

*** MINUTES ***
OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convening with

IMMANUEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Jacksonville, Florida

January 24, 1976

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Jesup, Georgia

April 24, 1976

SATILLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hazlehurst, Georgia

July 24, 1976

SOUTH GEORGIA YOUTH CAMP

White Oak, Georgia

October 23, 1976

DIRECTORY SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1976-1977

Moderator	Archie Ratliff P. O. Box 11, Glennville, Ga.
Assistant Moderator	Garvin Page 106 Glendale, Baxley, Ga.
Clerk	Norman Richmond Rt. 2, Box 416, Lake Butler, Fla.
Assistant Clerk	Tom Parrish Rt. 4, Box 444, Hazelhurst, Ga.
Treasurer	Nolan Purcell 615 N. Railroad, Glennville, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Ordaining Council

Garvin Page, 106 Glendale, Baxley, Ga.	1977
Bob Hancock, Rt. 1, Alma, Ga.	1978
Max Perry, 2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.	1979

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Lay Members

John Evans	Jesup, Ga.
Chester Taylor	Brunswick, Ga.

Ministers

Danny Thomas, Savannah, Ga.	1977
Luther Burns, Swainsboro, Ga.	1978
Leroy Cutler, Jacksonville, Fla.	1979
Kerry Steedly, Surrency, Ga.	1980
Paul Davis, Brunswick, Ga.	1981
Billy McKinney, Jesup, Ga.	1982
Jim Lugo, Waycross, Ga.	1983

MISSION BOARD

Archie Ratliff, Glennville, Ga.	1977
William Morris, Statesboro, Ga.	1978

Billy Hanna, Savannah, Ga.1979
 Taylor Merritt, Hazelhurst, Ga.1980
 Horace Gaskins, Brunswick, Ga.1981

CTS RALLY PRESIDENT

Horace GaskinsBrunswick, Ga.

CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA
 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Alabaha Blackshear, Ga.	James N. McDuffie Rt. 2, Box 49A Rochelle, Ga. 31079 912-624-2339	Wm. T. Thornton Rt. 1 Blackshear, Ga. 31516
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Bethel Baxley, Ga.	C. D. Rentz Rt. 5 Baxley, Ga. 31513	J. W. Orvin Route 3 Baxley, Ga. 31513
Brunswick, First Brunswick, Ga.	Paul Davis 2228 Tara Lane Brunswick, Ga. 31520 912-265-0145	Betty Henderson 704 Island View Drive Brunswick, Ga. 31520
Calvary Jacksonville, Fla.	Max Perry 780 New Court East Jacksonville, Fla. 32205 904-388-4256	Eleene Daymon 2102 Earnest Jacksonville, Fla. 32205
Corinth Alma, Ga.		Jan Cannon Route 2 Alma, Ga. 31510
Douglas, First Douglas, Ga.	Theron W. Long P. O. Box 636 Douglas, Ga. 31533 912-384-7774	Brenda Carroll Route 1 Douglas, Ga. 31533

Ebenezer
Glennville, Ga.

Sammy Wilkinson
Route 3
Glennville, Ga. 30427
912-654-3878

W. F. Purcell
509 Marietta St.
Glennville, Ga. 30427

Gainesville, First
Gainesville, Fla.

Elberta Crowder
Orange Hts. Rd.
Gainesville, Fla.

Glennville
Glennville, Ga.

Archie Ratliff
211 S. Main
Glennville, Ga. 30427
912-654-2621

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305 S. Main
Glennville, Ga. 30427

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Norman Richmond
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Lake Butler, Fla. 32054

Immanuel
Jacksonville, Fla.

Leroy Cutler
10561 Villanova Rd.
Jacksonville, Fla. 32218
904-757-0913

Yvonne Nobles
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Jacksonville, Fla. 32208

Jesup, First
Jesup, Ga.

Bob Parker
106 Bacon Street
Jesup, Ga. 31545
912-427-3254

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108 Greenwood St.
Jesup, Ga. 31545

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Lyons, Ga.

Mance R. Cason
106 Oak Street
Lyons, Ga. 30436
912-526-3547

Joyce Moore
P. O. Box 243
Lyons, Ga. 30436

Marietta
Lyons, Ga.

J. E. Wood
Route 2
Lyons, Ga. 30436
912-526-8207

Melba McClain
Route 2
Lyons, Ga. 30436

Memorial
Surrency, Ga.

Kerry Steedly
Route 2
Surrency, Ga. 31563
912-367-4173

Barbara R. Carter
Route 5, Box 149A
Baxley, Ga. 31513

New Hope
Jesup, Ga.

Billy Livesay
Rt. 3
Jesup, Ga. 31545
912-586-2220

Susie Goss
Rt. 3, Box 207
Jesup, Ga. 31545

Oak Grove
Surrency, Ga.

Lucille M. Eason
Rt. 6, Box 140
Baxley, Ga. 31513

Oak Hill Alma, Ga.	Virgle Carter Route 5, Box 280 Baxley, Ga. 31513	Zeak Steedley Rt. 3 Alma, Ga. 31530
Okefenokee Waycross, Ga.	Jim Lugo 2106 Mayfair Place Waycross, Ga. 31501 912-283-8126	Helen Neugent Rt. 4, Box 136 Waycross, Ga. 31501
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Pine Level Alma, Ga.	Bob Hancock Rt. 4 Alma, Ga. 31510 912-632-5240	Dolora Johnson Rt. 4 Alma, Ga. 31510
Piney Grove Bristol, Ga.	Larry Langford Rt. 1 Bristol, Ga.	Inez Brannen Route 1 Bristol, Ga.
Satilla Hazlehurst, Ga.	Thomas Parrish Route 4, Box 444 Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539 912-375-5481	Wilson Fussell Route 4, Box 514 Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539
Savannah Savannah, Ga.	Billy Hanna 5212 Skidaway Rd. Savannah, Ga. 31404 912-354-0971	Elease Anthony 3207 Woodlawn Ave. Thunderbolt, Ga. 31404
Spring Grove Jesup, Ga.	Billy McKinney Rt. 4, Box 131 Jesup, Ga. 31545 912-427-6870	Harold Aldridge Rt. 3, Box 346 Jesup, Ga. 31545
Statesboro Statesboro, Ga.	Buddy Morris 303 Marvin Ave. Statesboro, Ga.	Valrie Price Rt. 1, Colonial Hts. Statesboro, Ga.
Stoney Hill Reidsville, Ga.	Wilford Harden 510 Bay St. Glennville, Ga. 912-367-4437	Dottie Flowers Route 2, Box 137 Glennville, Ga. 30427
Swainsboro Swainsboro, Ga.	Luther Burns 413 W. Church St. Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 912-237-9308	Barbara Shirey 122 Calhoun St. Swainsboro, Ga. 30401

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Raymond Altman, 700 McQueen, Folkston, Ga.	496-9677
I. J. Blackwelder, Rt. 2, Lake Butler, Fla.	496-2825
Luther Burns, 413 Church, Swainsboro, Ga.	237-9308
Mance Cason, Box 438, Lyons, Ga.	526-3547
Jerry Chaney, Hazlehurst, Ga.	
Leroy Cutler, 10561 Villanova Rd., Jacksonville, Fla.	757-0913
Paul Davis, 2228 Tara Lane, Brunswick, Ga.	265-0145
Alton Everson, Route 2, Folkston, Ga.	496-2655
Donald Franks	
David Griffin	
Bob Hancock, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.	632-5240
Billy Hanna, 5212 Skidaway Rd., Savannah, Ga.	354-0971
Wilford Harden, 510 Bay, Baxley, Ga.	367-4437
Eddie Hodges	
Larry Langford, Route 1, Bristol, Ga.	367-2944
Billy Livesay, Rt. 3, Jesup, Ga.	586-2220
Theron Long, P. O. Box 636, Douglas, Ga.	384-7774
James Lugo, 2106 Mayfair, Waycross, Ga.	283-8126
Jimmy McDuffie, Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga.	624-2339
Billy McKinney, Rt. 4, Jesup, Ga.	427-6870
Taylor Merritt, Lyons, Ga.	
William Morris, 303 Marvin, Statesboro, Ga.	681-1335
Harris Nix, Rt. 4, Jesup, Ga.	427-6618
Curtis Osborne	
Garvin Page, 106 Glendale, Baxley, Ga.	367-7177
Bob Parker, 106 Bacon St., Jesup, Ga.	427-3254
Gary Page, 106 Glendale, Baxley, Ga.	367-7177
Tom Parrish, Rt. 4, Hazlehurst, Ga.	375-5481
V. L. Pritchett, Eastman, Ga.	
Larry Powell, Missionary	
Archie Ratliff, 211 S. Main, Glennville, Ga.	654-2621
Don Reed	
C. D. Rentz, Route 5, Baxley, Ga.	367-3094
Norman Richmond, Rt. 2, Lake Butler, Fla.	496-3553
Clyde Shankle, Route 2, Alma, Ga.	632-8597
R. D. Smith, Brunswick, Ga.	
Kerry Steedley, Route 2, Surrency, Ga.	367-4173
Ronald Wallace	
Sammy Wilkinson, Route 3, Glennville, Ga.	654-3878
Teddy Waters	
J. E. Wood, Route 2, Lyons, Ga.	526-8207

LICENSED MINISTERS SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Keith Daniels	Folkston, Ga.
Edward Dukes	Savannah, Ga.
Larry Williams	Hazlehurst, Ga.
Randy Bryant	Jacksonville, Fla.

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONVENING WITH IMMANUEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
January 24, 1976**

Reverend J. M. Creech opened the quarterly meeting by leading the congregation in "My Saviour's Love." Reverend Clyde Shankle of the Corinth Church delivered the morning devotion stressing the importance of increasing our efforts to reach the unsaved with the Gospel. Texts were James 5:20, Daniel 12:3, and Proverbs 11:30.

Twenty-four churches and one mission answered the roll call. Twenty-two associational pastors answered the roll call. Five other ordained ministers and one licensed minister attended.

The congregation greeted visitors, Tommy Parrish and Charles Jamerson.

The clerk read a letter from Reverend Bob Hancock, Assistant Clerk, relating the Executive Board's recommendation that each church double their dues, with half of that total going to help our mission deficit. A. C. Truluck made a motion to create a committee to report information on individual churches to Nashville for publication in "Contact." M/S/C for associational clerk, Dale Kuykendall, Reverend Leroy Cutler, and Mrs. Nobles of Immanuel Church to serve as news committee. They are to edit and forward news of interest to "Contact's" editor.

Reverend J. M. Goode delivered our morning sermon entitled, "Thermometer or Thermostat Christians," using James 1:21 and Revelation 2:1-9 as texts.

After lunch, the congregation sang "Trust and Obey."

Reverend Alton Everson of the Philadelphia Church brought our afternoon devotional from Revelation 3:14.

The Obituary Committee gave the following report of members deceased since our last associational meeting:

Mrs. Laura Bell Jernigan of Stoney FWB Church

Mrs. Ed Lewis of Marietta FWB Church

Mrs. Eula Duncan of Memorial FWB Church

Mrs. Isabell Anderson of Marietta FWB Church

M/S/C to accept report. The deceased were honored with silent prayer.

The Ordaining Committee recommended that Leonard Ogeltree be accepted as associational minister member. M/S/C.

The financial report of South Georgia Youth Camp follows this report.

The financial report of the South Georgia Association also follows.

Youth Camp was announced for August 1-7 for 8 to 12 year olds, and August 8-14, 1976 for those 13 and older.

Reverend Archie Ratliff made an appeal for each church to give \$15 per month for missions support. Motion from the floor to request \$15 from each church monthly was carried.

Delegates voted after a lengthy discussion to have the clerk distribute copies of quarterly minutes to each church rather than publish annual minutes.

The June 20-27, 1976 Bobby Jackson Crusade Meeting was discussed. An organizational meeting was called for Feb. 16, 1976 at 10:30 A.M. in Baxley, Georgia.

Each church was encouraged to contribute to a bicentennial emphasis for our July quarterly meeting that is to convene at Satilla.

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

M/S/C to adjourn. Quarterly meeting dismissed in prayer by Reverend Theron Long.

Reverend William Morris, moderator
Dale Kuykendall, clerk

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FINANCIAL REPORT
January 24, 1976

Balance brought forward	\$164.30
Gifts from churches	310.50
Worship service offering	114.22
Special offering	165.00
Date gifts received	60.00
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	814.02

PAID OUT	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired ministers	30.00
Widows of retired ministers (two)	60.00
Executive committee travel	
Appropriation for minutes	100.00
Clerks expenses (postage)	22.00
South Georgia Missions	114.22
	165.00
	165.02
	(444.24)
TOTAL PAID OUT	676.24
Balance in treasury	137.78

W. N. Purcell
Ted James
Rev. Wilford Harden

FINANCIAL REPORT
SOUTH GEORGIA YOUTH CAMP
October 22, 1975—January 24, 1976

Balance on hand October 22, 1975	\$505.51
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INCOME:

South Georgia Association	50.00
Campers fees (adult camp)	72.00
Canteen sales	26.25
Rebate on food	5.00
First Church, Brunswick	5.00
Immanuel Church, Jacksonville, Fla.	150.00

Ebenezer Church, Glennville, Ga.	60.00	
Swainsboro	23.00	
TOTAL INCOME	391.25	896.76

DISBURSEMENTS:

Food (adult camp)	43.05	
Nationwide Insurance (campers fees)	20.06	
Okefenokee Rural Electric Corp.	76.00	
Camden Telephone and Telegraph		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	158.56	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT: (pool fund)	144.96	738.20

J. M. Creech, Treasurer
South Georgia Association

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD
September 30, 1975 to December 31, 1975**

Balance 9/30/75	\$1,281.91
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RECEIPTS:

Bethel	10.00	
Ebenezer	187.20	
Glennville	66.00	
Jesup	62.31	
Pine Level	90.00	
Savannah	150.00	
Statesboro	50.52	
Harmony	103.82	
South Georgia Assoc.	22.50	
Alabaha	24.88	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		767.23

Total money to account for	2,049.14
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Luther Burns	650.00	
Rev. William L. Morris	650.00	
Ga. State Mission Bd. for Dublin	2.00	
Ga. State Mission Bd. for Dalton	30.00	
Ga. State Mission Bd. for Athens	5.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,337.00	
Balance 12/31/75	712.14	
Checks for Rev. Burns & Rev. Morris for January 1976	500.00	
		\$212.14

MISSION BOARD:

Darrell Douglas
Billy Hanna
William Morris
Archie Ratliff
Grant Severance

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONVENING WITH FIRST FWB CHURCH, JESUP
April 24, 1976**

Rev. Grant Severance led the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunlight," to open the quarterly meeting.

Rev. Tom Parrish of the Satilla Church delivered the morning devotion from 2 Chronicles 7:14, stressing our need to humble ourselves and to confess our sins in order that God could bless us as He wishes to.

Twenty-one churches answered the roll call. Nineteen associational pastors attended. The clerk read the minutes from the January 24, 1976 quarterly meeting, convening with Immanuel Church and they were approved.

Rev. Robert Wood from the Dalton Mission spoke concerning "Life's Most Challenging Question," at the morning worship service. He used Isaiah 6:8 as his text: "Whom shall I send, and who will go." Rev. Wood explained that Isaiah saw the Lord as Sovereign and an Holy God. Pastors were urged to live holy, exemplary lives before their congregations. Rev. Wood urged everyone to see life as a divine errand to do the Father's will and in so doing living life completely.

Rev. Grant Severance opened our afternoon session by leading the congregation in singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Mr. Horace Gaskins, principle of the Brunswick Christian Academy, spoke from Proverbs 22:6 for the afternoon devotional. Mr. Gaskin stressed the importance of Christian training and the close co-operation that was needed between family, church, and school in order to provide the best training for each child.

Rev. William Morris, Moderator, read a poem honoring pastor's wives and made copies available for distribution.

The following committee reports are attached in order of their presentation to the body: Youth Camp, Mission Board, Financial Committee, Ordaining Council, and the Obituary Committee.

An announcement was made that an honorarium of thirty dollars had been sent to Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Altman, widows of deceased So. Ga. Association pastors.

Rev. Theron Long read a prepared motion that asked the association to reverse its decision to publish its own minutes rather than have them printed professionally. After delegates discussed the issue a vote was taken. There were twelve votes opposing professionally printed minutes and sixty-one in favor. The publishing total cost, according to Rev. Long's motion, is to be \$290.00 for 500 copies and is to be printed by our FWB Publishing Co. in Nashville, TN.

Mr. Horace Gaskins asked for support to build a stronger Church Training Service (CTS). Grant Severance made a motion that each church give \$30 a quarter for So. Ga. Missions. After discussion, Rev. Severance withdrew his motion in order that each church be encouraged to give as much as possible above the \$30 mentioned.

Rev. C. D. Rentz gave a progress report on plans for the Bobby Jackson Crusade and urged everyone to attend.

Rev. J. M. Creech and Steve Ben of Jesup sang "Close To Thee."

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

M/S/C to adjourn the Quarterly Meeting and to be dismissed in prayer.

Reverend William Morris, moderator
Dale Kuykendall, clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT SOUTH GEORGIA YOUTH CAMP January 25—April 24, 1976

Balance on hand 1-25-76		738.20
INCOME:		
Ebenezer	60.00	
Immanuel	150.00	
Jesup, First	500.00	
Memorial Jr. Class	17.88	
Total Income	727.88	727.88
Total to account for		1,466.08

DISBURSEMENTS:		
Mileage	51.00	
Camden Telephone	18.71	
Okefenokee Rural Electric	38.10	
Nationwide Ins.	92.00	
Printing of Brochures	36.35	
Building materials	177.83	
Total disbursed	413.99	413.99
Balance on hand 4-24-76		1,053.09

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Burns, Chm.
J. M. Creech, Sec., Treas.
Kerry Steedly
Paul Davis
Leroy Cutler
John Evans
Chester Taylor

FINANCIAL REPORT SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD 4/24/76

Balance		712.14
RECEIPTS:		
Bethel	15.00	
Ebenezer	228.99	
Glennville	74.00	
Harmony	99.49	
Jesup	500.00	
Okefenokee SS	100.00	
Piney Grove SS	17.25	
Savannah	150.00	
South Ga. Assn.	444.24	
Statesboro	83.26	
Swainsboro	20.00	
J. R. Clyatt	10.00	
Total Receipts	1,742.23	1,742.23
Total to account for		2,454.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Luther Burns	650.00	
Rev. William Morris	650.00	
Ga. State Mission Bd. (Dublin)	3.00	
Ga. State Mission Bd. (Athens)	5.00	
Total Disbursements	1,308.00	<u>1,308.00</u>
Balance 4/24/76		1,146.37

ORDINATION BOARD REPORT SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 4/24/76

1. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Brother Tom Parrish be accepted into the So. Ga. Association pending a letter of good standing from the Blue Ridge Association of North Carolina. Brother Parrish is pastoring the Satilla Church.

2. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Brother Edward Dukes III's name be listed with the licensed ministers of the South Georgia Association. Brother Dukes was licensed by the First FWB Church of Savannah.

3. Brother Grant Severance is resigning after today from the ordaining council due to the accepting of another church in another association.

Respectfully submitted,
Grant Severance
C. D. Rentz
Max Perry

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT 4/24/76

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report:
Churches reporting those deceased since our last meeting are:

Ebenezer	Willie Deloach
Lyons	John Kitchens
Pine Level	Colon Anderson
	Cassie Brigman
Piney Grove	Susie Boyette
Satilla	James Exum
Swainsboro	Cecil Hodges

We recommend that we stand for a moment in silent meditation in memory of those who have passed on to be with the Lord.

Mrs. Loran Hughes
Mrs. Madeline Pedersen
Mrs. Catherine Livesay

FINANCIAL REPORT

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

4/24/76

Balance brought forward	134.78
Gifts from churches	287.50
Worship offerings	86.55
Late gifts received	30.00
Total to account for	538.83

PAID OUT:

Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired ministers	30.00
Widows of retired ministers	60.00
Approx. for minutes	100.00
Clerks supplies	15.00
Mod. expenses	7.00
Ga. State Mission Bd.	
Dalton (60) Dublin (60)	120.00
Robert Wood	30.00
Total paid out	382.00
Balance in treasury	156.83

W. N. Purcell
James Horne
Ken Crawford

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: 7/19/76

PLACE: Glennville FWB

BOARD PRESENT: Luther Burns, Buddy Morris, Wendell Long, Mr. Nolen Purcell, Archie Ratliff, C. D. Rentz, Bob Hancock.

BUSINESS:

1. M/S/C that Mrs. Barnard be asked to fill the clerks position and be recommended as a replacement to body upon her consent.
2. M/S/C that retired missionaries be included along with pastor's widows and retired pastors in the honorarium.
3. M/S/C that moderator inquire of Mr. Horace Gaskins about CTS dues for the state competition rally related to the Brunswick and other representative groups.

4. The general order of the quarterly conference program:

9:30 A.M.	Business
10:00	Choir special (Bethany Church)
10:30	Church skit(s)
11:00	Worship hour and speaker—Dr. Melvin Worthington (Albany)
12:00	Dinner (to 1:15 P.M.)
1:15	Choir special (Jesup)
	Business session
	Immanuel and Brunswick (programs)

DATE: 7/22/76

PLACE: Baxley

BOARD PRESENT: C. D. Rentz, Archie Ratliff, Buddy Morris, Mr. Purcell, Wendell Long, Luther Burns, Bob Hancock.

BUSINESS:

1. M/S/C that Dr. Grahame Savage, president of Salem FWB College, be invited to participate in our next quarterly conference (annual) in October.

2. M/S/C that a photographer be invited to attend the Saturday 24th conference and possibly photograph the program.

3. M/S/C that Rev. Clyde Shankle (pastor of Corinth FWB Church) be asked to consider taking clerk's position on the Executive Board in the event that Mrs. Barnard would not be available. (upon approval of the body).

Respectively submitted,

Bob Hancock, assistant clerk

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Date: July 24, 1976

Place: Satilla FWB Church

The association met on July 24, 1976 at Satilla FWB Church with a bicentennial emphasis. The program began with the singing of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" led by Danny Thomas, minister of music of the Savannah FWB Church. Prayer was given by Horace Gaskins of Brunswick Christian Academy. The minutes were read and approved by the association followed by a roll call of churches and ministers and the seating of the delegates by the body. Visiting ministers were recognized; these were Rev. Paul Kettelman, Dr. Melvin Worthington, and Dr. Grahame Savage. The necessary committees were appointed and a special committee was selected by the body to present nominations for the new year of officers.

The morning program of the bicentennial began with the hymn "Amazing Grace" led by Danny Thomas. Afterward, the Jesup FWB Church Choir rendered an inspiring musical arrangement titled "This Is My Country." Again, Brother Thomas led the body in a chorus, "God Is So Good." The Bethany FWB Church Youth Choir of Hazlehurst, Ga. delivered an arrangement on "America" followed by pledges to the American and Christian flags and prayer by Pastor Taylor Merritt.

The worship service began by Brother Thomas leading the assembly in the song, "Great Things He Hath Done." Rev. Paul Kettelman gave the invocation. Dr. Worthington then delivered a message from Psalms 9:17-20 in three points: 1. The People's Description; 2. The People's Destiny; 3. The People's Disposition. He concluded by saying that we need to find God, fear God, follow God, exercise faithfulness to God, experience the fulness of God, and effect freedom in the Lord. The assembly was then dismissed for dinner by prayer from Brother Carl Brown.

The evening session convened with Danny Thomas leading the body in the hymn, "America, The Beautiful" followed by prayer from Russell Burton. Brother Thomas rendered a song, "Saved By The Blood." Rev. Sammy Wilkinson announced to the body that he would be the supply pastor at

Ebenezer FWB Church in Glennville, Ga. Rev. Ketteyman reported on the Bible College news and needs. The committee reports, Obituary Committee, Youth Camp Board, Mission Board, Ordaining Board, and Financial Committee, are all attached with names of those serving. Clyde Shankle of the Corinth FWB Church was appointed as the new clerk of the association by the body. The Nomination Committee: Larry Langford (chairman), John Evans, and Sammy Wilkinson are to consider new officers for the coming year. Brother Horace Gaskins was asked to investigate the financial conditions of our CTS district.

After the business of the day was completed, the bicentennial program resumed. The Brunswick FWB Church gave a rendition—"To Be An American." Its emphasis was on the price some had to pay to be an American. M/S/C to give the host church a rising thanks and appreciation for their hospitality. M/S/C to adjourn. Benediction was given by Dr. Savage.

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde Shankle, clerk

ORDINATION BOARD REPORT 7/24/76

The Ordaining Council met on May 20, 1976 for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Joseph Cutler at the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Cutler had been licensed by the Immanuel Church. The Immanuel Church submitted a letter of recommendation that he be ordained. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Brother Cutler be received into the fellowship of the South Georgia Association with full rights and privileges of an ordained minister. Brother Cutler is presently serving as assistant pastor of a church in Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,
C. D. Rentz
Garvin Page
Max Perry

FINANCIAL REPORT SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Balance brought forward	156.83
Gifts from churches	317.50
Worship service offering	122.50
Late gifts from churches	10.00
Total to account for	606.83

PAID OUT:

Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired ministers	30.00
Widows of retired ministers	90.00
Exec. com. expenses	113.36
Approx. for minutes	100.00
Moderators expenses	18.22

Bible (Leroy Cutler)	33.95	
Melvin Worthington	50.00	
Total paid out	455.53	455.53
Balance on hand 7/24/76		151.30

W. N. Purcell
W. D. Wheeler
Horace Gaskins

FINANCIAL REPORT YOUTH CAMP BOARD 4/24-7/24, 1976

Brought forward 948.97
INCOME:

Ebenezer	60.00	
Camper's fees	155.00	
Canteen sales	57.73	
	272.73	272.73
		1,221.70

EXPENDITURES:

Nationwide Ins.	26.30	
Camden Telephone	19.98	
Food	250.00	
Okefenokee Rural Elec.	88.46	
Murphy Builders	10.53	
Golden Flake	12.85	
Brunswick Gas Co.	16.00	
John Evans	34.49	
Christian Supply (tables)	200.00	
Total expenditures	658.61	658.61
Balance on hand		563.09

MISSION BOARD REPORT SOUTH GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 7/24/76

We have \$210 in our treasury. You may not know that each missionary (Brother Morris and Brother Burns) receive \$50 per week. If things run true to course we will not be able to meet these commitments in August. To make matters worse the state has had to phase down Brother Burns' funds. Brother Buddy now only receives designated funds.

We are urging you to send a check to tide us over through August. In the meantime the board will meet and get your pastor informed on how to help stimulate support to our Mission Board.

Archie Ratliff
Buddy Morris
Luther Burns
Billy Hanna
Tom Parrish

OBITUARY REPORT

7/24/76

We report the following deceased:

Pine Level	Vern Parker
	Cassie Brigman
Gainesville	Donna Kate Harrell
Savannah	John Timothy Blanton
New Hope	Oscar Herron
Merietta	Dosey Calling

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Wilkinson
Raymond Altman
Ted James

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Date: September 10, 1976 (Friday)

Place: Glennville FWB Church

Board Present: C. D. Rentz, Theron Long, Archie Ratliff, Luther Burns, Clyde Shankle, Buddy Morris, Bob Hancock.

The program for the next quarterly meeting at Woodbine Youth Camp was discussed with the following decisions:

1. The speaker is to be Bob Hancock (Pine Level).
2. Devotions are to be given by Jim Lugo and H. F. Johnson.

M/S/C to seek from old existing records information concerning the requirements for the ordination of ministers for the South Georgia Association.

M/S/C to send a letter to the petitioning group at Memorial FWB Church to let them know that the Executive Board is not in agreement with their interpretation and/or violation of our recommendation and therefore, cannot sanction their action in the matter.

(Theron Long and C. D. Rentz requested that their names be recorded as disapproving of the above action by the rest of the board).

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Board

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENING AT SOUTH GEORGIA YOUTH CAMP WHITE OAKS, GEORGIA October 23, 1976

Danny Thomas, minister of music of the Savannah Free Will Baptist Church, opened the meeting by leading the congregation in "Jesus Saves." Rev. Jim Lugo led in prayer followed by his devotion of Acts 6:1-7; and a short message on "The Early Churches Problems, Its Solutions, and the Net Results."

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Rev. Clyde Shankle followed by roll call of churches and pastors. The necessary committees were appointed and

recognition was given to all visitors and visitors from the Salem Bible College. The minutes were read and approved. Clarification was given to questions concerning Executive Board meeting minutes. Brother H. F. Johnson stated that there was \$200.00 left over from Bobby Jackson Crusade. Brother Tom Parrish made the motion that these monies be given to the Mission Board.

Brother Norman Richmond announced that Brother I. J. Blackwelder would be unable to attend this associational meeting.

M/S/C to appoint a proxy to fill in Brother C. D. Rentz's place on the Ordaining Council and that he be removed.

M/S/C to postpone the removal of Brother C. D. Rentz from Ordaining Council until the afternoon session.

Danny Thomas led the congregation in the hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Brother Howard Price gave the offertory prayer. Special music was presented by the "Ambassador Trio" and Dr. Kelton, music teacher from the Salem Bible College. Songs included: "Come Holy Spirit," "For Those Tears That I Cried," and "I Can Feel The Spirit," also "My God is Real."

Rev. Bob Hancock, Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Alma, Georgia, brought the morning message of "Tools of Defeat" with 2 Corinthians 2:9-11 as his text. He pointed out that delay, discouragement, and defilement are tools Satan uses to defeat the Christian; and closed the message with a call to return to the standards of God and to stand up for Jesus. Morning session was then dismissed for lunch with a closing prayer by Brother Jimmy Rockwell.

Danny Thomas opened the evening session by leading the congregation in "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Brother H. F. Johnson brought the evening devotion with a "Challenge to Leadership" using Psalm 34:4 as his text. Brother Sammy Wilkinson led in prayer asking God to bless the remainder of the service.

State Promotional man, Brother C. D. Dowdney, shared on the cooperative plan and presented honor roll certificates to all participating churches.

Dr. Gramme Savage, President of the Salem Bible College, shared with the association how God was blessing in Salem and asked for prayers of God's people.

Visitors from Mexico shared about their work in Mexico ministering to orphans and their hope to establish an orphanage.

The committee reports: Youth Camp Board, Mission Board, Obituary Committee, Ordaining Council, and Financial Committee all follow this report with names of those serving. M/S/C to receive all committee reports.

Old business explanation was given by Brother Buddy Morris on recommendations from the Executive Board to the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother C. D. Rentz volunteered his resignation as chairman of the Ordaining Council. M/S/C to accept his resignation. M/S/C to accept Brother Ted James' written resignation from the State Board of Trustees. (Resignation attached).

M/S/C to print and enter into the minutes the laws of the Ordaining Council; but before printing the Executive Board is to report back to the South Georgia Association.

M/S/C for Brother Buddy Morris to select necessary delegates for State Representatives at the State Meeting.

Nominating Committee report is attached to this report.

M/S/C to adjourn with prayer.

Rev. Clyde Shankle, clerk

Rev. Buddy Morris, moderator

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Those nominated are as follows:

Moderator	Archie Ratliff
Assistant Moderator	Jakie Creech
Clerk	Clyde Shankle
Assistant Clerk	Norman Richmond
Treasurer	Nolon Purcell
Ordaining Council	Bob Hancock, Max Perry, Garvin Page
Youth Camp Board	Paul Davis
Mission Board	Horace Gaskins replaced Darrell Douglas Taylor Merrit
State Youth Camp Board	Tom Parrish
Trustee Board	Brad Pattech
CTS Rally President	Retain Horace Gaskins

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Lankford
John Evans
Sam Wilkinson

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

1. Fees (from \$15.00 to \$20.00 with breakdown as before)
2. Curriculum—Five year cycle
3. Dates: Jr. Week—July 31—Aug. 5; Aug. 7—Aug. 12
4. Items secured: water cooler, sink
Items needed: pulpit
5. Financial report attached

FINANCIAL REPORT SOUTH GEORGIA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Balance on hand 9/23/75 \$467.05

INCOME:

South Georgia Association	50.00
Campers fees	1,978.00
Canteen sales	669.42
Ebenezer Church	240.00
Immanuel Church	476.75
First Church, Brunswick	61.00
Swainsboro Church	48.00
Memorial Junior Class	17.88
Memorial Church	62.50
First Church, Jesup	610.00
Pine Level Church	28.80
Harmony Church	212.00

First Church, Savannah	150.00	
TOTAL INCOME	4,604.35	<u>4,604.35</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		5,071.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Nationwide Insurance	138.90
Okefenokee Rural Electric	363.12
Camden Telephone and Telegraph	108.18
Mileage (board members and camp staff)	418.80
Supplies (building, equipment, misc.)	242.74
Jesup Sentinel (brochures)	36.35
Food	679.87
Canteen items (for resale)	575.79
Brunswick Gas Company	41.94
Christian Supply Store (tables)	200.00
Christian Supply Store (literature)	119.86
Recreation supplies	75.25
Camp evangelists	392.00
Honorariums (Betty Henderson 150.00; Mr. Brown 25.00)	175.00
Mr. Jim Horne (kitchen sink)	45.00
Water cooler	<u>110.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSED	3,722.80

	<u>3,722.80</u>
Balance on hand 9/23/76	1,348.60
Balance in pool fund	253.10
M/S/C	

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Item No. 1

The Ordaining Council met on August 14, 1976 with the Swainsboro Free Will Baptist Mission for the purpose of ordaining Brother Eddie Hodges into the ministry. Brother Hodges is pastoring the Dublin Mission.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend to the South Georgia Association that Brother Hodges be granted the full rights and privileges of an ordained minister of the South Georgia Association.

Item No. 2

The Ordaining Council met on August 16, 1976 with the Gainesville First Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of ordaining Brother David Griffin into the ministry. Brother Griffin is pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Gainesville.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend to the South Georgia Association that Brother Griffin be granted the full rights and privileges of an ordained minister of the South Georgia Association.

Item No. 3

We have a letter of request from the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church of Lake Butler, Florida, that Brother Barry Hidrick, who has been licensed for one year be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel.

Brother Hidrick is pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Orange Park, Florida.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Brother Hidrick be ordained to the ministry at a later date and place set by him. Upon the satisfactory completion of and examination of the questionnaire for ministers—

Item No. 4

We request a letter of recommendation be sent for Rev. J. M. Goode to the Martin Association. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to the Martin Association. Brother Goode is now pastor of New Salem Free Will Baptist Church.

Item No. 5

Rev. J. C. Hubert Carter requests that a letter of recommendation be sent to the Little River Association for him. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to the Little River Association.

Item No. 6

Brother Billy McKinney petitions the association for ordination. He is pastor of Spring Grove Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that he be ordained upon the completion and proper examination of the questionnaire for ministers.

Item No. 7

We have a letter of request from Brother Joseph Cutler that a letter of recommendation be sent to him as soon as possible.

Brother Cutler is assistant pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pryor, Oklahoma. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to Brother Cutler.

Item No. 8

Brother Jim Lugo is now pastor of Okefenokee Free Will Baptist Church. He has been examined by the Ordaining Council. We recommend that he be reinstated as a minister of the Gospel in the South Georgia Association.

Item No. 9

We request that a letter of recommendation be sent for Rev. A. C. Truluck.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother C. D. Rentz
Brother Garvin Page
Brother Max Perry

**SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Quarter: Fourth, (Aug., Sept., Oct.)

Date: 10/23/76

Church: South Georgia Youth Camp

City: White Oak, Georgia

Balance brought forward:	\$161.30
Gifts from churches	327.50
Worship service offering	124.36
Special offering for minutes	100.00
Late gifts received	32.50
Total to account for	745.66

PAID OUT

Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired ministers	30.00
Widows of retired ministers	90.00
Executive committee travel	71.00
Appropriation for minutes	100.00
Clerk's expenses	23.80
Moderator's expenses	37.00
Georgia State Association fees	50.00

OTHERS

Brother Ratliff, phone call	6.40
Ordaining Council travel	90.00
Camp Board for lights, etc	50.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$586.20
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$177.46

Signed: Nolan Purcell
Norman Richmond
Brad Dalriek

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church

1. Susie Boyett
2. John B. Thornton

Okefenokee Free Will Baptist Church

1. Glynn Bryson

Satilla Free Will Baptist Church

1. Wallace Quinn

Glennville Free Will Baptist Church

1. Donna Kate Harrell

Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church

1. Zenus Barrow

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church

1. C. J. Mullis

Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church

1. Willie Chesser

Marietta Free Will Baptist Church

1. Dossie Collins

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

1. Jack Flowers

2. Marion Johnson

We move this report be accepted and that we stand in a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of these that have passed on and remember the families of these in prayer.

Alton Everson

Mrs. Leroy R. Cutler

Eddie Hodges

**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 Baptists 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 Gerogia 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 the the practices of the denomination as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ, and the interest 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 51-150	\$12.50
Total membership of 151-500	\$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.

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	Members Recieved	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Average S. Attendance	Average CT Attendance	Total Offer	Paid Pastor	Co-op Plan	Missions	Value of C and Parson	Bible Colle Giving	Baptisms	Members L to other Denominat
Alabaha		7	80	40	36	13,533.00	7,800.00	20.00	220.00	40,000.00		7	5
Baxley	4	5	78	60	40	20,000.00	7,800.00	300.00	150.00	140,000.00		13	3
Bethany	15	0	94	55	35	13,888.00	4,800.00	—0—	500.00	50,000.00	250.00	1	0
Brunswick	10	0	57	47	35	15,000.00	6,810.00	—0—	425.00	450,000.00		9	0
Calvary	7	0	86	40	35	12,488.00	6,240.00	—0—	552.00	88,000.00	30.00	2	3
Corinth	9	7	112	49	40	16,909.00	7,657.00	40.00	199.00	40,000.00	43.00	7	5
Douglas	20	17	32	35	0	10,586.00	1,820.00	—0—	50.00	50,000.00	200.00	2	0
Ebenezer	0	2	191	85	0	19,835.49	6,900.00	—0—	2,562.99	85,000.00	720.00	0	0
Gainesville													
Glennville	12	14	215	104	0	39,533.00	9,615.00	—0—	2,601.00	205,000.00	1,365.00	9	10
Harmony	7	0	161	96	0	36,009.00	8,000.00	700.00	719.00	55,000.00	2,446.00	3	0
Immanuel	12	2	157	79	0	34,938.06	9,100.00	—0—	238.00	122,500.00	515.00	2	0
Jesup	1	3	215	120	56	45,533.00	10,920.00	—0—	3,300.00	95,000.00	2,357.00	3	2
Lyons	17	0	0	62	46	16,600.00	6,400.00	120.00	100.00	—0—	54.00	0	1
Marietta	4	3	144	65	27	19,745.38	7,425.00	300.00	350.00	60,000.00	120.00	4	0
Memorial	4	9	161	74	48	19,057.71	6,103.99	125.00	312.50	90,000.00	125.00	2	6
New Hope	2	1	197	80	0	11,651.81	7,800.00	245.00	660.00	62,000.00	—0—	7	0
Oak Grove	2	6	55	35	18	5,074.84	1,175.00	—0—	265.00	8,000.00	125.00	0	6
Oak Hill	2	2	51	20	20	4,939.78	3,215.00	—0—	—0—	20,000.00			
Okefenokee	1	29	55	32	0	10,295.38	4,161.00	—0—	235.00	115,000.00	150.00	0	0
Philadelphia	11	7	112	73	0	14,000.00	6,350.00	—0—	150.00	40,000.00	25.00	6	5
Pine Level	2	2	120	77	45	23,958.00	7,105.00	120.00	540.95	75,000.00	934.29	4	0
Piney Grove	0	2	121	53	0	17,668.00	7,560.39	—0—	—0—	28,000.00	—0—	2	2
Satilla	9	7	331	114	0	42,142.00	10,725.00	230.00	1,345.92	175,000.00	465.92	3	1
Savannah	16	11	210	116	70	49,581.70	10,500.00	310.00	5,615.00	200,000.00	2,564.00	5	5
Spring Grove													
Statesboro													
Stoney Hill	4	3	77	25	0	4,319.34	2,288.00	—0—	—0—	15,000.00	—0—	1	1
Swainsboro	2	2	29	41	32	11,227.00	3,240.00	—0—	229.00	35,000.00	139.00	4	3
Bethel	0	1	46	36	0	7,753.37	5,400.00	—0—	110.00				