MINUTES

of the

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

convening with

PINEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bristol, Georgia January 23, 1971

PINE LEVEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Alma, Georgia April 24, 1971

SATILLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hazlehurst, Georgia July 24, 1971

NONETH-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Savannan, Georgia October 23, 1971

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

1971 - 1972

MODERATOR - Harris B. Nix, Route 2, Box 451, Jesup, Ga. 31545 ASSISTANT MODERATOR - E. R. Corbett, Route 2, Surrency, Ga. CLERK - J. M. Creech, 106 Bacon Street, Jesup, Ga. 31545 ASSISTANT CLERK - Billy Livesay, Route 3, Jesup, Ga. 31545 TREASURER - W. L. Collins, 530 Cynthia Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The above elected officers and the chairman of each standing board.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

William L. Morris, 303 Marvin Street, Statesboro, Ga. 30458	(1972)
C. D. Rentz, Route 2, Box 126A, Folkston, Ga. 31537	(1973)
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YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Theron W. Long, Box 636, Douglas, Ga. 31533	(1070)
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Jimmie McDuffie, Route 2, Alma, Ga. 31510	(1974)
Larry Langford, Route 1, Bristol, Ga. 31518	(1975)
William Reagan, 211 South Main Street, Glennville, Ga. 30427	(1976)

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B. L. Shiver, 806 Second Street, Folkston, Ga.	(1972)
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Jerry Johnson, Route 2, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539	(1975)
E. R. Corbett, Route 2, Surrency, Ga.	(1976)

CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CHURCH

ALABAHA Blackshear, Ga. BAXLEY Baxley, Ga. **BETHANY** Hazlehurst, Ga. BETHEL Baxley, Ga. BRUNSWICK, FIRST Brunswick, Ga. CALVARY Jacksonville, Fla. CORINTH Alma, Ga. DOUGLAS, FIRST Douglas, Ga. EBENEZER Glennville, Ga. **GETHSEMANE** Brunswick, Ga. GLENNVILLE Glennville, Ga. HARMONY Lake Butler, Fla. **IMMANUEL** Jacksonville, Fla. JESUP, FIRST Jesup, Ga. LYONS Lyons, Ga. MARIETTA Lyons, Ga. MEMORIAL Surrency, Ga. NEW HOPE Jesup, Ga. OAK GROVE Baxley, Ga. OAK HILL Alma, Ga. OKEFENOKEE Waycross, Ga. PHILADELPHIA Folkston, Ga. PINE LEVEL Alma, Ga. PINEY GROVE Bristol, Ga. SATILLA Hazlehurst, Ga.

PASTOR

B. L. Shiver O. L. Fields Luther Reed V. L. Pritchett Paul A. Davis Joe Esther Jimmie McDuffie Theron W. Long Joe Dan Underwood William D. Keheley William Reagan Gordon L. Johnson H. Reedy Saverance J. M. Creech Morris M. Knight J. E. Wood E. R. Corbett Billy Livesay V. L. Pritchett William Daughtry Luther Burns C. D. Rentz George Foskey Larry Langford

Jerry W. Johnson

CLERK

William T. Thornton Route 1, Box 85, Blackshear, Ga. Helen Dowdney 106 Beach St. Baxley, Ga. Carolyn Thompson Route 3, Hazlehurst, Ga. H. F. Johnson, Jr. Route 3, Baxley, Ga. Theodore H. Harris P.O. Box 247, Brunswick, Ga. Eleene Daymon 2102 Ernest St. Jacksonville, Fla. Jan Cannon Route 2, Alma, Ga. Andrew Knowles Box 1060, Douglas, Ga. W. F. Purcell 509 Marietta St. Glennville, Ga. Beverly A. McLoon 116 Saxon Street, Brunswick, Ga. Allijean Stubbs P.O. Box 92, Glennville, Ga. K. M. Clyatt Route 2, Box 26A, Lake Butler, Fla. Lucius C. Hamilton 2439 Gayland Rd. Jacksonville, Fla. Eldridge Martin Route 2, Box 314, Jesup, Ga. Sandra Adams P.O. Box 33, Lyons, Ga. Melba McLain Route 2, Box 232, Lyons, Ga. W. Philip Carter Route 2, Surrency, Ga. Majorie Westberry Route 1, Box 35, Odum, Ga. Lucille Eason Route 2, Baxley, Ga. Zeak Steedley Route 3, Alma, Ga. P. J. Jarrard 318 Jessie Street, Waycross, Ga. Gladys Rentz Route 2, Box 126A, Folkston, Ga. Dolora R. Johnson Route 4, Alma, Ga. . Inez Brannen Route 1, Bristorl, Ga. Mrs. Wilson Fussell Route 2, Hazlehurst, Ga.

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Jesup, Ga.
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Statesboro, Ga. STONEY HILL Reidsville, Ga.

Rolla D. Smith

Elease Anthony 3207 Woodlawn Ave. Thunderbolt, Ga.

Mrs. William Price Harris B. Nix

Route 3, Box 84, Jesup, Ga.

William L. Morris

Wilford Harden

Dottie Flowers 404 Lewis Street, Glennville, Ga.

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Raymond Altman, 700 McQueen Street, Folkston, Ga. 31537	(496-9677)
I. J. Blackwelder, Route 2, Lake Butler, Fla. 32054	(496-5900)
J. E. Blanton, 3427 Wickham Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30032	(284-2091)
Luther Burns, 2106 Mayfair Place, Waycross, Ga. 31501	(283-8126)
W. L. Collins, 503 Cynthia Street, Jacksonville, Fla.	(786-0547)
E. R. Corbett, Route 2, Surrency, Ga. 31563	(367-4898)
J. M. Creech, 106 Bacon Street, Jesup, Ga. 31545	(427-3254)
W. H. Daughtry, Route 4, Glennville, Ga. 30427	(654-2820)
Paul A. Davis, 2228 Tara Lane, Brunswick, Ga. 31520	(265-0145)
Joe Esther, 2830 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla. 32205	(389 - 2720)
O. L. Fields, 106 Glendale Avenue, Baxley, Gá. 31513	(367-6048)
George Foskey, Route 4, Alma, Ga. 31510	(632-5240)
Wilford Harden, 510 Bay Street, Baxley, Ga. 31513	(367-4437)
Gordon L. Johnson, Route 2, Box 37, Lake Butler, Fla.	(496-2093)
Jerry W. Johnson, Route 2, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539	(375-5481)
Morris M. Knight, P.O. Box 488, Lyons, Ga. 30436	(526-3541)
Larry Langford, Route 1, Bristol, Ga. 31518	(367-2944)
Billy Livesay, Route 3, Jesup, Ga. 31545	(568-2220)
Theron W. Long, P.O. Box 636, Douglas, Ga. 31533	(384 - 3705)
Emmett McDuffie, Route 2, Rochelle, Ga. 31079	(365-2669)
Jimmie McDuffie, Route 2, Alma, Ga. 31510	(632 - 5851)
William L. Morris, 303 Marvin Avenue, Statesboro, Ga.	(764-6335)
Harris B. Nix, Route 2, Box 451, Jesup, Ga. 31545	(427-6618)
Larry Powell, Star Route 00864, St. Croix, Virgin Islands	•
V. L. Pritchett, 402 - 13th Avenue, Eastman, Ga. 31032	(374-4446)
William Reagan, 211 South Main St., Glennville, Ga.	(654 - 2621)
Luther Reed, Route 3, Box 8-A, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539	(375-5347)
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Reedy Saverance, 5636 Calvin Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla.	(765-3474)
B. L. Shiver, 806 - 2nd Street, Folkston, Ga. 31537	(496-2485)
Rolla D. Smith, 5212 Skidaway Road, Savannah, Ga. 31404	(354 - 0971)
Joe Dan Underwood, Route 3, Glennville, Ga. 30427	(654-3878)
Sammy Wilkinson, C.P. 454, Tubarao Santa Catarina, S.A.	
J. E. Wood, Route 2, Lyons, Ga. 30436	(526-8207)

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
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of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
convening with
PINEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Route 1
Bristol, Georgia
January 23, 1971

The Quarterly Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists convened on January 23,1971 at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Bristol Georgia. The session opened with J. M. Creech leading the congregation in "Blessed Assurance". Rev. Wilford Harden led us in prayer.

Rev. J. C. H. Carter brought the morning devotion taken from Matthew 28:16-20. The subject of his devotion was "Go Forward Through Missions."

The Association was called into official session by the Clerk. Rev. Harris Nix, Moderator, gave some very timely remarks to the assembly. The clerk called the roll of ministers with twenty one responding. Twenty six churches responded to the roll call of churches. Respective gifts were received from the churches and their delegates properly seated.

Moderator Nix appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTIONS: Wilford Harden, Larry Lewis, Harry

Chesser.

OBITUARY: C. D. Rentz, Pelmar Landon, Luther

Reed.

Finance: Billy Livesay, Ward Stewart, Bobby

Clyatt.

The Moderator recognized the Ordaining Council. The members present were C. D. Rentz, J. C. H. Carter and Buddy Morris.

Rev. Gordon Johnson, Rev. Reedy S. Saverance, and Rev. Leonard Pirtle were recognized as our visitors for the day.

Rev. Buddy Morris gave a report of the Statesboro

Work. He challenged our Association to "Multiply" our work for the Lord.

The congregation was then recessed for a few minutes.

The morning worship service opened with J. M. Creech leading the congregation in "The Lily of the Valley". Prayer was led by Rev. Luther Reed. Special music was rendered by Rev. Gordon Johnson, newly elected pastor of Harmony Church, who sang "The Ninety and Nine". This was a rich blessing to everyone.

Our Moderator introduced our speaker for the morning message. Rev. Luther Burns brought a very good message centered around our theme for the day. The title of his message was "Go Forward in the Christian Faith", and his Scripture reading came from Exodus 14:10-16 and II Chronicles 20:17. We sang for our closing hymn, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go".

The host church served a very good dinner that was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session opened with Rev. Jerry Johnson leading the congregation in "Victory in Jesus". "Go Forward in Stewardship" was the title of Rev. Larry Langford's afternoon devotion. He used I Corinthians 4:24 as a basis for his devotion.

It was reported that Rev. Rolla Smith's father had passed away. The Moderator asked J. M. Creech to lead us in a special prayer for the Smith family.

The Resolutions Committee's Report was given by Larry Lewis.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the resolution committee submit the following resolutions.

Item # 1. "Be it resolved that the Executive Committee set a time and place at this meeting to plan the next quarterly meeting.

After much discussion, this resolution was defeated.

Item # 2. "Be it resolved to add \$2.50 to Widow's bene fit of deceased ministers."

This resolution was amended to read \$5.00 instead of \$2.50. The resolution was carried as amended.

- Item # 3. "Be it resolved to authorize Treasurer to send our South Georgia Association retired ministers \$15.00 each. These ministers are Rev. I. J. Blackwelder and Rev. Emmett Mc-Duffie." This resolution was carried.
- Item # 4. "Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the hospitality shown us." This was also carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Wilford Harden, Chairman, Harry Chesser, Larry Lewis

The Obituary Committee report was then given.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The following churches report their deceased members:

- 1. Corinth: Willie Smart, Sherman Gregory, Carl Wade.
- 2. Marietta: Issac Monroe, Vernie Monroe. 3. Pine Level
- W. G. McLeod, Leon Wheeler. 4. Glennville: Cora Hagan.
- 5. Philadelphia: Aggie Wilson. 6. Satilla: Mamie Carter.

Submitted by: C. D. Rentz, Pelmar Landon, Luther Reed

A prayer in memory of these departed loved ones was then offered.

Brother W. L. Collins gave the report of the Finance Committee which was accepted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance Forward------\$116.46 Gifts From Churches This Session-- 250.00 Total to Account For------\$366.46

(Report of Finance Committee continued)

Disbursements:	
Moderator 5.00	
Clerk 10.00	
Widows of Deceased Minister.	
Mrs. A. B. Adams 15.00	-
Mrs. B. A. Altman 15.00	
Mrs. J. R. Graham 15.00	
Fee To State Association 15.00	
Phone Calls (Clerk) 1.95	
Postage 1.62	
Paper and stencils 11.85	
Statesboro Project 100.00	
S. Ga. Mission Board	
(Wilkinson Account) 50.00	
Target City (Decatur) 25.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$270.42	\$270.42
Balance On Hand (1-23-71)	\$ 96.02

Rev. Leonard Pirtle came to represent A. C. Truluck, our State Promotional Secretary. He gave some information concerning our state work.

The Ordaining Council's report was given by Rev. Buddy Morris.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council, having examined the following men, recommend that they be accepted and extended the right hand of fellowship.

1. Rev. Bill Reagan with a letter of recommenda-

tion from the Northeast Association.

2. Rev. Gordon L. Johnson pending a letter of recommendation from the Piedmont Association in North Carolina.

3. Having examined Clifford Lee Benfield, we feel that he is saved and has been called to preach. We recommend that he, upon further examination of his church, be licensed.

Buddy Morris, C. D. Rentz, J. C. H. Carter

The recommendation of the Ordaining Council were duly accepted and carried.

Announcements were made by different individuals about activities in their churches.

The Association was dismissed by prayer.

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PINE LEVEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Route 4 Alma, Georgia

April 24, 1971

The Quarterly Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 24, 1971 at Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Alma, Georgia. Rev. Joe Dan Underwood opened the session by leading the congregation in "Jesus Saves". Prayer was offered by Rev. Jerry Johnson.

The Theme of this session of the Quarterly Meeting was "FELLOWSHIP". The scripture portion was I John 1: 3-6. Rev. Reedy Saverance brought the morning devotion from I John 1:3. "Christ's Fellowship", or our fellowship with Christ was the topic of his devotion. He point ed out that when we have fellowship with Christ there is Communion, Communication, and Contribution.

The clerk called the roll of churches with 23 responding. Twenty-two ministers responded to the roll call of ministers. Each church represented presented a cash gift to the association and their delegates were properly seated.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to serve for the day:

RESOLUTIONS: Jerry Johnson, Ted James, Luther Reed OBITUARY: Rolla Smith, Mrs. Wilford Harden, Mrs.

Billy Livesay

FINANCE: W. L. Collins, Joe Dan Underwood, Wilford Harden.

Moderator Nix recognized Rev. A. C. Truluck and Rev Reedy Saverance as our visiting brothers.

Since the District C. T. S. Convention was convening at the same time as the Quarterly Meeting Mrs. Barbara Roberts took charge of the Sword Drill Competition.

We went right into the Morning Worship Service with Rev. Joe Dan Underwood leading the congregation in "At Calvary" and "Love Lifted Me". Rev. Rolla Smith led us in Prayer. The morning offering was received after which Rev. Gordan Johnson sang a medley of songs about Heaven. Rev. I. J. Blackwelder brought a soul-stirring message on the subject of "Conflicting Fellowship" taken from I John 1:5-6. He stated that Christian fellowship is in conflict with worldliness, liberalism, and the corrupt world church. He pointed us to the prophecy in the Book of Revelation of the rise, success, and doom of the one world church. This church is in conflict with Christ's true church. This was a very enjoyable and informative message.

Rev. J. E. Wood dismissed the congregation for a lunch that was enjoyed by everyone.

The afternoon session was opened with Rev. Luther Reed leading the congregation in "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Rev. Bobby Clyatt brought the devotion taken from I John 1:3-7 entitled "Christian Fellowship".

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Ted James.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Item #1. "Be it resolved that we request our Moderator to appoint more laymen on committees at each Quarterly and Annual session of our Association. The past practice has been to use primarily ministers on committees. Using laymen will encourage attendance and help to enlist a broader view of programs and issues." This resolution was carried.
- Item #2. "Be it resolved that we give Corinth and Pine Level Free Will Baptist Churches a rising vote of thanks for their fine meal." Carried.
- Item #3. "Be it resolved that we show our appreciation to the speakers for their inspiring messages of the day." This resolution was carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Luther Reed, Jerry Johnson, Ted James

Rev. Rolla Smith gave the Obituary Committees report.

. OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the obituary committee submit the following report of deceased members.

1. Glennville: Belle Todd. 2. Spring Grove: Ilee Chadwick, Annie Taylor. 3. Immanuel: Connell. 4. New Hope: Anna Knight. 5. Memorial: W. C. Mann, Denis Holland. 6. Piney Grove: Ida Wheelis

Obituary Committee, Rolla Smith, Chairman Janette Hardin, Catherine Livesay

The Finance Committee report was given by Rev. Joe Dan Underwood.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward from last re Late gifts received	<u> 55.00</u>
Gifts from Churches this session Worship Service Offering	\$151.02 217.00 68.00
Total to account for	\$436.02
Disbursements:	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Widows of Deceased Ministers	
Mrs. A. B. Adams 20.00	
Mrs. B. A. Altman 20.00	
Mrs. J. R. Graham 20.00	60.00
Retired Ministers	00.00
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder 15.00	
Rev. Emmett McDuffie 15.00	70 00
Balance on Minutes	30.00
	50.00
Postage	1.60
S. Ga. Mission Board (Wilkinson)	25.00
S. Ga. Mission Board (Morris)	25.00
South Georgia Camp Board	100.00
Foreign Missions (Rom Willey, Jr.)	25.00
State Promotional Office	25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$361.60 361.60
Balance On Hand 4/24/71	74.42

W. L. Collins, Treasurer, Joe Dan Underwood, Wilford Harden

Reverend Buddy Morris gave the report of the ordaining council.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

"We recommend that the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church examine Brother Larry Williams and license him as a local church according to the examination." This recommendation was carried.

Ordaining Council: Buddy Morris, J. C. H. Carter, C. D. Rentz

Brother Rolla Smith gave some very pertinent information concerning the Sammy Wilkinson account with Foreign Mission Board. He stated that the money that our Association had pledged to their support was not coming in, so he was unable to send the money. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we encourage our churches to consider giving to the Wilkinson account on a monthly basis.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, Georgia State Promotional Secretary, shared with us some information concerning our state work. Rev. Buddy Morris gave a thrilling report on the progress and plans for the South Georgia Youth Camp.

There was a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and carried. Rev. Buddy Morris dismissed us in prayer.

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Route 2
Hazlehurst, Georgia

July 24, 1971

The Quarterly Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 24, 1971 at Satilla Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Hazlehurst, Georgia. The session was opened by the congregation

singing "The Lily of the Valley" led by Rev. Jerry Johnson. Rev. C. D. Rentz led in the opening prayer.

"Steadfastness" was the theme for this session of the Quarterly Meeting. The morning devotion was given by Rev. B. L. Shiver taken from Colossians 2:5 and entitled "Steadfast in Faith."

After the Moderator gave some timely remarks, the Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. These were approved as read. Twenty churches responded to the roll call of churches and twenty preachers to the roll call of preachers. The delegates from each church were properly seated.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator to serve for the day:

RESOLUTIONS: Jim Bishop, Andrew Knowles, Roger

Beecher.

OBITUARY: Jimmie McDuffie, Leonard Mallard,

Jessie Ruth Harden.

FINANCE: W. L. Collins, Gary Madray, Cecil

Tanner.

Rev. Gordon Johnson sang "The Wonder of it All" after which several gave a personal word of testimony of the Lord's goodness and blessing. Gary Madray gave a brief report of his missionary trip to France for the summer.

The Morning Worship Service was opened with Rev. Wilford Harden leading the congregation in "Heavenly Sunlight" and "He Lives". The worship offering was received after which Rev. Gordon Johnson sang "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus". The title of the morning message was "Steadfast in Labour" and the scripture portion was I Corinthians 15:58. Rev. Jerry Johnson was the messenger for this service.

Rev. Wilford Harden opened the afternoon session with leading the congregation in "Victory in Jesus" and "When We All Get To Heaven". Rev. C. D. Rentz brought the afternoon devotion from II Peter 3:17. The title of his devotion was "Steadfast in Perseverance".

Rev. John Reed resigned from the Youth Camp Board and the Clerk was authorized to send a letter of recommendation to the Association in North Carolina that Brother Reed will join when he moves.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Jim Bishop.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

"Be it resolved that the Resolutions Committee give the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks." This item was carried.

Jim Bishop Andrew Knowles Roger Beecher

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Jessie Ruth Harden.

We the Obituary Committee submit the following report of deceased members:

1. Spring Grove: Ellen Williams. 2. Jesup: J. S. Chestnutt. 3. Satilla: Vassie C. Quinn. 4. Memorial: Earl Herrin. 5. Oak Grove: A. T. Collins

Obituary Committee: Jimmie McDuffie, Chairman Leonard Mallard, Jessie Ruth Harden

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Gary Madray.

Balance brought forward from last report	\$ 74.02
Late gifts received	25.00
Gifts from churches this session	177.00
Worship service offering	53.50
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$399.92

Disbursements:

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Moderator	5.00	
Clerk	10.00	
Treasurer	5.00	•
Widows of Deceased Ministers		
Mrs. A. B. Adams 20.00		
Mrs. B. A. Altman 20.00		
Mrs. J. R. Graham 20.00	60.00	
Retired Ministers		
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder 15.00	-	
Rev. Emmett McDuffie 15.00	30.00	
Executive Committee Travel	3.20	
Phone Calls	1.78	
Postage	2.16	
South Georgia Youth Camp	25.00	
Statesboro Work (As Needed)	25.00	
Foreign Missions (Haas Account)	25.00	
Foreign Missions (Merkh Account)	25.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$217.24	217.24
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Balance On Hand 7/24/71 112.78 W. L. Collins, Treasurer Gary R. Madray Cecil Tanner

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106/66	220.00	25.00	0	0	8,000.00
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Rev. Buddy Morris gave the report of the Ordaining Council.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

"Several things have been called to the attention of the Ordaining Council that calls for prayerful consideration and investigation by this council. We hope to have a report on these items at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Buddy Morris C. D. Rentz Larry Langford

Miss Laura Belle Barnard gave a report of the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College after which the Association was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE 94th ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
convening with
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
5210 Skidaway Road
Savannah, Georgia

October 23, 1971

The Annual Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia on October 23, 1971. The meeting was opened with the singing of "At The Cross" led by Rev. Jerry Johnson. Rev. Wilford Harden led in the opening prayer.

The theme for the Annual Meeting was "The Word.... Rightly Divided" taken from II Timothy 2:15. Ted James, a layman from Spring Grove Church brought the morning devotion entitled "The Word Taught", giving special emphasis to the ministry of the Sunday School in the local church.

The clerk called the roll of churches and the roll call of ministers. Twenty three churches responded and nineteen ministers were present for the session. The delegates were properly seated from the different churches. The Moderator appointed the following delegates to serve on the committees for the day.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Herbert Rentz, Philip Car-

ter, John Wood.

DIGEST COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Betty Henderson, Wilford Harden, Charles Jones.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Raymond Altman, Mrs. Sally

James, Taylor Merritt. W. L. Collins, Mrs. Joan

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Cauley, Larry Langford.

Rev. Billy Livesay was appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Ordaining Council in the absence of Rev. J. C. H. Carter. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and approved as read by the body.

Leroy Scudder opened the Morning Worship Service by leading the congregation in singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus". The worship offering was received after which Miss Donna Woods a teenager from the Savannah Church, sang "Oh, What a Day". Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College Nashville, Tennessee brought a timely message on the subject "The Word Proclaimed". He spoke about the Word and those who proclaim the Word. This message was enjoyed by all. Before dismissing for lunch, the Moderator recognized those who were visitors. These included Dr. Johnson, Billy Jackson, Walter Keheley and Henry Van Kluyve.

The host church served a lunch that was enjoyed by everyone.

The Afternoon Session was opened with Joe Dan Underwood leading the congregation in "Revive Us Again" Leroy Scudder, a layman from the Savannah Church gave the afternoon devotion. "The Word Applied" was the title of his devotion and he gave special emphasis to the work of the Church Training Service in the local church.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, Georgia State Promotional Secretary, was recognized and gave a report of our state work. He recognized those churches in the South Georgia Association who had given regular support to the cooperative program during the past year. Brother Truluck asked the South Georgia Association to express an opinion about opening a state bookstore in Moultrie. The delegates voted in favor of such a ministry by our state office. Leroy Scudder made an appeal in behalf of Rudy Woods for support to go to Japan for missionary work from December through June, 1972.

The report of the Finance Committee was given by W. L. Collins.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance Brought forward from 1970 Annua	1 Session\$101.26
Received October - December Quarter	\$265.00
Received January - March Quarter	340.00
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Late Gifts Received	35.00
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE	\$905.50 905.50
Gifts Received from churches this sessi	lon335.00
Worship Service Offering	59.92
TOTAL RECEIVED THIS SESSION	\$394.92 394.92
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$1401.68

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator Clerk Treasurer Retired Ministers Widows of Deceased Ministers National Foreign Missions South Georgia Mission Board Home Missions South Georgia Youth Camp Georgia State Office Fee To State Association Phone, Postage, Paper, etc.		25.00 70.00 20.96	
Georgia State Office		25.00	
Fee To State Association		70.00	
		20.96	
Executive Committee Travel		13.20	
Balance on 1970 Minutes		50.00	
Guest Speaker for 1971 Session		150.00	
Printing of 1971 Minutes	a -	150.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$]	1343.96	1343.96
Balance On Hand, 10/23/71			57.72

W. L. Collins, Treasurer Larry Langford, Mrs. Joan Cauley

The report of Finance Committee was received as read. After some discussion about the printing of 1971 Minutes, the cost, method of printing, etc., Rev. C. D. Rentz, states that he would pay the excess of \$150.00 for the printing of the minutes.

The report of the Digest Committee was given by Mrs. Betty Henderson and received by the body (See DIG-EST OF ANNUAL REPORTS) copy.

DIGEST OF ANNUAL REPORTS

1969-70	<u>1970</u>	<u>-71</u>
1	Missions in Association	1
26	Churches Reporting	28
2404	Active Members	2739
489	Inactive Members	573
110	Members Received by Profession	187
71	Members Received by Letter	63
34	By Statement of Faith	23
215	TOTAL MEMBERS RECEIVED	279
97	Members Dismissed by letter	136
31	Members Deceased	34
128	Total Members Dismissed	173
87	Net Gain of Members	106
29	Sunday Schools in Association	26
1915	Total Sunday School Enrollment	2116
1456	Sunday School Average Attendance	1566
25	Church Training Services in Associat	ion 23
1221	Total C. T. S. Enrollment	1115
858	C. T. S. Average Attendance	813
20	Woman's Auxiliaries in Association	15
253	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	223
171	Woman's Auxiliary Average Attendance	157
9	Master's Men in Association	8
109	Master's Men Enrollment	97
59	Master's Men Average Attendance	51
27	Churches having Prayer Meetings	24
707	Prayer Meeting Average Attendance	636
17	Vacation Bible Schools	15
937	V.B.S. Average Attendance	972
41	Ordained Ministers in Association	36
2	Licensed Ministers in Association	5
102	Deacons in Association	122
27	Full-Time Churches in Association	24
3	Half-Time Churches in Association	4
53	Revivals held during the Year	48
\$305,703.39		947.28
\$106,355.35	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	020.49
\$ 7,915.54		787.18
\$ 4,754.51		071.40
\$ 74,834.16	Building and Repairs \$ 56,	773.06
\$ 13,411.73		257.67
\$ 17,856.58 \$ 9,991.88	Given to Missions \$ 23,	802.18
\$ 9,991.88	Given to Bible College \$ 10,	467.01

Rev. Buddy Morris gave the report of the Ordaining Council.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. Approved a letter of recommendation for Brother Dann Patrick to be sent to the West Tennessee Association of Free Will Baptists.

2. Recommended that Rev. George Foskey and Rev. Paul Davis be received into the Association pending a letter of recommendation from his former Association.

3. Recommended that Rev. O. L. Fields be received into fellowship of Association having a letter of recommendation from his former Association.

4. Recommended that Rev. Reedy Saverance be received into Association pending a letter from the Northeast Florida Association.

If approved by Association we would like to ask these men to come and tell the congregation who they are and where they are now pastoring and have extended to them the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator and Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Buddy Morris, Chair-man Rev. C. D. Rentz, Rev. Billy Livesay

The report of the Ordaining Committee was received and the Moderator and Clerk extended the right hand of fellowship to these Preachers.

The report of the South Georgia Mission Board was given by Rev. Rolla Smith:

REPORT OF SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD

Balance on Hand October 1, 1970 Receipts:)	\$1366.77
J. Phillip Carter	75.10	
Ebenezer Church	435.00	
Georgia State Association	216.66	
Glennville Church	300.00	
Immanuel Church	222.00	
Jesup Church	660.00	
Memorial Church	50.00	
Okefenokee Church	30.00	
Pine Level Church	40.00	
Satilla Church	300.00	•
South Georgia Association	125.00	•
Savannah Church	360.00	
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$2813.76	\$2813.76

\$4180.53

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR

Disbursements:

Sammy Wilkinson Account \$2810.00 \$2810.00 BALANCE ON HAND 9-30-71 \$1370.53

Note: The above balance includes \$1069.11 which is earmarked for a work in Alma.

Respectfully Submitted: Rolla D. Smith, Treasurer

Rev. Luther Burns gave a financial report of the Youth Camp Board.

REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP BOARD

J. M. Creech, Camp Director for 1971 Sessions, gave a brief report of the Spiritual accomplishments at camp. There was a total attendance of 98 campers. Out of this number there were 7 saved and 46 rededications. Thirteen churches participated in the camp this year. The report of the Youth Camp Board was received.

SOUTH GEORGIA YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

(1971 Camp Year)

BROUGHT FORWARD\$	390.14
MONEY RECEIVED:	
South Georgia Association	125.00
Camper Fees 1	
Canteen	411.15
Gifts From Churches	60.00
South Georgia Woman's Auxiliary	•
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Missionary Offerings	8.00
Sale of Food and Canteen Items	$\frac{12.50}{705.34}$
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR \$2	,395.24
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Meals (Food, Kitchen Supplies, Ice, Etc.)	695.57
Woodmen Of The World (Camp Kent)	371.50
Camp Insurance	72.90
Statesboro Mission	48.02
Miss Laura Belle Barnard	50.00
Rev. Dann Patrick (Camp Evangelist)-	150.00
Rev. Dann Patrick (Camp Evangelist) - Mileage	150.00 283.16
Mileage	283.16
Mileage	283.16 336.10
Mileage	283.16

(FINANCIAL REPORT OF SOUTH GA YOUTH CAMP CONTINUED)

Telephone	30.34 15.00 7.80 18.54 12.49 175.00 24.00 348.53
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR\$2 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS2	,395.24 ,348.53
BALANCE ON HAND\$	46.71

Luther Burns, Treasurer

The Nominating Committee Report was given by J. Phillip Carter and the following Officers were elected:

Moderator	Harris Nix
Assistant Moderator	E. R. Corbett
Clerk	J. M. Creech
Assistant Clerk	Billy Livesay
Treasurer	W. L. Collins
Ordaining Council	Billy Livesay
Youth Camp Board	Jimmie McDuffie,
· •	Bill Reagan
Mission Board	E. R. Corbett
State Trustee Board	Ted James
State Mission Board	J. M. Creech
Promotional Coordinator	Harris Nix

Moderator Nix read a letter of greetings to the Association from Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

The following delegates were appointed to represent the South Georgia Association at the Georgia State Meeting of Free Will Baptists:

Mrs. Luther Reed, Mrs. O. L. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. William Reagan, Jessie Ruth Harden, Mrs. Maudeline Thompson.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Raymond Altman.

CORINTH -- Sherman Gregory, Carl Wade, Willie Smart

GLENNVILLE --Belle Todd, Cora Hagan

IMMANUEL --Barney Connell

JESUP, FIRST --J. S. Chestnutt

MARIETTA --Issac Monroe, Vernie Monroe

MEMORIAL --W. C. Mann, Denis Holland, Earl Herrin, Farley Turner, Irene Herrin, Harry Red-

dish

NEW HOPE --Anna Knight

OAK GROVE --A. T. Collins

PHILADELPHIA --Aggie Wilson

PINE LEVEL --W. G. McLeod, Leon Wheeler, Lola J.

Hand, Mrs. G. J. Holton

PINEY GROVE --Ida Wheelis

SATILLA -- Vassie C. Quinn, Mamie Carter

SPRING GROVE --Ellen Williams, Ilee Chadwick, Annie Taylor

We your Obituary Committee request that this body stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these deceased.

Raymond Altman, Sally James

A motion was made to give the Savannah Church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality. This was carried. A motion to adjourn was carried. Ted James prayed the dismissal prayer.

DELEGATES ANNUAL MEETING

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ALABAHA: Mrs. Laverne Smith, Mrs. G. C. Brewton

BAXLEY: Mrs. Mable Rentz, Mrs. Lois Fields

BETHANY: Mrs. Lucille Reed, Mrs. Maudeline Thompson,

Myron Ishii, Paula Ishii

BETHEL: By Letter

BRUNSWICK: Mrs. Paul Davis, Mrs. Calvin Henderson, Tom

Lawrence

CALVARY: By Letter CORINTH: By Letter

DOUGLAS: Andrew Knowles

EBENEZER:

GETHSEMANE: Virginia Keheley, Beverly A. McLoon, Donna

Gayle Blanton

GLENNVILLE: R. B. Anderson, Jackie Anderson, Donna Kate

Harrell, Arena Davidson, Lois Reagan

HARMONY: By Letter

IMMANUEL: Kathelene Collins, Mae Andreu, C. H. Andreu

JESUP, FIRST: Betty Creech, Joan Cauley

LYONS: James Craft, Brooks Coursey, Heyward Knight,

John A. Adams, Taylor M. Merritt

MARIETTA: Willis McLain, Mrs. Pike McLain, Mrs. J. E.

Wood

MEMORIAL: Philip Carter, Troy L. Dykes, James Blanton NEW HOPE: Leonard Mallard, Sol Mallard, Asilee Mallard

OAK GROVE: By Letter OAK HILL: By Letter

OKEFENOKEE:

PHILADELPHIA: Jessie Ruth Harden, Bernace Roddenberry,

Harold Mizell, Marie Mizell

PINE LEVEL: Lollie McLeod, Lexie Floyd, Bill Johnson,

Ocie Cauley, Dolora Johnson

PINEY GROVE: Inez Brannen, Gelanie Langford

SATILLA:

SAVANNAH, FIRST: Mayse and Frances Rider, Jesse and

Charlotte Long, Jim and Gussue Horne, Gladys Davis, Lillie NeSmith, Ethel

Dukes, Reba Stringer

SPRING GROVE: Charles and Joann Jones, Sally James,

Jimmy Bishop

STATESBORO MISSION: Mrs. Martha Morris

STONEY HILL: Mrs. Beaulah Hagan

CONSTITUTION
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
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 at 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 memberships 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 Board, 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 of the Board numbers 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 officer 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, July, and October each year. It shall be the duty of the Church 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 by its respective member churches and transact other business not repugnant to this constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgement 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 council to give churches advice in matter 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 Treastise 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.

1972 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

QUARTERLY MEETING	January 22
YOUTH RALLY	March 女/で
CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE RALLY	
QUARTERLY MEETING	April 22
YOUTH RALLY	June \$9
QUARTERLY MEETING	July 22
JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP	July 30 - August 5
TEEN YOUTH CAMP	
YOUTH RALLY	September 🗦 🖇
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION	September 16
CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE RALLY	September 23
NINETH-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEE	TINGOctober 28
YOUTH RALLY	December 28