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# **MINUTES**

of the

**SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION**

**OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

convening with

**SPRING GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Jesup, Georgia  
January 22, 1972

**STONEY HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reidsville, Georgia  
April 22, 1972

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Blackshear, Georgia  
July 22, 1972

**NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**BAXLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Baxley, Georgia  
October 28, 1972

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**DIRECTORY**  
**SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**1972 – 1973**

MODERATOR: Rolla D. Smith, 5120 Skidaway Rd., Savannah, Ga. 31404  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Mance R. Cason, P. O. Box 438, Lyons, Ga. 30436  
CLERK: Kenneth Faison, Route 4, Box 444, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539  
ASSISTANT CLERK: Archie Ratliff, 211 S. Main St., Glennville, Ga. 30427  
TREASURER: W. L. Collins, 530 Cynthia St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32205

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

C.D. Rentz, 211 S.E. 72nd St. Gainesville, Fla. 32601	(1973)
Billy Livesay, Rt. 3, Jesup, Ga. 31545	(1974)
Luther Reed, Rt. 3, Box 56, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539	(1975)

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD**

Luther Burns, 413 West Church Street, Swainsboro, Ga. 30401	(1973)
Jimmie McDuffie, P. O. Box 455, Blackshear, Ga. 31516	(1974)
Larry Langford, Rt. 1, Briston, Ga. 31518	(1975)
Paul A. Davis, 2228 Tara Lane, Brunswick, Ga. 31520	(1976)
J.M. Creech, 106 Bacon St., Jesup, Ga. 31545	(1977)

**MISSION BOARD**

Rolla D. Smith, 5210 Skidaway Rd., Savannah, Ga. 31404	(1973)
Theron W. Long, Box 636, Douglas, Ga. 31533	(1974)
Jerry Johnson, 140 Salisbury Plain Dr., Bogart, Ga. 30622	(1975)
Darrell Douglas, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga. 31510	(1976)
Harris B. Nix, Route 4, Box 100, Jesup, Ga. 31545	(1977)

## CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
<u>ALABAMA</u> Blackshear, Georgia	Jimmie McDuffie	William T. Thornton Route 1, Box 85, Blackshear, Ga.
<u>BAXLEY</u> Baxley, Georgia	O.L. Fields	Helen Dowdney 106 Beach St., Baxley, Georgia
<u>BETHANY</u> Hazelhurst, Georgia	Luther Reed	Mrs. Vernon Thompson Route 3, Box 293, Hazlehurst, Georgia
<u>BETHEL</u> Baxley, Georgia	Don Reed	J. W. Orvin Route 3, Baxley, Georgia
<u>BRUNSWICK, FIRST</u> Brunswick, Georgia	Paul A. Davis	Chester Taylor 4267 Roadway, Brunswick, Georgia
<u>CALVARY</u> Jacksonville, Florida	Max Perry	Eleane Daymon 2102 Ernest St., Jacksonville, Florida
<u>CORINTH</u> Alma, Georgia	Wilford Harden	Jan Cannon Route 2, Alma, Georgia
<u>DOUGLAS, FIRST</u> Douglas, Georgia	Theron W. Long	Andrew Knowles P.O. Box 1091, Douglas, Georgia
<u>EBENEZER</u> Glennville, Georgia	Joe Dan Underwood	W.F. Purcell 509 Marietta St., Glennville, Georgia
<u>GETHSEMANE</u> Brunswick, Georgia	William D. Keheley	Beverly McLoon 116 Saxon Street, Brunswick, Georgia
<u>GLENNVILLE</u> Glennville, Georgia	Archie Ratliff	Alli Jean Stubbs P.O. Box 92, Glennville, Georgia
<u>HARMONY</u> Lake Butler, Florida	Hollis Warren	K.M. Clyatt Route 2, Box 96A, Lake Butler, Florida
<u>IMMANUEL</u> Jacksonville, Florida	Reedy Saverance	Roslyn Williams 5914 Carver Drive S., Jacksonville, Fla.
<u>JESUP, FIRST</u> Jesup, Georgia	J.M. Creech	J.W. Blanton 108 Greenwood Street, Jesup, Georgia
<u>LYONS</u> Lyons, Georgia	Mance R. Cason	Sandra Adams Nelson Avenue Ext., Lyons, Georgia
<u>MARIETTA</u> Lyons, Georgia	J.E. Wood	Melba McLain Route 2, Lyons, Georgia
<u>MEMORIAL</u> Surrency, Georgia	Larry Williams	Philip Carter Route 2, Surrency, Georgia
<u>NEW HOPE</u> Jesup, Georgia	Billy Livesay	Marjorie Westberry Route 1, Odum, Georgia
<u>OAK GROVE</u> Baxley, Georgia	V.L. Pritchett	Lucille Eason Route 2, Baxley, Georgia
<u>OAK HILL</u> Alma, Georgia	William Daughtry	Zeak Steedley Route 3, Alma, Georgia
<u>OKEFENOKEE</u> Waycross, Georgia	Howard L. Messer	Helen Neugent Route 4, Highland Road, Waycross, Georgia
<u>PHILADELPHIA</u> Folkston, Georgia	James Shields	Mrs. Milton Glesson Route 2, Folkston, Georgia
<u>PINE LEVEL</u> Alma, Georgia	Bob Hancock	Dolora Johnson Route 4, Alma, Georgia
<u>PINEY GROVE</u> Bristol, Georgia	Larry Langford	Inez Brannen Route 1, Bristol, Georgia
<u>SATILLA</u> Hazelhurst, Georgia	Kenneth Faison	Mrs. Wilson Fussell Route 4, Box 514, Hazlehurst, Georgia
<u>SAVANNAH, FIRST</u> Savannah, Georgia	Rolla D. Smith	Elise Anthony 3207 Woodlawn Ave., Thunderbolt, Ga.
<u>SPRING GROVE</u> Jesup, Georgia	Harris B. Nix	Mrs. William Price Route 3, Box 84, Jesup, Georgia
<u>STATESBORO MISSION</u> Statesboro, Georgia	William L. Morris	
<u>STONEY HILL</u> Reidsville, Georgia	Dewey Quinn	Dottie Flowers 404 Lewis Street, Reidsville, Georgia

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

### SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Raymond Altman, 700 McQueen St., Folkston, Ga.	(496-9677)
I. J. Blackwelder, Rt. 2, Lake Butler, Fla. 32054	(496-5900)
J. E. Blanton, 3427 Wickham Dr., Decatur, Ga. 30032	(284-2091)
Luther Burns, 413 West Church St., Swainsboro, Ga. 30401	(237-9308)
Mance R. Cason, P. O. Box 438, Lyons, Ga. 30436	(526-3547)
W. L. Collins, 503 Cynthia St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32205	(786-0547)
J. M. Creech, 106 Bacon St., Jesup, Ga. 31545	(427-3254)
W. H. Daughtry, Rt. 4, Glennville, Ga. 30427	(654-2820)
Paul A. Davis, 2228 Tara Lane, Brunswick, Ga. 31520	(265-0145)
Joe Esther, 2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32205	(389-2720)
Kenneth Faison, Rt. 4, Box 444, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539	(375-5481)
O. L. Fields, 106 Glendale Ave., Baxley, Ga. 31513	(367-6048)
Bob Hancock, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga. 31510	(632-5240)
Wilford Harden, 510 Bay St., Baxley, Ga. 31513	(367-4437)
Jerry Johnson, 140 Salisbury Plain Dr., Bogart, Ga. 30622	(725-5560)
Larry Langford, Rt. 1, Bristol, Ga. 31518	(367-2944)
Billy Livesay, Rt. 3, Jesup, Ga. 31545	(568-2220)
Theron W. Long, P. O. Box 636, Douglas, Ga. 31533	(384-3705)
Emmett McDuffie, Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga. 31079	(365-2669)
Jimmie McDuffie, P. O. Box 455, Blackshear, Ga. 31516	(449-6042)
Howard Messer, 2106 Mayfair Place, Waycross, Ga. 31501	(283-8126)
William L. Morris, 303 Marvin Ave., Statesboro, Ga.	(764-6335)
Harris B. Nix, Rt. 4, Box 100, Jesup, Ga. 31545	(427-6618)
Larry Powell	
V. L. Pritchett, 402 - 13th Ave., Eastman, Ga. 31032	(374-4446)
Archie Ratliff, 211 S. Main St., Glennville, Ga. 30427	(654-2621)
Don Reed, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga. 31513	(367-6446)
Luther Reed, Rt. 3, Box 8A, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539	(375-5347)
C. D. Rentz, 211 S.E. 72nd St., Gainesville, Fla. 32601	(376-2825)
Reedy Saverance, 5636 Calvin Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32208	(768-3474)
James Shields, Rt. 2, Folkston, Ga. 31537	(496-2655)
B. L. Shiver, 806 - 2nd St., Folkston, Ga. 31537	(496-2485)
Rolla D. Smith, 5212 Skidaway Rd., Savannah, Ga. 31404	(654-3878)
Joe Dan Underwood, R#3, Glennville, Ga., 30427	(654-3878)
Hollis Warren, Rt. 2, Box 37, Lake Butler, Fla. 32054	(496-8553)
Sammy Wilkinson	
Larry Williams, Rt. 2, Surrency, Ga. 31563	(367-3456)
J. E. Wood, Route 2, Lyons, Ga. 30436	(526-8207)

## LICENSED MINISTERS

### SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Clifford Lee Benfield, 1230 Frazier Rd., Brunswick, Ga. 31520
Grover Edge, Rt. 3, Box 122, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539



Teddy Waters, Route 2, Alma, Ga. 31510  
Larry Williams, Rt. 1, Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING**  
of the  
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Jesup, Georgia  
January 22, 1972

The Quarterly meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 22, 1972 at Spring Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Jesup, Georgia. Ted James of the host church led the congregation in the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Rev. E. R. Corbett led in the opening prayer.

The theme for the day was "Our Biblical Heritage" with the theme verse taken from Proverbs 22:28. Rev. W. L. Collins gave the morning devotion taken from II Peter 1:21. The topic of his devotion was "The Inspired Scriptures."

The Moderator, Rev. Harris B. Nix, gave words of welcome to Spring Grove Church and to the Quarterly meeting.

The Clerk called the roll of churches with 23 responding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: W. L. Collins, Tom Lawrence, James Bishop

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Joe Esther, C. E. Westberry, Myrtle Wood

The Clerk called the roll of ministers with 18 present. Rev. R. D. Smith was visiting from the Ogeechee Association.

The Morning Worship Service was opened with Ted James leading the congregation in "At Calvary." The morning offering was received after which special music was rendered by the Spring Grove Trio. Rev. Paul Davis brought the Morning Message from II Corinthians 11:3 entitled "The Simplicity of Salvation."

J. M. Creech dismissed the congregation for a lunch that was enjoyed by everyone.

Ted James opened the afternoon session by leading the congregation in "What A Glad Reunion Day." Rev. Rolla Smith led in prayer. Rev. and Mrs. Reedy Saverance and J. M. Creech sang "Heaven Came Down."

Rev. Billy Livesay gave the afternoon devotion on "The Deity of Jesus" taken from I John 2:22.

The report of the finance committee was given by W. L. Collins.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward from last report .....	\$ 57.72
Late gifts received .....	57.50
Rev. C. D. Rentz (bal. on ptg. minutes) .....	46.00
Gifts from churches this session .....	235.00
Worship Service Offering .....	<u>44.00</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR .....	\$440.22

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Widows of deceased ministers .....	60.00
Retired ministers .....	30.00
Balance on minutes .....	46.00
Clerk .....	10.00
Moderator .....	5.00
Treasurer .....	5.00
Executive Committee Travel .....	12.60
Postage .....	2.24
Home Missions (Sonny Winning) .....	50.00
Home Missions (Statesboro) .....	50.00
Bible College .....	50.00
Georgia State Office .....	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	<u>340.84</u>

Balance on Hand 1-22-72 .....

	\$ 99.38
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W. L. Collins, Treasurer; T. G. Lawrence, J. D. Bishop

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Rev. Joe Esther.

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your Obituary Committee have received the following names of our beloved deceased from the letters and from individuals:

1. Marietta: Emmett Wilkes. 2. Memorial: Mrs. Ruby Aycock, Perry Dean. 3. Piney Grove: Johnnie Wheelis. 4. Stoney Hill: Talmadge Anderson.

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

Respectfully submitted, Joe Esther, C. E. Westberry, Myrtle Wood

Rev. Buddy Morris gave the report of the Ordaining Council and it was received.

### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. Brother Mance Cason came before us, and it was recommended that he be received into the fellowship of the South Georgia Association on the basis of his testimony and letter of good standing already received from the Georgia Union Association.

2. We recommend that the South Georgia Association send a letter of recommendation to the Tidewater Association of Virginia for Rev. J. C. H. Carter in response to his request.

Buddy Morris, C. D. Rentz, Billy Livesay

Rev. Leonard Pirtle gave a report in behalf of A. C. Truluck, Georgia State Promotional Secretary. He asked the group to express an opinion about an adult camp at Mt. Bethel this summer. A motion was made and carried that we wait until our April meeting to express a feeling.

A motion was made and carried that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Spring Grove Church for their fine hospitality. It was resolved to give the clerk a vote of thanks for the preparation of the minutes.

After a motion to adjourn, Brother Ted James dismissed with prayer.

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Reidsville, Georgia  
April 22, 1972

The Quarterly Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 22, 1972 at Stoney Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Reidsville, Georgia. Rev. Reedy Saverance led the congregation in the singing of "Send a Great Revival In My Soul," after which Rev. Ken Faison led in prayer.

"Both in Jerusalem" taken from Acts 1:8 was the theme for the day. The topic of Rev. George Foskey's morning devotion was "Home Missions . . . Thy House," taken from Acts 16:31.

The clerk called the roll of churches with 20 responding. Eighteen ministers responded to the roll call of ministers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Phillip Ryals, Stiles Allen, L. O. Mallard

FINANCE COMMITTEE: W. L. Collins, Reedy Saverance, David Hodges

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. E. Wood to serve on the Ordaining Council in the absence of Rev. Billy Livesay.

Four visiting ministers were recognized. They were Rev. John Floyd, Sr. from North Carolina, Rev. Joe Hurst from the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. A. C. Truluck, Georgia State Promotional Secretary, and Rev. Ken Faison, new pastor of the Satilla Church.

Rev. Joe Hurst spoke briefly concerning the ministry of the Sunday School Department and the upcoming Teach and Train rally to be held in Jesup.

The Morning Worship Service was opened with the singing of "Bring Them In." After the morning offering, Rev. Reedy Saverance, Rev. Ken Faison, and Rev. J. M. Creech sang "He's A Wonderful Saviour To Me." Rev. Jerry Johnson,



our home missionary to Athens, Georgia, brought a very good message entitled "Home Missions. . .Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria." After the invitation hymn of "Just as I Am" Rev. E. R. Corbett prayed the benediction.

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

To open the afternoon session, Rev. Reedy Saverance led the congregation in "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Pentecostal Power." Rev. O. L. Fields gave the devotional taken from Mark 5:19 entitled "Home Missions. . .Thy Friends."

Rev. W. L. Collins gave the report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward from last report	\$ 99.38
Late Gifts Received	34.00
Worship Service Offering This Session	38.41
Gifts from Churches This Session	<u>225.50</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	397.29
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Widows of deceased ministers (3 @20.00)	60.00
Retired ministers (2 @15.00)	30.00
Clerk	10.00
Moderator	5.00
Treasurer	5.00
Telephone	3.00
Postage and Supplies	3.24
South Georgia Youth Camp	150.00
Target City Athens	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>316.24</u>
Balance on Hand	\$ 81.05

W. L. Collins, Treasurer, Reedy Saverance, David Hodges

Mr. L. O. Mallard gave the report of the Obituary Committee.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The following churches report their deceased members:

1. Marietta: Talmadge Edinfield. 2. Piney Grove: Alief Harris. 3. Memorial: Bryon Mann, R. W. Rentz. 4. Spring Grove: Joe B. White. 5. Lyons: Talmadge Knight. 6. Satilla: Elton Whitehead, Brady Summerlin.

Submitted by, L. O. Mallard, Stiles Allen, Phillip N. Ryals

A prayer in memory of these departed loved ones was offered by J. M. Creech.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. William Morris.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We your Ordaining Council met and had one minister, Rev. Ken Faison, to come seeking fellowship with our association. He comes from the Midway Association.



We recommend that he be accepted into full fellowship pending a letter of recommendation from the Midway Association.

We would like to ask him to come forward and our Moderator and Clerk extend to him the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Buddy Morris, Rev. C. D. Rentz, Rev. J. E. Wood

Brother Harris Nix challenged us to support the program of our State Superannuation Board. A motion was made and carried that the South Georgia Association petition the State Association to include Brother I. J. Blackwelder on the retirement and insurance benefits. Rev. A. C. Truluck, Georgia State Promotional Secretary, gave a report of our state work. Rev. Rolla Smith gave a brief report of the South Georgia Mission Board. A standing vote of thanks was given to the Stoney Hill Church for their kind hospitality. An offering was taken for Brother Jerry Johnson. Ken Faison dismissed the Association in prayer.

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July 22, 1972

The Quarterly Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met on July 22, 1972 at the Alabama Free Will Baptist Church, Blackshear, Georgia. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" led by Rev. Reedy Saverance. Rev. Paul Davis led in prayer.

The theme for this Quarterly Meeting was "Keep Mine Ordinances" taken from Leviticus 18:4. Rev. Mance Cason gave the morning devotion entitled "Mine Ordinance. . . Baptism."

The roll of churches was called with 19 responding. Eighteen ministers responded to the roll call of ministers. The delegates were properly seated and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve on the committees of the day.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Gary Madray, Taylor Merritt, O. L. Fields.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: W. L. Collins, Willis McLain, Ted James

The Moderator recognized the following visiting ministers. They include Rev. Lewis Williams, Colquitt, Georgia, who serves as Promotional Secretary for the Georgia State Mission Board; Rev. Archie Ratliff, new pastor of the Glennville

Church, and Rev. Hollis Warren, new pastor of the Harmony Church; Rev. Al Ham from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Ham gave a report on the Development Program at the Bible College. The Harvest Trio from the college sang "Meeting In The Air," and "Why Should I Worry"

To open the Morning Worship Service, Brother Saverance led the congregation in the singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "The Basin and the Towel." The morning offering was received after which the congregation sang "At the Cross." Rev. Kenneth Faison brought the morning message on the subject "Mine Ordinance...Feet Washing," taken from John 13. After the morning message, the congregation observed the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's Feet.

A delicious lunch was served by the host church.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Sunlight" led by Brother Saverance. Rev. O. L. Fields led in prayer. The afternoon devotion was brought by Brother Taylor Merritt on the subject "Mine Ordinance...The Lord's Supper."

The report of the Obituary Committee was given after which the clerk led in prayer.

#### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The following churches report their deceased members:

1. Savannah First: Marcus Hall. 2. Spring Grove: Fred Sutton. 3. Satilla: Manning Quinn. 4. New Hope: Abia Anderson. 5. Brunswick First: Cristopher Coursey.

Submitted by: Gary Madray, O. L. Fields, Taylor Merritt

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

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward from April session .....	\$ 81.05
Late gifts from churches .....	35.00
Received from churches this session .....	225.00
Worship Service Offering .....	<u>59.02</u>

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... 400.07

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Widows of deceased ministers (3 @20.00) .....	60.00
Retired ministers (2 @15.00) .....	30.00
Clerk .....	10.00
Moderator .....	5.00
Treasurer .....	5.00
Phone and Postage .....	8.79
Swainsboro Mission .....	50.00
Bible College Expansion Program .....	50.00
Athens Mobile Chapel .....	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSED ..... 243.79

Balance on Hand ..... \$156.28

# STATISTICAL REPORT

	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Average S.S. Attendance	Average C.T.S. Attendance	Total Offerings	
ALABAMA	1	0	67	38	27	8,137.28	3,37
BAXLEY	9	6	51	33	21	14,449.66	6,66
BETHANY	12	29	72	38	34	8,578.67	4,16
BETHEL	2	0	52	35	0	6,519.99	1,41
BRUNSWICK	26	34	76	60	58	13,678.61	5,47
CALVARY	10	12	50	31	10	7,893.88	3,59
CORINTH	2	8	148	54	34	9,316.15	4,78
DOUGLAS	3	4	26	23	0	5,961.76	1,92
EBENEZER	9	1	150	80	0	13,602.33	5,81
BETHSEMANE	2	24	29	19	17	3,353.00	2,74
GLENNVILLE	10	5	202	89	35	17,838.01	5,20
HARMONY	15	5	156	70	23	23,933.57	7,41
IMMANUEL	36	4	229	129	0	26,636.85	5,77
JESUP, FIRST	12	0	184	132	71	34,084.78	7,80
LYONS	6	7	81	34	24	10,146.08	4,06
MARIETTA	9	4	126	50	25	11,890.81	4,67
MEMORIAL	22	8	162	81	51	11,395.18	4,62
NEW HOPE	7	3	184	65	32	15,039.92	5,80
OAK GROVE	2	1	64	45	25	4,087.12	1,49
OAK HILL	2	3	53	28	18	2,053.25	97
OKEFENOKEE	6	7	90	48	25	12,828.58	5,20
PHILADELPHIA	10	5	105	65	35	8,422.25	4,21
PINE LEVEL	12	7	140	65	38	9,756.74	4,43
PINEY GROVE	11	5	139	51	28	11,090.27	4,75
SATILLA	22	6	242	70	30	20,234.85	7,62
SAVANNAH, FIRST	13	10	202	97	56	42,107.16	8,14
SPRING GROVE	49	20	326	136	74	26,908.10	10,56
STONEY HILL	1	4	67	-0-	0	1,502.98	89
STATESBORO MISSION				(No statistical report)			
TOTALS	321	222	3,473	1,666	791	381,456.83	133,57

# STATISTICAL REPORT

Total Offerings	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelists	Co-op Plan	Missions	Bible College	Value of Church and Parsonage
8,137.28	3,370.00	400.00	369.00	250.00	-0-	17,500.00
4,449.66	6,665.00	290.00	492.89	30.00	-0-	40,000.00
8,578.67	4,167.55	425.00	100.00	74.00	5.00	25,000.00
6,519.99	1,410.00	100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,000.00
3,678.61	5,470.00	610.00	-0-	644.16	100.00	92,500.00
7,893.88	3,595.00	125.00	-0-	475.50	162.75	50,000.00
9,316.15	4,785.00	292.32	30.15	424.66	100.78	12,000.00
5,961.76	1,927.42	-0-	-0-	163.00	-0-	50,000.00
3,602.33	5,810.00	368.00	-0-	1,607.00	571.50	67,000.00
3,353.00	2,745.00	196.00	-0-	51.84	25.00	-0-
7,838.01	5,200.00	350.00	480.00	2,499.04	1,092.87	60,000.00
3,933.57	7,417.65	350.00	300.00	1,720.20	9,425.00	82,000.00
6,636.85	5,772.00	425.00	-0-	5,337.86	1,111.00	57,500.00
4,084.78	7,800.00	575.00	-0-	4,682.74	1,716.80	79,500.00
0,146.08	4,061.00	414.00	120.00	-0-	70.20	31,000.00
1,890.81	4,675.00	340.00	300.00	180.00	60.00	25,000.00
1,395.18	4,625.00	350.00	180.00	601.21	700.00	47,500.00
5,039.92	5,800.00	275.00	280.00	115.00	-0-	62,000.00
4,087.12	1,490.00	335.00	510.00	340.00	25.00	10,000.00
2,053.25	970.00	150.00	144.00	-0-	-0-	18,500.00
2,828.58	5,200.00	306.64	-0-	240.00	40.47	96,000.00
3,422.25	4,213.15	701.37	60.00	160.00	70.00	60,000.00
3,756.74	4,430.00	510.00	120.00	724.00	397.00	75,000.00
1,090.27	4,755.31	235.00	-0-	563.61	92.50	28,000.00
0,234.85	7,620.12	450.00	220.00	1,399.64	377.87	45,000.00
2,107.16	8,140.00	265.00	300.00	8,467.00	2,530.00	200,000.00
3,908.10	10,568.33	358.74	2,282.00	1,805.49	63.39	65,000.00
1,502.98	893.00	155.00	-0-	10.00	-0-	8,000.00
1,456.83	133,575.53	9,352.07	6,288.00	32,565.95	18,737.13	1,434,000.00



W. L. Collins, Treasurer, Willis McLain, Ted James

Rev. Lewis Williams, representing Georgia State Missions, gave a report of our State Mission Board and the mission points that the Board is working with at the present time. He also gave a report of the State work in the absence of Brother Truluck. Brother Buddy Morris gave a brief report of the work in Statesboro. Brother Jerry Johnson gave a report of the Athen's work.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Brother Morris.

### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council makes the following report:

1. Teddy Waters from the Corinth Church comes desiring a license to preach. We recommend him back to his local church for licensing.
2. Archie Wayne Ratliff comes desiring ordination. We have started with procedures for this service.
3. Hollis Warren comes to us from the Cumberland Association in Tennessee with a letter of good standing. We recommend that he be received into our association.
4. Gordan Johnson requests a letter of recommendation from our association. We recommend that we send this letter.

Buddy Morris, C. D. Rentz, Billy Livesay

A rising vote of thanks was given the host church for their fine hospitality. A love offering was received for Rev. George Foskey in the amount of \$103.62. Rev. Ken Faison dismissed in prayer.

## MINUTES OF THE 95TH ANNUAL MEETING of the SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS convening with BAXLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Baxley, Georgia October 28, 1972

The Ninety-Fifth Annual Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Baxley Free Will Baptist Church, Baxley, Georgia on October 28 1972. The meeting was opened with the singing of "The Old Account," led by Rev. Reedy Saverance. Rev. Mance Cason led in prayer.

The theme for the Annual Meeting was "Pray Without Ceasing" taken from I Thessalonians 5:17. Darrell Douglas, a layman from the Pine Level Church, brought the morning devotion entitled "Prerequisites to Prayer."

Hermon H. Young, the Mayor of Baxley, gave words of greeting to the Association and gave a special welcome to the city of Baxley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All the churches of the Association responded to the roll call of churches. Twenty-one ministers responded to the roll call of ministers. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the names of Rev. George Foskey and Rev. Morris Knight be dropped from the roll of ministers since these preachers have gone to another denomination. After the delegates from the different churches were properly seated, the moderator appointed the following committees:

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Russell Brewton, Phillip N. Ryals

FINANCE COMMITTEE: W. L. Collins, Lollie McLeod, Mance R. Cason

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Tom Lawrence, Paul Davis Carolyn Thompson

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Kenneth Faison, Darrell Douglas, Larry Langford

The following visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed to the Association. Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee; Howard Messer, new pastor of Okefenokee Church; A. C. Truluck, Georgia State Promotional Secretary; Lewis Williams, Promotional Director of the Georgia State Mission Board.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. J. E. Wood on "The Power of Prayer."

J. M. Creech gave a report of the South Georgia Youth Camp.

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Rev. Lewis Williams gave a report of the Georgia State Mission Board. He encouraged the Association to liberally support the Swainsboro work.

The congregation was dismissed for a lunch that was enjoyed by everyone.

The afternoon session was opened with Rev. O. L. Fields leading the congregation in the singing of "At the Cross." Otis Mallard, a layman from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jesup, delivered the afternoon devotion. The title of his devotion was "Promises of Prayer."

The clerk gave the report of the Obituary Committee.

The South Georgia Free Will Baptist Youth Camp met at the Woodman of the World Camp at Glennville, Georgia, the weeks of July 30-August 12, 1972. Junior Week there were 82 campers (including staff) and Teen Week there were 78 campers (including staff). Sixteen South Georgia Churches participated in the camp. There were eleven saved and eighty-one rededications to the Lord. Six South Georgia preachers helped in camp the two weeks. Four preachers' wives helped in camp and four laymen helped. Rev. Ed Green and Rev. Jim Cowart from the Bible College served as Camp Evangelist for the two weeks.

## YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward from last year ..... \$ 41.20

### INCOME:

South Georgia Association ..... 150.00  
 First Church, Jesup ..... 100.00  
 Immanuel Church Jacksonville ..... 100.00  
 Baxley Church Baxley ..... 10.00  
 First Church Brunswick ..... 43.94  
 Mrs. Madalene Pederson ..... 3.00  
 Canteen Sales ..... 494.00  
 Camp Offerings ..... 88.92  
 Campers Fees ..... 1672.00

TOTAL INCOME ..... 2661.86

Total to Account for ..... \$2703.06

### EXPENDITURES:

Camp Rental ..... 457.00  
 Evangelists (for two weeks) ..... 400.00  
 Postage and Supplies ..... 8.61  
 Printing of Brochures ..... 18.54  
 Sports Equipment ..... 13.25  
 Insurance ..... 77.76  
 Canteen Supplies ..... 408.42  
 Medical Supplies ..... 19.20  
 Food ..... 679.61  
 Mileage for staff ..... 299.92

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ..... 2382.31

Balance on Hand 10-28-72 ..... \$ 320.75

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The following churches report their deceased members during the past year.

1. Brunswick First: Cristopher Coursey. 2. Corinth: Rebecca Smart, Willie Smart. 3. Douglas: Bessie Taylor, Nat Winters. 4. Harmony: Amos Howard, W. H. Hayes. 5. Immanuel: Troy Hodges. 6. Lyons: Talmadge Knight. 7. Mareitta: Emmett Wilkes, Talmadge Edinfield, Elliott Collins. 8. Memorial: Ruby Aycock, Perry Dean, Bryon Mann, R. W. Rentz. 9. New Hope: Abia Anderson. 10. Pine Level: Kenneth Taylor. 11. Piney Grove: Johnnie Wheelis, Alief Harris. 12. Satilla: Elton Whitehead, Brady Summerlin, Manning Quinn. 13. Spring Grove: Joe B. White, Fred Sutton. 14. Statesboro: Thomas Lee. 15. Stoney Hill: Talmadge Anderson. 16. Savannah First: Marcus Hall. Submitted by: Charles Russell Brewton, Phillip N. Ryals

Rev. Reedy Saverance led the congregation in a prayer to the memroy of the deceased members.

The report of the Digest Committee was given by Tom Lawrence.



# REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

1970-1971		1971-1972
1	Missions in Association	2
28	Churches Reporting	28
2,739	Active Members	2,904
573	Inactive Members	556
187	Members Received by Profession	157
63	Members Received by Letter	128
23	Members Received by Statement of Faith	35
279	TOTAL MEMBERS RECEIVED	320
136	Members Dismissed by Letter	73
34	Members Deceased	31
173	TOTAL MEMBERS DISMISSED	221
106	Net Gain of Members	99
26	Sunday Schools in Association	27
2,116	TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	2,190
1,566	Sunday School Average Attendance	1,658
23	Church Training Services in Association	23
1,115	TOTAL C.T.S. ENROLLMENT	1,068
813	C.T.S. Average Attendance	783
15	Woman's Auxiliaries in Association	19
223	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	226
157	Woman's Auxiliary Average Attendance	160
8	Master's Men in Association	5
97	Master's Men Enrollment	52
51	Master's Men Average Attendance	35
24	Churches Having Prayer Meeting	26
636	Prayer Meeting Average Attendance	732
15	Vacation Bible Schools	13
972	Vacation Bible School Average Attendance	614
36	Ordained Ministers in Association	35
5	Licensed Ministers in Association	7
122	Deacons in Association	110
24	Full-Time Churches in Association	24
4	Half-Time Churches in Association	3
48	Revivals held during the Year	55
309,947.28	TOTAL OFFERINGS	381,556.27
120,020.49	Paid Pastors	133,575.53
8,787.18	Paid Evangelists	9,352.07
6,071.40	Given to Co-op Plan	6,288.04
56,773.06	Building and Repairs	58,897.93
13,257.67	Spent for Literature	15,737.75
23,802.18	Given to Missions	32,167.98
10,467.01	Given to Bible College	15,137.15

Tom Lawrence, Carolyn Thompson, Paul Davis  
 Rev. Rolla Smith gave the report of the South Georgia Mission Board.



### REPORT OF SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD

Balance on Hand October 1, 1971 ..... \$1370.53

#### RECEIPTS:

J. Phillip Carter ..... 180.00  
 Ebenezer Church ..... 1070.00  
 Glennville Church ..... 300.00  
 Immanuel Church ..... 204.20  
 Jesup Church ..... 900.00  
 Memorial Church ..... 120.00  
 Satilla Church ..... 300.00  
 Savannah First Church ..... 300.00  
 Statesboro Mission ..... 100.00

TOTAL RECEIVED ..... 3424.20  
 TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... \$4794.73

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

To Sam Wilkinson Account ..... 3300.00      3300.00  
 BALANCE ON HAND 9-30-72 ..... \$1494.73

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

Respectfully submitted: Rolla D. Smith, Treasurer

Motions were made and carried that churches in the South Georgia Associations be asked to send Foreign Mission Money directly to the Foreign Missions Office in Nashville, Tennessee and not to the South Georgia Mission Board, and that the Mission Board draw up a constitution and by-laws.

The Annual Report of the Finance Committee was given by Rev. W. L. Collins.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward from 1971 session ..... \$ 57.72  
 Gifts received from member churches ..... 1167.00  
 Worship Service Offerings ..... 245.26  
 Special Offerings (C. D. Rentz ..... 74.45  
     \$46.00 for minutes; Athens \$28.45)  
 Special Offerings National Association ..... 37.50  
 Fund (Brunswick Church)

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... \$1581.93

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator ..... 25.00  
 Clerk ..... 50.00  
 Treasurer ..... 25.00  
 Retired Ministers (2) ..... 120.00  
 Widows of deceased ministers (3) ..... 240.00  
 Fee to Georgia State Association ..... 70.00  
 South Georgia Minutes (printing) ..... 250.00  
 Executive Committee Travel ..... 12.60

Supplies and Phone .....	25.37
Bible College .....	100.00
Foreign Missions .....	50.00
Home Missions .....	228.45
Balance on 1971 S. Ga. Minutes .....	46.00
South Georgia Youth Camp .....	150.00
State Office .....	20.00
National Association Fund .....	37.50

(Brunswick First Church)

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... 1449.92

Balance on Hand 10-28-72 ..... \$ 132.01

W. L. Collins, Treasurer, Lollie McLeod, Mance R. Cason

The Association voted to authorize the Moderator of the South Georgia Association to appoint delegates to the Georgia State Association from those who will attend the State Association.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. William Morris.

#### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council present the following report:

1. Brother Archie Ratliff was ordained on August 7, 1972 in the Glennville Free Will Baptist Church. We would like to acknowledge and receive him into full fellowship.

2. The following men come to unite with our Association:

a. Rev. Larry Williams, from the Martin Association. b. Rev. William D. Keheley, from Columbus, Georgia Church, pending a letter. c. Rev. Howard Messer, from Beaver Creek Association, S. C., pending a letter. d. Rev. Don Reed, from Midway Association, pending a letter.

We recommend to receive these pending the letters of recommendation.

3. Rev. Roger LeRoche comes as an Independent Baptist Minister desiring to unite with our Association. He is a member of the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church and comes with a recommendation from that church. Rev. LeRoche is a graduate of the Tennessee Temple College. We have started the proper procedures. (This is only information.)

I move that we receive this according to the given stipulations and extend the right hand of fellowship to the following: Rev. Larry Williams, Rev. William Keheley, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. Don Reed.

Submitted by: Rev. Buddy Morris, Rev. C. D. Rentz, Rev. Billy Livesay

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Kenneth Faison and the following officers elected:

Moderator .....	Rolla D. Smith
Assistant Moderator .....	Mance R. Cason
Clerk .....	Kenneth Faison
Assistant Clerk .....	Archie Ratliff
Treasurer .....	W. L. Collins

Ordaining Council ..... Luther Reed  
Youth Camp Board ..... J. M. Creech, Paul Davis  
Mission Board ..... Harris Nix, Darrell Douglas

Submitted by: Kenneth Faison, Darrell Douglas, Larry Langford

Rev. Don Reed, pastor of the Bethel Church, requested that the Association deed the property of their church to the Bethel Church trustees. A motion was made to this effect and carried.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their fine hospitality.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, Georgia State Promotional Secretary, gave a report of the state work and awarded certificates of honor for giving to the state work.

After a motion to give a standing vote of thanks to thy officers who had served for the past year, the Association was adjourned in prayer.

## DELEGATES ANNUAL MEETING SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ALABAMA: Mrs. G. C. Brewton, Mrs. S. B. Allen

BAXLEY: Ronnie Long, Owen Oliver, Hopsy Deen

BETHANY: Carolyn Thompson, Vernice Thompson, Milton Coleman, Gail Coleman

BETHEL: Lawanna Johnson, Lillie Johnson

BRUNSWICK: Kai Sparre, Edward Parker, Robert D. Smith

CALVARY: Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Davis

CORINTH: Mrs. Wilford Harden, Mrs. Odessa Crews, Mrs. Robert Waters, Mrs. Abbie Whitley, Yvonne Harden

DOUGLAS: Andrew Knowles, Marie Harrell

EBENEZER: Linda Underwood, Brenda Driggers

GETHSEMANE: Herman McLoon, Elaine Benfield, Clifford Benfield

GLENNVILLE: Donna Kate Harrell

HARMONY: Jim Williams

IMMANUEL: By Standing Delegates and Letter

JESUP, FIRST: Phillip Ryals, Otis Mallard, E. D. Seymour, John Evans, DeWees Evans

LYONS: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Zorn, Brooks Corsey

MARIETTA: Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Findley, Mrs. Maude Collins

MEMORIAL: James Blanton, Mildred Rentz, Jimmy Hattaway, Troy Dykes, Carroll Mann, James Carter, Doris Carter

NEW HOPE: Mr. and Mrs. Pelmar Landon, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mallard

OAK GROVE: Vernon Barber, Christine Barber, Lizzie Carter

OAK HILL: By Letter

OKEFENOKEE: Paul Corbitt, Paul Sullens

PHILADELPHIA: Amos McMilan, Betty Rodenberry

PINE LEVEL: Dolora Johnson, Lollie McLeod, Darrell Douglas, Mr. and Mrs.

Clyde Bennett

PINEY GROVE: Mr. and Mrs. Remer Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brannen, John  
B. Thornton

SATILLA: Beulah Williams, Roger LaRoche, George Hutto, Gertie Hutto

SAVANNAH: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brewton, Agnes Smith, Angela Crow, Tamie  
Barnard

SPRING GROVE: Gerladine Devereaux, Genelda Stephens

STONEY HILL: Evelyn Lynn, Dottie Flowers



# 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 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 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 if 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 relatives 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 not 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 regulation 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.