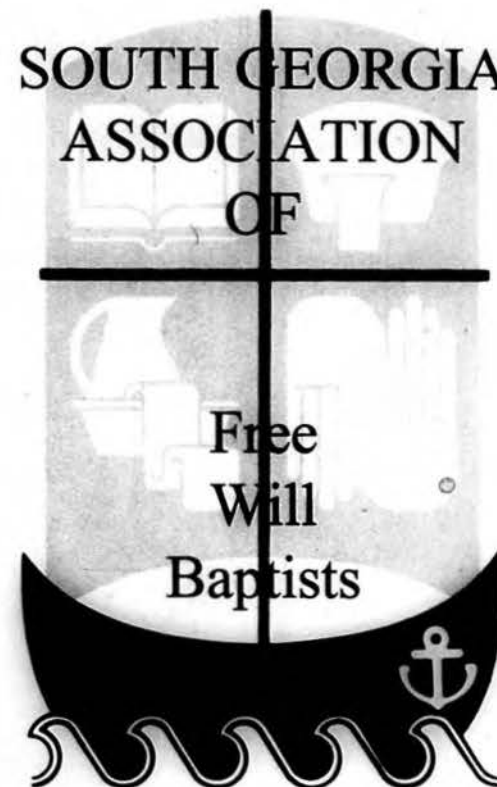


Minutes  
of the

SOUTH GEORGIA  
ASSOCIATION  
OF



1999

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**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS  
Executive Board Meeting**

January 4, 1999

Jesup, GA

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on January 4, 1999 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Joel Hampton, Terry Hennecke, Chip Sekulich, Larry Powell, and Jeff Cockrell.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Joel Hampton leading in prayer. In the order of old business, the associational fellowship meetings was discussed. The January fellowship meeting was scheduled for Jan. 11 in Hazlehurst.

Concerning new business, the next associational meeting will be at Baxley FWB Church in Baxley on January 23, 1999. The devotional speaker is Troy Dykes. Also, the dates for future board meetings were scheduled: April 7, July 7, Oct. 6.

The youth board report was given by Chip Sekulich. Mr. Sekulich suggested that the board investigate the possibility of giving unclaimed scholarship money to the Free Will Baptist Bible College relocation campaign. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the April 7th meeting.

Jeff Cockrell reminded the board of the upcoming missions conference in February. Further information will be received from the mission board.

The ordaining board report was given by Larry Powell. The ordaining board has received completed forms from Allen Carter and will meet with him shortly. The situation with Ken Murphy was discussed. M/S/C to receive the report.

The finance report was given by Terry Hennecke. The feasibility of the mission board undertaking the Camden insurancy payments was discussed. This would help the association assume a positive account balance. The executive board decided to discuss this with the mission board and work on a mutually agreeable conclusion. The complete report is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Jeff Cockrell.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Hampton, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists  
Convening at the Baxley FWB Church in Baxley, GA  
January 23, 1999**

The quarterly conference of the South Georgia Association began with the congregation singing "His Grace Is Sufficient" led by Fred Lockwood. Welcome and prayer were offered by host pastor Eddie Vincent.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Joel Hampton, who opened the session. Mr. Troy Dykes gave the devotion from John 15:16.

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 20 ministers and 22 churches being present. M/S/C to seat the delegates. M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The moderator recognized visitors from the Free Will Baptist Bible College including John Murray and Roy Harris. The minutes of the Executive Board were read by the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

Obituary Report

The obituary report was given: Corinth - Annie Laura Boyles; Glennville - Lendon Wilson; First, Brunswick - Calvin Henderson; First, Savannah - Jeff Davis; Surrency - James Blanton. Leroy Smith led the obituary prayer.

Committees

The Moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: Billy Bevan, Jr., Pete Minor, and Roger Beecher. Finance: Bill Daughtry and Grover Edge.

Miscellaneous Business

The next Fellowship Meeting will be February 8th at 10:30 a.m. at the Western Sizzlin in Jesup.

A prayer to dismiss the congregation for a brief recess was led by Joel Hampton. After recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "O I Want to See Him." The following reports were given:

Ordaining Board Report

Chairman Larry Powell gave the Ordaining Board report. Allen Carter, pastor of Alabama Church, was recommended for ordination. Rev. Conrad Williford, pastor of Philadelphia Church, was recommended for ratification. The board recommended to send a letter of good standing for Rev. Johnny Lewis to the Georgia Union Association and for Rev. Jeff Davis to the Blue Grass Association. Rev. Leon Gibson was recommended to fulfill the unexpired term of Rev. Amos McMillan who has resigned from the board. All recommendations were approved. Moderator Joel Hampton and Rev. Larry Powell extended the right hand of fellowship to newly arriving pastors Wilford Conrad and Allen Carter.

Mission Board Report

Wayne Miracle gave the report in the absence of Buddy Morris who was hospitalized. Rev. Miracle explained the Missions Conference Schedules. The purpose of the Missions Conference is threefold: 1) Emphasize missions, 2) Receive an offering, 3) Ask for Faith Promise Support. After the conference, each church is to send the collected offering to Wayne Miracle and report on the amount of Faith Promise support. M/S/C to receive the report. Also, there was some discussion on how the Acts 1:8 plan would correlate with the Missions Conference. Rev. Miracle explained that there will be a period of transition before Acts 1:8 is fully adopted.



### Youth Board Report

Chip Sekulich reported that district CTS competition will be April 17th at the Ebenezer Church. Junior Camp is tentatively scheduled for June 13-18 at Camp Tattnall. Rev. Sekulich also asked pastors to submit written recommendations for the Laura Bell Barnard Scholarship. M/S/C to receive the report.

### Finance Report

Rev. Hennecke gave the finance report. The complete report is on file with the clerk. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried that all boards and committees give an accounting of all monies in printed form. Also, Rev. Hennecke submitted his resignation. He will be assuming the pastorate of the Double Branch Church in the Georgia Union Association.

### South Georgia Women

No report was given.

### Resolutions Committee

Rev. Mike Crews submitted a resolution to give the Baxley Church a rising vote of thanks for providing a children's church and for their hospitality in hosting the association. M/S/C to receive the report. Also, Rev. Wayne Miracle offered a motion to give Terry Hennecke a rising vote of thanks for his faithful work in the South Georgia Association. Motion was seconded and carried.

### Worship

Fred Lockwood led the congregation singing "What a Day That Will Be". The offering was received. Special music was rendered by the Bible College students. Rev. Roy Harris, Advancement Director, gave information on the relocation campaign for the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Also, Rev. Harris gave a sermon from Ephesians 2:1-10 with the topic of three things we need to remember. We need to remember what we've been saved from. We need to remember what we've been saved to. And, we need to remember what we've been saved for. John Murray gave instructions about the students for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Day. Rev. Eddie Vincent gave instructions for the meal. Rev. Pete Minor asked the blessing on the meal. The Baxley Church served a delicious meal in the church social hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Joel Hampton, Moderator

Rev. Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

## South Georgia Assn. F.W.B. October through December 1998 Profit and Loss

### INCOME

#### GENERAL FUND:

#### DUES:

ALABAMA ASSN. DUES	35.00
BAXLEY ASSN. DUES	42.50
BETHEL ASSN. DUES	42.50
CORINTH ASSN. DUES	42.50
EBENEZER ASSN. DUES	0
FIRST BRUNSWICK ASSN DUES	42.50
FIRST JESUP ASSN. DUES	50.00
FIRST SAVANNAH ASSN DUES	0
GLENNVILLE ASSN. DUES	42.50
LIBERTY ASSN. DUES	35.00
MEMORIAL ASSN. DUES	85.00
NEW HOPE ASSN. DUES	42.50
OAK HILL ASSN. DUES	35.00
PHILADELPHIA ASSN. DUES	35.00
PINE LEVEL ASSN. DUES	50.00
PINEY GROVE ASSN. DUES	42.50
SATILLA ASSN. DUES	100.00
SPRING GROVE ASSN. DUES	42.50
STATESBORO ASSN. DUES	35.00
SURRENCY ASSN. DUES	35.00
SWAINSBO RO ASSN. DUES	35.00

#### TOTAL DUES

870.00

#### INTEREST OFFERINGS

5.00  
122.00

#### TOTAL GENERAL FUND

997.00

#### TOTAL INCOME

997.00

#### EXPENSE

#### GENERAL FUND

BANK CHARGES	23.30
DUES	670.00
EXEC. OFFICERS	
CLERK	60.00
MEAL EXPENSE	100.00
MILEAGE	94.00
MODERATOR	30.00
TREASURER	30.00

#### TOTAL EXEC. OFFICERS

314.00

#### INSURANCE

CAMDEN PROPERTY INSURANCE	476.50
DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & TRUSTEES	398.50

#### TOTAL INSURANCE

875.00

#### TOTAL GENERAL FUND

1882.30

#### TOTAL EXPENSE

1882.30

#### NET INCOME

-885.30

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	10/01/98	\$1964.62
CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE:	12/29/98	\$1,079.32

**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists  
Executive Board Meeting**

**Jesup, GA**

**April 5, 1999**

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on April 5, 1999 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Joel Hampton, Chip Sekulich, Wayne Miracle, Benny Lariscy, Buddy Morris, and Jeff Cockrell.

Moderator Joel Hampton leading in prayer called the meeting to order.

Concerning old business, there was some discussion on giving the unclaimed Laura Bell Barnard Scholarship money from 1998 to the Free Will Baptist Bible College relocation campaign. The motion was withdrawn.

In new business, the next association meeting will be at Alabama FWB Church on April 24, 1999. Also, after much discussion, the board decided to have a time of prayer for the National Association convening in July. This prayer time will be included in the South Georgia Association Meeting in April. The agenda for the association will be changed to accommodate this additional item. The worship time will be moved to the devotional spot, and the prayer time will be immediately following the business session.

The board changed the dates for the July and October board meetings to July 6, 1999 and October 5, 1999.

No ordaining board report given.

Chip Sekulich gave the youth board report. Youth competition is to be held at the Ebenezer Church. They will conduct Junior Camp at Camp Tattall with Rod Goodman as the evangelist.

The missions board report was given by Buddy Morris. Rev. Morris stated that the Missions Conference went well; however, some churches have not sent in their reports. Also, there was much discussion on the Camden work and the recent improvements to the grounds and parking area.

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report. The complete report is on file with the clerk. There was some discussion on the proper procedure of reporting monies held by the association. Also, the association has received an additional \$10,000 from the Clifton Lightsey Trust. M/S/C to hold this money in a Certificate of Deposit until a decision on its proper use is made. The Executive Board is investigating various options for this money, and a recommendation is forthcoming. There was some discussion of the property insurance payments on the Camden work, and the feasibility of the mission board assuming responsibility for these payments.

Joel Hampton adjourned the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Hampton, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists  
Convening at the Alabama FWB Church, Blackshear, GA  
April 24, 1999**

The quarterly conference of the South Georgia Association began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Wayne Miracle. Calvin Bennett offered welcome and prayer.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Joel Hampton, who opened the session.

The meeting began with a time of worship. Wayne Miracle led the congregation in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The offering was received, and host pastor Allen Carter rendered special music.

Rev. Steve Hughes brought a message from 1 Chronicles 4:9-10. Rev. Hughes said that we see four things about the prayer record in 1 Chronicles. First, it was a prayer of vision. Second, it was a prayer of ambition. Third, it was a prayer of guidance. Fourth, it was a prayer of protection.

After the worship time, the roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 15 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 clerk read the minutes of the Executive Board. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Obituary Report:**

The obituary report was given: Glennville - Nancy Thompson; Piney Grove - Pauline Harris Lightsey, Daphne Tyre; Pine Level - Mildred Taylor; Spring Grove - Susie Kirkland.

**Committees:**

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: Doug Carter, Caltry Harris, and Mike Price. Finance: Calvin Bennett and Danny Dinkins.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Set My Soul Afire" led by Wayne Miracle. The following reports were given:

**Ordaining Board Report:**

Jeff Cockrell gave the Ordaining Board Report. The board recommended sending a letter of good standing for Rev. Amos McMillan to the Little River Association. The recommendation was adopted.

**Mission Board Report:**

Chairman William Morris reported that the Missions Conference went well; however, some churches have not yet reported. Pete Minor has resigned from the Camden work. The board asked that the association pray for the board members that God will give them wisdom in securing a replacement for Rev. Minor. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Youth Board Report:**

Rod Goodman reported that 45 youth participated in competition. Mike Crews coordinated the competition activities, and several youth will be going on to state competition. Rev. Goodman also reported that Junior Camp will be held the week of June 20 and that State Teen Camp will be conducted the week of June 27. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Finance Report:**

Treasurer Benny Lariscy and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer William Morris gave the finance report. The Executive Board has selected Mr. Lariscy to fulfill the unexpired term of Terry Hennecke. Mr. Lariscy distributed a printed report detailing all receipts and disbursements for the previous quarter. Rev. Morris gave information on the three Certificates of Deposit held by the association at the Eagle Bank and Trust. The complete report is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

**South Georgia Women Active for Christ:**

No report was given.



# **SOUTH GEORGIA ASSN. FW. BAPTIST**

## **Treasurer Report**

**January 1, 1999 thru March 31, 1999**

### **Resolutions Committee:**

The Resolutions Committee offered the following resolution: "We, the resolutions committee, hereby resolve that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality." M/S/G-to receive the report.

### **Prayer Time:**

A prayer time for the National Association convening in July 18-22 in Atlanta was conducted. Moderator Joel Hampton introduced the prayer time, explained the purpose of this activity, and distributed an order of service. The prayer time began with Wayne Miracle leading the congregation singing "King of Kings." After a responsive reading, Mike Crews offered a Prayer of Adoration. Parnell Aldridge offered the Prayer of Confession. Then the congregation sang "He's Been So Good To Me," led by Wayne Miracle. After a time of testimony, Jerry Rogers led the Prayer of Thanksgiving. Several led in Prayers of Supplication for the individuals involved in the National Association meeting. Jeff Cockrell offered prayer for the Steering Committee. Steve Hughes led the prayer for the various speakers. Buddy Morris gave the prayer for the national ministry leaders. Other personnel involved in the National Association meeting were prayed for by Mike Price. The prayer service concluded with the congregation singing "Doxology". The moderator also distributed prayer cards that were to be mailed to various individuals.

### **Announcements:**

Several announcements were given at the close of the association meeting. The moderator reminded the attendees of the South Georgia Association Fellowship meeting held the first Monday of each month in Jesup. Revivals were scheduled at the Bethel Church, May 2-5, and at Ebenezer Church, May 2-5. The meeting concluded with prayer led by Doug Carter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Joel Hampton, Moderator

Rev. Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

Balance brough forward, January 1, 1999		1,079.32
Receipts for Quarter		
Church Dues		
Alabama	35.00	
Baxley	42.50	
Bethel	42.50	
Corinth	42.50	
Ebenezer	127.50	
First Brunswick	42.50	
First Jesup	50.00	
First Savannah	50.00	
Glennville	42.50	
Liberty	35.00	
Memorial	42.50	
New Hope	42.50	
Oak Hill	35.00	
Philadelphia	42.50	
Pine Level	50.00	
Piney Grove	42.50	
Satilla	50.00	
Spring Grove	42.50	
Statesboro	35.00	
Surrency	35.00	
Swainsboro	35.00	
Total Church Dues	962.50	
Interest	2.49	
Offering, Quarterly Meeting	154.28	
Total Accountable		2,198.59
Expense		
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk	60.00	
Jeff Cockrell, Mileage	20.00	
Joel Hampton, Moderator	30.00	
Joel Hampton, Mileage	11.80	
Meals	75.00	
Postmaster	33.00	
Terry Hennecke, Treasurer	30.00	
Terry Hennecke, Mileage	16.00	
Postmaster, Clerk	33.00	
Bank Charges, Checks	14.59	
Total Expense	323.39	
Balance Forward March 31, 1999		1,875.20

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**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists  
Executive Board Meeting**

**Jesup, GA**

**July 6, 1999**

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on July 6, 1999 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Joel Hampton, Larry Powell, Wayne Miracle, Chip Sekulich, Benny Lariscy, and Jeff Cockrell. Rod Goodman set-in on the meeting.

Moderator Joel Hampton called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

Concerning old business, the board approved for the mission board to secure a plaque for presentation to Pete Minor in appreciation for his years of service at the Kingsland work. The board also voted to give Rev. Minor \$500.00 along with the plaque. The board also discussed the proper use of the money received from the Clifton Lightsey Trust. By consensus, the board decided to postpone a decision on this issue.

In the area of new business, the next association meeting will be at Bethel FWB Church on August 7, 1999. Parnell Aldridge will be the worship speaker with Billy Bevan, Jr. as the alternate.

Rev. Powell stated that the ordaining board had nothing new to report.

Chip Sekulich gave the youth board report. Junior Camp went well with Mike Crews serving as the camp director. Several youth made decisions for Christ during camp. M/S/C to receive the report.

The mission board report was given by Wayne Miracle. The mission board met with the state mission board to discuss the possibility of establishing a joint relationship concerning the Kingsland work. Rod Goodman was present at the request of Rev. Miracle, and Rev. Goodman expressed certain concerns about such a joint relationship. Rev. Miracle informed the board that several steps would need to take place before the joint partnership could be established. First, the state mission board would have to approve the arrangement. Second, the association would have to approve the decision. The board voted to allow the mission board to proceed on working out the details of a joint arrangement with the state mission board.

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report. The complete report is on file with the clerk.

The moderator appointed the nominating committee who will present a slate of officers for consideration at the August associational meeting. The nominating committee members are: Larry Powell, Jeff Cockrell, and Pete Peterson.

The moderator also submitted his resignation. Rev. Hampton will be assuming a chaplaincy in the US Air Force. Board members expressed appreciation to Rev. Hampton for his service to the South Georgia Association.

The meeting adjourned in prayer led by Rod Goodman.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Hampton, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

**Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists  
Convening at the Bethel FWB Church, Baxley, GA  
August 7, 1999**

Host pastor, Jerry Rogers, extended the welcome to the association attendees. Rev. Joel Hampton led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory."

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Joel Hampton, who opened the session. Mr. Jeff Beecher gave the devotion from Luke 12:20-31.

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 18 ministers and 19 churches being present. M/S/C to seat the delegates. M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Obituary Report:**

The obituary report was given: Baxley - Hewey Deen; Glennville - Helen Sands; Spring Grove - Faye Smith. Joel Hampton led the obituary prayer.

**Committees:**

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: Chip Sekulich, Eddie Vincent, Allen Carter. Finance: Wilford Harden, L. Hughes.

A prayer to dismiss the congregation for a brief recess was led by Larry Powell. After recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Wayne Miracle. The following reports were given:

**Ordaining Board:**

Chairman Larry Powell reported that the Ordaining Board recommended sending letters of good standing for Rev. Jimmy Coursey and Rev. Terry Hennecke. The recommendations were approved.

**Mission Board Report:**

Chairman William Morris reported that \$8,790.67 has been received from the Missions Conference but more may be coming in. Few faith promises were received. The board has \$11,753.62 in the general fund and \$11,930.48 in the building fund. Pete Minor has moved to South Carolina with his job. Attendance is down at the Kingsland work, and the board does not have the funds to support a pastor at the present time. After much discussion concerning a joint relationship with the state mission board on the Kingsland work. The state mission board will supervise the work and the South Georgia mission board will hold title and deed to the property. Motion carried. Currently about \$16,000 is owed on the \$25,000 loan from the state. Also, the association voted to apply the mission board funds to the indebtedness and to allow the balance to remain in the hands of the mission board. Buddy Morris led in prayer for the Kingsland work.

**Youth Board Report:**

Chip Sekulich reported that Mike Crews served as junior camp director June 20-25. Rod Goodman was the evangelist for the week. The "Camper of the Week" award went to Kayla Thomas and Jordan McGuire who earned scholarships to next year's junior camp. Also, the board has scholarship applications available for those attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Finance Report:**

Treasurer Benny Lariscy gave the financial report. The complete report is on file with the clerk. M/S/C to receive the report.

**South Georgia Woman Active for Christ:**

No report was given.

**Resolutions Committee:**

Steve Hughes offered a resolution to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Nominating Committee:**

Larry Powell gave the report. M/S/C to elect each officer individually.

Moderator - Wayne Miracle to replace Joel Hampton

Asst. Moderator - Eddie Vincent to replace Wayne Miracle

Clerk - Jeff Cockrell to replace Jeff Cockrell

Treasurer - Benny Lariscy to replace Benny Lariscy

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer - Buddy Morris to replace Buddy Morris

Mission Board - Conrad Williford to replace Danny Dinkins  
 Ordaining Board - Fred Lockwood to replace Fred Lockwood  
 Youth Board - Mike Crews to replace Mike Crews  
 All officers approved as listed.

A nomination was offered from the floor for Benny Lariscy to replace Terry Hennecke on the mission board. M/S/C to elect Benny Lariscy to the mission board. Billy Bevan, Jr. was nominated from the floor to serve the unexpired term of Buddy Morris on the mission board. M/S/C to elect Billy Bevan, Jr. to serve the unexpired term of Buddy Morris.

Wayne Miracle expressed regret and appreciation to Joel Hampton. Rev. Miracle presented a plaque to Rev. Hampton in appreciation of his service to the South Georgia Association. Rev. Hampton has accepted a chaplaincy with the US Air Force. Rev. Miracle offered a prayer of blessing for Rev. Hampton.

#### Worship:

Wayne Miracle led the congregation in singing "My Savior's Love". A prayer was offered by Joel Hampton. The offering was received, and Wilford Harden asked the blessing on the offering. Special music was rendered by a ladies duet from Bethel Church and Points of Light, also from Bethel Church. Parnell Aldridge brought the message "Can People Tell that You've Been With Jesus?" from John 7:1-9. Rev. Aldridge stated, "If you are speaking the truth, there's going to be opposition." Rev. Miracle led the invitation hymn "Only Trust Him."

Host pastor, Jerry Rogers, gave instructions for the meal, and Conrad Williford asked the blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Hampton, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

## South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists Treasurer Report April 1, 1999 thru June 30, 1999

Balance brought forward April 1, 1999 1,875.20

#### Receipts for Quarter

##### Church Dues

Alabama	35.00
Baxley	42.50
Bethel	42.50
Corinth	42.50
Ebenezer	42.50
First Brunswick	42.50
First Jesup	50.00
First Savannah	50.00
Glennville	42.50
Liberty	35.00
Memorial	42.50
New Hope	42.50
Oak Hill	35.00
Philadelphia	42.50
Pine Level	50.00
Piney Grove	42.50
Satilla	0.00
Spring Grove	42.50
Statesboro	35.00
Surrency	35.00
Swainsboro	35.00

Total Church Dues	827.50	
Offering, Quarterly Dues	89.80	
Total Accountable		2,792.50

##### Expense

Executive Office, FWB Logo	11.27
Church Mutual Insurance Co.	238.25
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk	60.00
Jeff Cockrell, Mileage	20.00
Joel Hampton, Moderator	30.00
Joel Hampton, Mileage	11.60
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	30.00
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	18.80
Buddy Morris, Mileage	30.00
Meals	94.60
Secretary of State - Inc. Fee	15.00
Christian Bookstore - Ord. Bible	80.96
Johnson Office Supply & Printing	313.28
Church Mutual Insurance Co.	410.50
Total Expense	

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#### Certificates of Deposit

Number 1	65,277.41
Number 2	10,001.84
Number 3	9,894.23

**South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists  
Executive Board Meeting  
October 5, 1999**

The executive board of the South Georgia Association met on October 5, 1999 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Wayne Miracle, Buddy Morris, Benny Lariscy, Jeff Cockrell, and Eddie Vincent.

Wayne Miracle called the meeting to order.

The board discussed the recent letter sent to Georgia pastors from the Ogeechee Association. The letter criticized the current camp program and called on Georgia Free Will Baptists to secure a Free Will Baptist camp facility. Motion made, seconded and carried to compose a statement expressing the position of the executive board. The board compiled the following response: "As much as we would like to have our own camp facilities, we do not feel that it's financially feasible nor any more spiritually beneficial for us to purchase or build a state camp facility both now or in the future. Furthermore, we disagree with the letter sent by the Ogeechee Association and do not appreciate the spirit in which it was sent. However, we intend, to do all we can to maintain a good camp program for the youth of our state that would have a strong emphasis on evangelism and spiritual growth." The board voted to send the statement to the chair of the state camp board and copies to each state camp board member, the clerk of the Ogeechee Association, and the Executive Secretary.

Other business involved the next association meeting. The meeting will be at the Corinth Church on October 23, 1999. Billy Bevan, Jr. will be the worship speaker with Conrad Williford as the alternate.

There was no ordaining board or youth board report.

William Morris gave the mission board report. The state mission board has assumed the Kingsland work. The South Georgia Association will maintain the building and property. The state mission board has asked that South Georgia Association pay for the paving of the parking lot. M/S/C to use the final receipts from the Clifton Lightsey Trust to apply to the expense of paving the parking lot.

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report. The complete report is on file with the clerk.

By consensus, the board decided to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of the month of the association meeting in January, April and October. The date of the July meeting will be decided upon later.

Rev. Miracle stated that the association needs to come up with a goal of giving to the Relocation Campaign at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. M/S/C to recommend that the goal amount be \$125,000.

Rev. Miracle also expressed concerns about the high pastor turn-over and the need to involve the youth in the association meetings. This item was postponed to the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned in prayer led by Eddie Vincent.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

**South Georgia Assn. FW Baptist  
Convening at Corinth FWB Church, Alma, GA  
October 23, 1999**

The association began with Eddie Vincent leading the congregation singing "Blessed Assurance". Host pastor, Billy Bevan, Jr., extended the welcome to the attendees. Chip Sekulich offered prayer for the meeting.

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session. Mr. Charles Gill gave the devotion from 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and 2 Timothy 2:15.

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 15 ministers and 17 churches being present. The moderator recognized visitors to the meeting including Janet and Rufus Wind from North Carolina. M/S/C to seat the delegates.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The Executive Report was read by the clerk and received. After much discussion, the association voted to adopt a statement composed by the Executive Board.

The statement reads: "As much as we would like to have our own camp facilities, we do not feel that it's financially feasible nor any more spiritually beneficial for us to purchase or build a state camp facility both now or in the future. Furthermore, we disagree with the letter sent by the Ogeechee Association and do not appreciate the spirit in which it was sent. However, we intend, to do all we can to maintain a good camp program for the youth of our state that would have a strong emphasis on evangelism and spiritual growth." The association delegates voted to send a copy of the statement to the state office notifying them of the association's adoption.

Association delegates also approved the Executive Board recommendation to use the money in a Certificate of Deposit at the Eagle Bank and Trust, Statesboro, GA, to pave the parking lot at the Camden FWB Church. They also adopted a goal of giving \$125,000 to the relocation campaign at the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

**Obituary Report:**

The obituary report was given: First, Jesup - Odean Williamson, Annie Myrl Williamson; New Hope - Ethel Herrin, Asilee Mallard; Piney Grove - Peggy Harris; Spring Grove - Susie Kirkland.

**Committees:**

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: Parnell Aldridge, Leon Gibson, Marcie Hughes. Finance: Sharon Vincent, Bill Johnson, Marie Bowen.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Delegates to the State Meeting to be held at the Metter FWB Church November 18-20, 1999 were elected: Sharon Vincent, Howard Price, Miriam Price and Shirley Gibson. M/S/C to elect these and to give the clerk authority to appoint others as needed.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Glad Reunion Day" led by Eddie Vincent. The following reports were given:

Chairman Larry Powell encouraged ministers to be faithful in attendance to the association meeting. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Mission Board:**

Wayne Miracle reported that the loan from the State Office has been paid off and that the State Mission Board has assumed oversight of the Camden work. Billy Bevan, Jr. is the pastor at Camden. The board has elected Steve Hughes as chairman and Benny Lariscy as treasurer. Any monies for the Camden work must be sent to the State Office. The coordinator for the February 2000 Missions Conference is Conrad Williford. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Youth Board Report:**

Chairman Chip Sekulich reported that camp tee shirts are available from Mike Crews. They have received three applications for FWB Bible College Scholarships, and these applications are under review. M/S/C to receive the report.

**Finance Report:**

Treasurer Benny Lariscy gave the financial report. The complete report is on file with the clerk, M S C to receive the report.

**South Georgia Women Active for Christ Report:**

Mrs. Conrad Williford gave the report. Mrs. Williford is the newly elected president. M S C to receive the report.

**Resolutions Committee Report:**

Chip Sekulich offered a resolution to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality. M S C to receive the report.

**Worship:**

Eddie Vincent led the congregation in singing "O I Want To See Him." The offering was received and Lorene Hughes gave the offertory prayer. Neil White rendered special music. Billy Bevan, Jr. brought the message "The Church With A Mission." Rev. Bevan stated, "I believe God has a plan for the church... The question today is, are we following God's plan." Rev. Bevan's 3-point message highlighted how the Thessalonian church fulfilled the Great Commission. They had the priority of a gospel witness. They had the practice of a glorious worship. They had the preaching of God's Word. Eddie Vincent led in singing the invitational hymn "Just As I Am." Several responded.

Host pastor, Billy Bevan, Jr., gave instructions for the meal, and Grover Edge asked the blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

**South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist  
Treasurer Report  
July 1, 1999 thru September 20, 1999**

Balance brought forward, July 1, 1999		1,428.24
Receipts for Quarter		
Church Dues		
Alabama	35.00	
Baxley	42.50	
Bethel	42.50	
Corinth	42.50	
Ebenezer	42.50	
First Brunswick	42.50	
First Jesup	50.00	
First Savannah	00.00	
Glennville	42.50	
Liberty	35.00	
Memorial	42.50	
New Hope	42.50	
Oak Hill	35.00	
Philadelphia	42.50	
Pine Level	50.00	
Piney Grove	42.50	
Satilla	100.00	
Spring Grove	42.50	
Statesboro	35.00	
Surrency	35.00	
Swainsboro	35.00	
Total Church Dues	877.50	
Offering, Quarterly meeting	138.00	
Total Accountable		2,443.74
Expense		
Church Mutual Ins. Co.	238.25	
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk	60.00	
Jeff Cockrell, Mileage	20.00	
Joel Hampton, Moderator	30.00	
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	30.00	
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	18.80	
Wayne Miracle, Mileage	30.80	
Meals, Captain Joes	106.91	
Postmaster, Clerk	33.00	
Wayne Miracle, reimburse (plaq)	25.44	
Total Expense		593.20
Balance Forward September 30, 1999		1850.54
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Certificates of Deposit		
Number 1	65,277.41	
Number 2	10,001.84	
Number 3	9,894.23	



## An Ordination Standard South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

### 1. **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.

### 2. **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.

### 3. **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.

### 4. **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.

### 5. **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.

### 6. **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 pastorate 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**

**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 I: 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.