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DIRECTORY  
 SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION  
 OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
 1974-1975

Moderator	William Morris, 303 Marvin Ave. Statesboro, Ga.
Asst. Moderator	Theron Long, P.O. Box 636, Douglas, Ga. 31533
Clerk	Kerry Steedley, Route 2, Surrency, Ga. 31563
Asst. Clerk	Bob Hancock, Route 4, Alma, Ga. 31510
Treasurer	Nolan Purcell, 615 N. Railroad St., Glennville, Ga. 30427

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Hollis Warren, Rt. 2, Box 37, Lake Butler, Fla. 32054	1975
A. C. Truluck, Rt. 4, Box 444, Hazelhurst, Ga. 31539	1976
Grant Severance, Rt. 3, Glennville, Ga. 30427	1977

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Larry Langford, Rt. 1, Bristol, Ga. 31518	1975
Paul Davis, 222 Tara Ln, Brunswick, Ga. 31520	1976
J. M. Creech, 106 Bacon St., Jesup, Ga. 31545	1977
Luther Burns, 413 W. Church St., Swainsboro Ga. 30401	1978
Leroy Cutler, 10561 Villanova Rd, Jacksonville, Fla. 32218	1979

## MISSION BOARD

Kerry Steedley, Rt. 2, Surrency, Ga.  
 31563 1975  
 Darrell Douglas, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga. 31510  
 1976  
 Archie Ratliff, 211 S. Main, Glennville,  
 Ga. 30427 1977  
 William Morris, 303 Marvin St., States-  
 boro, Ga. 1978  
 Billy Hanna, 5212 Skidaway, Savannah, Ga.  
 1979

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

### SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

I. J. Blackwelder, Rt. 2, Lake Butler,  
 Fla. 32054 496-5900  
 Chrles Bryant  
 Luther Burns, 413 Church St., Swainsboro,  
 Ga. 30401 237-9308 ✓  
 J. C. Carter  
 Mance Cason, P.O.Box 438, Lyons, Ga.  
 30436 526-3547  
 W. L. Collins, 503 Cynthia St., Jackson-  
 ville, Fla. 32205 786-0547  
 J. M. Creech, 106 Bacon St., Jesup, Ga.  
 31545 427-3254  
 Leroy Cutler, 10561 Villanova Rd.  
 Jacksonville, Fla 32218 757-0913  
 W. H. Daughtry, Rt. 4, Glennville,  
 Ga. 30427 654-2820  
 Paul Davis, 2228 Tara Ln., Brunswick,  
 Ga. 31520 265-0145  
 Donald Franks, Rt. 1, Douglas, Ga.  
 31533 *Glenn*  
 Bob Hancock, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga. 632-5240  
 Billy Hanna, 5215 Skidaway, Savannah,  
 Ga. 31404 354-0971 ✓  
 Willford Harden, 510 Bay St. Baxley  
 Ga. 31513 367-4437  
 Larry Langford, Rt. 1, Bristol, Ga.  
 31518 367-2944

Billy Livesay, Rt. 3, Jesup, Ga.  
 31545 568-2220  
 Theron Long, P. O. Box 636, Douglas,  
 Ga. 31533 384-3705  
 Jimmy McDuffie, P.O. Box 455, Blackshear,  
 Ga. 449-6042  
 Taylor Merritt, Lyons, Ga.  
 Robert Money, 211 S.E. 72nd St. Gaines-  
 ville, Fla 32601 377-6419  
 William Morris, 313 Marvin St. States-  
 boro, Ga. 764-6335  
 Harris Nix, Rt. 4, Box 100, Jesup,  
 Ga. 31545 427-6618  
 Curtis Osborne, Jacksonville, Fla  
 John Owens, Rt. 2, Folkston, Ga. 496-2655  
 Garvin Page, 106 Glendale, Baxley, Ga.  
 31513 367-7177  
 Gary Page, 106 Glendale, Baxley, Ga.  
 31513 367-7177  
 Max Perry, 780 New Court E.  
 Jacksonville; Fla. 388-4256  
 Larry Powell  
 V.L. Pritchett, 402 13th Ave. East-  
 man, Ga. 31032 374-4446  
 Archie Ratliff, 211 S. Main, Glenn-  
 ville, Ga. 30427 654-2621  
 C. D. Rentz, Rt. 5, Baxley, Ga.  
 31513 367-6446  
 Grant Severance, Rt. 3, Glennville,  
 Ga. 654-3878  
 R. D. Smith, Brunswick, Ga.  
 Kerry Steedley, Rt. 2, Surrency, Ga.  
 367-4173  
 A. C. Truluck, Rt. 4, Box 444, Hazel-  
 hurst, Ga. 31539 375- 5481  
 Ronald Wallace, Waycross, Ga.  
 Hollis Warren, Rt. 2, Box 37, Lake  
 Butler, Fla. 32054 496-8554  
 Sammy Wilkinson  
 J. R. Wood, Rt. 2, Lyons, Ga. 30436  
 256-8207

LICENSED MINISTERS

Grover Edge, Rt. 3, Box 122, Hazel-  
hurst, Ga. 31539

Teddy Waters, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga. 31510



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA  
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
CONVENING WITH CORINTH FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH, ALMA, GA.

JANUARY 25, 1974

The meeting was opened by singing "I Am Thine Oh Lord", led by Rev. J. M. Creech. Prayer was offered by Bro. W.L. Collins. The Moderator, Rev. Mance Cason, introduced Bro. Wilford Harden the host Pastor. Bro. Harden offered us words of welcome. He introduced Bro. Gary Page who brought for us the morning devotion. His text was Ecclesiastes 12:1 "Remember Now Thy Creator".

The roll call of churches was then called. We had 27 churches and one mission answer the roll call. M/S/C to seat the delegates from the variour churches. The roll call was taken of the Ministers. There were 25 responding.

The minutes were read from the past associational meeting. M/S/C to accept the minutes as read.

We took time to recognize our visitors. We were glad to have Gary Page from Baxley.

A motion was offered to allow the Moderator to appoint the committees. Ted James, Max Perry, W.L. Collins were to serve on the finance committee. Virgil Smith, Randall Dixon, Jimmy Rockmore, were apponted to the obituary committee.

In the way of new business, we heard a report from the Camp Board as to the money pledges to buy the camp located in Camden county. The report showed \$21,380.00 as to date. The matter of some Federal Agency being able to take back the school property was reported as being impossible. This had been checked into by legal experts in Washington.

We were dismissed for intermission. We began our worship hour by singing two hymns led by Rev. Grant Severance. We enjoyed a special song by Bro. Larry Gunoe. A very timely and inspiring message was brought to us by Rev. Larry Langford. His title was "These Dry Churches". We were dismissed for lunch.

After a very delicious meal was served, we convened once again for the afternoon session.

Rev. Bob Hancock brought an afternoon devotional on Christian Positives. It was a challenge to all. We then heard a brief testimony from Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

The report of the obituary committee was given. It was as follows: T.H. Waters Lester Harvey, Piney Grove-C.W. Eunice, Pine Level-Ira Douglas, Memorial-S.N. Thorton, Pearl Carter, Harmony-St. Clair Crawford, Douglas-Jincey Johnson, Alabaha-Taft Deloach. M/S/C to accept report.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given. It was as follow: T.H. Waters comes from the Missionary Baptist Church as a candidate for ordination. Procedures have been started to ordain him. Ron Wallace has come from the Cumberland Asso. (Western) in Tenn. We recommend that he be accepted pending a letter from his Association. R.D. Smith comes from the Ogeechee Asso. We recommend Bro. Smith pending a letter from his Association. Amos McMillian comes for acceptance of his license, and approval of our association. M/S/C to adopt the report.

The report of the Finance Committee was given as follows:



Bal. brought forward	\$292.94
Appropriation for 1973 S. Ga. Minutes	300.00
Gifts from Churches this session	297.50
Late gifts received	55.00
Worship Service Offering	38.53
Total to Account for	\$1,033.97

<u>Paid Out</u>	
Moderator	\$ 5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers	15.00
Widows of deceased ministers (3)	60.00
Executive Committee Travel	8.55
Clerks Expense	11.62
Moderators phone calls & postage	3.80
Appropriations for minutes (1974)	75.00
Designated for Youth Camp Board	400.00

Total Paid Out	\$593.97
Balance in Treasury Jan. 26, 1974 Gen.	\$140.00

*Not shown in annual balance	\$300.00
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M/S/C to adopt report.

The report of the Camp Board was again given with a firm figure of \$25,00.00 committed for the purchase of the property. A motion was made by Bro. Luther Burns to purchase Bowles School Property in Camden County, to be used as a camp site, retreat site etc. M/S/C.

Two recommendations were made to the previous motion. One, that two other members be elected to serve on the Youth Camp Board. Two, that Bro. J.M. Creech serve as the treasurer. M/S/C.

The two men appointed were, John Evans & Chester Taylor.

M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks.

Several announcements were made.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. A.C. Truluck.

Rev. Mance Cason, Moderator  
Rev. Archie Ratliff, Clerk

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CONVENING WITH  
DOUGLAS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

April 28, 1974

The meeting was called to order by singing, "I Will Sing the Wonderous Story", led by Bro. Creech. Prayer was then offered. Bro. Donald Franks welcomed the association, being the Host Pastor.

Bro. Evans, from the Jesup Free Will Baptist Church, led us in a time of Prayer and Scripture reading from the Book of Romans. The roll call of churches was read. There were 21 churches responding. We had the roll call of ministers. There were 23 responding to this call. The delegates were Rev. Robert Money & Rev. Gary Page. The minutes were read from the last meeting. M/S/C to assept the minutes as read.

The committees were appointed by the Moderator. They were: W.L. Collins, Gary

Page, Ted James, to the Finance Committee.  
 The Obituary Committee was headed by Rev.  
 Billy Hanna along with Rev. Amos McMillan.

Bro. Robert Money & Bro. Kerry Steddy  
 asked to go before the Ordaining Council.

M/M/S/C to have all yearly meetings at the  
 new Camp Site. M/M/S/C to allow a Camp Board  
 to handle the food etc.

The report from the Camp Board was  
 given by Bro. J.M. Creech. It was as follows:  
 Balance Brought Forward (October 25, 1974)

Income	
South Ga. Asso.	\$ 0400.00
Bethany Church	0300.00
Bethel Church	0275.00
Brunswick "	01170.00
Calvary "	00600.00
Corinth "	01005.00
Douglas "	01110.00
Ebenezer "	01570.00
Gethesemane "	00260.00
Glennville "	015335.00
Harmony "	02580.00
Immanuel "	012125.00
Jesup "	035515.00
Memorial "	01520.00
New Hope "	0232.00
Oak Grove "	01410.00
Okefenokee "	03550.00
Pine Level "	01035.00
Piney Grove "	00500.00
Savannah "	012100.00
Spring Grove "	012138.00
Statesboro "	00600.00
Swainsboro	00230.00
	<u>\$26560.00</u>

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR 26560.00  
 27388.15

## Disbursements:

Board Members Expense	355.13
Mance Cason (Phone)	5.11
Open House Expenses	14.26
Option on Property	500.00
Purchase of Property	24500.00
Beverly Nash (Deed)	20.00
Filing Deed	4.00
Insurance (Binder)	15.00
Supplies (Bulbs & Fuses)	27.34
Total Disbursements	<hr/> \$25440.84
Balance on Hand 4/24/74	1947.31

M/S/C to accept the Camp Board Report. It was announced that there would be a work day May 4th. We were dismissed in prayer by Ted James.

We then reassembled for the Worship Service. After the announcements were made we received the morning offering. Bro. Hollis Warren was introduced as our Speaker. A very fine message was brought with the Title being "We Preach Christ." It was a very inspiring message. We were then dismissed for the afternoon meal.

The afternoon service was opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Bro. Amos McMillan led us in a time of prayer and scripture reading.

The report of the Obituary committee was read as follows: Spring Grove, Harry Tyre: Philadelphia, Clarence Quinn: Stoney Hill, Mrs. Bessie Denkine. A special note was made of the passing of Rev. Walter Keheley. A time of prayer was offered in memory of these persons.

The report was given by the finance committee. It was as follows:

Balance Brought Forward	\$140.97
Gifts from Churches	265.00
Worship Service Offerings	34.10
Appropriations for 1974	
S. Ga. Minutes	75.00
Total to Account for	<u>\$515.07</u>

Paid Out

Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers	15.00
Widows of deceased	
ministers 3	60.00
Executive committee travel	3.00
Clerk's expense preparing	
programs	18.30
Appropriations for 1974	
minutes	75.00
Designated by body	
(printing for Ordaining	
Com)	20.60
Balance on 1973 Minutes	65.13
South Ga. Youth Camp	100.00
Total Paid Out	<u>\$377.03</u>
Balance in Treasurers 4/24/74	138.04

W. L. Collins, Treasurer

M/S.C to accept Finance report.

The Youth Camp Board reported the dates for camp. They are junior week August 5-10, teen week August 12-17. There was a motion to self-insure our property and take out liability Insurance from a company. M/S/C.

M/S/C to insure all board members as they travel. M/S/C to allow Executive Board members to investigate.



The report of the Ordaining Council was then given. It was as follows:

1. We recommend that Rev. O.L. Fields be granted a letter to Northeast Asso. in Mississippi. We recommend that Rev. B. L. Shiver be granted a letter to the Little River Asso. in Georgia. We recommend that James Sielda be granted a letter to the Appalechin Asso. in Tennessee. We recommend that Rev. Robert Money be accepted into our Association pending a letter from his Association. The Council questioned Rev. Kerry Steedly concerning his ordination. We recommend that Bro. Steedly be ordained May 19, 1974 at the Oak Hill F. W. B. Church. The council expresses it's appreciation for the services of Rev. Luther Reed for the past two years. We recommend that the Association receive his resignation from the Council and offer our prayers in his behalf for the futher service of our Lord & Free Will Baptist. Rev. A. C. Truluck was elected secretary of the Ordaining Council. M/S/C to accept the report.

M/S/C to give the Douglas Church a rising vote of thanks for the delicious meal and their hospitality.

M/S/C to participate in the National Day of Prayer.

M/S/C to adjourn.

\*M/S/C = Motion, Second, Carried.

	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS DISMISSED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE S. S.	AUG. CTS. ATT.	TOTAL OFFERING
ALABAHA	6	1	74	40	34	\$15,924.00
BAXLEY	4	1	51	40	35	\$15,842.00
BETHANY	7	11	66	41	30	\$11,728.00
BETHEL	2	2	45	20		\$ 9,538.65
BRUNSWICK						
CALVARY	6	1	76	40	25	\$11,164.00
CORINTH	6	2	150	70	46	\$20,047.00
DOUGLAS	3	3	34			\$ 5,796.00
EBENEZER	7	3	187	90		\$19,702.00
GETHSEMENE						
GLENNVILLE	14	4	210	108	35	\$33,131.69
HARMONY	9	7		84	15	\$24,791.48
IMMANUEL	22	18	250	123		\$37,893.00
JESUP	14	3	193	121	58	\$36,186.97
LYONS	16	3	114	60	37	\$13,087.00
MARIETTA	4	0	141	65	25	\$24,713.32
NEW HOPE	1	5	185	65	18	\$12,055.29
OAK GROVE	0	0	40	25	18	\$ 4,839.56
OAK HILL	4	3	58	24	20	\$ 2,995.63
GAINESVILLE	11	3	56	30	18	
PHILADELPHIA	10	5	122	88		\$12,000.00
PINE LEVEL	5	2	140	85	39	\$15,488.18
PINEY GROVE	0	1	143	48		\$10,472.00
SATILLIA	25	2	288	98		
SAVANNAH	11	2	187	112	74	\$43,935.00
SPRING GROVE	11	5	333	114	71	\$38,973.22
STONEY HILL	0	3	66			\$ 1,280.53
STATESBORO						
SWAINSBORO	9	0	26	33	27	\$10,315.00
MEMORIAL	6	5	160	72	40	\$30,354.28
OKEFENOKEE	10	6	80	45		\$15,400.00
TOTAL	223	152	3481	1741	665	\$600,950.00

NG	BIBLE COLLEGE	VALUE OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE	CO-OP PLAN	BAPTISMS	PAID PASTOR	MEMBER LOST TO NON FWB	MISSIONS
4.00		\$40,000.00	\$240.00	5	\$6,575.00	0	\$167.00
2.00		\$60,000.00	\$660.63	9	\$6,550.00	1	
3.00		\$48,000.00		5	\$4,217.00	0	
3.65		\$30,000.00	\$500.00	1	\$5,200.00	0	
0.00		\$90,000.00		2	\$5,560.00	1	\$226.21
7.00		\$40,000.00	\$34.00	0	\$4,680.00	2	\$585.00
0.00		\$50,000.00		3	\$5,796.03	0	
2.00	\$770.00	\$85,000.00		7	\$6,960.00	2	\$1,778.00
.69	\$831.00	\$66,000.00	\$495.00	9	\$6,840.00	1	\$2,237.00
.48	\$500.00	\$55,800.00	\$400.00	6	\$8,890.00	5	\$1,853.00
0.00	\$1,608.21	\$110,000.00		4	\$7,500.00	8	\$1,342.00
.97	\$4047.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$300.00	8	\$8,840.00	1	\$7,343.00
0.00	\$ 155.00	\$50,000.00	\$120.00	6	\$5,475.00	1	
.32	\$110.00	\$35,000.00	\$300.00	0	\$6,671.64		\$230.00
.29		\$62,000.00	\$275.00	5	\$7,040.00	1	\$630.00
.56	\$170.00	\$10,000.00	\$535.00	2	\$1,525.00	0	\$275.00
.63		\$24,000.00	\$ 48.00	5	\$1,574.50	0	
		\$28,000.00		7	\$3,800.00	3	
0.00		\$67,000.00	\$ 36.00	6	\$6,500.00	0	
.18	\$473.29	\$85,000.00	\$120.00	5	\$6,665.00	0	\$403.00
0.00		\$28,000.00		2	\$5,964.00	0	
	\$17.00	\$170,000.00	\$1891.74	32	\$9,512.00	1	\$2,043.00
0.00	\$2,550.00	\$200,000.00	\$300.00	3	\$9,426.00	1	\$4,908.00
.22	\$3,000.00	\$78,000.00	\$2,711.00	7	\$10,498.25	1	\$4,006.00
.53		\$ 5,000.00		0		0	
0.00		\$30,000.00	\$ 120.00	11	\$ 1,980.00	0	\$1,139.00
.28		\$90,000.00	\$ 180.00	4	\$6,350.00	2	\$ 410.84
0.00		\$125,000.00			\$6,204.00	6	
00	\$14,231.00	\$1,856,000	\$8,965.00	154	\$166,788.00	37	\$29,606.00

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENING  
WITH THE GLENNVILLE  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH

July 27, 1974

The meeting was called to order by singing "Where He leads I'll Follow", led by Richard Barnard. Bro. Howard Bass led us in a devotion from the book of Hebrews 1:24. Our theme for this meeting was Christian Education.

We had the roll call of Churches with 27 churches responding. We had 24 Ministers responding to the roll call of Ministers. M/S/C to seat the delegates from the churches. Jerry Chaney, Steve Yeomans and Gary Page were visiting with us this day.

M/S/C to use Rev. Hollis Warren as a proxy to serve on the Ordaining Council.

M/S/C to accept the minutes from the last meeting as read.

M/S/C to allow the Moderator to appoint the committees. They were as follows: Finance, Bro. W. L. Collins, chairman, Jimmy Rockmore and Bro. Finley. Obituary, Mrs. Truluck, Bro. J. E. Wood.

A time was taken for new business at which time the report of the Camp Board was given. M/ S/C to accept the report.

M/S/C to recess before the Worship Service.



The worship hour was called to order by singing "Lily of the Valley" Before the message, we took a love offering for Rev. V. L. Pritchett to help pay some hospital bills. Richard Barnard then rendered us a special in song. Rev. Milton Crowson, from F.W.B.B.C., brought the morning message. We were then given the opportunity to share in the financial burden of the school.

M/S/C to dismiss for lunch.

We reassembled by singing "I Stand Amazed." Bro. Taylor Merritt brought a fine devotion from Isa. 26:1.

The Moderator, Rev. Mance Cason, expressed the mutual feeling of the Executive Committee, that the resolution to be acted upon be held until the next Quarterly Meeting in October.

The Camp Board chairman, Rev. Luther Burns, made more announcements concerning camp.

The report of the Treasurer was given. It was as follows:

Balance Brought Forward	\$138.04
Appropriation for 1974	
Minutes	150.00
Gifts from Churches	322.50
Worship Service Offering	52.31
Special Offering (Rev. V.L. Prichett)	155.25
Total to Account For	668.10
Paid Out:	
Moderator	\$ 5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers (1)	15.00



Widows of Deceased Ministers (3)	60.00
Executive Committee Travel	4.80
Clerk's Expense preparing programs	9.10
Appropriations fro Minutes	75.00
Designated by the body	
1. Love Offering (Rev. Prich-	
ett)	155.25
2. Replace over draw last	
report	75.00
3. Bible College	100.00
4. S. Ga. Youth Camp	50.00
Total Paid Out	<u>\$564.15</u>
Bal. in treasury July 27, 1974	\$103.95

W. L. Collins Treas., Jimmy Rockmore,  
Leon W. Findley

M/S/C to accept the Finance Report.

The Obituary committee then reported to the body. Their report was as follows: Ebenezar-Cleff Anderson, Immanuel-Charles Kidd, Memorial-Clinton Mock Jr., New Hope-George Copeland, Pine Level- Mrs. N. C. Wheeler, Savannah-Mrs. Elezbeth Douglas, Satilla-Mrs. Eva Lee Hall & William Davis, Spring Grove-Alice Odum, Stoney Hill-Olan Wilds. A time of silent prayer was offered in memory of these departed loved ones. M/S/C to accept the report.

The report of the Ordaining council was then given. It was as follows: Bro. Kerry Steedly was ordained to preach the gospel May 19, 1974, at the Oak Hill F.W.B. Church. Bro. Steedly was recommended to be accepted into the fellowship of our association. Upon receiving a letter of recommendation from his association. we recommend that Rev. John Owens be accepted into the fellowship of our association. Upon receiving a letter of recommendation

frfrom the Ga. Union Asso., we recommend that  
BrBro. Je Jerry Channey be accepted into our  
fellowship. We also recommend that Rev.  
ChCharles Bryant be accepted into our fellow-  
ship pending a letter from his associat-  
ion. We recommend that Rev. Taylor Merrit  
of the Lyons Free Will Baptist Church  
be ordained July 28, 1974 at 3:00 P.M.  
He Having received a letter of good standing  
frfrom his Asso., we recommend that Rev.  
RoRon Wallace be accepted into the fellow-  
ship of our association. Rev. Grover  
EdEdge came before the council desiring to  
be ordained. We suggested that he get a  
letter from his church making this request  
official. He is to finish his Question-  
aire. We also recommend to the body that  
any person coming before the board, bring  
with him a letter from his local church,  
stating the purpose of his coming. We  
further recommend that we reinstate the  
policy of giving a Bible to those men  
who are ordained to the Ministry in our  
Association. The funds are to be provided  
for by the Association.

ReRev. Hollis Warren was nominated to  
serve on the Ordaining Council. M/S/C  
that he be elected by acclamation.

M/M/S/C to adjourn.

\* M/S/C = to Motion, Second, Carried.

ReRev. Mance Cason, Moderator, Rev. Archie  
Ratliff, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association  
of Free Will Baptist meeting at the  
South Georgia Youth Camp  
In White Oaks, Georgia

October 26, 1974

The meeting was called to order by singing "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. Grant Saverance. The welcome was given by the Moderator, Rev. Mance Cason.

Rev. Jerry Channey brought the morning devotion from John, Chapter 2, entitled "The House of the Lord."

Minutes were read and approved from the last meeting. M/S/C to accept the minutes as read.

Roll call of churches was made. There were 28 churches responding. The delegates from the churches were seated.

We then recognized our visitors. They were: Rev. Ken Haney, Rev. Don Reed, Rev. Leroy Cutler, Rev. Jerry Chaney, Rev. J. C. Carter, Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Rev. Monroe Harrell, and Rev. Gary Page.

The committees for the day were appointed. The Finance Committee consisted of Troy Dukes, Nolan Purcell, W. L. Collins. The Obituary Committee consisted of Ken Crawford, Mrs. Osburn. The Nominating Committee consisted of Ottis Mallard, Alvin Quinn, Roy Knight, Betty Henderson and Ira Barnard.

The camp board report was then

given as information. M/S/C to accept this report. We then observed a time of prayer of thanksgiving.

We were dismissed for a short recess.

We reassembled with a song. Bro. J. E. Blanton brought our message of the day entitled "Why is the House of God Forsaken?". The message was well received by the congregation.

We were then dismissed for our afternoon lunch.

We were reassembled by singing "Victory In Jesus."

To begin our afternoon session we had a time of dedication for our new camp. A Program of History, progress, and future plan was given.

Teen Camper gave testimonies as to their love for the camp. A prayer of dedication was then offered.

M/S/C to receive the report of the Digest Committee.

The resolution was then read from the Executive Committee as follows:

WHEREAS, this movement seems to be gaining momentum in our day, and

WHEREAS, we realize that this movement can be a threat to the churches to the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Free Will Baptists and the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist have passed resolutions relative to



and in opposition to this movement,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we strongly encourage the preachers of the South Georgia Association to lead their people into a clear Biblical understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit through their preaching and counseling.
2. That any person who embraces and presently adheres to this modern day Penecostal, ecstatic tongues speaking, Charismatic movement not be allowed to hold an office in the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our churches consult the statement in the church covenant as contained in the TREATISE OF THE FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS concerning "the sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages" which would also apply to the church communion services.

M/S/C to adopt the resolution.

The report from the Mission Board was as follows:

Balance on Hand Oct. 1, 1973      \$522.46

Receipts:

Savannah	300.00	(Not designated)
Pine Level	240.00	(Statesboro)
Pine Level	80.00	(Dublin)
New Hope	165.00	(Athens)
New Hope	150.00	(Swainsboro)

Total to Account for	935.00
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	\$1457.46

Disbursements:

Georgia State Mission Board  
(Statesboro)

240.00



Dublin thru State Mission Board	80.00
Georgia Mission Board (Athens)	165.00
Georgia Mission Board (Swainsboro)	150.00
Total Disbursed	<u>\$635.00</u>
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1974	822.46
S. Ga. Mission Board Savings (Alma)	1069.11
Interest Received 1/3/74	24.22
Interest Received 9/30/74	54.61
Balance in Savings	<u>\$1147.94</u>

Buddy Morris, Treasurer

We then received a Motion, Second to accept the report as read.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given as follows: Bro. Taylor Merritt was ordained to the ministry, July 28, 1974 at the Lyons Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that he be accepted into our fellowship. 2. We recommend that Rev. J. E. Blanton be given a letter to the Chattoahoochee Assn. 3. We recommend that a letter of recommendation be given to Rev. Luther Reed to join the Cumberland Asso. 4. We recommend that a letter of recommendation be given to Rev. Rudy Woods insomuch that he has joined the First District Assn. in S. C. 5. We recommend that Rev. Leroy Cutler, J. C. Hubert Carter, and Don Reed be received into the fellowship of our Assn. pending letters of recommendation from their respective Assn. 6. After questioning Bro. Curtis Osborne of the Calvary F.W.B. Church, who has been licensed for the past year, we gave Bro. Osborne a questionnaire to fill out and return to the ordaining Council. Upon completion of this questionnaire and it is approved and

by the request of the Calvary Church, we recommend Bro. Osborne be ordained at the Calvary Church. The date is to be set by Bro. Osborne and the council. He is presently serving as assistant pastor of the Calvary Church. 7. Bro. Gary Page brought a letter of recommendation from the Bear Creek Assn. of Alabama. We recommend he be received into the ministerial fellowship of the South Ga. Assn. with all the rights and privileges of an ordained minister. 8. We recommend that Bro. Kenneth Haney be ordained to the Ministry. Bro. Haney is pastor of the Douglas F.W.B. Church, and has transferred membership as a licensed minister to the Douglas Church from the Cumberland Assn. of Tennessee. The ordination will take place at the Douglas Church from the Friday Evening Service at Dec. 13, 1974 at 8:00 P. M. 9. Upon the presentation at this session of Ohio, we recommend Bro. Robert Money be accepted into the South Georgia Assn. of F.W.B. as an ordained minister with all the full rights and privileges of an ordained minister.

The report of the Financial committee was as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$ 292.94
Gifts from churches this year	1327.50
Worship service offering	174.94
Special offering - Rev. V. L. Prichett	155.25
Special Offering	59.25
Total to Account for	2009.88
 Paid Out	
Moderator	\$ 25.00
Clerk	50.00
Treasurer	25.00
Retired Ministers	60.00

Widows of deceased ministers (3)	\$240.00
Executive Committee travel	23.95
Appropriation for 1974 minutes	300.00
Balance on 1973 minutes	65.13
Printing for Ordaining Council	20.60
Clerk's expense preparing programs	57.77
Moderator's phone and postage	3.80
Bibles for newly ordained ministers	69.44
Bible College	100.00
So. Ga. Youth Camp	550.00
Rev. V. L. Prichett	155.25
Fee Ga. State Association	70.00
Designated by body	30.00
Total Paid Out	<u>\$1845.94</u>
Balance in Treasury Oct. 26, 1974	\$163.94

W. L. Collins, Treasurer

M/S/C to accept this report.

This is a report of the Obituary  
Committee

Mrs. Nettie Mann  
N. C. Wheeler  
E. L. Wade  
E. C. Davidson  
Dan Killingworth  
Anna Lee Altman  
Harry Lee Reddish

Report of the Nomination Committee.  
Mod. A. C. Truluck, Buddy Morris. Buddy  
Morris was elected. Asst. Paul Davis,  
Wendell Long. Wendell Long was voted in  
by acclamation. Clerk. Bob Hancock  
voted in by acclamation. Asst. Clerk Arch-  
ie Ratliff, Kerry Steedly, Kerry Steedly  
was voted in by Acclamation. Treas. Ken  
Crawford, Nolan Purcell. Nolan Purcell  
was elected.

Elected to the ordaining council were  
Grant Saverance, Hollis Warren, A. C.

Truluck. Elected to the Youth Camp Board was LeRoy Cutler. Elected to the mission Board were Kerry Steedly, Billy Hanna.

A question was brought to the body from the camp board. Do we want to start camp on Sunday or Monday ? Also, do we want to rent our camp to groups other than F.W.B? After much discussion there was a motion made to begin on Sunday. Motion lost. M/S/C to begin on Monday. M/S/C to rent our camp to other Bible believing denominations. With this motion is recommended that we rent the camp to non F.W.B. groups at \$50.00 per day and 25¢ per person. It is also recommended that non So. Ga. F.W.B. be able to rent the camp for \$20.00 a day and 20¢ per person. It was also recommended that So. Ga. groups be able to rent the camp at \$10.00 a day and 10¢ a person.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Mance Cason, Moderator, Rev. Archie Ratliff, Clerk



# 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 Treatise 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.