

MINUTES

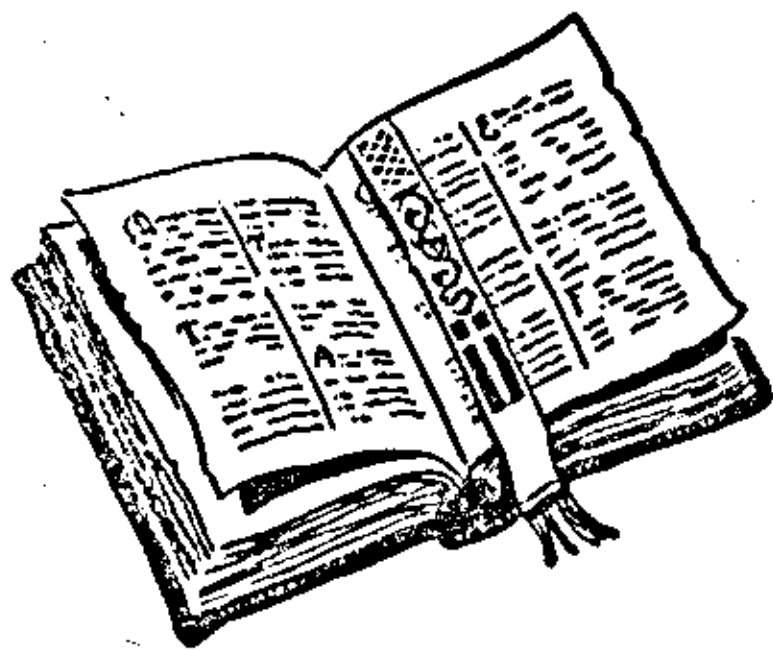
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Eighty-Sixth Annual Session

of

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



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FRIDAY MORNING

We began by singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" and "He Keeps Me Singing". Then we were led in prayer by Rev. V. L. Pritchett. Also following he led us in the morning devotions. He was on the program for the Saturday morning devotions, however, due to his having to leave and not be present on Saturday, he exchanged with Rev. Billy Livesay. Rev. Pritchett's devotions was on the Holy Spirit. He read from Gal. 1:1. He spoke concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in the Apostle Paul's life, then in our own lives. We must be led by the Holy Spirit and not by other things. He spoke of Paul's education, not from the Elders but from God in the desert. He climaxed with these words: "Called by the Spirit, and kindled by the Spirit."

At this time the welcome was given by the pastor of the host church, the Rev. Theron W. Long. The welcome consisted of the church being glad to host the South Georgia Association for the first time in the history of the new church.

The response was given by the Rev. Leonard Graham.

Then following, the Moderator gave his remarks or message to the Association. He spoke about more souls to be reported to have been saved, and to our giving to missions. Now, not to forget to give thanks to God for the last year. Then to look forward to next year as even a better year for the Lord. He reviews the progress that has been made in the past few years. He also asked to be helped in his moderating by voting and correcting when and if he is in error. He then recognized the standing delegates, which were 32 in number. Then a motion was made to seat the delegates sent from the various churches. The motion was seconded and carried.

He then recognized the visitors. They were as follows: Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. G. C. Lee, Rev. Eustace Riggs, and Bro. Hughs, Rev. Hyman, Bro. Harris.

The minutes from the last meeting was read and adopted.

A motion was made that the Moderator appoint the following committees: (The Moderator appoints all the committees except the Nominating Committee.)

Then Rev. Seldon Bullard discussed the Association, giving thought to changing the Associational Meeting from Saturday, due to the fact that so many did not come back for the Saturday meeting, and that the Ministers had so much to do on Saturday getting ready for the Sunday Service.

Following this Business Session, the Rev. Henry Van Kluyve brought the morning message.

The subject which was given to Rev. Van Kluyve was "The Person of the Holy Spirit."

He brought a very Doctrinial and inspiring message on the subject.

We dismissed from the worship service and a blessing was given for the food that had been prepared down in the basement of the church. Everyone was invited to stay for lunch.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.—86TH SESSION

We opened the afternoon session by being led in the song service by Rev. I. J. Blaskwelder. We sang song no. 34 "My Saviour's Love." Then was led in prayer by Rev. Kelly. While standing we also sang song no. 214 "When We All Get To Heaven."

It was then time for the afternoon devotional. Bro. F. H. Steedley delivered the inspiring devotion, then closed by Rev. J. E. Blanton leading in prayer.

At this time Dr. L. C. Johnson of the Free Will Baptist Bible College came and spoke to the Association. He mentioned the progress that the South Georgia Association has made in the past few years. He reminded us of several towns where Free Will Baptist are now, that were not there some few years ago.

Then the Finance Committee came forward and gave a partial report. Rev. Harden, Chairman, said that we needed \$75.00 more to meet current expenses. A motion was then made to receive an offering to meet this need. The offering was in the amount of \$63.50.

Rev. Irvin Hyman mentioned to receive offering for Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rev. George C. Lee mentioned the State Association and welcomes us to the Albany Church of which he is pastor.

At this time a partial report of the Ordaining Council was given. (See Report) The report had to do with the Rev. Chester Huckaby.

Then a report of the Nominating Committee was given. (See report.)

The following is a list of Committees and their members:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rev. Wilford Harden, Chairman
Bro. John B. Thornton
Bro. Gaines Quinn

Philadelphia Church
Alabama Church
Baxley Church

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Seldon Bullard, Chairman
Donna Kay Harold
Bro. Mark Heener
Leon Finnely

Ebenezer Church
Glenville Church
Jesup Church
Lomer Corinth

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Welburn Beasley
Bro. Barnie McLain
Bro. William Rentz

Glennville Church
Marietta Church
Memorial Church

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Rev. Billy Livesay
Bro. Pelmer Landon
Bro. Ollie Carter
Bro. Willard Taylor
Bro. Harry Chesser

Spring Grove Church
New Hope Church
Oak Grove Church
Oak Hill Church
Philadelphia Church

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. Emmitt McDuffie
Bro. Wiggins
Bro. Pete Hart
Rev. Henry Van Kluyve
Rev. Lenard Graham

Corinth Church

Oak Grove Church
First Savannah Church
Alabama & New Hope Churches



SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD MEMBERS AND YEARS SERVICE ENDING

REV. EMORY CORBITT	1964
REV. J. E. BLANTON	1965
REV. C. D. RENTZ	1966
REV. WILLIAM BEASLEY	1967
BRO. FRANK STEEDLEY	1968



CREDENTIALS REPORT (Partial)

The Immanuel Church of Jacksonville, Fla., is desiring membership in the South Georgia Association. (See for details under "Reports"). The right hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Hyman, as pastor, at this time.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS REPORT

A motion was made for the Clerk to mail Minutes to church and not bring to Associational Meetings.

Offering from local churches to the Association has been increased \$5.00 on each present suggested donation.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:30 A. M.—86TH SESSION

We began by singing hymn no. 48 "At The Cross".

In the absence of Rev. Billy Livesay, Missionary Thomas H. Willy led us in our morning devotion. He read from Matt. 25:31.

He pointed out to notice what the scripture said of nations and to notice the two types of people. He then reported that the Cuban work was still going on and improving in many ways.

The Nominating Committee proposed for election for the following offices:

South Georgia Mission Board, Rev. Frank H. Steedley, 5 yrs.

The State Mission Board, Rev. J. E. Blanton.

For Education, Rev. James Ursrey.

For Trustee, Rev. Chester Huckaby.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Entire report adopted (see report)

FINAL REPORT ON FINANCE.

Includes Annual Report and this session's report.

Report adopted. (see report).

Motion made and carried to take from the table the resolution to make constitutional change to have the Annual Associational meeting on Friday after the second Sunday in October.

Motion made and carried to make Constitutional change to the effect that each church will send \$5.00 more than they have been sending.



DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION.

Motion made and carried that the chair appoint delegates.

They are as follows:

BRO. PETE HART	OAK GROVE CHURCH
MRS. C. A. HUCKABY	PINE LEVEL CHURCH
MRS. WILBURN BEASLEY	GLENNVILLE CHURCH
MRS. WILLIAM FRANKLIN	
MRS. WILFORD HARDEN	PHILADELPHIA CHURCH



OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT.

Motion made and carried to adopt the report and have a moment of silent prayer. After which Rev. Billy Livesay led in prayer.



MISSION REPORT (see report.)

CREDENTIAL REPORT (see report).

ORDAINING COUNCIL (see report).



Motion was made that the League Convention of this district, also Sunday School Convention to be petitioned to be held before the South Georgia Association so as to report to the Association before adjournment.

Bro. Emmitt McDuffie brought the morning message.



DELEGATES

Mrs. Seldon Bullard	Ebenezer
Mrs. M. D. Bacon, Jr.	Ebenezer
M. P. Keener	Jesup
Mrs. R. D. Folsom	Ebenezer
Mrs. J. E. Blanton	Jesup
Mrs. Nettie Chesser	Philadelphia
Mrs. Harry Chesser	Philadelphia
Mrs. H. D. Smart	Corinth
Mrs. Katie Byrd DeLoach	Glennville
Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell	Glennville
Mrs. Verna Beasley	Glennville
Mrs. Arena Davidson	Glennville
Mrs. Pete Hart	Oak Grove
Mrs. Ollie C. Carter	Oak Grove

Pete Hart	Oak Grove
R. W. and Mrs. R. W. Rentz	Memorial
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rogers	Piney Grove
Mrs. G. C. Carter	Memorial
Mrs. Evelyn Long	Memorial
Talmadge Neugent	Okefenokee
Helen Neugent	Okefenokee
Pelmar Landon	New Hope
Mrs. Mary Carter	Memorial
M. E. Pye	New Hope
Mrs. Argent Corbett	Lake Butler, Fla.
J. B. Thornton	
Willard Taylor	Oak Hill
Homer D. Taylor	Oak Hill
E. E. Kelley	Oak Hill
Mrs. Chester Huckaby	Pine Level
Mrs. Perry Hand	Pine Level
Mrs. Grady Cauley	Pine Level
Mrs. Dolora Johnson	Pine Level
Bennie Anderson	Marietta
Tom Wiggins	Marietta
R. M. Moody	Ebenezer
Leon Fendley	Lower Corinth
E. C. Collins	Lower Corinth
Jim Hughes	Corinth
Mr. Gaines Quinn	Baxley
Mrs. Gaines Quinn	Baxley
Mrs. Britt Brigman	Pine Level
J. B. Brigman	Pine Level
Florence Aspinwall	Spring Grove
Lola Armstrong	Spring Grove
Mrs. J. H. Martin	Jesup
Mrs. Maggie Anderson	Jesup
Mrs. B. D. Brannen	Piney Grove
Mrs. Bertha Williams	Oak Hill
Zeak Steedley	Oak Hill
Mrs. G. A. Smith	Alabaha
Mrs. N. L. Crawford	Okefenokee
Mrs. M. J. Jordan	Corinth
Mrs. C. D. Rentz	Brunswick
F. H. Steedley	Okefenokee
L. A. Perry	First Free Will Baptist Church
Louise Tyre	Piney Grove Church
Rev. George Salger	Metter Church
Mrs. H. J. Van Kluyve	Savannah
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Broadhurst	Spring Grove
Donald Rogers	Spring Grove

VISITORS

Thomas H. Willy, 2521 S. W., 25th Terrace	Miami, Fla.
Mrs. Emmett McDuffie	
Mrs. Gussie Landon	
Ruth Anderson	
Rev. George Lee	Midway Association
Eustace Riggs	Alabama
Mrs. J. I. Hughes	
Mrs. C. E. Westberry	
Audrey Steedley	Oak Hill
Jim Carter	
E. H. Harris	
Mrs. Clifford Ellis	Pine Grove
Mrs. J. C. Tyre	Pine Grove
Mrs. Mary Lightsey	Pine Grove
J. C. Tyre	Pine Grove
Mrs. W. Irvin Hyman	Immanuel, Jacksonville, Fla.
Mrs. E. H. Harris	Immanuel, Jacksonville, Fla.
Jo Ann Quinn	Okefenokee
Willene Williams	Okefenokee
Mrs. E. Steedley	

★ MINISTER'S REGISTER

1. Leonard Graham—821 N. E. 6 Ave	374-4256
2. V. L. Pritchett—402 13th Terrace	374-3588
3. J. E. Blanton—Rt. 2, Box 27A, Jesup, Ga.	427-2976
4. Seldon Bullard—Box 32, Glennville, Ga.	646-3635
5. Wilburn Beasley—Box 11, Glennville, Ga.	646-2621
6. Emmette McDuffie—Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.	632-7753
7. James Ursrey—Rt. 2, Hazlehurst, Ga.	FR 5-2968
8. E. R. Corbett—Rt. 2, Lake Butler, Fla.	
9. L. C. Johnson—Nashville, Tennessee	
10. R. D. Folsom—Glennville, Ga.	
11. Ossie DeLoach—Glennville, Ga.	
12. Chester A. Huckaby—Alma, Ga.	
13. Eustace Riggs—Eldridge, Alabama	
14. Louis H. Moulton—Savannah, Ga.	
15. Henry J. Van Kluyve—Rt. 3, Box 205, Savannah, Ga.	
16. Irvin Hyman—849 Lenton St., Jacksonville, Fla.	
17. Rev. & Mrs. I. J. Blackwelder—Alma, Ga.	

★ MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1331.99
GIFTS FOR THE MONTH:	
ALABAMA	50.00
BAXLEY	
BETHANY	68.18
BETHEL	
BRUNSWICK	10.00

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CORINTH	15.00
DEEP CREEK	
EBENEZER	25.00
GLENNVILLE	67.00
HARMONY	20.00
JESUP	52.50
LIBERTY	
LOWER CORINTH	
MARIETTA	10.00
MEMORIAL	20.00
METTER	
NEW HOPE	
OAK GROVE	
OAK HILL	
OKEFENOKEE	
PHILADELPHIA	
PINE LEVEL	45.00
PINEY GROVE	
SATILLA	
SAVANNAH	
SPRING GROVE	
STONY HILL	21.00
ZION	6.00
 TOTAL GIFTS	 \$409.68
DISBURSEMENTS:	
SAMMY AND JUNE	200.00
SUPPLIES AND PHONE CALLS	10.00
MISSIONARY TO AUGUSTA FOR SEPT. & OCT.	768.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	978.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$762.98

—Rev. J. E. Blanton, Treas.



SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

1. UNIFIED BUDGET \$7500.00.
 - (a) Churches supporting Unified Program 21 out of 28 reporting.
 - (b) Given to a world-wide ministry through the Unified Program last year was \$3,479.66. Amount given this year was \$3,721.52, which is \$241.86 more.
 - (c) Per capita in Unified giving ranged from .08c to \$6.96, average for the year should have been \$2.51. However, the average was \$1.21 which represents the fourth in the State in Unified giving.
2. Designated budget \$3000.00. Given this year was \$12,099.49, which is \$9,099.49 above your quota.
3. Total Budget for world-wide ministry \$10,500.00. Amount given was \$15,821.01.

4. Ministry of the Unified Program.
 Foreign Mission—7 countries, 9 stations and 41 missionaries.
 National Home Missions.
 Bible College.
 National Superannuation.
 League Board, Stewardship Commission, etc.
 Promotional Department—Home and Office \$8,000.00.
 State Missions.
 Youth Camp—\$50,000.00.
 State Education.
 State Superannuation—6 Ministers and 6 Minister's widows.
 Children's Home—Approximately fifty boys and girls.
5. Name of Church:—Amt. of Gift:—Per Capita:—Award:
 Alabaha—80.00—1.21—Honor Roll.
 Bethel—5.00—.20—Honor Roll.
 First Brunswick—121.00—1.44—Jr. Honor Roll.
 Corinth—16.11—.22—
 Deep Creek—85.48—.74—Honor Roll.
 Ebenezer—287.00—1.95—Honor Roll.
 Glennville—631.00—5.09—Grand Honor Roll.
 Harmony—300.00—2.07—Jr. Honor Roll.
 Jesup—15.15—.13—Honor Roll.
 Liberty—5.00—.31—Honor Roll.
 Marietta—300.00—3.00—Grand Honor Roll.
 Memorial—181.00—1.66—Honor Roll.
 Oak Grove—355.00—6.96—Grand Honor Roll.
 Okefenokee—3.00—.08—Honor Roll.
 Philadelphia—108.50—.69—Honor Roll.
 Philadelphia W. A.—76.00—4.80—Grand Honor Roll.
 Piney Grove—95.00—1.40—Honor Roll.
 Satilla—140.00—1.01—Honor Roll.
 Savannah—155.00—.36—
 Spring Grove—506.28—2.50—Grand Honor Roll.
 Stoney Hill—206.00—2.37—Honor Roll.



SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 Conveining with the
 OKEFENOKEE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 OCTOBER 18-19, 1963



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee wish to make the following report
 for your consideration:

Received from twenty three (23) churches	\$222.00
Balance on hand	6.24
Offering received	63.53

Total on hand	\$291.77
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DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator -----	10.00
Clerk -----	10.00
Treasurer -----	10.00
Minutes -----	165.00
State Association -----	10.00
State to National -----	5.00
Unified Program -----	10.00
Camp Mount Bethal -----	10.00
Bible College -----	15.00
Orphanage -----	15.00

Widows of deceased ministers:

Sister B. A. Altman -----	5.00
Sister A. B. Adams -----	5.00
Sister Joe Harris -----	5.00
Sister J. R. Graham -----	5.00
Sister E. L. Paulk -----	5.00

\$285.00

Balance on hand ----- 291.77

Disbursement ----- \$285.00

Balance in Tru. ----- \$6.77

Late Reports from following churches:

Liberty Free Will Baptist -----	5.00
Stone Hill Free Will Baptist -----	5.00
Metter Free Will Baptist -----	5.00

Balance in Treasury ----- \$21.77

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Wilford Harden, Chmn.

Bro. C. W. Quinn

Bro. J. B. Thornton



TREASURY REPORT FOR THE YEAR

October 1, 1962 — October 1, 1963

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Balance Forward -----	\$63.58
Amount Received from all churches for the year:	
October 19, 20, 1962 -----	\$230.50
Over received from Headquarters Building -----	8.80
January 26, 1963 -----	\$127.50
April 27, 1963 -----	\$134.50
July 27, 1963 -----	\$115.00

TOTAL ----- \$679.88

RECEIVED FOR MISSION:

October -----	\$25.42
January -----	\$50.66
April -----	\$40.49
July -----	\$63.25

TOTAL ----- \$179.16

Received for Headquarters Building (2 shares) -----	\$100.00
Offering received for Bible College	
Ministers & Deacons meeting, Baxley Church -----	\$25.15

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator -----	\$25.00
Clerk -----	\$25.00
Treasurer -----	\$25.00
Minutes -----	\$175.00
State Association -----	\$10.00
State to National -----	\$5.00
Unified Program -----	\$10.00
Camp Mount Bethal -----	\$65.00
Bible College -----	\$50.00
Widows of deceased Ministers -----	\$135.00
Bibles bought for Ordained Ministers -----	\$75.00
Orphanage Home -----	\$35.00
Super annation -----	\$35.00
Bible Book Store -----	\$4.64

TOTAL SPENT ----- \$673.64

TOTAL RECEIVED ----- \$679.88

TOTAL SPENT OUT ----- \$673.64

BALANCE IN TREASURY ----- \$6.24

G. W. Suinn
J. B. Thornton
Rev. Wilford Harden



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: the yearly meeting of the South Georgia Association is important, and should be attended by as many ministers and deacons and laity as is possible, and

WHEREAS: the present set up makes it impossible for many who attend the first day to remain for the second, thereby, dwindling the second day attendance down to a mere few, and

WHEREAS: a one day session could do much to stimulate interest and attendance, and provide business sessions with a full delegation of ministers and laity, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that, we limit the yearly meeting to one day, Friday, and extend the afternoon business session to 5:00 P. M., after which supper could be served at the church, or could be purchased at a local restaurant where possible. The evening worship service would close out the session, and thereby climax the session, with the marimum number in attendance. This will enhance the spiritual impact of the yearly meeting and will encourage a more active participation.

Submitted by H. J. Van Kluyve



WHEREAS from its inception the Free Will Baptist denomination has believed in and practiced congregational church government, and

WHEREAS it is evident that a group of North Carolina Free Will Baptists have departed from this historic stand, and have withdrawn themselves from the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and

WHEREAS there is an apparant move on in the State of Georgia to enlist sympathizers with this new movement fostering a "connectural" type of church government and thereby depriving the local church of its inherent rights as an independent body, and

WHEREAS the recent meeting in Colquitt, Ga., headed by representatives from the North Carolina State Convention, which is no longer a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, was held for the purpose of setting up a new connectional movement in Georgia, working with the above mentioned State Convention, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Georgia Association go on record as vehemently opposing any movement in sympathy with a "connectional" type of church government, or fostering same, and

THAT we recommend to the Georgia State Association, that no minister, deacon, or layman, who "signed up" with the North Carolina representatives be seated in the Association, and

THAT no representative of this new movement, which is out of harmony with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, be permitted to speak on the subject or display any literature printed by this splinter group. (This includes S. S. League and Women's Aux., and any other.)

WE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING:

Mission Board for So. Ga. Assn.—Bro. F. H. Steedley.
State Assn. Mission Board—Rev. J. E. Blanton.
State Board of Christian Education—Rev. James Ursrey.
For State Board of Trustees—Rev. C. A. Huckaby.
Emmett McDuffie, Pete Hart.



CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committee beg to make the following report:

Churches Reporting—21, Petitionary Letter—1, Total—22.

Delegates—68, Members—2406, Active Members—1729, Received by letter—66, Statement—5, Baptism—159, Dismissed—59, Excluded—4, Transferred—1, Died—23, Inactive—608.

Number Leagues—68, Average Attendance—559, Enrolled—507, Churches sponsoring Leagues—15.

Woman's Auxiliaries—13, Members—260, Average Attendance—164, Meetings—148.

Y. P. A.'s—9, G. T. A.'s—5, Midget Missionary Groups—6.

Sunday Schools—21, Members—1908, Avg. Attendance—1468, Departments—120.

Prayer Meetings—20, Attendance—600. Master Men's Groups—10, Enrolled—167, Avg. Attendance—114.

Vacation Bible Schools—11, Weeks conducted—1, and one for two weeks. Attendance—883, Departments—48.

Prayer Meetings—18, Attendance—485.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Total Received	\$154,241.59
Paid Pastors	\$56,419.59
Unified Program	\$3,133.56
Paid Evangelists	\$4,394.39
Building and Repairs	\$14,497.87
Literature	\$4,984.58
Miscellaneous	\$14,074.68
Other causes not listed	\$23,436.75
Enclosed with letters	\$177.00
Missions (Foreign)	\$8,215.77
Total Expenditures	\$132,027.24
Value of Church Property	\$485,500.00
Value of Parsonages	\$99,000.00
Home Missions	\$1,246.42

Seldon Bullard, Chairman
Mrs. Harrell
Leon Finney

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand, August 24, 1963	\$18.99
Representation Fee—Auxiliaries	\$97.00
Representation Fee—Y. P. A.	\$1.80
Special Offering	\$27.50
Offering—Convention	\$20.46

TOTAL \$165.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Representation Fee—40c per member	\$77.60
Representation Fee—Y. P. A.	v1.80
Printing Treasurer's Report and Minutes	\$2.90
Mrs. Grant	\$25.00
Mrs. Davidson—Supplies	\$5.00

TOTAL \$112.30

BALANCE ON HAND 8-24-63 \$53.45



CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

ATTENDING THIS QUARTERLY MEETING:

ALABAMA—Mrs. G. C. Brewton, Mr. J. B. Thornton	\$5.00
BAXLEY—Mrs. Henry Herndon, Mr. Coy Rentz	\$5.00
BETHANY—Not Reported.	
BETHEL—Mr. J. M. Waugh	\$5.00
BRUNSWICK—Mr. and Mrs. Parker	Not listed
CORINTH—Mrs. Jim Hughes	\$5.00
GLENNVILLE—Mrs. Donna Harrell, Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Davidson	\$10.00
HARMONY—Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clyatt	\$5.00
JESUP—	
Mr. W. T. Chadwick, Mr. Eldridge Martin,	
Mrs. Martha Chadwick, Mrs. Maggie Anderson	\$5.00
LOWER CORINTH—Mr. Leon Finney	
MARIETTA—Brother McLain	
MEMORIAL—	
Mrs. Bertie Blanton, Mr. George Rentz,	
Mrs. G. C. Carter, Mr. David Mann	\$5.00
METTER—	
NEW HOPE—	
Mr. Jim Edenfield, Mrs. Florence Edenfield,	
Mr. R. D. Westberry	\$5.00
OAK GROVE—	
Miss Janice Hart, Mr. Pete Hart, Mr. James Stanfield	\$5.00
OAK HILL—Mr. Homer Taylor	\$5.00
OKEFENOKEE—	
Mrs. T. Neugent, Mrs. Theron W. Long,	
Mr. P. J. Jarrard, Mrs. P. J. Jarrard	\$15.00

PHILADELPHIA—

Mrs. Winfred Harden, Mrs. S. M. Altman \$7.50
(five others not listed)

PINE LEVEL—Mr. & Mrs. W. G. McLead, Mrs. Grady Cauley \$5.00

SATILLA—One name not listed \$10.00

SPRING GROVE—

Mr. Um. Franklin, Mrs. Alma Stone \$7.50

Mrs. Louise Hodges, Mrs. Patsy Hodges.

ZION—By Letter \$2.50



WHEREAS The South Georgia Association voted unanimously last year to employ a full time missionary couple in our association for the purpose of organizing churches in our cities where there is no Free Will Baptist work, and

WHEREAS The Mission Board acting upon the authority vested by the Association, employed a Missionary Couple and they are now in the City of Augusta working as our Missionary, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That this couple is the sole responsibility of our churches in the South Georgia Association, and we do recommend that each church take a special offering each month for this purpose and send it to our Mission Board Treasurer. We further recommend that each church find out how many people there is living in the Augusta Area and pass the information on to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that we give that church a rising vote of thanks for hospitality shown during this 86th Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists.



ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The ordaining council of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met with Brothers Raymond Altman and McKinley Brown at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church near Alma, Ga., Monday, November 11, 1963 for the purpose of ordaining the above mentioned.

We had a very good number present of which most were the good folk of Corinth church along with a small number coming with both candidates.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

SONG: "Sitting At The Feet Of Jesus"

PRAYER ----- Rev. Chester Huckaby

SCRIPTURE READING—Acts 13:1-5 ----- Rev. James Ursrey

REMARKS CONCERNING THE

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING ----- Rev. Theron Long

The candidates (along with their wives) were asked to come forward. The candidates were then asked several questions on doctrine, conduct, responsibility of the ministry, and others.

Due to the fact that neither of the candidates were being ordained in their churches, there was no charge given to the church other than a few mentioned to those coming with the candidates.

Rev. Emmett McDuffie then charged the candidates. Brother McDuffie also prayed the ordaining prayer, along with the laying on of hands.

The Brothers were then presented very nice Bibles by the council in behalf of the Association.

They then received their Ordination Papers and were dismissed.



WE, YOUR ORDAINING CODNCIL, WISH TO
MAKE THE FOLLOWING REPORT

Brother Mark Keener came before the Council at the request of the Jesup Church to be examined for license to preach.

After questioning, we recommend that he be granted license to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. License to be effective for the period of one year.



Rev. Chester Huckaby came before the Council wishing membership in this, the South Georgia Association, from the Chat. Association. Rev. Huckaby is serving as pastor of Pine Level Church near Alma, Ga. We recommend the hand of fellowship and membership be extended him.



Rev. Irvin Syman comes for membership in the Association. Now serving as pastor of Emanuel Church of North Jacksonville. We recommend the hand of fellowship and membership be extended to him.



Rev. Raymond Altman came before the Council for Ordination, having been licensed since the fall of 1961. We recommend his ordination.



Rev. McKinley Brown came before the Council for Ordination having been licensed for two years. We recommend his Ordination.

Rev. C. D. Rentz
T. W. Long
James Ursrey

OBITUARY REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, present the following report:

We recommend that the Association stand in silent prayer for 30 seconds in memory of our dead, who are listed below:

Number of deceased from following churches:

PINE LEVEL (3)
OAK HILL (1)
BETHANC (2)
EBENEZER (3)
OAK GROVE (1)
NEW HOPE (1)
JESUP (1)

GLENNVILLE (2)
MARIETTA (1)
SPRING GROVE (2)
BAXLEY (2)
MEMORIAL (1)
PHILADELPHIA (1)
METTER (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Livesay
Bro. Ollie Carter
Bro. Harry Chesser
Bro. Willard Taylor
Bro. Pelmar Landon



Articles of Faith

1. *THE BIBLE.* The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infalliable 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 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 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 license 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. The 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, 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.

CHURCH	MEETING DAYS	COUNTY	1964 PASTOR	1963 PASTOR	CLERK AND ADDRESS	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS LOST	MEMBERS DIED	TOTAL M'SHIP	FUNDS TO ASSOC.	PASTOR'S SALARY	UNIFIED PROGRAM	VALUE OF CHURCH PROP.*	PAID EVAN- GELIST	MISSIONS	TOTAL OFFERING	CHRISTIAN EDU- CATION
Alabaha	First, Third	Pierce	Leonard Graham	Lamar Parrish	MRS. D. A. SMITH 111 Strickland Ave., Blackshear, Ga.	0	1	0	45	10.00	12,000.00	80.00	5,000.00	50.00	90.00	2,104.88	
Baxley	Full Time	Appling	U. P. Wright	Richard Sample	MRS. ANNA L. LIGHTSEY Main Street, Baxley, Ga.	6	7	2	81	10.00	3,390.00		40,000.00	175.00		5,859.60	
Bethany	Full Time	Chatham	Louis H. Moulton	Louis H. Moulton	MRS. CYNTHIA WILLIS 2224 East 38th St., Savannah, Ga.	34	2	2	109	10.00	5,200.00		40,000.00	330.65	1,071.21	11,566.50	36.06
Bethel	2nd., 4th.	Appling	Clarence McMillan	Raymond Altman	MRS. BEATRICE ORVIN Rt. No. 3, Baxley, Ga.	1	3	1	44	10.00	484.45	5.00	5,000.00	175.00		750.00	
Brunswick	Full Time	Glynn	C. D. Rentz	C. D. Rentz	S. S. SMITH 3511 Johnson St., Brunswick, Ga.	8	2	0	88	7.00	3,900.00	120.00	10,000.00	225.00		5,610.50	
Corinth	Full Time	Bacon	Emmitt McDuffie	Emmitt McDuffie	DARWELL HOLLINGSWORTH Route No. 2, Alma, Ga.	2	0	0	74	10.00	868.00	16.11	8,500.00	200.00	210.05	1,494.50	
Deep Greek	2nd., 4th.	Jenkins	E. V. Skipper	E. V. Skipper	MRS. LESTER BRINSON Rt. No. 4, Box 57, Millen, Ga.	1	0	1	65	5.00	731.16	35.48	6,000.00	211.78		1,057.85	
Ebenezer	Full Time	Tattnall	Seldon Bullard	Seldon Bullard	MR. W. F. PURCELL 509 Marietta St., Glennville, Ga.	4	4	3	145	5.00	4,390.00	315.00	54,500.00	275.00	474.57	9,534.27	195.00
Emmanuel	Full Time	Duval	Irvin Hyman	Irvin Hyman	MRS. ROSLYN WILLIAMS 11227 Americana Lane, Jax., Fla.	22	0	0	65	10.00	4,160.00			105.00	176.66	6,855.60	75.00
Glennville	Full Time	Tattnall	Wilburn Beasley	Wilburn Beasley	MR. BARNIE BAXTER Rt. No. 2, Glennville, Ga.	14	4	2	179	7.50	3,850.00	600.00	50,000.00	150.00	609.50	10,541.00	451.66
Harmony	Full Time	Union	Emory Corbitt	Emory Corbitt	MRS. K. M. CLYATT Lake Butler, Florida	12	0	0	0		4,500.00	300.00	25,000.00		415.00	10,000.00	
Jesup	Full Time	Wayne	J. E. Blanton	J. E. Blanton	MRS. JIMMIE LEE SZOKE 536 S. Palm St., Jesup, Ga.	26	0	1	119	5.00	3,950.00	3.15	50,000.00	612.96	1,408.96	14,232.78	247.24
Liberty	First, Third	Coffee	Clarence McMillan	Clarence McMillan	MRS. DELAYNE HARKLEROAD West Green, Ga.	0	0	0	16	5.00	570.00	10.00	5,000.00	100.00		1,283.19	
Lower Corinth	Full Time	Emanuel	James Poter	James Poter	LEON W. FINDLEY Rt. 2, Lyons, Georgia	3	0	0	63	10.00	1,108.00		8,000.00	200.00		1,696.43	
Marietta	First, Third	Toombs	V. L. Pritchett	V. L. Pritchett	MRS. MELBA McLAIN Rt. 2, Lyons, Georgia	10	1	1	132	10.00	1,630.00	300.00	10,000.00	200.00	150.00	4,639.97	24.00
Memorial	First, Third	Appling	S. P.—T. G. Hamilton	Leonard Graham	MR. W. M. CARTER Rt. 2, Surrency, Georgia	1	2	1	106	5.00	1,217.00	180.00	4,500.00	216.00		1,907.48	
Metter	Full Time	Chandler	George Salvers	Carl Baker	MRS. FLOYD BEASLEY Rt. 3, Box 225, Metter, Georgia	12	0	1	36	5.00	203.58	8.00	6,000.00	80.00		814.32	
New Hope	2nd., 4th.	Wayne	Leonard Graham	Leonard Graham	MRS. MARJORIE WESTBERRY Odum, Georgia	0	0	1	111	5.00	1,288.16		5,000.00	125.00		1,654.38	
Oak Grove	2nd., 4th.	Appling	Emmitt McDuffie	Lamar Parrish	MRS. LUCILLE EASON Rt. 2, Baxley, Georgia	0	0	1	77	5.00	1,375.00	385.00	5,000.00	140.00	352.00	3,164.84	59.20
Oak Hill	2nd., 4th.	Bacon	Everett Kelly	Everett Kelly	MR. ZEAK STEEDLEY Alma, Georgia	0	1	1	64	10.00	861.97		15,000.00	100.00	317.38	1,463.30	
Okefenokee	Full Time	Ware	Theron W. Long	Theron W. Long	MR. P. J. JARRARD 308 Jessie St., Waycross, Ga.	6	0	0	43	15.00	3,245.00		60,000.00	125.00	840.00	11,782.17	475.00
Phila- delphia	Full Time	Charlton	Wilford Harden	Wilford Harden	HENRY O. PHILLIPS P. O. Box 902, St. Marys, Ga.	12	5	1	156	15.00	2,386.05	212.50	11,000.00	225.12	49.00	7,036.19	
Pine Level	Full Time	Bacon	C. A. Huckaby	James Urserv	MRS. DOLORA JOHNSON Rt. 4, Alma, Georgia	6	5	3	135	10.00	3,280.00		18,000.00	439.66	313.42	6,062.56	130.00
Piney Grove	2nd., 4th.	Appling	V. L. Pritchett	V. L. Pritchett	MRS. INEZ BRANNEN Bristol, Georgia	24	6	0	140	10.00	1,725.00	60.00	9,000.00	100.00	145.00	4,633.31	
Satilla	Full Time	Jeff Davis	James Urserv	Charles Brvant	MRS. WILSON FUSSELL Rt. 2, Hazlehurst, Georgia	3	3	5	210	25.00	4,026.30	140.00	45,000.00	245.00	494.73	7,947.82	187.00
Savannah	Full Time	Chatham	Henry J. Van Kluyve	Henry J. Van Kluyve	MRS. ELOISE H. WAINWRIGHT 2116 Glynnwood Dr., Savannah, Ga.	33	27	0	410	7.50	4,800.00	490.00	172,000.0	150.00	4,445.50	30,735.81	200.00
Spring Grove	Full Time	Wayne	Billy Livesay	Billy Livesay	MRS. DON SUTTON Rt. No. 3, Jesup, Georgia	15	6	2	211	10.00	2,255.41	490.00	53,000.00	255.00	117.00	8,379.45	
Stoney Hill	2nd., 4th.	Tattnall	T. G. Hamilton	T. G. Hamilton	MRS. MCKINLEY BROWN 408 Ridge St., Claxton, Ga.	4	0	1	97	5.00	1,205.20	204.00	5,000.00	200.00	205.00	2,161.41	
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*Figures in this column represent Value of Church and Parsonage.

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