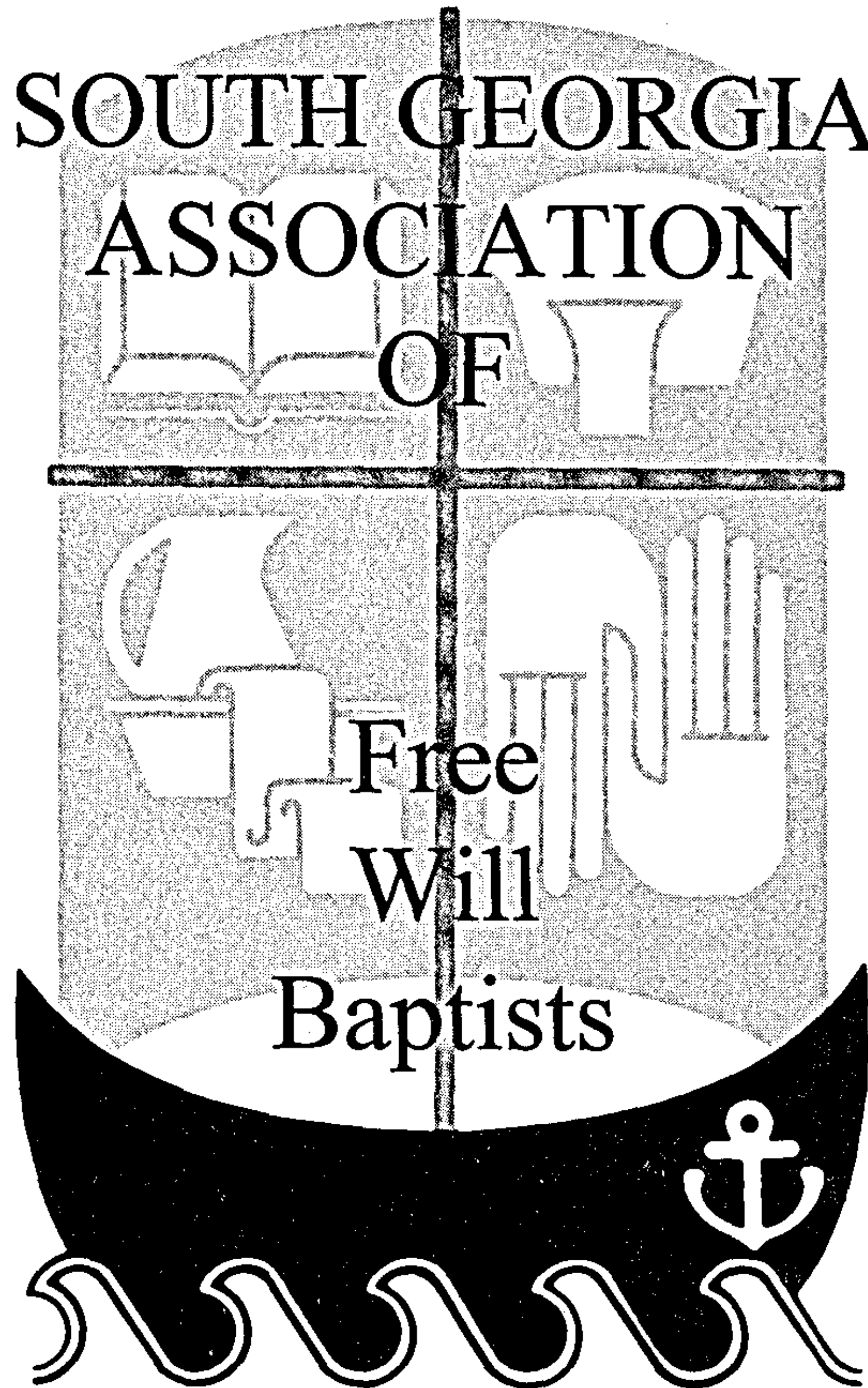


Minutes
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SOUTH GEORGIA
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OF



2000

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South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2000

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on January 11, 2000 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Larry Powell, Benny Lariscy, Steve Hughes, Eddie Vincent, and Jeff Cockrell. Mike Crews was present as proxy for Chip Sekulich. Moderator Wayne Miracle called the meeting to order and asked for prayer requests. Mike Crews led in prayer.

In old business, Rev. Miracle reviewed the idea to change the format of the association meeting. Several issues need to be reviewed, such as, are all the association items pertinent?, how can youth be involved?, what can be done to limit pastoral turnover?. After much discussion, the board voted to allow the moderator the devotional time at the April meeting to outline the format change and to devise a plan at the next board meeting. The board also discussed the need to have a constant person to direct the singing at the association meetings. Rev. Miracle will take care of this for the January meeting, and the item will be placed on the agenda for the April meeting.

Concerning new business, the next association meeting will be at the Ebenezer Church on January 22, 2000. Allen Carter will be the worship speaker with Larry Montgomery as the alternate. Rev. Larry Powell, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, will secure a devotional speaker for the meeting.

Larry Powell gave the ordaining board report. The ordaining board has a tentative meeting scheduled for January 18. Larry Montgomery will be considered for ratification. Mark Williford's application is in process. M/S/C to receive the report.

Mike Crews gave the youth board report. The youth board is planning to meet before the January 22 association meeting. They are planning Youth Competition, and the board is checking out camp facilities that can be used for Junior Camp. They have received three applications for the Laura Bell Barnard scholarship, and the applications are under review. M/S/C to receive the report.

Steve Hughes reported for the mission board. Billy Bevan, Jr. is settled at the Kingsland work. Rev. Bevan has obtained three estimates to pave the parking area. Attendance is up at the work, and Rev. Bevan has done an extensive cleanup. Rev. Hughes also reported that the mission conference schedules are complete. M/S/C to receive the report. The Executive Board discussed the need to honor Buddy Morris for his many years of service to the mission board. M/S/C for the mission board to arrange an appropriate form of appreciation.

The finance report was given by Benny Lariscy. The association funds are at a minimum. One factor that has caused the funds to deplete is the recent payment of the state and national dues. The board voted to review the financial status at the April meeting. Mr. Lariscy will come up with an estimate of a possible increase in church dues to offset expenses. M/S/C to receive the report.

By consensus, the Executive Board also set times and dates of future 2000 board meetings. The board will meet at 11:00 a.m. in Jesup, Georgia, on April 4, July 11, and October 3.

The meeting adjourned in prayer led by Eddie Vincent.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening at Ebenezer FWB Church, Glennville, GA
January 22, 2000

Welcome:

The association meeting began with Eddie Vincent leading the congregation singing "Come Unto Me." Host pastor, Larry Powell, extended the welcome and led in prayer.

Call to Order:

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session. Larry Powell gave the devotion from Ephesians 5:15-16 entitled "Redeeming the Time." Rev. Powell stated, "We need to make the most of every opportunity."

Roll Call:

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 18 ministers and 19 churches being present. The moderator recognized the visitors to the meeting: Gene Dawson, Ralph Lightsey, and William Smith.

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The Executive Board Report was read by the clerk and received.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: Alabama - Mildred Dixon; First, Jesup - Icie Reddish; Philadelphia - Clayton Roddenberry; Surrency - Tom Martin. After a moment of silence, Steve Hughes led the obituary prayer.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: Roger Beecher, Virgil Carter, and Ralph Lightsey. Finance: David Griffin, Troy Dykes, and Calvin Bennett.

Miscellaneous Business:

William Smith gave greetings from the State Office. The state meeting will be held in March beginning this year. The reasons for changing the meeting time of the state meeting are threefold: It will help in having up-to-date financial information; It will allow us to meet closer to the time of the national meeting; The nature of farming has changed, which was the original cause for a November meeting time. Rev. Smith reported that each camp board will receive \$1,000 to aid in conducting their local camps. All Georgia mission works are progressing well. The building is being completed for Trinity Fellowship in Hampton. Rev. Billy Bevan, Jr. is the new pastor at Camden. The state mission board is looking at supporting a Korean work in Atlanta. Rev. Smith also stated that giving to the denomination enterprises has increased in recent years.

Other miscellaneous business involved electing delegates to the March state meeting. South Georgia is entitled to eight delegates. The association voted to elect Sharon Vincent, Sammie Montgomery, and Martha Morris as delegates and to authorize the moderator to appoint others.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Dwelling in Beulah Land" led by Eddie Vincent. The following reports were given:

Ordaining Board:

Chairman Larry Powell stated that the Ordaining Board had met with Rev. Larry Montgomery and is satisfied with his application for membership. The board recommended that he be ratified and extended all privileges as a member of the association. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt the recommendation.

Mission Board:

Mission Board chairman Steve Hughes asked Billy Bevan to report on the Camden work. Rev. Bevan reported that they have made several contacts and an extensive clean up of the building has taken place. Benny Lariscy reported on the finances. Rev. Hughes reminded the attendees of the upcoming Missions Conference. M/S/C to receive the report. Rev. Hughes presented a plaque to Rev. William "Buddy" Morris in appreciation for his 30-plus years of service to the South Georgia Mission Board. The moderator expressed appreciation to Conrad Williford's work in coordinating the Missions Conference.

Youth Board Report:

Chairman Chip Sekulich reported that youth competition will be April 1 at the Baxley Church. Junior camp for ages 8-12 will be June 11-17. Camp fees have increased, so they have asked churches and business to help support camp financially. They have approved worthy recipients for the Laura Bell Barnard Scholarship and they will distribute the scholarships shortly. M/S/C to receive the report.

Finance:

Benny Lariscy gave the financial report. Mr. Lariscy stated that the Executive Board will examine the financial status at the next board meeting. William Smith explained the increase in church dues came about because of the increasing costs of the National Association meeting. M/S/C to receive the report.

South Georgia Woman Active for Christ:

The WAC has planned a workshop that will meet at the Pine Level Church on March 4. Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 11:00 a.m. M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolutions Committee Report:

Parnell Aldridge offered a resolution to give the Ebenezer Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown in hosting the meeting. M/S/C to receive the report.

Worship:

A call to worship was given by a girls' ensemble from the Ebenezer Church. Eddie Vincent led the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." Shirley Howard rendered special music. Rev. Allen Carter brought the message from Jeremiah 6:16 on the subject "Some Old Things." Rev. Carter stated, "There are some old things that are renewed every day by the Spirit of God; there are some old things that will never pass away." Several gathered at the altar for prayer.

Host pastor, Larry Powell, gave instructions for the meal, and Buddy Morris asked the blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

**South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Treasurer Report
October 1, 1999 thru December 31 , 1999**

Balance brought froward, October 1, 1999			1,850.54
Receipts for Quarter			
Church Dues			
Alabaha	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 meeting		121.00	
Total Accountable			2,799.04
Expense			
Church Mutual Insurance Co.	887.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk	60.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Mileage	20.00		
Wayne Miracle, Moderator	30.00		
Wayce Miracle, Mileage	34.00		
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	30.00		
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	18.80		
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist	1205.00		
Meals, Captain Joe's	88.47		
Postmaster, Clerk	33.00		
W.L. Morris, Mileage	30.00		
Eddie L. Vincent, Milage	14.00		
Johnson Office Supply, letterheads /enveloped	194.50		
Total Expense			2,644.77
Balance Forward December 31, 1999			154.27
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer South Georgia Association 287 Sunset Drive Waycross, Georgia 31503 912-283-1670 Phone, 912-283-1602 Fax			
Certificates of Deposit			
Number 1	65,277.41		
Number 2	10,001.84		

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Treasurer Report
January 1, 2000 thru March 31, 2000

Balance brought forward, January 1, 2000			\$ 154.27
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	100.00		
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		977.50	
Offering, Quarterly meeting		174.00	
Refund Church Mutual Ins. Co.		77.00	
Total Accountable			1,382.77
Expense			
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk	60.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Mileage	20.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Reimburse Postage	16.50		
Wayne Miracle, Moderator	30.00		
Wayce Miracle, Mileage	32.80		
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	30.00		
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	18.80		
Steve Hughes, Mileage	26.00		
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist	120.00		
Meals, Captain Joe's	111.62		
Postmaster, Clerk	33.00		
Savannah Awards and Signs, Plack	59.25		
Total Expense			557.97
Balance Forward March 31, 2000			824.80
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South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Mission Board
Treasurer Report
January 1, 2000 thru March 31, 2000

Balance brought forward, January 1, 2000	\$ 23,209.67
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Receipts:

Liberty Church	191.00
Memorial Church	100.00
Piney Grove Church	62.50
Spring Grove Church	86.86
Philadelphia Church	100.00
Piney Grove Church	62.50
State Office, Savannah Church	50.00
Piney Grove Church	62.50
Philadelphia Church	100.00
Spring Grove Church	131.78
Total Receipts	947.14
Total Accountable	24,156.81
Expenditures:	
Wayne Miracle Mileage and meal	74.67
Johnson Paving Inc.	20,000.00
Total Expenditures	20,074.67
 Balance Forward	 \$ 4082.14

South Georgia Association Mission Conference

The South Georgia Association Mission Conference was held from January 30, 2000 thru February 27, 2000. There were 33 services held with 4 missionaries in 20 churches. As of April 21, 2000, 16 churches have reported a total of \$ 9,000.32 offering, designated for the Mission Conference. Each missionary will receive \$ 272.74 for each service he was in.

Alabama	250.00	Baxley	216.20
Corinth	200.00	Ebenezer	361.00
First Brunswick	1267.00	First Savannah	512.76
Glennville	747.71	Liberty	250.00
Memorial	459.00	Oak Hill	646.00
Philadelphia	500.00	Pine Level	1046.00
Piney Grove	1158.00	Satilla	200.00
Spring Grove	500.00	Swainsboro	686.65
 Total Receipts		 \$ 9,000.32	

**South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting
April 4, 2000**

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on April 4, 2000 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Buddy Morris, Wayne Miracle, Benny Lariscy, Larry Powell, Eddie Vincent, Steve Hughes, and Jeff Cockrell. (Jimmy Aldridge sat in on the meeting.)

Wayne Miracle called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Vincent to take prayer requests. Larry Powell led in prayer.

In old business, the board voted for Eddie Vincent to be in charge of the music at all association meetings. Also, Rev. Miracle outlined his vision of the association meetings. Rev. Miracle's vision is fourfold: 1). To construct a purpose statement and mission statement for the association and each board and committee, 2). To change the devotional time to a mini seminar, 3). To increase involvement, 4). To increase worship and decrease business. The board voted to approve Rev. Miracle's idea and to present the item to the association for their approval.

Concerning new business, the next meeting will be at the First Church, Brunswick, on April 22, 2000. Conrad Williford will be the worship speaker with Rod Goodman as the alternate. Wayne Miracle will give the devotion.

Larry Powell gave the ordaining board report. Rev. Powell has the 2000 Ministers' Cards and will distribute these at the April association meeting. M/S/C to receive the report.

The youth board did not have a representative to give a report; however, Eddie Vincent reported that they held Youth Competition at the Baxley Church. Also, Junior Camp will be held June 11-16. M/S/C to receive the report.

Steve Hughes reported for the mission board. The mission board met Feb. 17 at Camden. The paving on the parking lot has been completed. They voted to change the width from sixty feet to eighty feet, which increased the cost. The missions conference went well. The board has looked at the current travel expenses for the missionaries on possible ways to achieve better stewardship. M/S/C to receive the report.

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report. There was some discussion on the current financial status. Rev. Hughes and Mr. Lariscy will investigate the possibility of the Camden Church paying the insurance for the Camden property. After a brief discussion concerning the possible increase of church dues, the executive board voted to table the item. M/S/C to receive the report.

In other business, Jeff Cockrell reported on the plans of the state Christian education board to begin a Bible Institute program. Tentative start date is the fall of 2001 with two locations.

The meeting adjourned in prayer led by Jimmy Aldridge.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening at First FWB Church, Brunswick, GA
April 22, 2000

Welcome:

The association meeting began with Eddie Vincent leading the congregation singing "A New Name Written Down in Glory." Host pastor Chip Sekulich extended the welcome.

Call to Order:

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session. Rev. Miracle gave a devotion from I Chron. 12:32 on the subject "Understanding Our Times." Rev. Miracle stated, "It's time that we call upon pastors, deacons, church leaders and lay people to understand the times as the children of Issachar did.... We must come up with a plan to affect society." Rev. Miracle proposed four changes to set up that would affect our world: 1) find our purpose, 2) address the issues that we face, 3) activate people, 4) increase worship. "I want this meeting to be a source of encouragement to everyone who comes," remarked Miracle.

Roll Call:

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 10 ministers and 16 churches being present. The moderator also recognized visitors to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The Executive Board Report was read by the clerk and received. Association delegates also voted to approve the proposed changes in the association meeting format.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: Corinth - Cecil Tanner; First, Jesup - Martha Aldridge; Memorial - Howard Blanton; Philadelphia - Jeanette Lane, Melba C. Turner; Pine Level - Sue Johnson, Gwen Douglas; Savannah - Robie Hendrix; New Hope - Jewell Leggett.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: William Morris, Winston Everett, and Joyce Taylor. Finance: Wade Brinson, Henry Clay, and Sharon Vincent. Nominating: Larry Powell, Parnell Aldridge, and Conrad Williford.

Miscellaneous Business:

Jeff Cockrell reported on the plans of the State CE Board to begin a Bible Institute program for our pastors and lay people. Also, Eddie Vincent suggested postponing the May associational fellowship to May 8 due to the Ministers' Retreat. By consensus, the fellowship meeting was delayed to May 8.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary." The following reports were given:

Ordaining Board: No report was given.

Mission Board:

Mission Board chairman Steve Hughes stated that they have paved the parking lot at the Camden Church. Rev. Hughes also reported that attendance is up at Camden. Rev. Hughes encouraged churches to participate in the Laura Bell Barnard offering for World Missions. M/S/C to receive the report.

Youth Board Report:

Chairman Chip Sekulich reported that competition went well. Also, Rev. Sekulich reminded churches of the upcoming Junior Camp for ages 8-12. M/S/C to receive the report.

Finance:

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: No report was given.

Resolutions Committee Report:

They offered a resolution to extend a rising vote of thanks to the First Church, Brunswick for the hospitality shown in hosting the meeting. M/S/C to receive the report.

Worship:

Eddie Vincent led the congregation in singing "Because He Lives." Charlotte Sekulich rendered special music. Rev. Conrad Williford brought the message from Acts 4:32-37 on the subject of the church.

Host pastor, Chip Sekulich, gave instructions for the meal, and L. Hughes asked the blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Treasurer Report
April 1, 2000 thru June 30, 2000

Balance brought forward, April 1, 2000			\$ 824.80
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	50.00		
Spring Grove	42.50		
Statesboro	35.00		
Surrency	35.00		
Swainsboro	35.00		
Total Church Dues		877.50	
Offering, Quarterly meeting		106.00	
Total Accountable			1,808.30
Expense			
Wayne Miracle, Moderator	30.00		
Wayce Miracle, Mileage	30.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk	60.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Mileage	20.00		
Steve Hughes, Mileage	25.00		
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	30.00		
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	18.80		
Church Mutual Ins.	238.25		
Georgia Secretary of State	15.00		
Meals, Captain Joe's	117.23		
Postmaster, Clerk	33.00		
Johnson Office Supplies, Minutes	355.38		
Church Mutual Ins.	189.00		
Total Expense			1,161.66
Balance Forward June 30, 2000			\$ 646.64
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer South Georgia Association			
287 Sunset Drive			
Waycross, Georgia			
31503			
912-283-1670 Phone, 912-283-1602 Fax			
Certificates of Deposit			
Number 1	65,277.41		
Number 2	10,001.84		

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Mission Board
Treasurer Report
April 1, 2000 thru June 30, 2000

Balance brought forward, April 1, 2000	\$ 4,082.14
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Receipts:

Liberty Church	170.00
Piney Grove Church	187.50
Spring Grove Church	91.35
Philadelphia Church	300.00

Total Receipts	748.85
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Total Accountable	4,830.99
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Expenditures:

Balance Forward	\$ 4,830.99
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South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting
July 11, 2000

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on July 11, 2000 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Benny Lariscy, Steve Hughes, Wayne Miracle, Chip Sekulich, Eddie Vincent, and Jeff Cockrell. Justin Marker set in on the meeting.

Wayne Miracle called the meeting to order and took prayer requests. Jeff Cockrell led in prayer.

There was no old business to be considered.

Concerning new business, the next association meeting will be at the First Church, Jesup, on August 5, 2000. Rod Goodman will be the worship speaker. Rev. Miracle will secure a guest speaker to address the topic of Free Will Baptist history. The board voted to pay an honorarium of \$50.00 to guest speakers and IRS allowance on mileage. Chip Sekulich suggested omitting verbal reports at the association meetings. All reports will be printed and distributed before the meeting.

Chip Sekulich gave the youth board report. Seventy-three campers participated in Junior Camp directed by Mike Crews. At least 15 campers made first time professions of faith. Pictures from this year's Junior Camp are available for viewing on the Internet. Some executive board members expressed concerns about the type dress and music at this year's teen camp. Moderator Miracle said any opinions needed to be expressed to our State Camp Board representative, Rod Goodman. M/S/C to receive the report.

Steve Hughes reported for the mission board. The Camden work is doing well. Pastor Bevan has a summer intern working with him from Amory, Mississippi. There was a recent burglary at the church. Also, Rev. Hughes reported that Mr. Dennis Moore is interested in working with the association on starting a college campus ministry in Statesboro. M/S/C to receive the report.

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report. After much discussion, the board voted to recommend an increase of \$15.00 per category on church dues. The increase would be effective for the October 28, 2000 meeting. M/S/C to receive the report.

In other business, Rev. Miracle asked to board to consider the possibility of establishing a pastor support committee.

The meeting adjourned in prayer led by Justin Marker.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening at First FWB Church, Jesup, GA
August 5, 2000

Welcome:

The association began with Eddie Vincent leading the congregation singing "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." Host pastor Fred Lockwood extended the welcome and led in prayer.

Call to Order:

The clerk, Jeff Cockrell, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session. The moderator reviewed the fourfold vision of the association that was approved at the April 2000 meeting - 1) find our purpose, 2) address the issues we face, 3) activate people, 4) increase worship.

Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Geraldine Waid addressed the association on the topic of FWB history. Mrs. Waid gave helpful information on how to find historical data. The South Georgia Association was the second FWB group to be organized in Georgia. It was founded in 1876 and called Ogeechee Association. The name was changed to South Georgia in 1903. Mrs. Waid also encouraged churches to compile their history.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: Parnell Aldridge, Frank Miller, and Billy James. Finance: Bobby Smith, Michael McClintock, and Virgil Carter.

Special Music:

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Unclouded Day." A ladies trio from the First Church, Jesup, sung a special song.

Roll Call:

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 19 ministers and 21 churches being present. The moderator recognized visitors to the meeting. Church delegates were recognized and seated.

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The Executive Board Report was read by the clerk and received.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: Alabaha - Jewell Aldridge; Corinth - Willie Free; First, Savannah - Jessie Corbett; Philadelphia - Rev. Bernard Shivar; Pine Level - Gwen Douglas. Tom Lightsey led in prayer.

Miscellaneous Business:

Debbie Griffin gave a report from Japan. She is home for six months and will be returning to Japan in January 2001. Missionaries to Japan are in the process of establishing new works. Nathan and Linda Snow are in the final stages of language school. Ms. Griffin also expressed thanks for the Acts 1:8 program.

Herbert Waid reported that the Lunsfords have departed for Mongolia. The Bishops will be returning to Japan on Aug. 23. Mr. Waid also encouraged churches to support the Bible college in their relocation campaign.

Jeff Cockrell reported for the state CE board concerning plans on starting a Bible institute in the fall of 2001. Mr. Cockrell asked those who had not completed a survey form concerning the Bible instituted to do so.

Wayne Miracle reported that the state trustee board will meet on Sep. 23 at Cornerstone Church, Perry, to discuss the plans for the state office.

Ordaining Board:

Larry Powell reported that the Philadelphia Church requests that Frank Miller be licensed. The board has examined him and recommends him for licensing. M/S/C to accept the recommendation.

Mission Board:

Mission Board chairman Steve Hughes expressed thanks for the prayers that had been offered for his son Samuel. Billy Bevan, Jr. reported on the Camden work. Pastor Bevan expressed thanks for the paving of the parking lot. The church has a summer intern and has had 40-50 visitors to the church during the summer. Rev. Hughes asked for comments on developing a college campus ministry and also encouraged churches to get involved in Operation Saturation. Pastor Bevan will be participating in Operation Saturation and those willing to participate are to contact him. M/S/C to receive the report.

Youth Board:

Chairman Chip Sekulich reported that Junior Camp went well. Mike Crews served as camp director. The board is working on compiling a mission statement. M/S/C to receive the report.

Finance:

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

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

Mrs. Williford reported that the District Meeting was held the first Saturday in February. The state prayer retreat will be in September. M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolutions:

Chair William Morris offered a resolution to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to receive the report.

Nominating Committee:

Chair Larry Powell presented a slate of nominations for consideration. The association voted to reelect each person to their respective positions.

Worship:

Eddie Vincent led the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable." A ladies trio from the First Church, Jesup, rendered special music. Rev. Rod Goodman brought the message from Galatians 5:22-23 on the subject of joy.

Host pastor Fred Lockwood gave instructions for the meal, and Billy Livesay asked the blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting
October 3, 2000

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on Oct. 3, 2000 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Wayne Miracle, Steve Hughes, Benny Lariscy, Eddie Vincent, and Buddy Morris. Parnell Aldridge was proxy for Chip Sekulich.

Wayne Miracle called the meeting to order and took prayer requests. They gave several requests for prayer. Benny Lariscy prayed.

Concerning new business, the next association meeting will be at First Church, Savannah, on October 28, 2000. Larry Montgomery will be the worship speaker. The board voted to contact Justin Marker to serve as alternate speaker. Rev. Miracle said that Damon Dodd nor Matt Pinson would be available to speak at the October meeting. They suggested several alternates. Rev. Miracle will secure a guest speaker and contact the clerk with the information.

Parnell Aldridge reported for the youth board. Finances are okay. Junior camp went well this year, and the board plans to use the same facilities for the next summer camp session. M/S/C to receive the report.

Chair Steve Hughes of the mission board reported that Operation Saturation was a success at the Camden Church. Approximately eight churches and sixty-five people participated. The group knocked on more than 1,200 doors and distributed literature to the area. One family visited the Camden Church as a result. Rev. Hughes also reported that the idea of a campus ministry in Statesboro is on hold. The executive board discussed the possibility of bringing Dennis Moore down to talk with him and have him speak at the association meeting. Rev. Hughes will contact Mr. Moore about the possibility. M/S/C to receive the report.

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report. The board discussed the need for offerings to the mission board to help maintain the property in Camden. The board reviewed again the possibility of having the mission board pay the Camden insurance or having the church take this expense up. M/S/C to receive the report.

The meeting adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

William Morris, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening at First FWB Church, Savannah, GA
October 28, 2000

Welcome:

The association began with Eddie Vincent leading the congregation singing "He Brought Me Out." Host pastor Steve Hughes extended the welcome and led in prayer. A group from the host church sang.

Call to Order:

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer William Morris called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session.

Morning Session:

Rev. Larry Montgomery spoke on the topic of the church worship service. He took his message from Acts 10. Rev. Montgomery said certain things happen when people attend a church service. There is worship. There is also conviction of sin. Moreover, many do not want to be there. However, Rev. Montgomery offered a formula for a good church service. First, the congregation must be present, and they must be praying. Being conscience of God's presence is important for the congregation. Second, there is the preacher. Like Peter in Acts 10, the modern preacher is an ordinary man, but he serves a great God. The message was concluded in the worship hour.

Committees:

The moderator appointed the committees for the meeting. Resolutions: Billy James, Frank Miller, and Sharon Vincent. Finance: Mike Price, Leroy Smith, and Brother Charles.

Roll Call:

The roll call of ministers and churches was taken with 7 ministers and 11 churches present. They recognized and seated church delegates.

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The executive board report was read by the assistant clerk/treasurer and received.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given: Baxley - Jessie Cowart; Glennville - Annie C. Bruner, Wyndell Reynolds. After a moment of silence, Amos McMillen prayed.

Ordaining Board: No report given.

Mission Board:

Mission Board chairman Steve Hughes reported that Operation Saturation was very successful at the Camden work. About 1,200 doors were knocked on. Rev. Hughes reported that the Missions Conference will be in February. Conrad Williford is coordinating the conference. Rev. Hughes also reminded the attendees that November is National Home Missions month. M/S/C to receive the report.

Youth Board:

Chairman Chip Sekulich reported that the board is working on scholarship plans for the FWB Bible College students from South Georgia. M/S/C to receive the report.

Finance:

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

Resolutions:

The Resolutions Committee offered the following resolution: "We resolve that by standing we show our appreciation to the host church for having us here, for the hospitality, and for the noon meal." M/S/C to receive the report.

Worship:

Eddie Vincent led the congregation in singing "I Want to be a Worker" and "A Shelter in the Eye of the Storm." They received the offering. Special music was rendered by a quartet from the First Church, Savannah. Rev. Montgomery concluded his message from the morning session. The third ingredient for a great church service is the sermon. The sermon must be short, to the point, scriptural, and spiritual. The fourth ingredient is the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:44 reports that when the Holy Spirit was in control that the people magnified God, and the people were committed to God. Several responded to the message to pray for various needs expressed.

Host pastor Steve Hughes gave instructions for the meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Jeff Cockrell, Clerk

William Morris, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

**South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Mission Board
Treasurer Report
July 1, 2000 thru September 30, 2000**

Balance brought forward, July 1, 2000	\$ 4,830.99
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Receipts:

Liberty Church	148.35
Piney Grove Church	187.50
Spring Grove Church	311.64
Philadelphia Church	300.00
State Office	156.64

Total Receipts	1,104.13
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Total Accountable	5,935.12
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Expenditures:

Wayne Miracle, Mileage / Meal	37.55
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Balance Forward, September 30, 2000	\$ 5,897.57
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South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Treasurer Report
July 1, 2000 thru September 30, 2000

Balance brought forward, July 1, 2000			\$ 646.64
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	0.00		
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		835.00	
Offering, Quarterly meeting		130.02	
Total Accountable			1,611.66
Expense			
Wayne Miracle, Moderator	30.00		
Wayce Miracle, Mileage	30.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Clerk	60.00		
Jeff Cockrell, Mileage	20.00		
Steve Hughes, Mileage	25.00		
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	30.00		
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	18.80		
Eddie Vincent	14.40		
Alex Sekulch	16.40		
Church Mutual Ins.	215.25		
Meals, Captain Joe's	114.15		
Jeff Cockrell, Postage	33.00		
Geraldine Wald, Speaker honorarium, mileage	140.61		
Church Mutual Ins.	178.00		
Total Expense			925.61
Balance Forward September 30, 2000			\$ 686.05
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer South Georgia Association			
287 Sunset Drive			
Waycross, Georgia			
31503			
912-283-1670 Phone, 912-283-1602 Fax			
Certificates of Deposit			
Number 1	65,277.41		
Number 2	10,001.84		

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 to 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

I. Pastor leaving the South Georgia Association

If Rev. John Anybody is pastoring 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.

Once 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, preferable the clerk of the association, before the next quarterly meeting, if possible, requesting that Rev. 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.

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 the 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 these 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 be 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 I Tim. 2:11-15; I 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 resistible 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 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.