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OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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**Directory
South Georgia Association
Of Free Will Baptists
1978-1979**

Moderator	William Morris
303 Marvin Avenue, Statesboro, Ga.	
Assistant Moderator	Mance Cason
P.O. Box 438, Lyons, Ga.	
Clerk	Fred Lockwood
Route 3, Box 240, Glennville, Ga.	
Assistant Clerk	Tom Parrish
Route 4, Box 444, Hazlehurst, Ga.	
Treasurer	Nolan Purcell
615 N. Railroad, Glennville, Ga.	

The above officers and the chairman of each of the standing boards make up the Executive Committee.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Max Perry	1979
Garvin Page	1980
Bob Hancock	1981

YOUTH BOARD

Lay Members:

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

Ministers:

Leroy Cutler	1979
Fred Lockwood	1980
Preston Bryon	1981
Billy McKinney	1982
Eddie Hodges	1983
Danny Thomas	1984
Luther Burns	1985

MISSION BOARD

Bob Parker	1979
Taylor Merritt	1980
Tom Parrish	1981
Mance Cason	1982
William Morris	1983

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

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Alabaha Blackshear, Ga.	Harris Nix Rt. 4, Box 100 Jesup, Ga. 31545 427-6618	Wm. T. Thornton Rt. 1, Box 583 Blackshear, Ga. 31516
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Jesup, Ga.

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Surrency, Ga.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS OF SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

Raymond Altman, 700 McQueen, Folkston, Ga.	496-9677
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Charles Bryant	
Randy Bryant	
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Luther Burns, 413 Church St., Swainsboro, Ga.	237-9308
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 Billy Hanna, 5212 Skidaway Rd., Savannah, Ga. 354-0917
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 Larry Powell, Missionary
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 R. D. Smith
 Kerry Steedly, Chaplain
 Jim Ward, 211 S. Main, Glennville, Ga. 654-2621
 Sammy Wilkinson, Missionary
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LICENSED MINISTERS OF SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

Billy Beecher, Hazlehurst, Ga.
 Billy Brown, Hazlehurst, Ga.
 Virgil Carter, Alma, Ga.
 Gary Cutler, Jacksonville, Fla.
 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
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Church
Folkston, Georgia
January 28, 1978

Rev. Fred Lockwood opened the Quarterly meeting by leading the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus," followed by prayer. Bro. John Evans brought the Morning Message.

The Moderator, Bro. Luther Burns, was introduced as the Quarterly Meeting was called to order. The rolls of churches and Ministers was called and the delegates were seated. Rev. W. L. Collins, Pastor of Grace Church in Orange Park, Florida was introduced as the only visitor.

Bro. Burns appointed an Obituary Committee and a Finance Board Committee. Vacancies on the Standing Boards were filled with proxies. They were: Youth Board-Eddie Hodges and Barry Hedrick; Ordaining Council-Fred Lockwood.

The Association was then recessed until the 11:00 service.

Bro. Fred Lockwood led the Congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" to open the Morning Worship Service. The Morning Offering was received. The congregation then sang "If Ever I Loved Thee". A Trio from Philadelphia Church sang "The Spirit of Jesus Is In This Place." The Morning Message was brought by Bro. Taylor Merritt.

The Afternoon Session was opened by the Congregation singing "In The Sweet By and By." Bro. Jim Lugo led in prayer.

The Youth Board report was given by Bro. John Evans and Bro. Jim Lugo. M/S/C that the report be received as information.

The Mission Board Report was given by Bro. Billy Hanna. M/S/C that the report be received as information.

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

The Obituary Report was given. M/S/C that the Report be accepted, and Bro. Eddie Hodges led in prayer in memory of the deceased.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Bro. Fred Lockwood. M/S/C that the report be accepted and voted upon item by item. Both items were adopted.

The Executive Board minutes of January 12, 1978 were read. M/S/C that the report be received and that the recommendation be adopted.

The Executive Board minutes of January 28, 1978 were read and approved. Bro. Fred Lockwood was nominated for the vacancy on the Youth Board. No other nominations were offered and Bro. Lockwood was elected by acclamation.

Nominations for CTS President were received. Bro. Danny Thomas was elected.

A letter of Petition from Surrency Free Will Baptist Church was presented

to the Association. M/S/C that the church be received under the watch-care of the Association.

The CTS Rally was invited to the Savannah Church for March.

After the announcements were made, the Quarterly Meeting was adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

Minutes of the Executive Board of the South
Georgia Association of Free Will
Baptists
Meeting at
Baxley Free Will Baptist Church
Baxley, Ga.
1/12/78

Members Present: Luther Burns, Garvin Page, Norman Richmond, Tom Parrish, Billy Hanna, Fred Lockwood.

Others present: Mance Cason, Taylor Merritt, Eddie Hodges.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Cason.

The speakers for the coming Quarterly Meeting were selected. They were: Opening Message-Jim Ward; Morning Message-Taylor Merritt.

Bro. Garvin Page presented a letter from the Georgia State Association requesting that a member of the Ordaining Council to meet with a State Committee to formulate "Guidelines For Ordination." We recommend that a member of our Ordaining Council represent us at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

Minutes of
The Executive Board
of the
South Georgia Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Meeting at
Philadelphia Free Will Baptist
Church
1-28-78

Members present: Luther Burns, Garvin Page, Norman Richmond, Leroy Cutler, Tom Parrish, Billy Hanna.

The Executive Board meets as a nomination committee to fill the vacancy in the Youth Board.

We place the name of Fred Lockwood in Nomination to fill this vacancy.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

Obituary Committee Report
1/28/78

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report:
Churches of the South Georgia Association report the following members
deceased since our last meeting:

- Baxley-Sarah Dean
- Ebenezer-Minnie Wilkerson
Mollie Lewis
- Oak Hill-Clyo Crowder
- Bethany-Dixie Hughes
- Stony Hill-Foy Little
- Savannah-Clarence Stephens

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vera Wheeler
Lollie McLeod
Martha Strickland

Ordaining Council Report
1/28/78

- Item 1—The Ordaining Council recommends that the Association grant a letter
of good standing to Rev. Larry Williams who has united with the Union
Association of Georgia.
- Item 2—We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that we receive Rev. Amos
McMillan into the Association pending a letter of good standing from the
Little River Association.

Respectfully Submitted

FINANCIAL REPORT
YOUTH CAMP
January 20, 1978

Balance Brought Forward (18 October 1977) \$804.50

INCOME:

Ebenezer \$ 80.00
Swainsboro 40.00

Memorial	55.50	
South Georgia Association	30.00	
Savannah	120.00	
Mrs. Henderson (Refund)	18.00	
TOTAL	\$343.50 \$343.50
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR\$1,148.00

Camden T. & T.	\$ 24.78	
Okefenokee Rural E.M.C.	108.40	
Food	8.49	
Building & Grounds	80.00	
Nationwide Insurance	58.50	
TOTAL	\$280.17 \$280.17
SUB-TOTAL\$867.83
GOLDEN SAVINGS ACCOUNT 25.28
BALANCE ON HAND 1-20-78.....	\$893.11

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Pool Fund	\$276.48
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Minutes of
The Executive Board
of the
South Georgia Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Meeting at
Baxley Free Will Baptist Church
4-11-78

Members present: Luther Burns, Garvin Page, Norman Richmond, Tom Parrish, Nolan Purcell, Leroy Cutler, Billy Hanna.

Others present: Fred Lockwood, Eddie Hodges, Ron Moore.

Speakers for the April Quarterly Meeting were selected. They were: Opening Message-Jim Ward; Morning Message-Barry Hedrick.

Bro. Garvin Page gave a report of the State Guidelines for Ordination Committee.

M/S/C that we recommend that the South Georgia Association sponsor a Bible Conference.

Meeting adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

**SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD
FINANCIAL REPORT
Oct. 77-Dec. 77**

BALANCE FORWARD\$ 551.96

RECEIPTS

Bethel	\$ 30.00
Glennville	60.00
Harmony	112.51
Immanuel	72.50
Memorial	111.00
Satilla	75.00
Savannah	150.00
Statesboro	29.55
Swainsboro	93.19

TOTAL RECEIPTS 733.75

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR\$1,285.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Luther Burns	650.00
Postage Stamps	13.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 663.00

BALANCE FORWARD\$622.71

Thomas M. Parrish
Treasurer
Route 4, Box 444
Hazlehurst, GA 31539

**South Georgia Association Finance Board Report
January 28, 1978**

Balance brought forward	82.37
Gifts from Churches	220.00
Worship Service Offering	<u>60.00</u>
Total to account for	362.37

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	29.25
Moderator's expenses	52.29
Bible (Barry Hedrick)	<u>19.95</u>

Total Paid Out 341.49
Balance in Treasury 20.88

Nolan Purcell
J. E. Wood
Amos McMillan

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Convening with
Oak Hill Free Will Baptist
Church
Alma, Georgia
April 22, 1978

The Quarterly Meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Bro. Fred Lockwood. Bro. Leroy Cutler led in prayer. The Opening Message was given by Bro. Jim Ward using Ephesians 3:14-21 as his text.

The session was called to order by the clerk, and the Moderator, Bro. Luther Burns was introduced. The Association was welcomed to Oak Hill Church by their Pastor, Bro. Virgil Carter. The Roll of Churches was called with 24 churches answering. The Roll of Ministers was called with 21 answering. The Delegates were seated. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance-Virgil Carter, J. E. Wood

Obituary-Betty Henderson, Lavon Lockwood, Mrs. Harris Nix

Bro. Buddy Morris presented information on the Colege Dinner planned for May 13 in Jesup.

The Association was recessed until the 11:00 Service.

The 11:00 Worship Service was opened by the Congregation singing "The Old Account Was Settled." Prayer was given by Bro. Bob Hancock. A quartet of Leroy Cutler, Bro. Grover Bruton, Danny Thomas, and Fred Lockwood sang "Are You Washed In The Blood." The Morning offering was received. Bro. Barry Hedrick brought the Morning Message from II Cor. 4:17 on "Things that happen in the twinkling of an eye." The service was closed by singing "Have Thine Own Way." Bro. J. C. Carter dismissed in prayer.

The Afternoon Session was opened by singing "I Will Meet You In The Morning," followed by prayer by Bro. Max Perry.

The Youth Board Report was given by Bro. Billy McKinney and Bro. Leroy Cutler. M/S/C that the report be received as information. Bro. Eddie Hodges was elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Jim Lugo on the Youth Board.

Bro. Buddy Morris gave an oral report of the Mission Board's plans for the October Mission Rally. M/S/C that the report be received as information.

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

The Obituary Committee Report was given by Sis. Betty Henderson.

M/S/C that the report be adopted and we have a moment of prayer in memory of the deceased. Bro. Taylor Merritt led in prayer.

The Ordaining Council Report was given by Bro. Max Perry. M/S/C that the report be adopted.

The Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of April 11, 1978 were read and approved. The recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Association sponsor a Bible Conference was adopted. M/S/C that the Executive Board plan the Conference.

M/S/C that the July Meeting be held July 29 at the New Hope Church.

A Letter of Petition from Swainsboro Free Will Baptist Church requesting membership in our Association was read. M/S/C that we receive them into our association.

Bro. Theron Long gave a minority Report and moved that it be included in the Minutes of our Association. M/S that the Minority Report be tabled. The vote was 38 to 4 in favor of tabling the motion.

Announcements were made of coming Revivals.

M/S/C that the Meeting be adjourned.

Norman Richmond, Clerk
Luther Burns, Moderator

FINANCIAL REPORT YOUTH CAMP April 19, 1978

Balance Brought forward (20 January 1978) \$867.83

INCOME:

Ebenezer	\$ 60.00	
Swainsboro	20.00	
Junior Sunday School Class and Refund	16.20	
TOTAL	\$ 96.20	\$ 96.20
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$964.03

C.T.S. (Lit. C77-15)	\$ 13.75	
Camden T & T	18.51	
Okefenokee Rural E.M.C.	71.02	
Mileage (Board Members)	50.40	
Building and Grounds	42.75	
Nationwide Insurance	92.00	
TOTAL	\$288.43	\$288.43
SUB-TOTAL		\$675.60
GOLDEN SAVINGS ACCOUNT		25.63
BALANCE ON HAND		\$701.23

(4-19-78)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Pool Fund \$276.48

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YOUTH BOARD REPORT

NORTHERN

Ebenezer-Glenngville
First of Glenngville
First of Lyons
Marietta-Lyons
First of Statesboro
Stoney Hill-Reidsville
First of Swainsboro
First of Savannah

SOUTHERN

Alabaha-Blackshear
First of Brunswick
Calvary-Jacksonville, Fla.
First of Gainesville, Fla.
Harmony-Lake Butler, Fla.
Immanuel-Jacksonville, Fla.
Okefenokee-Waycross
Philadelphia-Folkston

CENTRAL

First of Jesup
First of Baxley
Bethany-Hazlehurst
Corinth-Alma
First of Douglas
New Hope-Jesup
Oak Grove-Surrency
Oak Hill-Alma
Pine Level-Bristol
Satilla-Hazlehurst
Spring Grove-Jesup

— Division Leader

- * Each division would meet for competition once in Sept., and once in February at an appropriate church.
- * The combined divisions would meet for district competition the first Saturday in December at the First Church of Jesup and the first Saturday in May for final District competition at the First Church of Glenngville.
- * Music & Arts will only perform at the final district meeting in May but any entry must be registered by the December district meeting.
- * Judges will consist of one representative from each division if possible.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

April 22, 1978

The following deaths have been reported:

Corinth	Carlie Mae Jordan
Baxley	Gaines Quinn Reuben Jenkins
Glenngville	Katie Byrd DeLoach Jennie Mae Bowen
New Hope	Lola Anderson Herman Pye
Pine Level	Mrs. Gordie Douglas

Piney Grove Henry Bryson
 Paul Bryson

Savannah Clearance Stephens
 Pearl Bowen
 Earl Bragg

Betty Henderson, Chairman
Geraldine Nix
Lavononne Lockwood

Ordaining Council Report
April 22, 1978

- 1. We have a letter of request from Bro. Teddy Waters that a letter of good standing from the So. Ga. Assn. be sent to him in West Virginia. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to him.
- 2. Bro. Prentice Dukes, who has been licensed for over a year comes to us with a letter of request and recommendation from the First FWB Church of Savannah that he now be ordained. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that he be ordained at a time set by him and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah.
- 3. We have a letter of request from the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church that Bro. Lester Glass be received into the fellowship of the So. Ga. Assn. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that he be received pending a letter of good standing from the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Berlin, Ga.
- 4. We have a letter of request from Bro. Jim Lugo that a letter of good standing be sent to the Martin Association. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that a letter of good standing be sent.
- 5. We have a letter of request from Bro. William Smith that a letter of good standing be sent to Martin Association. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that a letter be sent.
- 6. Bro. J. C. Carter petitions the So. Ga. Assoc. for membership as a minister. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that he be received in the Assn. pending a letter of good standing from the Little River Assoc.

Garvin Page
Bob Hancock
Max Perry

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
April 22, 1978

Balance brought forward	20.88
Gifts from Churches	290.00
Worship Service Offering	63.20
Late gifts received.	<u>12.00</u>
Total to account for	368.08
Paid out:	
Moderator	5.00

Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers	30.00
Wives of retired ministers	90.00
Executive committee travel	46.40
Appropriation for minutes	90.00
Clerks expenses	27.90
Moderators expense	12.00
Total paid out	316.30
Balance in treasury	51.78

Nolan Purcell
J. E. Wood
Virgil Carter

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of the
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New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
Odum, Georgia
July 29, 1978

Bro. Fred Lockwood led the congregation in singing "Heaven's Jubilee," followed by prayer by Bro. Jim Ward. Bro. Lockwood led the congregation again in singing "Victory in Jesus." Bro. Lester Glass brought the Opening Message from Matthew 8:22 on "Little Faith."

The Association was called to order by the clerk, who introduced the Moderator, Bro. Luther Burns. The Association was welcomed to New Hope Church by the pastor, Bro. Billy Livesay. The Clerk called the roll of churches, with 24 churches answering the roll call. The Roll of Ministers was called with 23 answering. The Moderator welcomed visitors Melvin Worthington, C. B. Dowdney, and James Roebuck.

The Delegates were seated. The Minutes of the April 22, 1978 Meeting were read and approved. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Obituary: Dolora Johnson
Helen Nugent
Myrtle Craven

Finance: Pirkle Orvin
Loran Hughes

Bro. Melvin Worthington, Moderator of the Georgia State Association was introduced and gave a report of the Georgia State Bible Institute.

The Association was recessed until the Morning Worship Service at 11:00.

The Morning Worship Service was opened by singing "Glory to His Name." A quartet of Melvin Worthington, Danny Thomas, Fred Lockwood, and Leroy Cutler sang "What A Day That Will Be." The Morning offering was received after

which the Quartet sang "In The Sweet By and By." Bro. Amos McMillan brought the Morning Message from Isaiah 40:9 on "Glad Tidings." The Morning Service was closed with the invitation Hymn "Have Thine Own Way."

The Afternoon Session was opened by the Congregation singing "At Calvary."

The Youth Board Report was given by Bro. John Evans. Camp Directors Jim Ward and Fred Lockwood gave reports of the upcoming weeks of camp. M/S/C that the reports be received as information.

The Mission Board Report was given by Bro. Billy Hanna. M/S/C that the report be received.

The Finance Board Report was given by Bro. Nolan Purcell. M/S/C that the report be accepted. M/S/C that the Association transfer 75.00 from the Association Treasury to the Youth Camp Treasury.

The Obituary Report was given. M/S/C that the report be received and prayer be offered in Memory of these. Bro. Theron Long led in prayer.

The Ordaining Council Report was given by Bro. Max Perry. M/S/C that the report be adopted. Bro. Preston Bryan was welcomed into our association by the Moderator.

Bro. C. B. Dowdney gave a report of the State Offices.

The Executive Committee Minutes of 7-5-78 were read and approved.

M/S/C that the Host Church be given a rising note of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C that an effort be made to contribute missing minutes to the National Free Will Baptist Historical Collection.

Reports and observations were given of the National Association by those attending.

M/S/C that the Moderator appoint the Nominating Committee. The Moderator appointed the following: Billy McKinney, John Evans, Amos McMillan.

Announcements of coming Revivals and Camp were given. The Association was adjourned with prayer.

Luther Burns, Moderator
Norman Richmond, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the South Georgia Association Of Free Will Baptists met at Baxley Georgia at Baxley Free Will Baptist Church July 5, 1978 at 10:30. Members present were: Luther Burns, Garvin Page, Norman Richmond, Leroy Cutler, Eddie Hodges.

The only item of business was the selection of the speakers for the Quarterly Meeting July 29, at New Hope Church. Those selected were:

Lester Glass-Opening Message

Amos McMillan-Morning Message

The Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Norman Richmond, Clerk

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

July 29, 1978

We report the following deaths:

Bethel	Arthur Beck
	Emmett Butler
Glennville	Zona Anderson
Philadelphia	Nettie Chesser
Pine Level	Cora Rigdon
Satilla	Maude Quinn
Surrency	Lizzie Blanton

Dolora Johnson
Helen Nuggent
Myrtle Craven

FINANCIAL REPORT

YOUTH CAMP

July 28, 1978

Balance Brought Forward (April 19, 1978)\$ 675.60

INCOME

Swainsboro	\$ 20.00	
Ebenezer	60.00	
Jesup	200.00	
Campers Fee	104.00	
John Evans (Refund)	19.61	
TOTAL	\$403.61	\$403.61
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$1,079.21

DISBURSEMENTS: :

Camden T & T & Phone Calls	\$ 29.60	
Okefenokee Rural E.M.C.	88.61	
Building & Grounds	164.99	
Postage	32.24	
Tune Piano	60.00	
Food	328.13	
Press Sentinel (Brochures)	41.46	
TOTAL	\$745.03	\$745.03
SUB-TOTAL		\$334.18
GOLDEN SAVINGS ACCOUNT		25.98
BALANCE ON HAND		\$360.16

(July 28, 1978)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Pool Fund \$290.76

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ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

July 29, 1978

1. During an official business meeting of the Surrency Free Will Baptist Church, July 5, 1978, the congregation voted to request that the Ordaining Council question its pastor, Bro. Ron Moore, and make recommendation concerning his ordination. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that he be ordained at a future date upon final approval of the questionnaire.

2. Bro. Preston Bryan is now the pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Brunswick. We recommend that he be received into our association pending a letter of good standing from his previous association.

Respectfully submitted,
Garvin Page
Bob Hancock
Max Perry

SOUTH GEORGIA MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT JAN-JUN 1978

BALANCE FORWARD	622.71
RECEIPTS	
Bethel	60.00
Glennville	120.00
Harmony	183.99
Okefenokee	25.00
Savannah	268.00
Statesboro	101.99
Swainsboro	169.00
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 <u>927.98</u>
 TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	 \$1,550.69
DISBURSEMENTS	
Rev. Luther Burns	400.00
Rev. William Morris	25.00 (Travel)
Rev. Billy Hanna	20.00 (Travel)
Rev. Taylor Merritt	4.00 (Travel)
Rev. Thomas Parrish	10.00 (Travel)
Bank Service Charge	1.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

460.00

BALANCE FORWARD

\$1,090.69

THOMAS M. PARRISH

Treasurer

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

July 29, 1978

Balance brought forward	51.78
Gifts from Churches	222.50
Worship Service Offering	78.26
Late gifts received	<u>77.00</u>
Total to account for	430.04
Paid out:	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers	30.00
Wives of retired ministers	90.00
Executive committee travel	67.50
Appropriation for minutes	90.00
Clerk's expenses	25.65
Moderator's expenses	12.00
Total paid out	330.15
Balance in Treasury	99.89

Nolan Purcell

Pirkle Orvin

Loran Hughes

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting
of the

South Georgia Association
of

Free Will Baptists

Convening at

South Georgia Youth Camp

White Oak, Georgia

October 28, 1978

Bro. Fred Lockwood led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven" followed by prayer led by Bro. Dub Ellison. He then led "At The Cross." Bro. Dock Caton, Missionary to Spain, brought the Morning Message from I Cor. 12.

The Clerk officially called the session to order and introduced Bro. Luther Burns, the Moderator. The Roll of Churches was called followed the Roll of Ministers. The visitors were recognized and the delegates seated.

The minutes of the July 29 Quarterly meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of October 2 were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance: Horace Mincher, Talmadge Neugent

Obituary: Helen Neugent, Elenor Cutler, Linda McMillan

Resolution: Bob Parker, Loran Hughes, Billy Livesay

Bro. C. B. Dowdney brought a report of the state offices.

The association was recessed until the 11:00 Worship Services.

The Morning Worship Service was opened by singing "Power In The Blood." Bro. Billy Hanna led in prayer. Bro. Lockwood commended the Mission Board for their work in the Missions Conference. The Cutlers sang "God's Wonderful People." The Morning offering was received.

The Morning Message was brought by Bro. Larry Nix, Missionary to Atlanta. He spoke from Romans 12:1-11 on "Fervent in Spirit." Following the invitation Hymn of "Just as I am," Bro. Dub Ellison led in prayer. The Meeting was recessed until 1:15.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing." Led in prayer by Norman Richmond.

The Youth Board Report was given by Jim Ward, Fred Lockwood and Leroy Cutler. M/S/C that their report be received as information.

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

Bro. Talmadge Nuegent gave the Finance Board Report. M/S/C that the report be adopted.

Sis. Helen Neugent gave the Obituary Report. M/S/C that the report be received and we have a moment of prayer in memory of the deceased. Bro. Garvin Page led in prayer.

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

The Moderator called for volunteers to serve as delegates to the State Association. Gary Cutler was the only volunteer. M/S/C that the Moderator appoint the remaining delegates at the State Meeting.

Bro. Billy McKinney gave the report of the Nominating Committee. M/S/C that the report be accepted. Nominations were called for from the floor. The following were elected:

Moderator-Buddy Morris

Assistant Moderator-Mance Cason

Clerk-Fred Lockwood

Assistant Clerk-Tom Parrish

Treasurer-Nolan Purcell

Ordaining Council-Bob Hancock

Youth Board-Luther Burns

Preston Bryan (Replacing Billy Hanna)

Mission Board-Buddy Morris

Bob Parker (Replacing Billy Hanna)

Bro. Buddy Morris expressed gratitude to the So. Ga. Association and the Missionaries involved in the Mission Conference.

Bro. Theron Long moved that the Memorial Church be received into the Association. The Moderator ruled the motion out of order. The decision of the chair was appealed. M/S/C to sustain the chair. The vote was 20 in favor and 12 against.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

Announcements of Revivals were given.

The Meeting was adjourned by prayer.

Luther Burns, Moderator
Norman Richmond, Clerk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

October 28, 1978

We submit the following Nominations:

Moderator-Buddy Morris
Asst. Moderator-Mance Cason
Clerk-Norman Richmond
Asst. Clerk-Tom Parrish
Treasurer-Nolan Purcell
Ordaining Council-Bob Hancock (1981)
Youth Board-Luther Burns (1985)
Preston Bryan (1981)
Mission Board-Buddy Morris (1983)
Bob Parker (1979)

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

October 28, 1978

1. We have a letter of request from the Glennville Free Will Baptist Church that Bro. Roy Woods be ordained to the ministry. Upon the completion of our ordination examination and oral questioning we, the Ordaining Council, recommend that he be ordained to the ministry.

2. We have a letter of request from the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church that Bro. Gary Cutler be questioned for licensing as a minister. We recommend that he be licensed as a minister. We recommend that he be licensed by the Immanuel Church for one year.

3. We have a letter of request from the Okefenokee Free Will Baptist Church that Bro. Don Aycock be questioned by the Ordaining Council for Ordination as a minister. Bro. Aycock comes to us from the New Congregational Methodist Church. We recommend that Bro. Aycock be ordained as a Free Will Baptist Minister upon satisfactory completion of our Ministers Examination.

Garvin Page
Max Perry

Obituary Committee Report

October 28, 1978

The following deaths have been reported:

Calvary-	Leonard Lee
Corinth-	Carla Mae Jordan
Marietta-	Myrtice Edinfield
Oak Hill-	Clyo Crowder
	Fanny Parker
Stoney Hill-	Mrs. Wilford Harden

We recommend that we stand and have a moment of silent prayer in memory of these.

Helen Neugent

Linda McMillin

Elenor Cutler

FINANCE BOARD REPORT

October 28, 1978

Balance brought forward	24.89
Gifts from churches	304.50
Worship Service Offering	89.10
Late gifts received	<u>150.00</u>
Total to account for	568.49

Paid out:

Moderator	5.00
Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Retired Ministers	30.00
Wives of retired ministers	90.00
Clerk's expenses	41.05
Moderator's expenses	20.00
Georgia State Association fees	75.00
South Georgia Youth Camp	100.00
Total paid out	376.05
Balance in Treasury	192.44

Nolan Purcell, Treasurer

Horance Minchers

Talmadge Neugent

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

Hell

Faith

Satan

Justification

Second Coming

Regeneration

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?

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	Members Received	Members dismissed	Total Membership	Baptisms	Average SS Attendance	Average CTS Attendance	Total Offerings Received	Pastor's Salary	Co-operative Giving	Total Outside Giving	Value of Property
Alabaha		2	79	2	43	30	12,888.00	6,275	120.00		40,000
Baxley	7	3	100		95	40	21,969.49	10,400	401.20	1,201	180,000
Bethel	2	4	49	4	45		11,275.66	7,450		240	30,000
Calvary	14	2	84	5	45	30	15,714.00	6,420		1,250	100,000
Corinth	3	4	149	3	52	35	22,620.00	7,465	41.00	494	60,000
Ebenezer	5	2	109	1	80		23,000.00			2,878	120,000
Brunswick		4	50		40	20	12,000.00	6,000		240	128,000
Jesup	3	1	216	2	140	60	38,000.00	13,000	300.00	6,049	225,000
Glennville	9	4	215							4,467	395,000
Harmony	3	3	161	2	91		43,969.75	9,116	200.00	8,488	167,000
Immanuel	6	9	151	4	49		28,763.00	10,310		1,890	164,000
Lyons	1	22		3			13,693.39	7,910		910	75,000
Marietta	8	2	149	3	65	25	21,679.93	9,930	300.00	1,258	80,000
New Hope	5	2	200	3	80		12,493.00	9,105	192.00	815	95,000
Oak Grove		2	45		25	15	2,864.70	1,200		905	6,500
Oak Hill		2	27		25	19	4,444.40	2,500		25	20,000
Okefenokee	3	3	49		15		10,875.02				210,000
Philadelphia	2	1	105	1							65,000
Pine Level	1	1	124	9	77	40	26,198.01	8,792		2,116	50,000
Piney Grove		2	124	1	51		11,643.00	6,957			42,000
Satilla	5	6	341	4	85		38,595.01	13,302	240.00	3,951	262,000
Savannah	24	10	228	14	117	72	66,352.56	12,816	300.00	12,398	
Spring Grove	14	5	258	5	70	45	22,782.02	11,000	418.60	2,874	135,000
Stoney Hill	8	3	82	1	25		6,184.00	2,522	203.41	228	18,000

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.