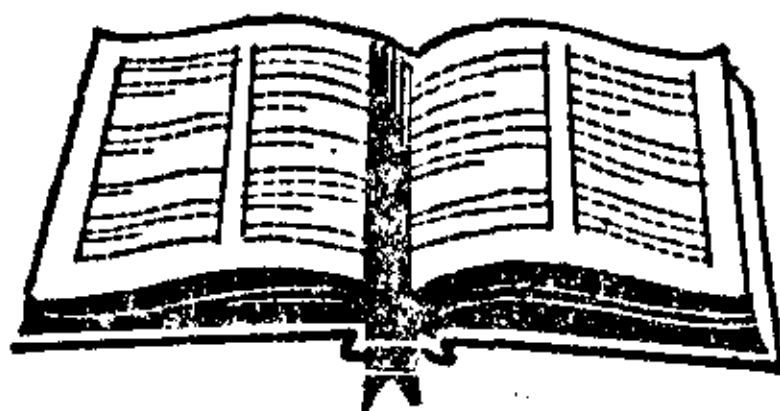


MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Convened with
PINEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Bristol, Appling County, Georgia
October 16, 1964

PRESIDING OFFICERS

J. E. Blanton, Moderator Jesup, Georgia
Louis H. Moulton, Clerk, 8 Richmond Dr. Savannah, Ga.

The meetings of the South Georgia Association are held on the fourth
Saturday in January, April and July The annual meeting is held on Friday
after the second Sunday in October

Georgia

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, October 16, 1964

The 87 annual session of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists opened with congregational singing under the direction of the Rev. James Ursrey. Following the singing of "Stand Up For Jesus" and "To the Work" the Rev. Wilburn Beasley led in prayer.

The Rev. C. D. Rentz used 2 Timothy 4:1-5 as the basis for his devotion-al message. "Make full proof of thy ministry" he said in urging Christians to be faithful in these days.

The session was called to order by the clerk, the Rev. Louis H. Moulton, who used Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" He then introduced the moderator, the Rev. J. E. Blanton, who used Acts 2:42 to challenge those present to "continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship . . ."

The moderator recognized the standing delegates—31 ministers and deacons. Then the delegates sent by their respective churches were recognized and by vote seated. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

By motion the printed program was adopted with the moderator given the privilege of making any change found necessary. Minutes of the last quarterly meeting of the Association were read and adopted.

Motion was made that the moderator appoint all necessary committees:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—C. D. Rentz, Chairman, E. M. Mallard Jr., Pauline Harris; FINANCE COMMITTEE—Wilford Harden, Gene Westberry, J. W. L. Johnson; RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Billy Livesay, Mrs. Wendell Long, Willard Taylor; OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Kenneth Upright, Ollie Carter, Coy Murray; NOMINATING COMMITTEE—C. A. Huckaby, George Rentz, H. T. Land, Leon Findlay, Steve Szoke.

The Rev. Henry Van Kluyve was elected to serve on the ordaining council for today's session in place of the Rev. Emmett McDuffie who has moved to another association.

Letters were called for and 25 churches responded. The Rev. Manse Carson, State Promotional Secretary, was introduced and made announcements concerning the State Association and the Training Service Convention. He gave a report on unified giving in the state and awarded certificates to several churches for consistent giving to the unified program.

Following the song service in preparation for the worship hour, an offering was received in the amount of \$69.51. The Rev. C. A. Huckaby was introduced as the morning speaker. He read Romans 12:1-12 and spoke on "The Challenge of Christian Service."

"There is a war in existence today that was in existence in the Apostle Paul's day," Mr. Huckaby said. "We are challenged to fight . . . it is

necessary for us to sacrifice ourselves for Christ . . . We are challenged to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints . . . we are challenged to be about the business of the church . . . to preach and teach the things Jesus told us to teach and preach . . . the only remedy for the ills of our land is to be found in the Bible . . . no one can do for God just what you should do for God . . . "

Lunch announcements were made by the host pastor, the Rev V L Pritchett. The Rev I J Blackwelder pronounced the benediction and at the same time asked God's blessings upon the food.

Friday Afternoon, October 16, 1964

With the Rev Billy Livesay at the piano, the Rev. Irvin Hyman directed the singing of "At the Cross" after which the Rev. Kenneth Faison led in prayer. The Rev W. A. Olds used Matthew 5:13-16 to point out that Christians are the light of the world.

The first item of business was to hear the report of the Mission Board which was adopted (see reports). The Resolutions Committee gave its report which was adopted (see reports). The Rev. Wyndell Long gave the report of the special committee to investigate the possibility of securing use of a youth camp for the South Georgia Association. The report was adopted along with the recommendations thereof (see reports).

The Ordaining Council gave its report which was adopted (see reports). The Nominating Committee gave its report which was adopted (see reports). A motion was made and carried that we delete item 6 under Church Decorum in our minutes. The Rev Wilford Harden gave the financial report which was adopted (see reports).

Delegates to the State Association were appointed: Mrs. Wilford Harden, Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, Mrs. Henry Van Kluyve, Mrs. Jowanna Strickland. In case any of these are unable to attend, motion made to empower moderator to appoint others at the State Association.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. C. D. Rentz (see reports).

The Obituary Committee's report was given (see reports). The Rev. J. E. Blanton led in prayer after a few moments of silence in reverence to those deceased. The Rev C A Huckaby presented the insurance plan sponsored by our national Superannuation Board.

Friday Night, October 16, 1964

All business having been completed at the afternoon session, the evening service was given over in its entirety to worship. The Rev Henry Van Kluyve directed the singing and the Rev Billy Jackson brought a challenging message from Matthew 27 on the subject "The Price God Paid for Man's Salvation." A love offering was received for the speaker.

DELEGATES

ALABAMA: John B. Thornton. Mrs. John B. Thornton, G. C. Brewton, Huey Hubbard BAXLEY: Mrs. Kenneth Upright BETHANY: Mrs. Mildred A. Moulton BEHEL: Mrs. Vasco Johnson, Mrs. R. B. Osborne. BRUNSWICK FIRST: Mrs. Calvin Henderson, Mrs. J. D. Carter, Mrs. Thelma Rentz, Mrs. Bertie Rentz. CORINTH: Mrs. Luna White, Mrs. Effie Jordan, J. L. Hughes DEEP CREEK: By letter only. EBENEZER: By letter only GLENNVILLE: Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, Mrs. Irena Davidson, Mrs. Maude Purcell JESUP FIRST: Steve Szoke, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blanton, Mrs. Maggie Anderson, Mrs. Jean Blanton, Mrs. Aletha Martin, Mrs. Pat Brannen.

LIBERTY: By letter only LOWER CORINTH: Leon W. Findley, Frances Findley. MARIETTA: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Branch, Mrs. De Olva McLain, Brooks Coursey MEMORIAL: Mrs. Pearl Carter, Mrs. Elmer Carter, Mrs. John Blanton, Mrs. Everett Wicker, George Rentz, David Mann. METTER: Mrs. McKinley Brown, Mrs. James Floyd Beasley, Mrs. Floyd Beasley. NEW HOPE: Mr. and Mrs. Coy Murray, Millard Pye, Mrs. Iona O'Quinn, Mrs. Asa Lee Mallard. OAK GROVE: Vernon Barber, Mrs. Christine Barber, Mrs. Ollie Carter. OAK HILL: Willard Taylor, Mrs. Ada Taylor, H. D. Taylor, Mrs. Dennis Smart. OKFENOKEE: Willene Williams, Betty Long. PHILADELPHIA: Mrs. Wilford Harden PINE LEVEL: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. L. Johnson, Mrs. Herman Douglas, Mrs. Grady Cauley, Mrs. J. B. Brigman. PINEY GROVE: C. E. Westberry. SATILLA: Mrs. James Ursrey. SAVANNAH FIRST: Mrs. Pauline Harris. SPRING GROVE: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mallard.

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

1963-64

Balance brought forward	\$762.98		
Alabaha	80.00	Philadelphia	140.00
Baxley	—	Pine Level	275.68
Bethany	327.78	Piney Grove	130.00
Bethel	20.00	Satilla	29.75
Brunswick	157.00	Savannah	50 00
Corinth	165.00	Spring Grove	—
Deep Creek	—	Stoney Hill	177 50
Ebenezer	497.00	Zion	—
Glennville	550.00	South Ga Assn	313.69
Harmony	240.00	Ministerial Assn	42 50
Immanuel	10.00	Ministers Wives	5 00
Jesup	494.74	State Mission Board	600 00
Liberty	10.00	Exchange Bank-Alma	613.69
Lower Corinth	—	Wilford Harden	10 00
Marietta	225.00	Wilburn Beasley	10 00
Memorial	100.00	Tom Hamilton	25 00
Metter	21.00	Mrs H R Eason	10 00
New Hope	40.00	I J Blackwelder	10 00
Oak Grove	170.00	C E (Gene) Westberry	30 00
Oak Hill	89.68	Emitt McDuffie	20 00
Okefenokee	280.00	Seldon Bullard	10 00

C D Rentz

25 00

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$6,005 01

Paid out—Wilkinsons

2400 00

Jacksons

3850 00

Cash for Supplies

10.00

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TOTAL PAID OUT

\$6,260 00 ...

BALANCE ON HAND

\$ 507 99

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Raymond Altman Folkston, Ga.
Carl Baker Canal Point, Fla.
Wilburn Beasley Box 11 Glennville, Ga. 654-2621
I. J. Blackwelder Alma, Ga.
J. E. Blanton Rt. 2 Jesup, Ga. 427-2976
McKinnley Brown Claxton, Ga.
Kenneth Faison 47 Dixie Ave. Brunswick, Ga. 264-2452
George Foskey Rt. 1, Odum, Ga. 584-3051
Leonard H. Graham P O. Box 428 Eastman, Ga. 374-4328
T. G. Hamilton Homerville, Ga.
Wilford Harden Folkston, Ga. 496-6343
G. S. Holton Rt. 2 Lyons, Ga.
C. A. Huckaby Rt. 4 Alma, Ga. 632-5240
Irvin Hyman 849 Lenton St. Jacksonville, Fla.
Everett Kelley Pitts, Ga.
Billy Livesay Rt. 2 Jesup, Ga. 7-4939
Theron W. Long 2401 Camden Ave. Waycross, Ga. 283-8735
Clarence McMillan Folkston, Ga.
Louis H. Moulton 8 Richmond Dr. Savannah, Ga. 354-5097
W. A. Olds Surrency, Ga. 367-4262
Robert Owen Glennville, Ga. 654-3635
V. L. Pritchett Eastman, Ga. 374-3588
C. D. Rentz RFD Baxley, Ga.
George Salyers Swainsboro, Ga.
L. L. Sapp 1311 Houston Dr. Perry, Ga.
E. V. Skipper 207 "E" Street Thomaston, Ga. 647-3683
Kenneth A. Upright 106 Glendale Ave. Baxley, Ga. 367-3720
James E. Ursrey Rt. 2 Hazlehurst, Ga. 257-2968
Henry Van Kluyve Rt. 3 Box 205 Savannah, Ga. 354-0971
Larry Williams 905 Church St. Alma, Ga.
Sammy Wilkinson Missionary to Brazil

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following resolutions for your consideration: Resolved

That every individual have a season of prayer daily so that their lives may be more dedicated to the Lord, and a deeper compassion for the lost.

That we give this church a rising vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

Billy Livesay

Betty Long

Willard Taylor



REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council, wish to make the following report: The following brethren came before the Council for membership into this body: Rev. Larry Williams from the Union Association, Rev. W. A. Olds from the Georgia Union Association, Rev. Kenneth Faison from the South Carolina Conference.

We recommend that the above brethren be received into this body with all its privileges. Brother George Fosky comes from the Georgia Union Association asking membership and ordination. We recommend that he be accepted as a licensed minister and upon the lapse of sufficient time be ordained at time and place wished.

Wyndell Long

Henry Van Kluyve

James Ursrey



REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Henry Van Kluyve; Assistant Moderator—Wilburn Beasley; Clerk—Louis H. Moulton; Assistant Clerk—Kenneth Upright; Treasurer—Wilford Harden; Mission Board—1969—J. B. Brigman, Sr; Ordaining Council—Irvin Hyman 1967, T. W. Long 1966, James Ursrey 1965; Youth Camp Board—Wyndell Long, Henry Van Kluyve, James Ursrey, Wilburn Beasley, G. W. Henderson, Harold Swann, Jr., Richard Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Huckaby

Steve Szoke

Leon W. Findley

G. H. Rentz

H. E. Lynn

REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, October 6, the Youth Camp Committee, recently appointed by the South Georgia Association, met at Waycross Georgia for the purpose of viewing available facilities for Camp, at which place the Milwaukee Braves Baseball Team holds its Spring Training exercises, located in Waycross.

It was found that the facilities, which include several dormitories, cafeteria and dining hall, meeting hall, swimming pool 60' x 40', baseball diamonds and other recreational equipment, would provide the best yet for the youth of the South Georgia churches.

The rent for one week at the above mentioned site would be \$200 00. A dietician is available who will be in charge of buying, cooking and feeding the food for the week. A registered nurse would be employed and would live at the camp to give medical attention. Life guards, male and female, would also serve for the week. Swimming would be segregated—with boys and girls using the pool at different times.

Classes will be taught in the morning. Counselors will be assigned to each dormitory to guide the spiritual activities among the young people. Supervised recreation will serve to stimulate and inspire both mind and body. Food will be choice—with milk included in the diet each day.

We feel that our blessed Lord has opened up for us an opportunity to serve our young people and afford them a place where they will long to go each year—and one which they will hate to leave when the week is over.

On the basis of the above written, we, your Youth Camp Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the camp site at Waycross be rented for the week of August, 8-14 (Campers will register at the camp on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p m. Camp will break up on Saturday morning, the 14th).
2. That each camper be charged \$11 00 for the entire week. (This amount includes food, insurance and full facility privileges. Spending money for drinks, candy, etc., is extra).
3. That a Youth Camp Board be elected at this annual session consisting of 7 members. A director will be named by this board—and he will have complete charge of arranging and carrying out the camp schedule.
4. That a Youth Camp Treasury be set up, with an elected treasurer, into which all camp funds will be deposited. Special offerings from churches and allocations by the South Georgia Association will go into this treasury.
5. That each church in the South Georgia Association be asked to help support the Youth Camp Fund, with Budget allocations or with special offerings, at least three times per year, and that the South

Georgia Association be asked to allocate money each quarter to help with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendell Long
Henry Van Kluyve
Wilburn Beasley
Mr Henderson
James Ursrey

In closing we would again emphasize the need of an active youth program within our South Georgia District. Our young people are looking to you. They are depending on you Give Pray! Work! OPERATION YOUTH CAMP needs your support! It is estimated that at least 150 young people will register next year. God bless you.



REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Received from churches today	\$266.00
Balance brought forward from last report	75.25
Total	341.25
Disbursed	288.61
Balance in treasury	52.64
Disbursements:	
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	10.00
Minutes	175.00
State Ass'n	10.00
State to National	5.00
Unified Program	10.00
Children's Home	15.00
Bible College	15.00
Deceased Ministers wives:	
Mrs. A. B. Adams	5.00
Mrs. B. A. Altman	5.00
Mrs. Joe Harris	
Mrs. J. R. Graham	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Paulk	5.00
Ministers cards for 64-65	3.61

\$288.61

C. E. Westberry
J. W. L. Johnson
Wilford Harden

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Churches reporting - 25; Delegates - 74; Membership: 1,735 active, 773 inactive, received by baptism - 199, by letter - 100, by statement - 10, total membership - 2,942; Sunday School enrollment - 1,996, average attendance 1,631; Number of Training Services - 14; enrollment - 1,069, average attendance - 621; 13 Woman's Auxiliaries, 248 enrolled; 10 Master's Men organizations, 114 enrolled; 21 prayer meetings; 11 had Vacation Bible Schools; 9 half time, 16 full time churches; 17 ordained ministers, 3 liscensed, 109 deacons.

Respectfully,

C. D. Rentz

E. M. Mallard,

Pauline Harris



REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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 deceased from the following churches: Lower Corinth 3, Alabaha 2, First Savannah 1, New Hope 1, Memorial 2, Piney Grove 1, Bethany 1, Spring Grove 3, Glennville 2, Philadelphia 2, Corinth 1, Metter 1, Elenezer 1, Satilla 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Upright,

Ollie Carter,

Coy Murray

Church	County	1965	Pastor	1964 Pastor	Clerk and Address	Men Rec
Alabaha	Pierce			Leonard Graham	MRS. D. A. SMITH 111 Strickland Ave. Blackshe Ga.	
Baxley	Appling	Kenneth A. Upright		Same	MRS. ANNA LEE LIGHTSE Weatherly Park Baxley, Ga	7
Bethany	Chatham	Louis H. Moulton		Same	MRS. SHELBY TRAMELL 14 San Fernando Dr. Savan Ga.	19
Bethel	Appling	C. D. Rentz		Clarence McMillan	MRS. BEATRICE ORVIN Rt. 3 Baxley, Ga.	1
Brunswick	Glynn	Kenneth Faison		C. D. Rentz	MRS. CALVIN HENDERSON 704 Islandview Dr. Brunswick Ga.	22
Corinth	Bacon	Larry Williams		Emmett McDuffie	MRS. EVA WADE Rt. 2 Alma, Ga.	11
Deep Creek	Jenkins	E. V. Skipper		Same	MRS. LESTER BRINSON Rt. 4 Millen, Ga.	
Ebenezer	Tattnall	Robert Owen		Seldon Bullard	W. F. PURCELL Glenn, Ga.	5
Emmanuel	Duval	Irvin Hyman		Same	MRS. ROSLYN WILLIAMS 11227 Americana Lane, Jax, F.	24
Glennville	Tattnall	Wilburn Beasley		Same	BARNEY BAXTER Rt. 2 Glennville, Ga.	19
Harmony	Union			Emory Corbett	NO REPORT	
Jesup	Wayne	J. E. Blanton		Same	MRS. JIMMIE SZOKE 536 S. Palm St. Jesup, Ga.	
Liberty	Coffee	Clarence McMillan		Same	MRS. DELAYNE HARKLER West Green, Ga.	
Lower Corinth	Emanuel	L. L. Sapp		James Potter	LEON W. FINDLEY Rt. Lyons	1
Marietta	Toombs	V. L Pritchett		Same	MRS. MELBA McLAIN Ly. Ga.	6
Memorial	Appling	W. A. Olds		Tom Hamilton	H. VIRGIL CARTER Surra, Ga.	1
Metter	Candler	McKinnley Brown		George Salyers	MRS. FLOYD BEASLEY Rt. 3 Box 285 Metter, Ga.	
New Hope	Wayne	George Foskey		Leonard Graham	MRS. MARJORIE WESTBEY Rt. 1 Odum, Ga.	2
Oak Grove	Appling	Larry Williams		Emmett McDuffie	MRS. LUCILLE EASON Rt. 2 Baxley, Ga.	
Oak Hill	Bacon	Everett Kelley		Same	ZEAK STEEDLEY Rt. 3 A Ga.	10
Okefenokee	Ware	Theron W. Long		Same	P. J. JARRARD 318 Jessie St. Waycross, Ga.	17
Philadelphia	Charlton	Wilford Harden		Same	HENRY O. PHILLIPS Starys	1
Pine Level	Bacon	C. A. Huckaby		Same	MRS. DELORA JOHNSON Rt. 4 Alma, Ga.	1
Piney Grove	Appling	V. L Pritchett		Same	MRS. INEZ BRANNEN Bris Ga.	1
Satilla	Jeff Davis	James <u>Ursrey</u>		Same	MRS. WILSON FUSSELL Rt. 2 Hazlehurst, Ga.	2
Savannah	Chatham	Henry J. Van Kluyve		Same	MRS. ELOISE H. WAINWRIE 2116 Glynwood Dr. Savannah, G	3
Spring Grove	Wayne	Billy Livesay		Same	MRS. DON SUTTON Rt. esup.	1
Stoney Hill	Tattnall	C. D. Rentz		T. G. Hamilton	DOROTHY FLOWERS Rt. 4 Box 214 Glennville, G	

	Mem. Rec'd	Mem. Lost	Died	Total Mem Ship	Funds To Ass'n.	Paid Pastor	Unif. Prog	Value Church Property	Paid Evan- gelist	Missions	Total Offering	Meeting Days
kshear, Ga.			2	43	10.00	1,175.00	100.00	5,000.00	100.00	125.00	2,325.01	1-3
TSEY Ga.	7			79	10.00	2,852.50		40,000.00	200.00	478.42	7,808.85	FT
L yannah, Ga.	19	12	1	116	10.00	3,900.00	10.00	25,000.00	355.63	1,421.13	12,879.66	FT
	1			25	10.00	537.03	10.00	5,500.00	90.00		1,479.78	1-3
SON swick, Ga.	22	3		112	5.00	3,624.00	134.45	17,500.00	200.00	137.00	4,613.07	FT
	11	5	1	79	10.00	1,185.66	43.08	8,500.00	200.00	324.17	2,033.30	1-3
N		1	1	94	5.00	736.52	18.30	6,000.00	242.95		1,227.86	2-4
lennt, Ga.	5	3	1	144	10.00	4,420.00	140.00	47,000.00	100.00	586.50	8,470.32	FT
MS x, Fla.	24			89	10.00	4,285.00		42,500.00	320.00	168.00	9,229.68	FT
	19	7	2	189	10.00	3,900.00	480.00	50,000.00	250.00		10,505.69	FT
Ga.	15	26		126	10.00	4,790.00		50,000.00	600.00	1,785.80	15,340.37	FT
LEROA				16	6.00	476.00	45.00	5,000.00			642.29	1-3
Rt. 2 Lyons	14	6	3	67	10.00	1,200.00	150.00	8,000.00	100.00		1,690.78	FT
Lyons, Ga.	6	4		134	15.00	1,665.00	300.00	7,000.00	300.00	317.85	5,227.09	1-3
urrency Ga.	13	3	2	125	5.00	1,200.00	180.00	11,500.00	100.00	228.50	5,970.29	FT
Y a.	12		1	84	10.00	455.88	43.49	6,000.00	134.30		1,309.56	FT
BERF	25	3	1	133	10.00	1,378.06	15.50	5,000.00	255.00	57.00	2,572.38	FT
	15			57	7.50	1,295.00	420.00	5,000.00	210.00	485.00	2,990.07	2-4
3 Alm, Ga.	10	5		68	10.00	1,099.83		16,500.00	225.00	88.46	2,577.90	2-4
Ga.	17			57	10.00	4,280.00	791.29	60,000.00	195.00	403.79	12,336.37	FT
St. krys	10	6	2	154	15.00	2,787.16	247.25	37,000.00	218.58	140.00	7,202.56	FT
N	15			133	10.00	3,386.39	60.00	17,000.00	267.35	350.82	6,780.08	FT
Bristo, Ga.	1	1		130	10.00	1,685.00	60.00	7,000.00	180.00	209.55	1,772.02	2-4
	23	8	2	250	25.00	4,156.27	140.00	45,000.00	250.00	385.00	8,306.24	FT
RIGE h, G	31	18	1	422	12.50	5,700.00	50.00	194,000.00	408.64	9,594.65	33,516.51	FT
t. 3 esup	18	5	3	218	10.00	2,490.00	541.35	53,000.00	85.00		8,080.23	FT
, Ga	55	8	2	55	5.00	964.90	216.00	5,000.00	200.00		2,064.07	2-4

OFFICERS

Henry J. Van Kluyve, Moderator Rt. 3, Box 205, Savannah, Georgia
Wilburn Beasley, Assistant Moderator Box 11, Glennville, Georgia
Louis H. Moulton, Clerk 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, Georgia
Kenneth Upright, Assistant Clerk 166 Glendale Ave, Baxley, Georgia
Wilford Harden, Treasurer Folkston, Georgia.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Irvin Hyman 1967 849 Lenton Street, Jacksonville, Florida
Theron W. Long 1966 2401 Camden Ave., Waycross, Georgia
James Ursrey 1965 Route 2, Hazlehurst, Georgia

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Theron W. Long 2401 Camden Ave., Waycross, Georgia
Henry J. Van Kluyve Rt. 3, Box 205, Savannah, Georgia
James Ursrey Route 2, Hazlehurst, Georgia
Wilburn Beasley Box 11, Glennville, Georgia
G. W. Henderson
Harold Swann, Jr. 2117 N. Fernwood Dr., Savannah, Georgia
Richard Roberts Glennville, Georgia

MISSION BOARD

J. E. Blanton 1965
C. D. Rentz, Chairman 1966
Wilburn Beasley 1967
Frank Steedley 1968
J. B. Brigman, St. 1969

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the people and strengthen the work of the various churches composing the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist and to devise and recommend measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in association with the various churches which do now and may later comprise this organization.

ARTICLE 1. NAME:—This fellowship of churches shall be known as the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia.

ARTICLE 2. COMPOSITION:—This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches as may conveniently embody themselves in this fellowship.

ARTICLE 3. REPRESENTATION. Representation shall be by delegates duly authorized by the local churches comprising the South Georgia Association, and shall be determined on the basis of one (1) delegate for each twenty (20) members or fraction thereof. Standing delegates are all ordained ministers and deacons in good standing with the South Georgia Association; missionaries who hold membership in a church in the South Georgia in this capacity.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS:—The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each annual session. No member of this Association shall be eligible to serve as Moderator for more than two consecutive years unless no other member be competent to serve

Section 2. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - In addition to a Mission Boards, other Boards may be set up as needed such as Board of Finance, Board of Education, Superannuation Board, Sunday School and Training Service Boards, Presbytery Board (Ordaining Council), etc. The personnel of each of these shall be elected as follows: The first named for a period of five years (or three years if the Board members less than five members), the second for a term of four years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of two years, the fifth for a term of one year. Succession to office thereafter shall be for a period of five years or three as the case may be. Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are named. The Executive Committee shall consist of the standing officers and the Chairman of each of the Boards of the South Georgia Association.

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS The meetings of the South Georgia Association shall be held quarterly on the fourth Saturday in January, April and July. The annual meeting shall be held on Friday after the second Sunday in October each year. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their 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 member churches, and transact 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 within the limits of this Association.

ARTICLE 6 FINANCES:—Member churches in this Association are requested to observe the following suggestions relative to gifts to be sent with quarterly reports:

Total membership of 50 or less	\$10.00
Total membership of 51 to 150	\$12.50
Total membership of 151 to 500	\$15.00

(Compliance with this recommendation is not compulsory for affiliation. More or less may be sent according to the ability and pleasure of each church).

ARTICLE 7 Section 1. DISCIPLINE:—This Association shall have power to act only as an advisory counsel to give churches advice in matters of difficulty, to exclude for disorderly walk and to withdraw the hand of fellowship if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Section 2. All matters involving discipline shall be handled according to the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 8 BY-LAWS - This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS - This constitution may be amended or altered by a two thirds vote of delegates present at any regular session, notice of intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at the previous session.



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) Invitatin to visiting bretheren to seats. (3) Call for acknowledgments. (4) Call for old or deferred business. (5) Call for new business. (6) Call for miscellaneous business.

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

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

8. 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 president of testimony, without personal disputation or remarks from those not church members.

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

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

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

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

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

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

18. 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.

19. 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).

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

21. 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 procedures then it is left to the discretion of the ordaining council to examine the candidate for ordination.

22. Licensed ministers must renew their license annually.

23. This decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present or any two successive regular conferences.



ASSN. 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 affir-

mative 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.



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 ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scripture 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 commital of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from 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 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 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 ordinance 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." (I 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 knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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.