Madge Chancey Glinbizzi.

We recommend a short memorial service in memory of the deceased with the Rev. E. C. Morris in charge.

We also recommend these obituaries be written in the minutes as they are written here.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. G. S. Holton
Mrs. Gaines Quinn
Mrs. Nadean Westberry

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee, prayerfully submit the following nominees for your consideration for the years 1961-62. Also, that the first name given of each committee act as chairman:

Moderator, Rev. Damon Dodd; assistant moderator, Rev. Bill Gardner; clerk, Theron W. Long; assistant clerk, Tom Hamilton; treasurer, Wilford Harden; assistant treasurer, J. M. Cobb.

Executive Committee: A. H. Quinn, Henery Eason

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

Finance Committee: Wilford Harden, G. C. Brewton, Wallace Knight

Credentials Committee: J. M. Cobb, Jack Brantley, Mrs. Gaines Quinn

Mission Board: Rev. Damon Dodd, 1 year; James Pelt, 4 years; J. E. Blanton, 5 years; Joe Fort, 3 years; Tom Hamilton, 2 years.

F. H. Steedley, Chairman
G. W. Quinn
Vernon Barber

MINISTERIAL ROLL

J. E. Blanton, Jesup, Georgia
Jack Brantley, Ludowici, Georgia
J. M. Cobb, Baxley, Georgia
G. W. Collins, Lyons, Georgia
Emory Corbett, Folkston, Georgia
E. B. Duckworth, Cochrane Field, Macon, Georgia

STATIS REP

Church	County	1961 Pastors	1960 Pastors	Clerks and Addresses
Alabaha	Pierce	Billy Livesay	T. W. Long	S. D. Harrison, Blackshear, Georgia
Baxley	Appling	J. M. Cobb	J. M. Cobb	Mrs. Henry Herndon, Baxley, Georgia
Bethel	Appling	Clarence McMillon	Dewey Quinn	Miss Dorthy Orvin, Route 3, Baxley, G.
Brunswick	Glynn	C. D. Rentz	C. D. Rentz	Mrs. R. L. Stallard, 2315 Ellis S. W., k, Georgia
Corinth	Bacon	Leonard H. Graham	James Ursrey	Mrs. Clayton Wade, Route 2, Alma, Ga.
Deep Creek	Jenkins	E. V. Skipper	Leonard Graham	Miss Estelle Brinson, Millen, Georgia
Ebenezer	Tattnall	Tom Hamilton	Tom Hamilton	Billy Purcell, Glennville, Georgia
Glennville	Tattnall	James Pelt	James Pelt	Barnie Baxter, Glennville, Georgia
Harmony	Union	J. O. Fort	Milton Worthington	K. M. Clyatt, Route 2, Lake Butler, Fla.
Jesup	Wayne	J. E. Blanton	J. E. Blanton	Jimmy Syahe, Jesup, Georgia
Liberty	Coffee	Clarence McMillan	Wilford Harden	Mrs. Delane Harkleroad, West Green, G.
Lower Corinth	Emmanuel	Fuller	G. S. Holton	Mr. W. L. Logan, Lyons, Georgia
Marietta	Toombs	V. L. Pritchett	V. L. Pritchett	Mrs. A. L. McLain, Box 303, Lyons, G.
Memorial	Appling	Emmett McDuffie	Emmett McDuffie	Mr. Willie M. Carter, Surrency, Georgi
Metter	Chandler	G. S. Holton	Carl Baker	Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Box 195, Metter, G.
New Hope	Wayne	Dewey Quinn	Wilford Harden	Miss, Marjorie Westberry, Odam, Geor
Oak Grove	Appling	Emmett McDuffie	Emmett McDuffie	Mrs. Lucille Eason, Baxley, Georgia
Oak Hill	Bacon	Tom Lightsey	James Ursrey	Delbert Williams, 907 Taylor St., Waycorgia
Philadelphia	Charlton	Emory Corbett	Clarence McMillon	Mrs. Jessie R. Harden, Route 1, Folkstorgia
Pine Level	Bacon	James Ursrey	C. A. Huckaby	Mrs. Vera C. Wheeler, Box 61, Alma, L.
Piney Grove	Appling	Billy Livesay	T. W. Long	Mrs. Inez Brannen, Bristol, Georgia
Satilla	Jeff Davis	William Gardner	William Gardner	Mrs. Sam Carter, Hazlehurst, Georgia
Savannah	Chatham	Damon Dodd	Damon Dodd	Mrs. Eloise Wainwright, 2116 Glynwoodvannah, C
Spring Grove	Wayne	Harris Nix	Harris Nix	Mrs. Mary Ruth Westberry, Route 3, Jeorgia
Stoney Hill	Tattnall	Tom Hamilton	Tom Hamilton	E. S. Caison, Glennville, Georgia
White Hall	Ware	T. W. Long	Emory Corbett	Mrs. C. L. Simpson, 1310 Myers St., W. Georgia
Zion	Long	Jack Brantley	Jack Brantley	Mrs. Bertie Davis, Box 31, Ludowici, G.

ARTIST L REPORT

	Members Received	Lost This Year	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Funds to Association	Unified Program	Value of Church Property	Missions	Paid Evangelist	Total Offerings	Services
Georgia	1	4	2	39	\$1,181.00	\$10.00	\$	\$ 3,000.00	\$	\$132.17	\$ 1,945.51	2nd - 4th
Georgia	19	8	2	53	2,600.00	5.00	25.00	40,000.00		175.00	5,800.00	Full Time
Wiley, Geo		3		52	515.69	10.00		4,500.00		135.00	691.95	2nd - 4th
W., Brk, Georgia	10			44	1,020.00	5.00		12,000.00		180.39	1,552.75	Full Time
ma, Geo	1	4	1	115	565.30	10.00		8,250.00		200.00	1,371.20	1st - 3rd
Georgia	2			137	757.04	10.00	120.00	5,000.00		220.00	1,209.59	2nd - 4th
ia	7	12	1	147	3,380.00	10.00	360.00	48,000.00	830.60	250.00	6,937.39	Full Time
ia	9			167	3,430.00	10.00	480.00	50,000.00		300.00	9,076.99	Full Time
er, Florida	13	4	2	139	3,375.00	15.00	324.04	45,000.00		300.00	6,210.33	Full Time
	62			62	1,700.00	5.00	419.97	5,750.00		100.00	5,320.67	Full Time
reen, Geo				15	530.00	5.00	58.00	5,000.00		50.00	918.27	Full Time
		5		57	300.00	5.00		6,000.00	220.00		700.00	2nd - 4th
ons, Geo	3	12		118	1,456.08	10.00	300.00	6,000.00		400.00	2,558.73	1st - 3rd
Georgia	2	3		202	1,200.00	10.00		4,500.00	120.00		2,387.44	1st - 3rd
atter, Geo		2	2	54	169.19	5.00	27.50	4,000.00		55.44	501.39	2nd - 4th
Georgia		14		107	742.06	10.00	75.07	5,000.00		110.00	1,122.28	2nd - 4th
ia				62	1,200.00	5.00	300.00	5,000.00	175.00	150.00	2,351.51	2nd - 4th
, Waycross, Georgia				65	792.89	10.00	143.25	10,000.00		155.00	1,663.91	2nd - 4th
Folkston, Georgia	7	4	1	165	2,640.00	15.00	96.00	20,000.00		200.00	6,116.10	Full Time
Alma, Ge	5	9	4	144	3,435.00	15.00	341.95	19,000.00		105.00	5,939.04	Full Time
ia	7	2	1	116	842.50	10.00	60.00	7,000.00	20.00	285.95	1,970.30	1st - 3rd
Georgia	8	4		283	3,925.00	25.00	432.50	35,000.00		215.00	8,814.54	Full Time
ynwood Savannah, Georgia	55	6	1	380	4,750.00	25.00		116,000.00	3,722.83	300.00	34,391.03	Full Time
e 3, Jes Georgia	32	10		211	1,830.06	10.00	64.25	28,500.00		275.00	3,793.97	Full Time
	14	1		94	1,087.88	10.00	209.69	8,000.00	195.50	226.00	2,550.57	1st - 3rd
St., Way, Georgia	25			179	3,928.00	10.00	260.36	8,000.00		190.00	4,216.45	Full Time
vici, Ge		4	1	52	294.64	5.00		10,000.00			439.24	Full Time

Damon C. Dodd, 2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Georgia
 J. O. Fort, Lake Butler, Florida
 W. M. Gardner, Hazlehurst, Georgia
 Tom Hamilton, Glennville, Georgia
 Wilford Harden, Baxley, Georgia
 C. H. Hadden, Twin City, Georgia
 S. G. Holton, Lyons, Georgia
 Larry Holland, Savannah, Georgia
 Theron W. Long, Waycross, Georgia
 Durward Long, Lakeland, Florida
 Billy Livesay, Baxley, Georgia
 Clarence McMillan, Folkston, Georgia
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 V. L. Pritchett, Eastman, Georgia
 C. D. Rentz, Brunswick, Georgia
 E. L. Paulk, Alma, Georgia
 William Reagan, Linneus, Maine
 Sammy Wilkinson, Caixa Postal 273, Campinas, East de Sao Paulo, Brazil,
 South America
 Rev. James Ursrey, Alma, Georgia

LICENTIATES

Carl Baker, Metter, Georgia
 Dewey Quinn, Hazlehurst, Georgia

OGEECHEE UNION MEETING

Corinth, Saturday Before Fifth Sunday in January
 Metter, Saturday Before Fifth Sunday in April
 Deep Creek, Saturday Before Fifth Sunday in July

SOUTH GEORGIA UNION MEETING

Brunswick Church, October 29
 Corinth Church, January 28
 Ebenezer Church, April 29
 Glennville Church, July 29

South Georgia District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Morning Session

The annual convention met with Baxley Free Will Baptist Church on September 3, 1960. After the congregation sang "Jesus Calls Us," the president, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, called the meeting to order. Mrs. W. G. McLeod gave the devotional, using as her topic, "Haste in Responding to the Great Commission." The address of welcome was extended by Mrs. Clara Cobb.

The following ministers were welcomed by the president: Rev. James Pelt, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Rev. Tom Hamilton, Rev. Bill Gardner, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rev. James Ursrey and Rev. J. M. Cobb.

The roll was called which consists of all the churches in this district.

The following committees were appointed:

Registration: Mrs. Betty Eure, chairman.

Credentials: Mrs. A. B. Davidson, chairman, Mrs. Billy Purcell and Mrs. Nolan Purcell.

Finance: Mrs. Eloise Wainwright, chairman, Mrs. Lillie Nesmith and Mrs. Emmett McDuffie.

Resolutions: Mrs. Barbara Roberts, chairman, Mrs. W. G. McLeod, and Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell.

After Rev. James Pelt sang "The Heart that Was Broken for Me," Rev. Damon C. Dodd emphasized our responsibility in "Haste in Enlisting Our Women." A reading, "The Latter Day," was given by Miss Sharon Hand. "Haste in Educating Our Young People" was the subject used by Rev. Tom Hamilton.

Mrs. Dodd gave this report on the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention: (1) Project for the year 1960-61 will be the supplying of medical facilities for Africa; (2) that Co-Laborer magazine be published quarterly. Subscription rate will be \$1.00 per year.

"Nothing but Leaves" was a special message in song rendered by Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell. Rev. Emmett McDuffie gave a devotional which was followed by a song, "My Jesus I Love Thee," by the minister present. The morning message was brought by Rev. Bill Gardner. The main theme of this message was "His work requires much haste because the time is now for the return of Jesus." The meeting was adjourned for the lunch hour with prayer.

Afternoon Session

This session opened with the singing of "To the Work" by the congregation. This was followed by a reading, "Laborers Together with God," by Mrs. Wilson Fussell. Mrs. J. O. Harrell stressed giving yourself first and

then your possessions in her talk on "Haste in Teaching Stewardship." A singspiration led by Rev. James Pelt was preceded by Rev. Bill Gardner singing "Love." Mrs. Clara Cobb used the poem, "I Met the Master," as her contribution to this devotional period. A solo, "I'll Walk With God," was rendered by Mrs. Nell Schultz.

"Haste in Doing Personal Work" was the subject discussed by Mrs. Clara Cobb using verses from Matthew 25 and James 1:27. In the talk, "Haste in Evangelizing the World," Mrs. H. R. Eason urged the women to be concerned about all mankind. Following Rev. James Pelt's talk on "Haste in Teaching Our Women to Pray," Mrs. Nadine Westberry emphasized "Haste in Getting Our Women to Study."

The president opened the business meeting with a call for the report from the credentials committee. This report was accepted by motion and second. Motion carried. After this, the report of the financial committee was read. This report was accepted by motion and second. The report of the registration committee was accepted by motion. Motion was made to accept the report from the resolution committee. There was a stipulation to vote on the items included in this report separately. This motion carried. All resolutions were adopted by motion and second.

Minutes of this convention were read and approved.

Piney Grove Church extended an invitation for the district convention of 1961 to meet with them. This was accepted by motion. Motion carried. The hymn, "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus," was rendered as a duet by Rev. Tom Hamilton and Rev. D. C. Dodd.

The following were appointed as delegates for the state convention, November 15, 1960, at the Baxley Church in Baxley, Georgia: Mrs. Nadine Westberry, Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, Mrs. J. E. Blanton, Mrs. Wilson Fussell and Mrs. Eloise Wainwright.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Nell Schultz.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the credential committee, wish to submit the following report: We have examined the reports and find these auxiliaries reporting with a present enrollment of 174—Oak Grove, Baxley, Jesup, Stoney Hill, Savannah, Piney Grove, Pine Level, Satilla, Ebenezer and Glennville. We do not have an invitation for the next district convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. B. Davidson, *Chairman*

Mrs. Nolan Purcell

Mrs. Billy Purcell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the finance committee, report the following:

Received from Auxiliaries as Representation Fees	\$87.60
Balance Brought Forward	1.67

Total	\$89.27
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Disbursements

40c Per Member for State Dues	\$69.60
Printing of Programs for this Convention	3.83
Stamps and Envelopes	2.25
Mrs. W. G. McLeod, Refund	9.05

Total	84.73
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Balance on Hand	\$ 4.54
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Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Eloise Wainwright, *Chairman*
 Mrs. Lillie Nesmith
 Mrs. Emmett McDuffie

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the registration committee, make the following report: There were 38 delegates reporting, 7 ministers present and 8 visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Betty Eure, *Chairman*

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

1. That we have our annual convention the fourth Saturday in August instead of the first Saturday in September.
2. That the executive committee work out a plan whereby we can secure promotional funds.
3. That each local president inform their secretary and treasurer that it is 50c per capita representation fee instead of 30c as shown in the manual.
4. That each local auxiliary begin immediately to raise funds for the medical supplies for Africa. The funds should be sent to the district treasurer as soon as any are accumulated.
5. That each auxiliary be urged to send their secretary and treasurer report ten days before the annual district convention.
6. That the youth chairman of each local auxiliary have their Y. P. A., G. T. A. and B. A. represented at the district meeting and that some of them should have a part on the program.
7. That each auxiliary post and mark a Standard of Achievement chart during the year. We urge that these charts be presented at the annual district convention.

8. That the auxiliaries start now to stress the responsibility of each member of their auxiliary to prepare and sent food to the state convention which is to be held at the Baxley Church in November.

9. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the wonderful lunch and hospitality that we have enjoyed today.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Barbara Roberts, *Chairman*

Mrs. W. G. McLeod

Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell

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 prosperity, 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 meetings 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.