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OF
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DIRECTORY SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1977-1978

Moderator	Luther Burns
413 W. Church St., Swainsboro, 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, Hazlehurst, Ga.	
Treasurer	Nolan Purcell
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The above elected officers and the chairman of each standing board make up the executive committee.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bob Hancock	1978
Max Perry	1979
Garvin Page	1980

YOUTH BOARD

Lay Members

John Evans	Jesup, Ga.
Billy James	Waycross, Ga.

Ministers

Luther Burns	1978
Leroy Cutler	1979
Kerry Steedly	1980
Paul Davis	1981
Billy McKinney	1982
Jim Lugo	1983
Danny Thomas	1984

MISSION BOARD

William Morris	1978
Billy Hanna	1979

Taylor Merritt	1980
Tom Parrish	1981
Mance Cason	1982

CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Alabaha Blackshear, Ga.	Harris Nix Rt. 4, Box 100 Jesup, Ga. 31545	Wm. T. Thornton Rt. 1, Box 583 Blackshear, Ga. 31516
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Gainesville, Fla.

Glennville
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Harmony
Lake Butler, Fla.

Immanuel
Jacksonville, Fla.

Jesup, First
Jesup, Ga.

Lyons
Lyons, Ga.

Marietta
Lyons, Ga.

Memorial
Surrency, Ga.

New Hope
Jesup, Ga.

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Pine Level Alma, Ga.	Bob Hancock Rt. 4 Alma, Ga. 31510	Dolora Johnson Rt. 4 Alma, Ga. 31510
Piney Grove Bristol, Ga.	Eddie Hodges Rt. 1 Bristol, Ga. 367-2944	Inez Brannen Rt. 1 Bristol, Ga.
Satilla Hazlehurst, Ga.	Thomas Parrish Rt. 4, Box 444 Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539 375-5481	Wilson Fussell Route 4, Box 514 Hazlehurst, Ga. 31539
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Spring Grove Jesup, Ga.	Billy McKinney Rt. 4, Box 131 Jesup, Ga. 31545 427-4987	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.
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Swainsboro Swainsboro, Ga.	Luther Burns 413 W. Church St. Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 237-9308	Annette B. Hayes Rt. 5, Box 105 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

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Randy Bryant	
Luther Burns, 413 Church St., Swainsboro, Ga.	237-9308
Mance Cason, Box 438, Lyons, Ga.	526-3547
Jerry Chaney, Hazlehurst, Ga.	
Gene Collins, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.	632-8597
Paul Davis, 2228 Tara Lane, Brunswick, Ga.	265-0145
Donald Dranks	
David Griffin	
Bob Hancock, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.	632-5240
Billy Hanna, 5212 Skidaway Rd., Savannah, Ga.	354-0917
Wilford Harden, 510 Bay St., Baxley, Ga.	367-4437
Eddie Hodges, Rt. 1, Bristol, Ga.	367-2944
Larry Langford	
Billy Livesay, Rt. 3, Jesup, Ga.	586-2220
Fred Lockwood, Rt. 3, Box 240, Glennville, Ga.	654-3878
Theron Long, Box 636, Douglas, Ga.	384-7774
James Lugo, 2106 Mayfair, Waycross, Ga.	283-8126
Billy McKinney, Rt. 4, Jesup, Ga.	427-6870
Taylor Merritt, Rt. 3, Box 885, Hazlehurst, Ga.	375-7021
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
Gary Page, 106 Glendale, Baxley, Ga.	367-7177
Bob Parker, 106 Bacon St., Jesup, Ga.	427-3254
Tom Parrish, Rt. 4, Box 444, Hazlehurst, Ga.	375-5481
Max Perry, 780 New Court East, Jacksonville, Fla.	388-4256
V. L. Pritchett, Eastman, Ga.	
Larry Powell, Missionary	
Don Reed	
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Clyde Shankle	
R. D. Smith, Brunswick, Ga.	
Kerry Steedly	
Sammy Wilkinson, Missionary	
Teddy Waters	
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Barry Hedrick, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga.	
William Smith	
Jim Ward, 211 S. Main, Glennville, Ga.	654-2621
Virgel Carter, Rt. 5, Baxley, Ga.	367-3257

LICENSED MINISTERS OF SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

Billy Beecher, Hazlehurst, Ga.
 Billy Brown, Hazlehurst, Ga.
 Keith Daniels, Folkston, Ga.
 Edward Dukes, Savannah, Ga.

Tom Parrish, Jr., Hazlehurst, Ga.
David Parrish, Hazlehurst, Ga.
Tim Taylor, Hazlehurst, Ga.
Larry Williams, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting
of the
South Georgia Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Convening with
Lyons Free Will Baptist Church
Lyons, Georgia
January 27, 1977

The quarterly meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met January 27, 1977 at the Lyons Free Will Baptist Church, Lyons, Georgia. Bro. Wayne Patton led the congregation in the opening hymn, "The Sweetest Name I Know." We were led in prayer by Bro. Bobby Parker. The association was welcomed to the Lyons Church by its pastor, Bro. Mance Cason.

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Archie Ratliff from Malachi 3:3 on "Help for the Troubled Christian." After seating the delegates from the churches the roll call of churches and ministers was given. Bro. Jim Osborne, of the state office was welcomed as a visitor.

The following business was transacted in the morning session:

(1) The minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on December 9, 1976 were read and approved.

(2) The following committee appointments were made:

Obituary Committee:

June Lugo
June Wilkinson

Finance Committee:

Mrs. Gerald Waters
Bro. Troy Dykes

Youth Camp Board Proxy: Bro. Billy McKinney

(3) M/S/C that the Executive Board act as a nominating committee to fill the vacancies in our offices and boards.

The session was then dismissed for a recess.

11:00 Morning Session

The morning worship service was opened by the congregation singing the hymn "All Hail The Power," followed by prayer by Bro. Billy Hanna. Bro. Buddy Morris explained the appeal for an offering from the State Mission Board. The offering was then received.

Sis. Marjorie Patton gave the special music after which Bro. Garvin Page brought the morning message from Acts 20:32.

Bro. Jim Osborne representing the State Office came and gave a report of the State Office and Camp Mt. Bethel. Bro. Tom Parrish, South Georgia

Representative on the Mt. Bethel Camp Board, gave an appeal for support of Camp Mt. Bethel.

The meeting was then recessed for lunch served by the Lyons Church.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" followed by prayer led by Bro. Bob Hancock. Bro. Billy McKinney brought the afternoon devotion from 1 Timothy 1:1 on "The Authority of the Christian."

The following items of business was conducted:

(1) The Obituary Report was given by Sis. June Wilkinson. M/S/C that the report be accepted. Bro. Tom Parrish led in prayer in memory of the deceased.

(2) Bro. Nolan Purcell gave the Finance Committee Report. M/S/C that the report be received.

(3) Bro. Buddy Morris gave the report of Mission Board. M/S/C that the report be received as information.

(4) Bro. Max Perry gave the report of the Ordination Council. M/S/C that the report be adopted. Bro. Billy McKinney was welcomed to the association by our moderator Bro. Ratliff.

(5) The Camp Board report was given by Bro. Kerry Steedly. M/S/C that the report be received as information. M/S/C that the Camp Board be expanded to include 9 (nine) members.

Nominations were received for the 2 added positions. Jim Lugo and Billy McKinney were elected to fill these positions.

(6) The Executive Committee Report was given and adopted.

(7) The Executive Committee serving as a Nomination Committee gave their report. The following vacancies were filled:

Asst. Moderator—Garvin Page

Clerk—Norman Richmond

Asst. Clerk—Tom Parrish

Camp Board—Danny Thomas

(8) The following resolution was offered, seconded, and was defeated:

Whereas, Rev. C. D. Rentz was forced into resigning from the Ordaining Council by organized opposition to him that was not stated or made clear to the body of this association,

Be it resolved that he be given the opportunity to be heard in this matter so that the associational churches can hear the facts in this and,

Whereas, most of the opposition came from pastors that a time and place be named for a meeting with the pastors and deacons of each church present.

(9) M/S/C that any Christian Bookstore and any other organization meeting the approval of our association be permitted to have their displays at our association.

(10) The Lyons Church was given a vote of thanks for their hospitality. After announcements were given the meeting was dismissed in prayer.

Rev. Archie Ratliff, Moderator

Rev. Norman Richmond, Clerk

January 27, 1977
Executive Board Meeting

Board Members present: Archie Ratliff, Kerry Steedly, Billy Hanna, Norman Richmond.

1. Bro. Carter of the Oak Hill Church reported to the committee of his work with the church. No action was taken.

2. The Executive Board endorsed the recommendation of Camp Board.

3. The Executive Board serving as a nominating committee made the following nominations:

Asst. Moderator—Garvin Page

Clerk—Norman Richmond

Asst. Clerk—Tom Parrish

Camp Board (filling position of Jakie Creech)

Danny Thomas

Norman Richmond

Asst. Clerk

SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
October 1, 1976—December 31, 1976

Balance forward from September 30, 1976 \$217.89

Receipts

Bethel 20.00

Ebenezer 273.94

Glennville 60.00

Harmony Sunday School 74.91

Harmony Church 30.00

Memorial 125.00

Savannah 150.00

Satilla 75.00

Statesboro 127.08

Bobby Jackson Crusade 202.80

Total Receipts \$1,138.73 \$1,138.73

Total Monies to account for: \$1,356.62

Disbursements

Rev. Luther Burns \$700.00

Rev. William L. Morris 650.00

Postage Stamps 5.98

Total Disbursements \$1,355.98

Balance to carry forward: \$.64

Thomas M. Parrish
Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Dec. 9, 1976

To be read Jan. 22, 1976

Board present: Luther Burns, Archie Ratliff, Garvin Page, Jakie Creech, Billy Hanna, Bro. Nolan Purcell, and Bob Hancock.

The board met on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 1976 at the Glennville FWB Church. The following matters were acted upon:

1. The quarterly associational meeting program.

Place: Lyons FWB Church, Lyons, Ga.

Speakers: Morning worship—Garvin Page (Baxley)

Devotion (morning)—Roy Woods

Devotion (evening)—Billy McKinney (Spring Grove).

2. M/S/C that a letter be sent to each associational church to be prepared to give a special offering for a deficit in the state work (\$3,000). This response would be given at the next association meeting on Jan. 22, 1977.

3. Upon Bro. Jakie Creech's resignation as assistant moderator, the board temporarily appointed Garvin Page as the assistant until the body act upon the vacancy at the next associational meeting. This was M/S/C.

4. M/S/C that a special committee consisting of Billy Hanna (chairman), Archie Ratliff, and Luther Burns, examine the possibility of a special conference for the spiritual needs of the area churches and later to be shared with the body (association).

5. M/S/C that a study be made on the feasibility of an appointed Youth Board which would include the Youth Camp and Youth Rallies as a possible solution to a present problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hancock

(temporary assist. to clerk)

January 27, 1977

Obituary Report

Ebenezer Church

Mrs. Mary Wilkinson

Spring Grove Church

Dan Clements

Estelle Surrency

Swainsboro Church

Grady Shirey

New Hope Church

Mr. Millard Pye

Satilla Church

Emmit Ray

Lyons Church

C. C. Roebuck

Bethel Church
W. C. Ellis

Phildelphia Church
Lillie Morgan
Cora Altman

Harmony Church
Kennie Douglas

Respectfully submitted,
June Wilkinson
June Lugo

January 27, 1977
Ordaining Council Report

(1) The Ordaining Council met at the request of the Spring Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Jesup, Ga. on December 15, 1976 for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Billy McKinney into the ministry of the gospel. Bro. McKinney is pastor of the Spring Grove Free Will Baptist Church. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend to the South Georgia Association, that Bro. McKinney be granted the full rights and privileges of an ordained minister.

(2) Bro. Grover Edge requests that his name as an ordained minister of the South Georgia Association be removed from the roll of ministers. (There are no moral issues involved.)

(3) We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Bro. Bobby Parker be received into fellowship of the South Georgia Association pending a letter of recommendation from the Alabama-Florida State Line Association. Bro. Parker is the pastor of First Church, Jesup, Ga.

Respectfully,
Garvin Page
Bob Hancock
Max Perry

January 27, 1977
Financial Report

Balance brought forward	\$177.46
Gifts from churches	290.00
Worship service offering	83.91
Late gifts received	<u>72.50</u>
Total to account for	623.87
Paid out:	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired ministers	30.00

Widows of retired ministers	90.00
Executive committee travel	35.00
Appropriation for minutes	100.00
Ordaining Council Bible	29.95
State Mission Board gift	<u>200.00</u>
Total paid out	518.41

Balance in Treasury \$105.46

Nolan Purcell
Troy Dykes
Gerald Waters

January 27, 1977 Youth Camp Board Report

The board met January 17, 1977 at Jesup, Ga. We transacted the following business:

1. Elected officers as follows:

Treasurer—John Evans
Secretary—Horace Gaskins
Asst. Chairman—Paul Davis
Chairman—Kerry Steedly

2. Ordered CTS sample kits for camp curriculum cycle.

3. Voted to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Camp Board serve as a Youth Board to be responsible for camp, CTS Rally, and Youth Rally. This would serve to advise present officers of CTS and Youth Rally and to co-ordinate all youth activities.

4. Reported a balance of \$1,484.20 in treasury.

Youth Camp Board
Kerry Steedly, Chairman

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists Convening with Marietta Free Will Baptist Church Lyons, Georgia April 23, 1977

The quarterly meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met April 23, 1977 at the Marietta Free Will Baptist Church, Lyons, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by the clerk, who introduced the Moderator, Bro. Archie Ratliff.

Bro. Ken Crawford led in prayer and Bro. Danny Thomas led the congregation in singing "At The Cross." We were welcomed to the church by pastor J. E. Wood.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Obituary

Sis. Catherine Livesay
Sis. Vera Wheeler

Finance

Bro. Calfry Harris
Bro. Jimmy Hattaway

Bro. Danny Thomas sang a medley of songs after which Bro. William Morris brought the morning devotion from Exodus 18:13.

After the roll call of churches the moderator seated the delegates.

The clerk called the roll of ministers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read. M/S/C the report be accepted and the items of business be tabled until the afternoon session.

The morning session was opened by Bro. Danny Thomas leading the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable" after which Bro. Leroy Cutler led in prayer. The morning offering was then received.

Bro. Danny Thomas sang "On the Resurrection Morn."

Bro. Bobby Parker brought the morning message from Judges 2.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Heavenly Sunlight."

The minutes of the October 23, 1976 quarterly meeting were approved.

The Executive Committee Report was brought from the table and the following items were adopted:

Item 1—The next quarterly meeting was changed from July 23 to July 30.

Item 2—Bro. Luther Burns was elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Archie Ratliff as moderator.

The Obituary Report was given by Sis. Vera Wheeler. M/S/C that the report be adopted and we were led in prayer by Bro. Billy McKinney.

Bro. Tom Parrish gave the Mission Board Report. M/S/C that the report be adopted. Bro. Mance Cason was elected to fill the vacancy on the Mission Board.

Bro. Kerry Steedly and Bro. John Evans gave the Youth Camp Report. M/S/C that the report be received as information.

Bro. Nolan Purcell gave the Finance Report. M/S/C it be received.

The Ordaining Council Report was given. M/S/C report be received and acted upon item by item. All items carried. Bro. Bobby Parker was welcomed to the association as a new minister by the moderator.

M/S/C a rising vote of thanks be given to the Marietta Church for their hospitality.

Meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Archie Ratliff, Moderator

Rev. Norman Richmond, Clerk

SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association Executive Committee met at Glennville, Georgia on March 31, 1977 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Archie Ratliff, and opened with prayer by Brother Garvin Page. No minutes from the last session were available so the reading of

the minutes was held in abeyance until a later meeting.

M/S/C that the following persons be selected to participate in the program for the quarterly meeting to be held at Marietta Free Will Baptist Church, Lyons, Ga. on April 23, 1977:

Speakers:

Short Message 10:10-10:30, Rev. William Morris, Statesboro

Morning Message 11:00-12:00, Rev. Bobby Parker, Jesup

Music:

Danny Thomas, Savannah. A special request made that he sing "On That Resurrection Morning."

M/S/C that we recommend to the body that our quarterly meeting for July, 1977 be delayed to Saturday, July 30, 1977 due to the fact that the National Association will be meeting in Detroit the week of July 18-21. Due to the distance involved, many of our folks may not be back by Saturday, July 23. To accommodate all our people who would like to attend both meetings, this recommendation will eliminate the conflict caused this year by a one week delay in the National Association meeting.

M/S/C that Brother Luther Burns be nominated to finish the current term for the moderator's office which is being vacated by Rev. Archie Ratliff. Brother Garvin Page requested that he be bypassed for the office due to some pressing duties on the Ordaining Council which could possibly cause some conflicts for him.

M/S/C that a note be placed in the program bulletin reflecting that the Executive Committee requests that ladies refrain from wearing slacks or pant suits to any of our South Georgia Association Meetings.

M/S/C that standardized guidelines furnished by the Ordaining Council be adopted to use and be included in the minutes of this association each year.

M/S/C that we adjourn.

Thomas M. Parrish
Assistant Clerk

April 23, 1977 Ordaining Council Report

The Ordaining Council wishes to submit the following recommendations and request that:

1. Bro. Gene Collins be accepted into our association on receiving a letter of recommendation from the Little River Association.
2. Bro. Randy Bryant of Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church be examined by the ordaining council and be ordained by this association.
3. Bro. Larry Williams of Satilla Free Will Baptist Church be ordained by this association after answering the questionnaire of this ordaining council.
4. Bro. Bobby Parker be accepted in full fellowship of our association. A letter of good standing has been received.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Garvin Page
Rev. Mance Cason
Rev. Sam Wilkinson

Financial Report
Youth Camp
John B. Evans, Treasurer
April 19, 1977

Balance as of January 1, 1977	\$1,525.98
Income:	
Ebenezer Church	\$80.00
Total to account for:	\$1,605.98

Disbursements:		
Savings Account	\$1,000.00	
Board members expense	99.00	
Camden Telephone & Telegraph Co.	24.84	
Okefenokee EMC	34.13	
Brunswick Gas Fuel Company	8.16	
Nationwide Insurance Company	209.00	
Keys and Stamps	4.95	
	\$1,380.08	\$1,380.08
		\$225.90

Savings account—Golden savings	\$1,010.60	
Total to account for:	\$1,236.50	
		41.50
		\$1,278.00

Savings Account:
Pool Fund \$267.35

April 23, 1977
Obituary Committee Report

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

Corinth—J. M. Moore, Jr.
Emily Smith
Glennville—Paul Zorn
Harmony—Howard Mann
Lyons—Peggy Craft
Marietta—Ray Frost
New Hope—Olive Tillman
Philadelphia—Cora Altman
Savannah, First—Lethridge Kicklighter

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

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Livesay
Vera Wheeler

**April 23, 1977
Treasurer's Report**

Balance brought forward	\$105.45
Gifts from churches	205.00
Worship service offerings	88.10
Gifts for Ga. State Missions	190.00
Late gifts received	<u>25.00</u>
Total to account for	613.55

Paid out:

Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers	30.00
Widows of retired ministers	90.00
Appropriation for minutes	100.00
Clerk's expenses	12.05
Moderator's expense	23.00
Ga. State Missions	190.00
Sam Wilkinson Acct.	<u>100.00</u>
Total Paid out	565.05

Balance in Treasury \$48.50

Note: Total gifts for Ga. State Missions was 680.00 including 200.00 appropriated by this body at the last quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nolan Purcell

Calfry Harrin

Jimmy Hattaway

**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting
of the
South Georgia Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Convening with
Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
Surrency, Georgia
July 30, 1977**

The quarterly meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met July 30, 1977 at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Surrency, Georgia.

The meeting was opened by singing "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Danny Thomas. A youth choir from Memorial Church sang "God Is So Wonderful." Bro. Fred Lockwood brought the opening message from Acts 2:41-47.

The session was called to order by the clerk, who introduced the moderator, Bro. Luther Burns. The association was welcomed to Memorial Church by their pastor, Bro. Kerry Steedly.

The clerk called the roll of churches, and roll of ministers, and the delegates were seated. Bro. Jimmy Coursey from Woodbine Church, Nashville, Tennessee was welcomed as a visitor to our association.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance:

Charles Bryant

Paul Sullins

Obituary:

Mrs. Joe Page

Mary Parrish

Myrtle Wood

The Executive Committee minutes were read and approved. M/S/C that we consider the guidelines for ordination recommended by the Ordaining Council. M/S/C that the guidelines be tabled until copies could be made available to the churches.

The morning worship session was opened by singing "Count Your Blessings" followed by prayer by Bro. Mance Cason. The morning offering was received as the congregation sang "Revive Us Again." The Memorial Quartet sang "Nearer My God To Thee." Bro. Max Perry brought the morning message from 1 Samuel 7. After the invitation hymn Bro. Steedly gave instructions for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "My Savior's Love."

Bro. Max Perry gave the Ordaining Council Report. M/S/C that it be adopted.

Bro. Nolan Purcell gave the report of the Finance Committee. M/S/C that the report be adopted.

M/S/C that the Obituary Report be adopted. Bro. Buddy Morris led in prayer.

Bro. Kerry Steedly gave a report of the Youth Camp. Bro. John Evans gave the financial report. M/S/C the reports be adopted. Camp Directors Jim Lugo and Bob Parker gave reports on their plans for camp.

Bro. Billy Hanna gave the report of the Mission Board. M/S/C the report be adopted.

Bro. Billy Hanna read a letter from the Dale Bishops to the South Georgia Association.

M/S/C that the moderator appoint a Nominating Committee for next meeting. Those appointed were: Troy Dykes, Bob Hancock, and Gene Collins.

Bro. Luther Burns gave a report of the retreat planned for September 9, 10 at the camp.

Bro. Buddy Morris gave a report of the National Association.

M/S/C to send a letter to Anita Bryant and the Citrus Growers Association of Florida commending Mrs. Bryant on her stand against homosexuality. A request was made that a letter also be sent to CONTACT.

M/S/C that a Resolution Committee be appointed to report at the next meeting. Those appointed were: Mance Cason, Garvin Page and Kerry Steedly.

The meeting was adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

July 9, 1977
Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee of the South Georgia Association met at the Youth Camp July 9, 1977. Board members present were: Luther Burns, Norman Richmond, Kerry Steedley, Horace Gaskins and Danny Thomas.

The speakers for the next quarterly meeting were chosen. They were: Morning short message—Fred Lockwood, Morning Message—Max Perry.

A joint board meeting was planned for September 9, 10.

M/S/C that we recommend that each church submit a list of their active deacons and that it be published in the minutes.

Meeting adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

July 30, 1977
Obituary Committee Report

Our churches have reported the following members deceased:

Brunswick, First—Mrs. Essie Brown

Marietta—Mr. William Branch

Memorial—Mr. Daniel Blanton

Harmony—Mr. Tommie Pinkston

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joe Page
Mary Parrish
Myrtle Wood

July 30, 1977
Ordaining Council Report

We, the Ordaining Council of the South Georgia Association, recommend that Bro. Freddie Lockwood be received into the South Georgia Association pending a letter of good standing from the Cumberland Association in Tennessee. Bro. Lockwood is pastor of Ebenezer FWB Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Garvin Page
Bob Hancock
Max Perry

Financial Report
Youth Camp
John B. Evans, Treasurer
July 22, 1977

Balance Brought forward April 19, 1977	\$255.90
Income:	
Memorial	\$41.50
Ebenezer	60.00

Emanuel	257.23	
Campers Fee	<u>146.00</u>	
	\$504.73	

		\$504.73
Total to account for		\$730.63

Disbursements:

Okefenokee EMC	\$26.48
Camden Tel. & Tel.	19.44
Farmers Mutual Exchange	26.20
Press Sentinel (Brochures)	36.05
Crafts & Supplies (Jr. Camp)	75.12
Mileage	4.90
Ga. Chemical Co. (Wax)	28.84
Murphy's Builders (Supplies)	142.89
Keys	<u>5.20</u>
	\$365.12

\$365.12

\$365.51

Golden Savings Account	\$1,024.59
Balance on Hand 7-22-77	<u>\$1,390.10</u>

Saving Account:

Pool Fund \$370.36

Need: Freezer & Air Conditioners

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**SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
April 1—June 30, 1977**

Balance Forward:		\$355.15
Bethel	\$30.00	
Ebenezer	190.38	
Glennville	20.00	
Harmony	73.97	
Memorial	83.00	
Okefenokee	44.90	
Satilla	75.00	
Savannah	150.00	
Statesboro	<u>11.78</u>	
Total Receipts	\$679.48	\$679.48
Total monies to account for:		\$1,014.63

Disbursements:

Rev. Ruther Burns	\$650.00
*Rev. William Morris	60.00
Bank Service Charges	<u>1.55</u>
Total Disbursements	\$711.55
Balance Forward	<u>\$303.08</u>

*Designated for payment by contributing church.

July 30, 1977
Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward	59.75
Gifts from churches	282.50
Worship service offering	79.46
Late gifts received	30.00
Total to account for	<u>451.71</u>
Paid out:	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers	30.00
Widows of Retired Ministers and missionaries	90.00
Executive Committee expense	22.40
Appropriation for minutes	100.00
Clerk's expense	6.70
So. Ga. Mission Board	<u>100.00</u>
Total paid out	<u>368.45</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$83.27

Respectfully submitted,
Nolan Purcell
Paul Sullins
Charles Bryant

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
of the
South Georgia Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Convening at the
South Georgia Youth Camp
White Oak, Georgia
October 22, 1977

The annual meeting of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met October 22, 1977 at the South Georgia Youth Camp at White Oak, Georgia.

The meeting was opened by the congregation singing "At Calvary," led by Bobby Parker. Special music was given by a quartet from Salem Bible College. The opening message was brought by Bro. Eddie Hodges from Numbers 20 and Exodus 3.

The session was called to order by the clerk, who introduced the moderator, Bro. Luther Burns.

The roll of churches was called.

The roll of ministers was called.

The delegates were seated.

The following were recognized as visitors: Bill Johnson, Dr. Darwin Kelton, Mr. and Mrs. Steedly, C. B. Dowdney, Eddie Payne, John Murray, and Jerry Gibbs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Finance and Obituary Committees were appointed by the moderator.

The Executive Board Minutes of the September 9 meeting were read and approved.

The morning worship service was opened by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Bro. John Evans led in prayer. Special music was given by Salem Bible College then the morning offering was received. Bro. Kerry Steedly brought the morning message from Ephesians 2.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Jesus Saves." Bro. Billy Livesay led in prayer. Bro. C. B. Dowdney gave a report of the State Office. M/S/C that the report be received as information.

Bro. Bill Johnson gave a report of Salem Bible College. M/S/C that the report be received as information.

Bro. Buddy Morris gave a report of the Alabama Children's Home Fund Raising Drive.

The Youth Board Report was given by Bro. Kerry Steedly, Bro. Jim Lugo, Bro. Billy Hanna, and Bro. John Evans. M/S/C that the report be received.

Bro. Billy Hanna gave a report of the Mission Board. M/S/C that the report be received.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Bro. Nolan Purcell. M/S/C that the report be adopted.

Sister Ramona Long gave a report of the Obituary Committee. M/S/C that the report be received and we were led in prayer by Bro. Theron Long.

Bro. Max Perry gave the Ordaining Council Report. M/S/C that the report be adopted.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Bro. Kerry Steedly. M/S/C that these resolutions be adopted.

Visiting missionaries, Jerry Gibbs, John Murray, and Eddie Payne gave testimonies of the mission fields.

M/S/C to remove the "Guidelines for Ordination" from the table.

M/S/C that the guidelines be accepted as a standard questionnaire and that the Ordaining Council work on standards for Ordination to be added later.

The Executive Board minutes of October 22, 1977 were read. The motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted.

M/S/lost that this be tabled and to investigate if the church invites the Executive Committee.

The Resolution of the Executive Board was then adopted.

M/S/C that the moderator be authorized to appoint delegates to the state association from those present at the association.

The Nominating Committee report was given. M/S/C that the report be received.

The following were elected to boards and offices:

Recommended to the state association to serve on state boards were:

Retirement and Insurance—Harris Nix

Camp Board—Billy McKinney

Budgeting Board—Carl Brown

Ordaining Council—Garvin Page

Youth Board—Billy James

Danny Thomas

Mission Board—Mance Cason

Treasurer—Nolan Purcell
Assistant Clerk—Tom Parrish
Clerk—Norman Richmond
Assistant Moderator—Garvin Page
Moderator—Luther Burns

M/S/C that a letter of commendation be sent to the District Attorney of Fulton County, Georgia, for his stand against pornography.
The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.
The meeting was adjourned.

Luther Burns, Moderator
Norman Richmond, Clerk

October 22, 1977
Executive Board Minutes

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met at the South Georgia Youth Camp, October 22, 1977. Board members present were: Luther Burns, Garvin Page, Norman Richmond, Tom Parrish, Kerry Steedly, Billy Hanna.

M/S/C that the following resolution be presented to the association in the afternoon session:

Whereas: The Memorial Free Will Baptist Church has brought disgrace upon the name of Free Will Baptists, and the cause of Christ by its disorderly conduct,

Therefore: Be it resolved the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists withdraw fellowship from Memorial Church until unity and fellowship be restored and a letter of apology be received by this association.
Meeting adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

September 9, 1977
Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee of the South Georgia Association met September 9, 1977 at the South Georgia Youth Camp. Board Members present were: Luther Burns, Norman Richmond, Kerry Steedly, Billy Hanna. Others invited to sit on the board were: Leroy Cutler, Jim Ward, Horace Gaskins, Eddie Hodges, and William Smith.

The speakers for the next quarterly meeting were selected. They were: Opening message—Eddie Hodges, Morning message—Kerry Steedly.

The "Guidelines for Ordination" were discussed. M/S/C that we recommend to the association that the section titled "A Sample Ordination Examination" be published in the minutes.

M/S/C that a retreat for Friday, October 21, be planned, and that Bill Johnson of Salem Bible College be invited as speaker.

Meeting was adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS REPORTS

Whereas,

Congress is now considering a bill (House Bill 41) which would regulate the solicitation of charitable contributions by mail, television and radio, and

Whereas,

Such bill threatens religious freedom in this country and violates the Constitutional requirements of separation of church and state, therefore

Be it resolved:

That the clerk of this association, write a letter to our congressman expressing our oppositions to the bill.

Whereas,

The following resolutions were adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists in its 1977 session, therefore

Be it resolved:

That we, the South Georgia Association, go on record as adopting the same, and that the said resolutions be published in our minutes.

I. Capital Punishment

Whereas,

Crime in America has steadily increased; and

Whereas,

We believe capital punishment is a deterrent to crime, and

Whereas,

We believe the Bible supports capital punishment, therefore,

Be it resolved:

That we, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, reaffirm our support of capital punishment for crimes of premeditated murder and rape.

II. Homosexuality

Whereas,

The National Association of Free Will Baptists in its 1976 session passed a strong resolution against homosexuality and adultery; and

Whereas,

Homosexuality has come increasingly to the forefront gaining widespread acceptance even among many so-called Christians; therefore,

Be it resolved:

That we reaffirm our belief that according to the Bible homosexuality is sin; its participants are sinners; and the practice and the participant are condemned by God.

III. Abortion

Whereas,

We believe that the Bible teaches that life begins with conception; and

Whereas,

To willfully take human life constitutes a crime in society and sin against God; and

Whereas,

Our society now permits or even encourages such crimes against unborn infants; therefore,

Be it resolved:

That the National Association of Free Will Baptists hereby register our stern condemnation of abortion and any legislation, court rulings, or social pressure which endorse abortion.

IV. Inspiration and Inerrancy of Scriptures

Whereas,

Free Will Baptists have existed in America for the past 250 years as a fundamental Bible-believing denomination, free from doctrinal corruption; and

Whereas,

Many other denominations who once stood true have been corrupted from within because of the influence of "German Higher criticism;" and

Whereas,

Current theological trends cast doubt on or deny the inspiration, infallibility of, and inerrancy of the Scriptures, defining inspiration, even plenary verbal inspiration, to mean less than it has historically meant; and

Whereas,

The doctrine of the full inspiration, innerrency and trustworthiness of the Scriptures is the foundation of all Bible truth; and

Whereas,

Our own beloved denomination is not immune to this type problem; therefore,

Be it resolved:

1. That we reaffirm our belief in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible. By plenary we mean "full and complete," that all parts of the Bible are inspired, that inspiration extends to all subjects dealt with. By verbal we mean that inspiration extends to the very words of Scripture, not just to the thoughts and ideas in the minds of the human authors of Scripture.
2. That we reaffirm our belief in the complete infallibility and inerrancy of Scriptures. We believe the Bible is inerrant in all that it intends to teach as truth or fact, in matters of cosmogony, geology, astronomy, anthropology, history, chronology, etc., as well as in matters of faith and practice.
3. That we reaffirm our belief that the human authors of Scripture were the very men to whom the Bible itself attributes the individual books. We reject the theory which says that many of the books were written under a pseudonym.
4. That we accept the Bible, the Word of God, as our final authority and dedicate ourselves to the proclamation of it in its entirety, trusting in God to empower it to fruition.

South Georgia Mission Board
Financial Report
Quarter: July-Sept. 77 Annual: Oct. 76-Sept. 77

Balance Forward	\$303.08		\$217.89
Receipts			
Bethel	30.00	110.00	
Bobby Jackson Crusade		202.80	
Ebenezer	126.35	783.52	
Glennville	80.00	240.00	
Harmony	141.90	489.73	
Immanuel	86.60	161.60	
Memorial		208.00	
New Hope		17.25	
Okefenokee		74.90	
Okefenokee WA	72.00	211.00	
Satilla	75.00	300.00	
Savannah	150.00	600.00	
Statesboro	99.63	312.25	
Swainsboro	135.00	135.00	
South GA Association	100.00	100.00	
Total Receipts	<u>1,096.48</u>		<u>\$3,946.05</u>
Total to account for	\$1,399.56		\$4,163.94
Disbursements			
Luther Burns	700.00	2,650.00	
*William Morris	40.00	810.00	
**Billy Hanna	20.00	20.00	
*Foreign Missions (Wilkinson)	86.60	86.60	
*Dublin Mission		32.25	
Postage		5.98	
Printed Checks		3.10	
Bank Service Charges	1.00	4.05	
Total Disbursements	<u>847.60</u>		<u>3,611.98</u>
Balance Forward	\$551.96		\$551.96
Thomas M. Parrish Treasurer			

*Designated for payment by contributing church.
**Travel expense to joint board meeting.

Annual Financial Report
10-13-76 to 9-30-77
Youth Camp
October 18, 1977

Balance on hand 10-13-76	\$1,282.13
Income:	
Campers Fee	\$887.00
Campers fee and Canteen sales	1,390.77

Ebenezer	260.00	
Immanuel	457.23	
Brunswick	100.00	
Swainsboro	55.00	
Memorial	104.00	
Harmony	200.00	
South Georgia Association	50.00	
Golden Savings	1,000.00	
Paul Davis	10.00	
Total	<u>\$4,514.00</u>	\$4,514.00
Total to account for		\$5,796.13

Disbursements:

Nationwide Insurance	\$265.94	
Okefenokee Rural EMC	272.86	
Camden T and T, and Telephone calls	142.37	
Mileage (board members and camp staff)	580.61	
Supplies (building, equipment, misc.)	477.78	
Food	757.79	
Canteen items (for sale)	769.98	
Brunswick Gas Company	76.56	
Recreation Supplies	10.84	
Camp Evangelist	200.00	
Mr. Brown (caretaker)	20.00	
Sears (freezer)	267.75	
Mattress covers	113.10	
Press Sentinel (brochures)	36.05	
Golden Savings Account	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$4,991.63</u>	\$4,991.63
Sub-total		\$804.50
Golden Savings Account		<u>24.93</u>
Balance on hand 9-30-77		\$829.43

Savings Account:

Pool Fund	\$270.36
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John B. Evans, Treasurer
 Rural Route 2, Box 289
 Jesup, Georgia 31545
 Telephone: 427-3824

October 22, 1977
 Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward	82.57
Gifts from churches	340.00
Worship service offering	70.51
Late gifts received	<u>32.50</u>
Total to account for	483.58

Paid out:	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired ministers	30.00
Widows of retired ministers	90.00
Appropriation for minutes	100.00
Clerk's expenses	38.26
Moderators expenses	23.00
Georgia State Association fees	50.00
Bible for Larry Williams	19.95
Camp expenses	30.00
Total paid out	401.21

Balance in Treasury \$82.37

Respectfully submitted,
 Nolian Purcell
 Claude Wade
 Wilford Hardin

October 22, 1977
 Obituary Committee Report

The churches of our association have reported the following deceased members:

- Calvary—Leonard Lee
- Alabaha—Styles B. Allen
- Piney Grove—John B. Thornton
- Satilla—Ruth Guinn
- R. F. Connell
- Linnie Hughes

We request that all stand and offer a moment of silent prayer in memory of these that have lost their loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ramona Long
 Elizabeth Hodges
 Kathleen Overstreet

October 22, 1977
 Ordaining Council Report

- We, the Ordaining Council, recommend the following:
1. Bro. William Smith who is now pastoring the Gainesville FWB Church comes to us with a letter of good standing from the Kanawha Association, West Virginia. We recommend that he be received into full fellowship of the association.
 2. Bro. Jerry Johnson requests that a letter of good standing be sent to the

Chattahoochee Association. We recommend the letter be sent.

3. We recommend that Bro. Jim Ward, who is now pastoring the Glennville FWB Church be received into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Cumberland Association in Tennessee.

4. We have a letter of request from the Ga. Union Association that a letter of good standing be sent to them for Bro. Alton Everson. We recommend that the letter be sent.

5. Oak Hill FWB Church petitions the So. Ga. Association to ordain Bro. Virgil Carter into the ministry. He is licensed by Oak Hill Church where he is serving as pastor. We recommend that he be ordained upon the satisfactory completion of the Examination Questionnaire of the South Ga. Association.

6. We have a letter of request from Bro. Archie Ratliff that a letter of good standing be sent to the association in Indiana where he has now joined. We recommend that the letter be sent.

Respectfully submitted,

Garvin Page

Bob Hancock

Max Perry

A SAMPLE ORDINATION EXAMINATION

General

How long have you been a Free Will Baptist?

Why do you want to be ordained?

Give a short account of your call to preach.

Do you meet the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:1-7?

Do you have a family?_____ Number of children_____

Have you or your wife ever been divorced?

What is the extent of your education? Elementary grades_____

High School_____ College_____ Other_____

What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, drugs or worldly amusements?

Doctrinal

Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible Word of God, and that it is the only rule of faith and practice?

What do you believe about evolution and the Genesis account of creation?

What do you believe about apostasy and the perseverance of the believer?

What is the gospel?

What is salvation?

How would you proceed to explain the way of salvation to a lost soul?

Explain your views on baptism.

Should feet washing be observed?

Do you believe in the practice of speaking in tongues?

Give your interpretation of the following doctrines:

God

Atonement

Deity of Christ

Sanctification

The Virgin Birth of Christ

Final Judgment

The work of the Holy Spirit

Heaven

Repentance
Faith
Justification
Regeneration

Hell
Satan
Second Coming
Resurrection

What is the church?
Who is eligible for membership?
How should the church discipline a member?
How should the work of the church be financed?
What are the duties of a minister?
What is the mission of the church in the light of Matthew 28:19?

Denomination

Who is a Free Will Baptist?
What is meant by the term "free moral agent?"
Have you read the Treatise completely and do you subscribe to the doctrines that are outlined in it?
Is there anything in the treatise that you do not believe or would not teach?
If you ever changed your views on any of these doctrines what would you do?
What are the grounds for relinquishing your ordination credentials?
What is the relationship for the local church to the denomination?
Give three character and three credit references?

Do you solemnly pledge to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints and to faithfully uphold the Free Will Baptist doctrines as outlined in the Treatise?

STATISTICAL REPORT 76-77

	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Baptisms	Average SS Attendance	Average CTS Attendance	Total Offerings Received	Pastor's Salary	Co-op Giving	Total Outside Giving	Value of Church Property	Bible College Giving
Alabaha	6	4	72		42	32	11,725	5,465			40,000	
Baxley	6		93	9	65	45	21,000	8,290	360	560	180,000	
Bethel												
Bethany	7		88	8			17,235	6,370			75,000	
Brunswick	3	5	46	7	47	11	15,000	6,900		1,430	450,000	200
Calvary	14		90	8	45	30	14,180	6,240		1,042	95,000	60
Corinth	4	5	148	3	50	35	14,155	8,093	43	569	60,000	107
Douglas												
Ebenezer	4	3	216	3			23,000	10,400		3,250	142,250	750
Gainesville												
Glennville	11	14	213	12	99		40,155	9,400		3,500	200,000	1,295
Harmony	7	3	160	3	98		35,605	8,480	700	6,501	167,000	700
Immanuel	7	10	154	2			37,601	9,100		3,429	164,500	1,193
Jesup												
Lyons	9	5	126	7	54	42	16,462	7,150	120	237	65,000	
Marietta		4	132	4	65	25	20,852	9,600	300	1,162	60,000	300
Memorial	10	5	166	7	61	40	21,000	6,700	200	1,900	160,000	500
New Hope		3	195	1	80		14,830	8,370	160	630	74,000	
Oak Grove							4,323	2,140		960		150
Oak Hill	3		28		34	20	4,654	1,225		80	20,000	
Okefenokee												
Philadelphia												
Pine Level			125		78	49	23,182	7,430	120	2,281	75,000	420
Piney Grove	1	1	118		48		14,301	5,115			42,000	
Satilla	3	11	338	15	99		42,737	10,725	360	4,236	252,000	240
Savannah	8	9	209	6	109	65	54,000	10,936	325	9,429	240,000	2,781
Spring Grove	8	100	249	6	73	37	24,462	11,006	1,067	4,842	118,000	269
Statesboro												
Stoney Hill	1	4	69		25		5,761	2,551		48	15,000	
Swainsboro	13	2	40	42	29	3	17,125	5,304	205	989	50,000	164

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 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 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.