

**Minutes
of the
SOUTH GEORGIA
ASSOCIATION
OF**

**Free
Will
Baptists**



1997

**Directory of The South Georgia Association
of Free Will Baptists
1997**

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The Executive Board consists of the above named officers and the chairman of each of the standing boards. The first listed name is the chairman of each board.

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1998	William Morris, 303 Marvin Ave., Statesboro, GA 30478	(912) 681-1335
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2000	Glenn Poston, P.O. Box 15935, Savannah, GA 31416	(912) 354-0971
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2000	Alex Sekulich, 3989 Darien Hwy., Brunswick, GA 31525	(912) 261-2098
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Steve Hughes
John Lewis
Tommy Lewis
Tom Lightsey
Billy Livesay

Fred Lockwood
Rex Lynn
Amos McMillan
Walter Minor
Wayne Miracle
William Morris
Ken Murphy
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Larry Powell
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John Rentz
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Eddie Vincent
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Alabaha Free Will Baptist Church

Baxley Free Will Baptist Church

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Corinth Free Will Baptist Church

Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church

First Free Will Baptist Church
Brunswick, GA 31520

First Free Will Baptist Church
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**Minutes of the south georgia association of free will baptists
Convening at the Pine Level FWB Church**

January 25, 1997

Alma, GA

The quarterly conference of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists began with Fred Lockwood leading the congregation singing "Heaven Came Down." Host pastor Wayne Miracle gave the welcome.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle who opened the session. G.C. Herrington brought the morning devotion from Acts. 3:1-12 entitled "Why Christians Don't Have Power."

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 17 ministers and 22 churches being present. M/S/C to seat the delegates. M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction that the obituary report read: J.M. Murry, Mrs. C.D. Rentz, Dan Griffin.

The minutes of the Executive Report were read by the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report. M/S/C to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board to increase the representation fees by ten dollars in all categories. Churches with total membership of 50 or less will submit a \$35 representation fee. Churches with a total membership of 51-150 will submit a \$42.50 representation fee. Churches with a total membership of 151 and above will submit a representation fee of \$50.00.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: Glennville - Jacqueline Anderson; Piney Grove - Rauben McSwain, Kermit Bryson, Patricia Lightsey; First Jesup - Joe Webber; Memorial - Gladis Rentz, James D. Carter; Corinth - Daisey Wade, Retta Wade; Satilla - Idell Brown.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Finance: Brother Hodges, Jerry Lightsay, and David Griffin. Resolution: G.C. Herrington, Chip Sekulich, and Henry Clay.

Miscellaneous Business:

The moderator informed the association that Rev. Herbert Waid was involved in a car accident on January 1, 1997. Rev. Waid suffered some minor injuries and is at home recovering. David Griffin, pastor of Surrency FWB, announced that Surrency Church will have revival services beginning January 26, 1997. Tommy DuBose of Baxley FWB reported that the FWBBC choir will be at the Baxley Church on March 21, 1997.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "What a Day That Will Be" led by Fred Lockwood.

The boards and committees gave the following reports:

Mission Board Report:

The Mission Board report was given by chairman, Buddy Morris. The report is on file with the clerk. The missions' conference luncheon will be on February 15 at Captain Joe's in Baxley. Tommy DuBose gave information on the revised mission conference schedule. Mr. Morris also provided a schedule for churches to pay a loan on the Kingsland work. Pete Minor gave a brief report on the services at Camden FWB.

Youth Board Report:

The Youth Board report was given by John Rentz. The report is on file with the clerk. A skating party was held January 20, 1997. The board recommended that the unfulfilled term of Steve Hutchinson be filled by Tommy DuBose, and that the unfulfilled term of Trent Walley be filled by Chip Sekulich. M/S/C to receive the report. Tommy DuBose and Chip Sekulich were elected to fill the unexpired terms of Steve Hutchinson and Trent Walley. The board requested that letters of appreciation be sent to Steve Hutchinson and Trent Walley.

Ordaining Board Report:

The Ordaining Board Report was given by the chairman, Larry Powell. The board recommended the following: Joel Hampton - to be ordained; Jeff Davis - to be ratified, pending a letter of good standing from the Green River Association in Kentucky; Johnny Lewis - to be ratified pending a letter of good standing from the South Central Quarterly of the Cumberland Association in Tennessee; Tommy Lewis - to be granted a letter of good standing to the Progressive Association in Alabama; Keith Lloyd - to be ordained. M/S/C to receive report. All recommendations were accepted.

Finance Committee Report:

The Finance Committee Report was given by the treasurer, Terry Hennecke. M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolution Committee:

The Resolution Committee report was given. Two resolutions were offered. The essence of the resolutions were: 1. To resolve to have a closer fellowship with the Lord and with one another. 2. To resolve to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to accept this report.

Worship:

Fred Lockwood led the congregation singing "A Hill Called Mt. Calvary." The offering was taken. The pianist and organist were Jan Thomas and Judy Lane respectively. Special music was provided by the Pine Level duet, Deborah Miracle and Judy Douglas. Billy Barlow preached from Romans 1:11-16 and entitled his message "Builders with Christ." Rev. Barlow said, "We must be very careful in building the church that we not get sidetracked in other issues." The points to the message were: 1. Our labor must be grounded in the master builder, 2. Our loyalty must be guided by the master builder, 3. Our locality must be governed by the master builder.

Instructions for the meal was given and the meeting was closed in prayer. A delicious meal was served in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Miracle, Moderator
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

South Georgia F.W.B. 4th Quarter 1996
10/1/96 through 12/31/96

South Ga. Assn. F.W. Baptist - All Accounts
1/1/3/97

INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

GENERAL FUND:

DUES:

BAXLEY ASSN. DUES	32.50
BETHANY ASSN. DUES	32.50
BETHEL ASSN. DUES	32.50
CORINTH ASSN. DUES	32.50
EBENEZER ASSN. DUES	40.00
FIRST BRUNSWICK ASSN DUES	32.50
FIRST JESUP ASSN. DUES	40.00
FIRST SAVANNAH ASSN DUES	40.00
GLENNVILLE ASSN. DUES	32.50
HARMONY ASSN. DUES	40.00
LIBERTY ASSN. DUES	25.00
MEMORIAL ASSN. DUES	32.50
NEW HOPE ASSN. DUES	80.00
OAK HILL ASSN. DUES	25.00
PHILADELPHIA ASSN. DUES	32.50
PINE LEVEL ASSN. DUES	32.50
PINEY GROVE ASSN. DUES	32.50
SATILLA ASSN. DUES	40.00
SPRING GROVE ASSN. DUES	40.00
STATESBORO ASSN. DUES	25.00
SURRENCY ASSN. DUES	32.50
SWAINSBORO ASSN. DUES	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL DUES	777.50
INTEREST - CHECKING ACCT. INTEREST	31.21
OFFERINGS - OFFERINGS/DONATIONS	126.50
REFUNDS/OVERPAY-REFUNDS/OVERPAYMENTS	<u>52.82</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 988.03

TOTAL INCOME 988.03

EXPENSES

DOUGLAS CHURCH:

INSURANCE-PROPERTY INSURANCE	551.50
PROPERTY SALE - SALE OF PROPERTY	<u>20.75</u>

TOTAL DOUGLAS CHURCH 575.25

GENERAL FUND:

CHECKING EXPENSE-CHECKING EXPENSE	3.75
DUES - ASSN./REPRESENTATION	710.00

South Georgia F.W.B. 4th Quarter 1996
10/1/96 through 12/31/96

South Ga. Assn. F.W. Baptist - All Accounts
1/1/3/97

EXEC. OFFICERS:

CLERK - HONORARIUM	60.00
MEAL EXPENSE - BOARD MTGS	154.85
MILEAGE - MILEAGE REIMBURS	103.60
MODERATOR - HONORARIUM	30.00
TREASURER - HONORARIUM	<u>30.00</u>

TOTAL EXEC. OFFICERS 378.45

YOUTH BOARD

MEAL EXPENSE-BOARD MTGS, ETC	40.80
MILEAGE-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	56.80
SCHOLARSHIPS - LAURA BELLE BARNARD	<u>250.00</u>

TOTAL YOUTH BOARD 347.60

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 1,439.80

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,012.05

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE -1024.02

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/01/96: \$4,210.69

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/96: \$3,186.67

DOUGLAS FUND: \$1,938.80

GENERAL FUND: \$1,247.87

TOTAL: \$3,186.67

**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening at Philadelphia FWB Church**

Folkston, GA

April 26, 1997

The quarterly conference of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists began with Allen Lloyd leading the congregation singing "We Have Come Into His House." Latrelle McDowell was the pianist for the meeting. Moderator Wayne Miracle welcomed the attendees, and host pastor Amos McMillian gave greetings.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session. Grover Edge brought the morning devotion from Matthew 5:10-12 and other passages on the subject of Christian encouragement. Mr. Edge shared three points with the congregation: persecution, perseverance, and overcome.

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 18 ministers and 17 churches being present. M/S/C to seat the delegates. M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the Executive Report were read by the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: First, Jesup - Myrtice Hope; First, Savannah - Eloise Woods, Ken Lumpkin; Glennville - Jimmy Rockmore, Ruby Watson; New Hope - Mary Boom; Pine Level - Ovieda Taylor Dubberly, Royce Tanner.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Finance; Jerry Lightsey, Roger Beecher, and Lorene Hughes. Resolutions: Roy Woods, Billy Barlow, John Rentz. Nominating: Glenn Poston, Pete Minor, and Benny Lairsey.

Miscellaneous Business:

Herbert Waid reported that 40 ministers were in attendance at the Ministers' Retreat. The new addition of the Free Will Baptist Treatise is now in print. State Teen Camp has been set. Brother Waid also informed the association that 25% of Georgia pastors are enrolled in the Georgia retirement plan.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" led by Allen Lloyd.

The boards and committees gave the following reports:

Mission Board Report:

The Mission Board report was given by Wayne Miracle. Pete Minor gave a brief report on the Kingsland work. Brother Miracle asked churches and individuals to help pay on the loan for the Kingsland work. Two individuals have already committed to do so. The annual missions' conference was held with 22 churches participating. In the Missions' Conference, \$53,000 in faith promises was received and \$14,000 in cash offerings.

Youth Board Report:

The Youth Board report was given by chairman Tommy Dubose. Thirty-seven youth participated in a spring retreat. There were 36 entries in the district competition. Twenty-two entries will be going to the state competition. South Georgia junior camp will be at Camp Tattall. State teen camp will be at Camp Tattall for grades 6-9 and at Camp Kirksey for grades 9-12.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Ordaining Board Report:

The Ordaining Board report was given by the chairman, Larry Powell. Joel Hampton was ordained at the Glennville Church on February 22, 1997. On March 15, 1997, Keith Lloyd was ordained and is pastoring Zion Hill Church. M/S/C to receive the report.

The Finance Committee Report:

The Finance Committee report was given by the treasurer, Terry Hennecke. M/S/C to receive the report.

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

Lotrelle McDowell reported on the work of the women in the association. The South Georgia Women Active for Christ met at the First FWB Church in Brunswick, GA in March for an annual workshop. Debbie Griffin was the guest speaker. The annual conference will be September 20, 1997 at the First FWB Church in Jesup. M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolution Committee Report:

The Resolutions Committee Report was given. The resolutions were: 1. Be it resolved that we support our sister churches who are in revival, or hosting special activities with our prayers, and presence whenever possible, 2. Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to accept the report.

Worship:

Allen Lloyd led the congregation singing "No, Never Alone." The Finance Committee with Terry Hennecke served as ushers. Special music was provided by a ladies' trio from Philadelphia Church. Joel Hampton preached from 1 Cor. 3:1-9 and entitled his message, "Competition in the Church." The points to the message were: 1. Sectarianism Is Condemned, 2. Self-promotion Is Contradicted, 3. Stewardship Is Commended. Several responded to the invitation.

Instructions for the meal was given and the meeting was closed in prayer. A delicious meal was served in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

SUMMARY REPORT
1/1/97 Through 3/31/97
South Ga. Assn. F.W. Baptist-All Accounts
4/2/97

SOUTH GA. ASSN. F.W. BAPTIST - All Accounts
1/1/97-3/31/97

INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

GENERAL FUND

DUES:

ALABAMA ASSN. DUES	25.00
BAXLEY ASSN. DUES	32.50
BETHANY ASSN. DUES	32.50
BETHEL ASSN. DUES	32.50
CORINTH ASSN. DUES	32.50
EBENEZER ASSN. DUES	40.00
FIRST BRUNSWICK ASSN DUES	32.50
FIRST JESUP ASSN. DUES	40.00
FIRST SAVANNAH ASSN. DUES	40.00
GLENNVILLE ASSN. DUES	32.50
LIBERTY ASSN. DUES	25.00
MEMORIAL ASSN. DUES	32.50
NEW HOPE ASSN. DUES	40.00
OAK HILL ASSN. DUES	25.00
PHILADELPHIA ASSN. DUES	32.50
PINE LEVEL ASSN. DUES	32.50
PINEY GROVE ASSN. DUES	32.50
SATILLA ASSN. DUES	40.00
SPRING GROVE ASSN. DUES	40.00
STATESBORO ASSN. DUES	25.00
SURRENCY ASSN. DUES	32.50
SWAINSBORO ASSN. DUES	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL DUES	722.50
INTEREST CHECKING ACCT. INTEREST	11.93
OFFERING OFFERING/DONATIONS	<u>175.00</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 909.43

TOTAL INCOME 909.43

EXPENSES

DOUGLAS CHURCH

INSURANCE PROPERTY INSURANCE	<u>275.75</u>
TOTAL DOUGLAS CHURCH	275.75

GENERAL FUND

CHECKING EXPENSE	3.25
EXEC. OFFICERS	
CLERK HONORARIUM	60.00
MEAL EXPENSE BOARD MEETINGS, ETC.	81.00
MILEAGE -MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	124.00
MODERATOR- HONORARIUM	30.00
TREASURER-HONORARIUM	<u>30.00</u>

TOTAL EXEC. OFFICERS

325.00

POSTAGE- STAMPS, MAILINGS, ETC.

32.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 360.25

TOTAL EXPENSES 636.00

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE 273.43

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/97: \$3,186.67

ENDING BALANCE 3/31/97: \$3,460.10

DOUGLAS FUND: \$1,663.05

GENERAL FUND: \$1,797.05

TOTAL: \$3,460.10

**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening at the Satilla FWB Church**

Hazlehurst, GA

August 2, 1997

The quarterly conference of the South Georgia Association began with Glenn Poston leading the congregation singing "To God Be The Glory" and "God Is So Good." Ocala Fussell was the pianist for the meeting, and Steve Connell was the organist. Host pastor Jeff Cockrell gave the welcome.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session. Chip Sekulich brought the morning devotion from Psalm 27:14 on the subject of waiting.

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 18 ministers and 18 churches being present. M/S/C to seat the delegates. M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the Executive Report were read by the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report with the correction that Terry Hennecke be listed with the members present.

The moderator expressed appreciation for Tommy Dubose. M/S/C to give a rising vote of appreciation for Tommy Dubose concerning his work for the South Georgia Association.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: Corinth - Ellie Jordan, Georgia Lee Deen; First, Savannah - Carroll Strickland, Gladys Davis; Philadelphia - Carl Lane; Pine Level - Lucille Douglas.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Finance: Jerry Lightsey, Kyle McDowell, and Jerry Rogers. Resolutions: Jeff Davis, John Lewis, and Troy Dykes.

Miscellaneous Business:

Johnny Lewis showed the promotional tape "The Arrow" which highlighted information on the FWB television commercial. Mr. Lewis asked that interested churches let him know concerning airing the commercial.

Ron Wallace, missionary to Alaska, reported his plans to go to Fairbanks, Alaska, and asked churches to schedule him to share his burden with them.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, read the recommendation from the Executive Board that the association present Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Waid with a plaque and a check for \$500 to honor them in their retirement from the state office. M/S/C to accept the recommendation.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing, "Victory In Jesus" led by Glenn Poston. The boards and committees gave the following reports:

Mission Board Report:

The Mission Board report was given by chairman Buddy Morris. The Camden Church has spruced up the church yard. A plan for the church to become self-supporting has been designed. Mr. Morris encouraged churches to cover the loan payments on the building. M/S/C to receive the report.

Youth Board Report:

The Youth Board report was given by chairman Tommy Dubose. Junior camp was held with 31 campers, 11 workers and 4 junior counselors. Four decisions were made. M/S/C to receive the report.

Ordaining Board Report:

The Ordaining Board report was given by Jeff Cockrell. A letter of good standing has been received for Jeff Davis from the Green River Association in Kentucky. The Ordaining Board recommended that Ken Murphy be cleared of all grievances, and that he be considered in good standing pending a letter of satisfaction from the first FWB Church in Jesup. M/S/C to receive the report. M/S/C to adopt the recommendation to clear Ken Murphy.

The Finance Committee Report:

The Finance Committee report was given by the treasurer, Terry Hennecke. The complete report is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

Latrelle McDowell reported that the South Georgia Women Active for Christ will have the annual district meeting on September 20, 1997 at the First FWB Church in Jesup. M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolutions Committee Report:

The Resolutions Committee offered a resolution to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting. M/S/C to adopt the report.

Nominating Committee:

Glenn Poston gave the following Nominating Committee report:

Assistant Moderator - Glenn Poston to replace Glenn Poston

Clerk - Jeff Cockrell to replace Jeff Cockrell

Treasurer - Terry Hennecke to replace Terry Hennecke

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer - Johnny Lewis to replace Jerry Lightsey

Mission Board - Terry Hennecke to replace Tommy Dubose

Ordaining Board - Larry Powell to replace Larry Powell

Youth Board - John Rentz to replace John Rentz

Jeff Davis to replace Tommy Dubose

GA State Camp Board - Jeff Davis to replace Jeff Davis

GA State Ch. Ed. Board - Joel Hampton to replace Lyle McDowell

M/S/C to elect each officer individually. All officers approved as listed.

Terry Hennecke made a motion for the Mission Board to send churches a schedule of payments on the Kingsland work requesting them to participate and keep a record of receipts. Motion was seconded. After much discussion, Mr. Hennecke withdrew his motion.

Johnny Lewis discussed the need to cover the cost of district youth camp. The moderator directed the Youth Board to devise a solution to this problem. M/S/C to close business session.

Worship:

Glenn Poston led the congregation singing "At Calvary". After time of testimony, the offering was received. Special music was provided by the Satilla Church Choir. Jeff Davis preached from Phil. 3:13-14 on "The Victorious Life." There was a joint prayer at the altar. Chip Sekulich offered the blessing on the meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

Summary rEport
4/1/97 Through 6/30/97
South Ga. Assn. F.W. Baptist - All Accounts
7/2/97

INCOME/EXPENSE
INCOME

GENERAL FUND:
DUES:

ALABAHA ASSN. DUES	35.00
BAXLEY ASSN. DUES	32.50
BETHANY ASSN. DUES	42.50
BETHEL ASSN. DUES	42.50
CORINTH ASSN. DUES	42.50
FIRST BRUNSWICK ASSN. DUES	42.50
FIRST JESUPASSN. DUES	50.00
FIRST SAVANNAH ASSN DUES	50.00
GLENNVILLE ASSN. DUES	42.50
LIBERTY ASSN. DUES	35.00
MEMORIAL ASSN. DUES	42.50
NEW HOPE ASSN. DUES	42.50
OAK HILL ASSN DUES	35.00
PHILADELPHIA ASSN. DUES	35.00
PINE LEVEL ASSN. DUES	42.50
PINEY GROVE ASSN. DUES	42.50
SATILLA ASSN. DUES	50.00
SPRING GROVE ASSN. DUES	42.50
STATESBORO ASSN. DUES	35.00
SURRENCY ASSN. DUES	45.00
SWAINSBORO ASSN. DUES	<u>35.00</u>

TOTAL DUES	862.50
INTEREST-CHECKING ACCT.	20.04
OFFERINGS-OFFERINGS/DONATIONS	<u>103.20</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	985.74
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TOTAL INCOME	985.74
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EXPENSES

GENERAL FUND:

CHECKING EXPENSE	3.00
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:	
CLERK-HONORARIUM	60.00
MEAL EXPENSE-BOARD MTGS	85.50
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	112.00
MODERATOR-HONORARIUM	30.00
TREASURER-HONORARIUM	<u>30.00</u>

SOUTH GA. ASSN. F.W. BAPTIST - All Accounts
7/2/97

TOTAL EXEC. OFFICERS	317.50
LEGAL FEES-LEGAL EXPENSE	15.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES-STATIONARY/ENVEL/ETC	51.03
ORDAINING BOARD:	
BIBLES-ORDINATION GIFTS	<u>45.99</u>
TOTAL ORDAINING BOARD	45.99

POSTAGE-STAMPS, MAILINGS	6.40
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YOUTH BOARD:

MEAL EXPENSE-BOARD MEETINGS, ETC	90.82
MILEAGE-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	<u>106.50</u>

TOTAL YOUTH BOARD	<u>197.32</u>
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>636.24</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	636.24
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TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	<u>349.50</u>
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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	04/01/97: \$3,460.10
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ENDING BALANCE:	06/30/97: \$3,809.60
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**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening at Piney Grove FWB Church**

Bristol, GA

October 25, 1997

The quarterly conference of the South Georgia Association began with Fred Lockwood leading the congregation singing "My Savior's Love For Me." Host pastor Billy Barlow gave the welcome.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session. Roger Beecher, Satilla Church, brought the morning devotion from Genesis 3:8 on the subject "Trouble In The Garden." "There's always trouble in the garden when man has cast off moral restraints... There's trouble when we don't give Him first place," remarked Rev. Beecher.

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 12 ministers and 15 churches being present. M/S/C to seat the delegates. M/S/C to approve the minute of the previous meeting.

The moderator recognized the visitors in attendance: Fred and June Hersey, missionaries to Japan; and Herbert and Geraldine Wade from the state office.

The minutes of the Executive Report were read by the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report. Fred Lockwood gave information on the state of Ken Murphy with the Jesup Church. M/S/C to clear all allegations concerning Ken Murphy.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: First Church, Jesup - Marie Chrysler, J. Jones, Billy Leggett; Pine Level - Ovieda Taylor Dubberly, Lucille Douglas; Piney Grove - Linda Boyette, Leon Bush; Satilla - Josephine Spann, Wadis Summerlin.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Finance: Lorene Hughes, Wayne Aldridge, Caltry Harris. Resolutions: Leon Gibson, Benny Larisey, Henry Clay.

Miscellaneous Business:

Faye Dinkins, Ann Lewis, Martha Morris, Deenah Davis, and Sara Poston were approved as delegates to the state association convening in Savannah November 12-15, 1997. M/S/C for the moderator to appoint other delegates.

Dr. Ralph Lightsey, representing the Clifton Lightsey Trust, read material informing the association of a gift from the Clifton Lightsey Trust of approximately \$55,426.94. Motion was made by William Morris, seconded and carried that we accept the gift and release the trustees from further liability and accountability. M/S/C to stand for a moment of silence in recognition of Clifton Lightsey's vision. M/S/C to give Ralph Lightsey and other trustees a vote of thanks for faithfully administering the trust.

John Lewis made a sheet available for churches to sign-up that were interested in sponsoring the television commercial "The Arrow".

Herbert Waid gave information from the state association. The senior sabbatical retreat was held for those 55 and older. The state meeting will be November 12-15. The moderator presented a plaque from the South Georgia Association in recognition of the Waid's service in the state office.

Troy Dykes asked the association to consider assisting Roy Woods who recently lost his home by fire. Financial donations may be sent to Troy Dykes at P.O. Box 153, Surrency, Georgia 31563.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing, "Redeemed." The boards and committees gave the following reports:

Youth Board Report:

The Youth Board report was given by chairman Chip Sekulich and is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

Mission Board Report:

The Mission Board report was given by Buddy Morris who gave an update on the Kingsland work. Also, Mr. Morris explained the plan for the Camden Church to become self-supporting. The board will decrease support 20% each quarter allowing the church to be self-supporting June 1, 1998. M/S/C to receive the report. After some discussion, M/S/C to adopt the plan of the mission board.

Ordaining Board Report:

The Ordaining Board report was given by Jeff Cockrell and is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

Finance Committee Report:

Johnny Lewis presented the finance report and the complete report is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

Marie Bowen gave the report for South Georgia Women Active for Christ and is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolutions Committee Report:

Jeff Davis, representing the Resolutions Committee, offered a resolution to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting. M/S/C to adopt the report.

A motion was also offered to give Roy Woods \$300 and encouraged each attendee to give an additional \$10 to the association's morning offering to cover the amount of the gift. Motion was seconded and carried. M/S/C to close the business session.

Worship:

Fred Lockwood led the congregation singing "Sweet By and By." The offering was received with Wayne Aldridge and Caltry Harris serving as ushers. Special music was provided by Fred Lockwood. Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan, brought the message entitled, "A True Witness" from Prov. 14:25; 1 Cor. 3:6-7, and 1 Jn. 2:17b. The invitational hymn was "Have Thine Own Way Lord." The host church served a delicious meal in the church social hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

Summary Report
7/1/97 Through 9/30/97
South Ga. Assn. F.W. Baptist - All Accounts
10/7/97

INCOME/EXPENSE
INCOME

GENERAL FUND
DUES:

ALABAMA ASSN. DUES	35.00
BAXLEY ASSN. DUES	42.50
BETHANY ASSN. DUES	42.50
BETHEL ASSN. DUES	42.50
CORINTH ASSN. DUES	42.50
EBENEZER ASSN. DUES	82.50
FIRST BRUNSWICK ASSN. DUES	42.50
FIRST JESUP ASSN. DUES	50.00
FIRST SAVANNAH ASSN. DUES	50.00
GLENNVILLE ASSN. DUES	42.50
LIBERTY ASSN. DUES	35.00
MEMORIAL ASSN. DUES	42.50
NEW HOPE ASSN. DUES	50.00
OAK HILL ASSN. DUES	35.00
PHILADELPHIA ASSN. DUES	35.00
PINE LEVEL ASSN. DUES	42.50
PINEY GROVE ASSN. DUES	42.50
SATILLA ASSN. DUES	50.00
SPRING GROVE ASSN. DUES	42.50
STATESBORO ASSN. DUES	35.00
SURRENCY ASSN. DUES	35.00
SWAINSBORO ASSN. DUES	<u>35.00</u>

TOTAL DUES	952.50
INTEREST - CHECKING ACCT.	21.59
OFFERINGS/DONATION	<u>108.00</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 1,082.09

TOTAL INCOME 1,082.09

EXPENSES

GENERAL FUND

CHECKING EXPENSE

EXEC. OFFICERS

CLERK-HONORARIUM	60.00
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	98.00
MODERATOR-HONORARIUM	30.00
TREASURER - HONORARIUM	<u>30.00</u>

TOTAL EXEC. OFFICERS	218.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY, CAMP, LIABILITY	856.25
POSTAGE STAMPS, MAILINGS, ETC.	64.00
PRINTING COSTS/PRINTING/PUBLICATIONS	324.74

Summary Report
South Ga. Assn. F.W. Baptist - All Accounts
10/7/97

YOUTH BOARD:

MEAL EXPENSE-BOARD MTGS	55.28
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	50.00

TOTAL YOUTH BOARD 105.28

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 1,571.77

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,571.77

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE -489.68

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD: 07/01/97 \$3,809.60

CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE: 09/30/97 \$3,319.92

An Ordination Standard South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

The Licensed Minister

A person must be licensed for a period of one year before he can be ordained. He must also be called to the care of one or more churches, or into other services which require ordination.

Qualifications of Ministers

They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying of hands.

Duties of Ministers

These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

The Question of Divorce

No individual shall be ordained to the Gospel ministry who has been married and divorced, and in the process has more than one living companion. No individual shall be ordained whose wife has been previously married and divorced.

Note: These regulations are set forth to comply with the Biblical standard for ministers found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

The Ordination of Women

Traditionally and historically Free Will Baptist in the State of Georgia have not ordained women in the Gospel ministry. So far as we are able to discern, this is still the true sentiment over the state. Therefore, until the thinking of our Free Will Baptist constituency becomes more definitive on this matter, we do not ordain women.

The Authority to Ordain

Free Will Baptists, committed to the doctrine of congregational church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers is in the local church. In practice, however, the Free Will Baptist Churches in Georgia work together in the matter of ordination by delegating the authority for ordination to the association of churches in which the local church holds membership. The true source of this authority should never be lost sight of.

Clarification Statement Concerning the Following Items:

- I. Pastor leaving the South Georgia Association
- II. Pastor entering the South Georgia Association
- III. Responsibility of the new pastor accepting a church in the South Georgia Association
- IV. Minister's attendance at the Associational meetings
- V. Local church calling a new pastor
- VI. Amendments that were adopted January 26, 1980 at the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church
- VII. Additional suggestions added to the guidelines under the application for ordination to the ministry.

III. Responsibility of the new pastor accepting a church in the South Georgia Association

A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists; Part IV, The Practices of Free Will Baptists; Chapter II, The Minister; Section III, His Relationships, page 60, Letter B: "To the association. When the minister becomes pastor of a given local church, it is his responsibility to obtain good standing in the association of which that church is a member if he is not already in good standing therein."

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the pastor of a given local church to obtain a good standing in the association of which that church is a member.

And whereas, the South Georgia Association has no jurisdiction over the church in its selecting a pastor because of this particular phase is left entirely into the hands of the local church;

Be it therefore resolved, that any pastor who desires to be a delegate, or have the full voting rights and privileges of an ordained minister, cannot do so because he is not a member of the association.

Of course, when the pastor decides to become a member of the association, then he would be granted these privileges.

IV. Local church calling a new pastor

Since the South Georgia Association has no jurisdiction over the church in its selecting a pastor, because this particular phase is left entirely into the hands of the local church. The only time that the association would be involved would be when the individual would be presented for membership into the association by the local church he is called to pastor.

It is hoped that when a church calls a pastor, they would take into consideration their examining him sufficiently and thoroughly so there would be no need for the Ordaining Board to have to deny him membership because of some technicality the church has overlooked.

For example, if the Ordaining Board found or discovered that the pastor did not meet the guidelines that are upheld by the South Georgia Association, then he would be denied membership and it would leave the local church in a predicament as what to do about their new pastor. Of course, if he meets the qualifications, there would be no problem.

V. Minister's attendance at the Associational Meetings

The South Georgia Association has voted and passed the following rulings stated in the 1979 Minutes of the South Georgia Association, page 17:

We recommend that all ministers of the South Georgia Association who do not represent at the district meeting in person or by letter within three (3) consecutive meetings that his name be dropped from the roll call of ministers. In order to be reinstated, he must meet with the Ordaining Board for their recommendation back to the association.

Be it also understood, that when a minister's name has been dropped from the roll, he then becomes ineligible to be a delegate for his local church. He does not have the voting rights and privileges of an ordained minister until he has been reinstated by the Ordaining Board and Association.

VI. Amendments that were adopted January 26, 1980 at the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church

Item #1: Because of the pressing need of clearer guidelines in regard to the ordination of women, we the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists believe that the Bible clearly teaches that the office of the pastor is God's role to man as given in such passages as 1 Tim. 2:11-15; 1 Cor. 11:3-15; 14:34-35; Eph. 5:22-24, 33b.

Therefore, In keeping with the teaching of God's word, the ordination of women will be prohibited in the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists. (M/S/C to adopt the amendment.)

Item #3: We the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists believe that tongues, which is the speaking in ascetic utterances or any unspiritual phenomena advocated by the Charismatic movement is to be considered as unbiblical for practice in our local churches and should be emphatically discouraged. (M/S/C to adopt the amendment.)

VII. Additional suggestions added to the guidelines under the application for ordination to the ministry, page 8

Item #15: What is your position concerning homosexuality?

Item #17b: What is your position concerning addictive drugs?

Item#22: Do Free Will Baptists believe in congregational government?

A. Define congregational government.

B. Define connectional government.

Item#23: Is the Holy Spirit resistable or irresistible? Explain.

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists Constitution and Bylaws

I. Pastor leaving the South Georgia Association

If Rev. John Anybody is pasturing a church in the South Georgia Association and resigns that church to pastor another church in another association besides the South Georgia, then the South Georgia Association Ordaining Board cannot grant a letter of good standing or other wise until the South Georgia Association Ordaining Board receives a request from the new association the pastor joined.

One a letter is received from that Association, then the South Georgia Association Ordaining Board reviews his standing and grants a letter of their findings.

II. Pastor entering the South Georgia Association

If Rev. John Anybody has been called to pastor a church in the South Georgia Association, then the church who called him must meet in church conference and direct a member of the church, preferably the clerk of the association, before the next quarterly meeting, if possible, requesting that Rev. John Anybody be granted membership into the South Georgia Association. After sufficient council with the pastor, granted membership into the association upon receipt of a letter of good standing from his previous association.

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 hereafter comprise this organization.

Article I

This fellowship of churches shall be known as the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II

Section 1: Membership

A. Membership in this association shall consist of such regularly organized churches that adhere to the doctrines and practices of Free Will Baptists as set forth in The Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

B. Missions endorsed by the Missions Board of this association may be received under the watchcare of the association until duly organized and have complied with the aforesaid statement relative to membership.

Section 2: Representation

A. Voting representation shall be by delegates duly authorized by the local churches comprising the South Georgia Association, and upon payment of fees described in Section 4 of this article.

B. The number of delegates shall be determined on the basis of two (2) per church and one (1) additional delegate for each one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof, based on the active membership roll.

C. Standing delegates will consist of all ordained ministers, deacons active on the Board, missionaries, general officers and standing Board members in good standing with the South Georgia Association. * See article regarding requirements for ministers and deacons for good standing located in the By-laws.

Section 3: Discipline

The association's only "power" over the local church is limited to dealing with the church's rights as a member of the association. At the request of a church or an aggrieved minority within a local church the association may act only as an advisory council to give advice in matters of difficulty. All matters involving discipline shall be handled according to the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 4: Fees

Representation fees must be paid in order for delegates to be seated (elective and standing) at any regular session of this association. Representation fees shall be determined by the budget adopted by this association in its April session each year. The budget will cover a period from September 1 through August 31 of each year.

Article III

Section 1: General Officers

The general officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and an Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of the August session. The moderator shall serve a period of two (2) years and may succeed himself for only one term.

Section 2: Committees

A. Executive committee: The executive committee shall consist of the general officers stated in section 1 of this article.

B. Other committees: Committees, as necessary shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for in this document and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are named.

Section 3: Boards

A. Executive Board: The executive board shall consist of the general officers, the chairman of each of the standing boards, and the previous moderator for one (1) year following his term of office.

B. Board of Missions: The board of missions shall consist of five (5) members, so elected that one (1) member shall be elected each year.

C. Youth Board: The youth board shall consist of five (5) members, so elected that one (1) member shall be elected each year.

D. Ordaining Board: The ordaining board shall consist of five (5) members, so elected that one (1) member be elected each year.

Section 4: Compliance

Any person(s) elected to a board or committee

A. May not serve in more than one standing board at any time, with the exception of the executive board.

B. Must make every effort to attend each board or committee meeting.

C. In the event of any hindrance(s), he is asked to either send a proxy or contact the chairman by telephone or letter. Failure to comply with the above means that his position may be declared vacant and that the board of committee is open to recommend a replacement at the next quarterly meeting.

Article IV

Meetings: The meetings of the South Georgia Association shall be held on the fourth Saturdays of October, January, April, and the first Saturday in August, unless otherwise agreed upon.

Article V

Affiliation: By a voluntary act of this body, this association shall be a member of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists. Membership with the State Body also gives us affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article VI

Amendments: This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any regular session. Notice of intended amendment must be given in writing to the Clerk, and must be read to the association body at the beginning of the session, to be voted on after the worship hour.

By-laws

Section 1: General Officers

A. Moderator: The moderator shall preside at the meetings of the association and the executive committee/board, and shall serve as chairman of the executive committee/board.

B. Assistant Moderator: The assistant moderator serves as moderator in the absence of or at the request of the moderator.

C. Clerk: The clerk shall keep accurate records of the association and the executive committee/board meetings. He shall call the association into order and introduce the moderator, and shall carry out the instructions of the association or executive committee/board in correspondence, etc.

D. Treasurer: The treasurer receives all association funds and disburses them as instructed by the association or executive committee/board.

E. Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: The assistant clerk/treasurer shall serve in the absence of or at the request of the clerk or treasurer. The assistant clerk/treasurer shall be able to sign checks in the event the treasurer is incapacitated.

Section 2: Committee/Board Functions and Meetings

A. Executive Committee/Board: The executive committee/board gives general leadership to the association, serves as the association between sessions of the association, and makes reports to the association for adoption.

This committee/board shall meet quarterly to plan and approve the association program, to hear reports from the standing boards and/or committees and to take care of any business which may claim its attention. These meetings will be at a time and place selected by the committee/board or moderator.

B. Board of Missions: The board of missions shall offer leadership in areas of local as well as worldwide missions. It shall meet at its discretion.

C. Ordaining Board: The ordaining board shall examine candidates for licensing and/or ordination who have been recommended by his local church. They shall assist the candidate in planning and conducting his ordination service as the need arises. They shall examine ministers petitioning the association for membership and make recommendations relative to the petition. It shall meet at its discretion.

D. Youth Board: The youth board shall have general oversight of youth related activities as approved by the association such as Christian camping, youth rallies and CTS competitive activities. It shall meet at its discretion.

Section 3: Requirements for Ministers and Deacons at the Associational Meetings

A. Ministers: Ordained ministers of the South Georgia Association who do not represent at the district meeting in person, by letter, by telephone, etc., within three (3) consecutive meetings will be dropped from the roll call of ministers. In order to be reinstated he must meet with the ordaining board for their recommendation back to the association.

Be it also understood, that when a minister's name has been dropped from this roll, he does not have the voting rights and privileges of an ordained minister as a standing delegate until he has been reinstated.

B. Deacons: Deacons of the South Georgia Association's member churches who do not represent at the district meeting in person, by letter, by telephone, etc., within three(3) consecutive meetings will lose his standing delegate status. He must attend two (2) consecutive meetings in order to be reinstated to voting privileges as a standing delegate.

Section 4: Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular session. Notice of intended amendment must be given, in writing, to the clerk, and must be read to the association body at the beginning of the session, to be voted on after the morning worship hour.

NOTES