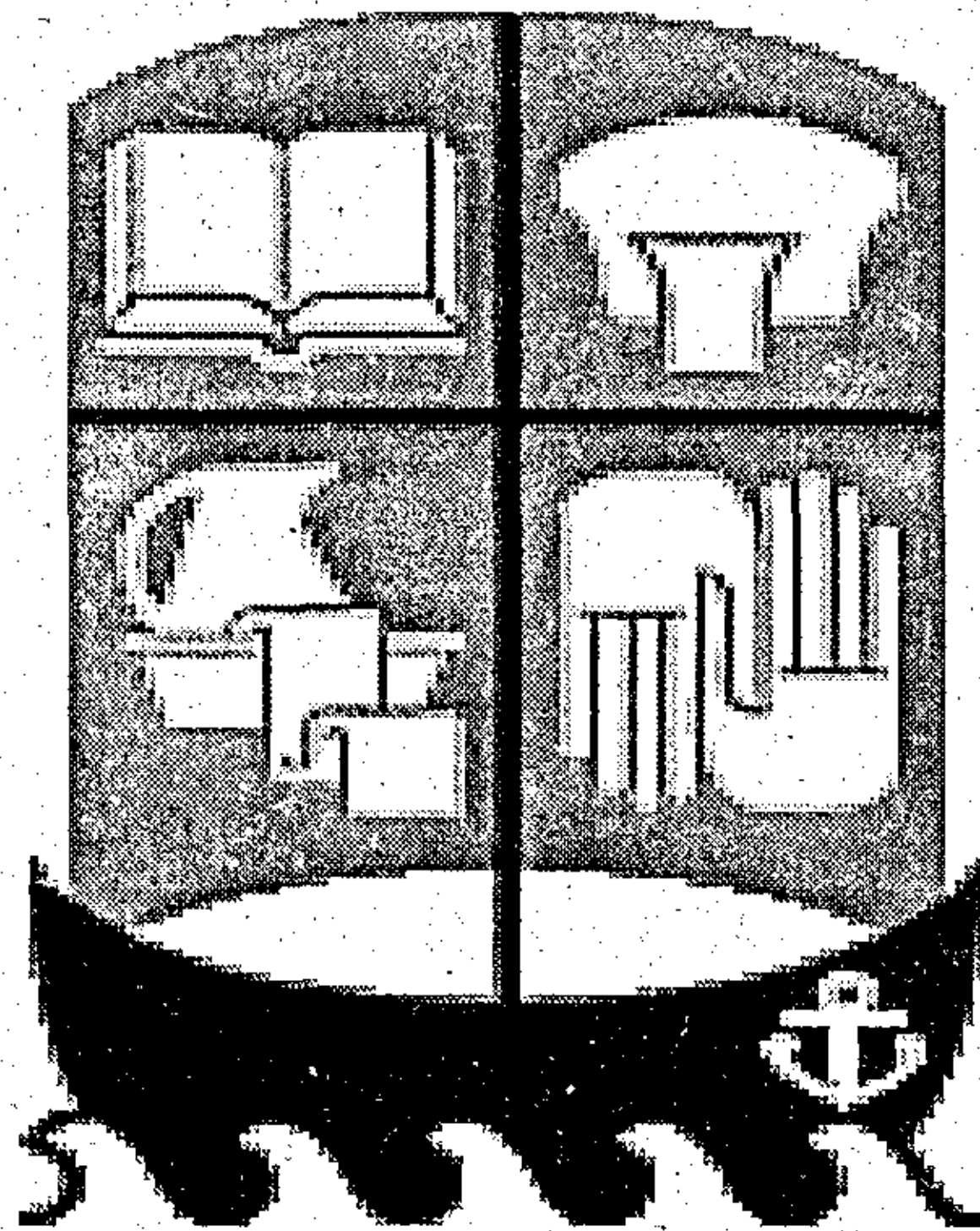


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2004

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist Directory

<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Asst. Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
Rev. Wayne Miracle 617 Sweetheart Lane Statesboro, GA 30461 912-764-9724 wmiracle@frontiernet.net		Rev. Tim Horne 1240 New Hope Road Jesup, GA 31545 912-586-2098 twhorne@accessatc.net
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Asst. Clerk/Treasurer</u>	
Mr. Benny Lariscy 287 Sunset Drive Waycross, GA 31545 912-283-1670 bflariscy@accessatc.net	Rev. William (Buddy) Morris 303 Marvin Avenue 912-681-1335 Statesboro, GA 30458	

<u>Mission Board</u>		
2007	Benny Lariscy	912-283-1670
2008	Mike Edwards	912-427-4263
2009	Mark Kennedy	912-375-5481
2005		
2006	Wayne Miracle	912-764-9724

<u>Ordaining Board</u>		
2008	Tim Horne	912-586-2098
2005	Steve Hughes	912-355-1686
2006		
2007	Amos McMillan	912-367-7933
2004	Dale Yarborough	912-632-6814

<u>Youth Board</u>		
2008	Todd Horne	912-294-2831
2009	Eric Brown	912-632-5240
2005		
2006		
2007	John Rentz	912-283-1407

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist Directory

Church	Pastor	Church Clerk
Alabaha FWB Church 4400 Hwy 203 Blackshear, GA 31516 912-449-4896	4400 Hwy 203 Blackshear, GA 31516 912-449-4896	Mrs. Angie Sapp 307 Strickland Ave Blackshear, GA 31516
Baxley FWB Church Fair & Plier Street Baxley, GA 31513 912-367-7177	Rev. David Amburgey 67 E. Glendale Avenue Baxley, GA 31513 912-367-7633	Mrs. Lila C. Everett 67 Robin Street Baxley, GA 31513 912-367-2050
Bethel FWB Church 7770 County Farm Road Baxley, GA 31513 912-367-2312	Rev. Steve Windham 1722 Cain Road Baxley, GA 31513 912-366-8337	Mrs. Edna Vaughn 7770 County Farm Road Baxley, GA 31513 912-367-2312 cowtrac@altamaha.net
Corinth FWB Church 181 Corinth Church Road Alma, GA 31510 912-632-6814	Rev. Dale Yarborough 181 Corinth Church Road Alma, GA 31510-9802 912-632-6814	Mrs. April Roberson 142 Amante Lane Alma, GA 31510 912-632-5377 aprilroberson@hotmail.com
Ebenezer FWB Church 1580 Ebenezer Church Road Glennville, GA 30427-9250 912-654-3878	Rev. Reuben Cason 1580 Ebenezer Church Road Glennville, GA 30427-9250 912-654-3878	Mr. Royce Folsom 500 Folsom Lane Glennville, GA 30427 912-654-4811 rjfolson@pineland.net
First Brunswick FWB Church 4231 US 17 North Brunswick, GA. 31520 912-261-2098	Rev Aaron Baldrige 705 Island View Drive Brunswick, GA 31525 912-399-6609 pastorffwb@bewllsouth.net	Mrs. Aletha Becklhimer 110 Allen Lane Brunswick, GA 31525 912-267-1240
First Jesup FWB Church 795 South 1st Street Jesup, GA 31545 912-427-4401 Stephen Jackson -Associate 107 Hollywood Ave Jesup, GA 31545 912-530-9174	Rev. Mike Edwards 132 Pleasant Way Jesup, GA 31540 912-427-4263 mkejesup@bellsouth.net fwbiesup@bellsouth.net fwbpastor@bwellsouth.net	Mrs. Mary Kicklighter P.O. Box 1165 Jesup, GA 31598 912-427-7681 Todd Horne - Music P.O. Box 175 Jesup, GA 31598 912-294-2831 toddhorn@hotmail.com

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Church	Pastor	Church Clerk
First Savannah FWB Church 5210 Skidaway Road P.O. Box 15935 Savannah, GA 31416-2635 912-355-1686	Rev. Steve Hughes 5212 Skidaway Road P.O. Box 15935 Savannah, GA 31416-2635 912-354-0971 slffwb@g-net.net	Mrs. Jeanie Howard 253 Shipyard Road Savannah, GA 31406 912-352-9294
Glennville FWB Church P.O. Box 308 Glennville, GA 30427 912-654-3601	Rev. Parnell Aldridge P.O. Box 308 Glennville, GA 30427 912-654-2621	Mrs. Barbara Roberts 514 Railroad Street Glennville, GA 30427 912-654-2436
Liberty FWB Church 129 University Blvd. Waycross, GA 31501 912-283-7511	Rev. John Rentz 3862 Marvin Strickland Road Waycross, GA 31503 912-283-1407 jarentz@tds.net	Mrs. Barbara Sumner 3417 17th Street Waycross, GA 31503 912-285-7273
Memorial FWB Church 5136 GA Hwy 121 South East Surrency, GA 31563 912-367-7933	Rev. Amos McMillon 5136 GA. Hwy 121 S.E. Surrency, GA 31563 912-367-7933	Mr. Gene Mann 10702 Poor Robin Road Surrency, GA 31563 912-367-7925 bmenn@cybersouth.com
New Hope FWB Church 1790 New Hope Road Jesup, GA 31545 912-586-6320	Rev. Tim Horne 1240 New Hope Road Jesup, GA 31545-9329 912-586-2098 twhorne@accessatc.net	Mrs. Joyce Oakes 7777 Beards Bluff Road Odum, Ga 31555 912-586-2583 jobo@accessatc.net
New Life Fellowship FWB Church 23574 Hwy 80 East Statesboro, GA 30461 912-764-2150	Rev. Wayne Miracle 617 Sweetheart Lane Statesboro, GA 30461 912-764-9724 waynemiracle@frontiernet.net	Mrs. Marie C. Bowen 201 Circle Drive Statesboro, GA 30461 912-764-3082 soxfan@frontiernet.net
Oak Hill FWB Church 6876 Red Oak Road Baxley, GA 31513 912-367-6275		Mrs. Rhonda Waters 7475 Red Oak Road Baxley, GA 31513 912-367-9508

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Church	Pastor	Church Clerk
Philadelphia FWB Church RR 2, Box 3682 Folkstown, GA. 31537 912-496-2655	RR 2 Box 3682 Folkstown, GA 31537 912-276-0173 ericbrown@accessatc.net	Mrs. Sharon Padgett Route 2, Box 3570 Folkston, GA 31537 912-496-7943 qpadgett@planttel.net
Pine Level FWB Church 551 Pine Level Church Road Alma, GA 31510 912-632-4100	Rev. Eric Brown 551 Pine Level Church Road Alma, GA 31510 912-632-5240 ericbrown@accessatc.net	Mrs. Kay Peterson 158 Dolphin Road Alma, GA 31510 912-632-8768 peterson@accessatc.net
Piney Grove FWB Church 1994 Piney Grove Road Bristol, GA 31518 912-367-9798	Kenny Cowart - Interim 1902 Piney Grove Road Bristol, GA 31518 912-367-9798	Mrs. Diane Metts 19019 Blackshear Hwy Bristol, GA 31518 912-367-4659 johnnymetts@bellsouth.net
Satilla FWB Church 750 Satilla Church Road Hazlehurst, GA 31539 912-375-7492	Rev. Mark Kennedy 102 Quinn Road Hazlehurst, GA 31539 912-375-5481	Mrs. Joanne Herrington 123 Spell Road Hazlehurst, GA 31539 912-375-5138
Spring Grove FWB Church 2601 Spring Grove Road Jesup, GA 31545 912-427-4987	Rev. Johnny Lewis 114 Lewis Road Jesup, GA 31545-8943 912-427-9354	Mrs. Lovie Emery 575 Mill Creek Road Jesup, GA 31545 912-427-2004
Surrency FWB Church Hwy. 121 South P.O. Box 153 Surrency, GA 31563 912-367-3184	Rev. Roy Woods 373 South Main Street Surrency, GA 31563 912-366-9482 wood2691@bellsouth.net	Mrs. Merlene Mock 3676 Holmesville Road Surrency, GA 31563 912-367-2835
Swainsboro FWB Church 434 Lambs Bridge Road Swainsboro, GA 30401 912-237-9551	Rev. William (Buddy) Morris 303 Marvin Avenue Statesboro, GA 30458 912-681-1335	Mrs. Eloise Hodges 1721 Hwy 57 West Swainsboro, GA 30401 912-469-3110

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist Directory

Mission Church

Camden FWB Church
Gross Road
Kingsland, GA 31545
912-729-8447

Rev. Billy Bevan Jr.
110 Lake Pines Road
Kingsland, GA 31548
912-729-3932

Ordained Pastors

Rev. Charles Barnard
741 Walden Lane
Brunswick, GA 31525
912-270-0703 - cell

Brunswick Christian Academy

Rev. Roger Beecher
26 Hog Hell Bay Road
Hazlehurst, GA 31539
912-375-9284

Satilla FWB Church

Rev. James Hardwick
575 Crystal Road
Alma, GA 31510
912-632-2331

Corinth FWB Church

Rev. Billy Livesay
834 Old Screven Road
Jesup, GA 31545
912-427-2255

First Jesup FWB Church

Lay Speakers

Charles Branch
2007 Orvin Road
Baxley, GA 31513
912-367-9355

Bethel FWB Church

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting
January 6, 2004

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on January 6, 2004 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Tim Horne, Leon Gibson, Benny Lariscy, Chip Sekulich, William Morris, and Wayne Miracle.

The meeting was called to order and prayer requests were taken. Chip Sekulich led in prayer.

Old Business

The special committee assigned to look into the writing of a policy for non-Free Will Baptist pastors called to churches in the association met on November 3, 2003. The committee, William Morris, Wayne Miracle, Larry Montgomery, and Tim Horne has put together a rough draft that will be looked at over the next couple of Executive Board meetings before being presented to the association. M/S/C to accept their report

New Business

The next South Georgia Association Meeting will be at the Alabaha FWB Church in Blackshear, Ga on January 24, 2004. Todd Horne will be the morning worship speaker with Rev. Mike Edwards as the alternate. Wayne Miracle will provide the Morning Seminar Session.

Ordaining Board

Rev. Leon Gibson reported that we have four new pastors that will be examined as soon as possible for ordination: Rev. Mike Edwards, Rev. Bruce Jones, Rev. David Amburgey, and Rev. Arthur Smith. We have sent for letters of recommendation for these men from their previous associations. M/S/C to receive the report.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Youth Board

Rev. Chip Sekulich reported that our youth camp funds are better than they have ever been. He also reported that it is time to start sending applications for Laura Bell Barnard Scholarships to the Youth Board. The dates for Youth Camp are June 21-25 at W.W. Mann in Statesboro, Ga.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Mission Board

Rev. Wayne Miracle reported that we need to keep in close communication with the Camden mission work over the next year. The State Mission Board will continue to support the work until December 2004.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Treasury Report

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report. M/S/C to receive the report.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Other Business

- We will need to elect delegates to the State Meeting at the January Association meeting.
- Rev. Larry Montgomery has tendered a verbal resignation from his position as Assistant Moderator.
- The dates were selected for the 2004 Executive Board meetings:
April 6, 2004
July 8, 2004
October 5, 2004

Prayer to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Tim Horne, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

Convening at Alabaha FWB Church, Blackshear, GA

January 24, 2004

Welcome:

The association began with Tim Horne leading the congregation in singing "Glory to His Name". Host pastor Rev. Arthur Smith extended the welcome to attendees.

Call to Order:

The clerk, Tim Horne, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates:

The roll calls of ministers and churches were taken. Delegates to the association were seated. A welcome was made to all of the visitors present.

Committees:

- Finance: Benny Lariscy, Winston Everett, Kyle McDowell
 - Resolutions: Roy Woods, Craig Spivey, Bruce Jones
- M/S/C to receive the committee appointees.

Approval of Minutes and Executive Board Report:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Executive Board report was read by the clerk and approved. M/S/C to receive both

Morning Session:

Rev. Wayne Miracle came and presented a Morning Seminar on Deacon Ministry.

After a brief recess the meeting re-convened with Tim Horne leading the congregation in worship with "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness".

Obituary Report:

The Obituary Report was given. After a moment of silence, a prayer was given in memory of those who had passed.

Ordaining Board:

Chair Rev. Leon Gibson reported that we have four new pastors to examine for ordination: Rev. Mike Edwards, Rev. Bruce Jones, and Rev. David Amburgey, and Rev. Arthur Smith. Letters have been sent to their former associations requesting a letter a recommendation and good standing. M/S/C to receive the report

Mission Board:

Chair Rev. Mike Edwards reported that the mission board met on January 19, 2004 at the Western Sizzlin in Jesup, GA. He reported the during the board meeting the members were able to come up with three main objectives of the Mission Board. 1) Organize and Promote a South Georgia Missions Conference for 2005. 2) Provide support for the mission work at Camden FWB Church. 3) Establish future mission works in conjunction with the State Mission Board and the Home Missions Department.

Rev. Billy Bevan came and presented a report from the Camden FWB Church. M/S/C to receive the report

Youth Board:

Chair Rev. Chip Sekulich came and presented the Youth Report. See Attached report. M/S/C to receive the report.

Finance:

Mr. Benny Lariscy gave the financial report. M/S/C to receive the report.

Announcements:

- Rev. William Morris announced there would be a Vacation Bible School Workshop on February 24, 2004 at the Statesboro FWB Church.

Recognition of Visitors

Rev. Wayne Miracle recognized the visitors who were present at the meeting. Rev. Arthur and Arlene Smith. Rev. William and Terra Smith. and Dale Bishop, Missionary to Japan.

Report from the State Office

State Promotional Secretary, William Smith came and presented a report from the Free will Baptist State Office.

- The State C.T.S Competition will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, Ga

Report from Japan

Missionary, Dale Bishop came and presented a report from the work

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

Sammie Montgomery gave a report from the South Georgia Women Active for Christ. M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolutions Committee:

The committee offered a resolution to give Alabama FWB Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown in hosting the meeting. M/S/C to receive the resolution.

Delegates to the State Meeting

Kyle McDowell, David Amburgey, Martha Morris, Betty Henderson, Arlene Smith M/S/C to accept the delegates.

M/S/C to close the business session and enter into the worship service.

Worship:

Tim Horne led the congregation in congregational singing "Majesty ". An offering was received. The Alabama FWB Choir provided the special music.

Rev. Mike Edwards came and shared the morning message from Matthew 22:36-39 "What Makes the Church Healthy".

Host pastor, Rev. Arthur Smith gave instructions for the meal, and asked the blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator
Tim Horne, Clerk

South Georgia Association Of Free Will Baptist
Board Of Missions
Treasurer Report
October 1, 2003 Thru December 31, 2003

Balance Brought Forward, October 1, 2003	\$ 12,025.37
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Receipts:

Piney Grove Church	\$ 187.50
Philadelphia Church	\$ 300.00
State Office, Spring Grove Ch	\$ 187.89
Statesboro Church	\$ 283.25

Total Receipts	<u>\$ 958.64</u>
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Total Accountable	\$ 12,984.01
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Expenditures:

Camden Church, October, 2003	\$500.00
Camden Church, November, 2003	\$500.00
Camden Church, December, 2003	\$500.00
Church Mutual Insurance Co.	\$1,114.00

Total Expenditures	\$2,614.00
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Balance Forward December 31, 2003	\$ 10,370.01
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South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Treasurer Report

October 1, 2003 Thru Deceber 31, 2003

Balance brought forward October 1,2003

\$ 3,791.29

Receipts for Quarter

Church Dues:

Alabaha	\$ 62.50
Baxley	\$ 70.00
Bethel	\$ 70.00
Corinth	\$ 70.00
Ebenezer	\$ 70.00
First Brunswick	\$ -
First Jesup	\$ 77.50
First Savannah	\$ 77.50
Glennville	\$ 70.00
Liberty	\$ 62.50
Memorial	\$ 62.50
New Hope	\$ 70.00
Oak Hill	\$ 62.50
Philadelphia	\$ 70.00
Pine Level	\$ 70.00
Piney Grove	\$ 70.00
Satilla	\$ -
Spring Grove	\$ 70.00
Statesboro	\$ 70.00
Surrency	\$ 62.50
Swainsboro	\$ 62.50

Total Church Dues

\$ 1,300.00

Offering, Ouarterly Meeting

\$ 126.00

Total Receipts

\$ 1,426.00

Total Accountable

\$ 5,217.29

Expenses

Wayne Miracle, Moderator	\$ 30.00
Wayne Miracle, Mileage	\$ 37.50
Tim Horne, Clerk	\$ 60.00
Tim Horne, Postage & Cards	\$ 80.00
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	\$ 30.00
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	\$ 23.50
Captain Joe's	\$ 66.89
Church Mutual Insurance	\$ 346.00
Bank Charge, check order	\$ 13.20
	\$ -
	\$ -

Total Expense

\$ 687.09

Balance Forward Deceber 31, 2003

\$ 4,530.20

Certificates Of Deposit

Douglas / Missions

\$76,758.41

Holding in Trust (InterestFor Youth Board)

\$10,001.84

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

Executive Board Meeting

April 6, 2004

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on January 6, 2004 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Tim Horne, Leon Gibson, Benny Lariscy, Chip Sekulich, William Morris, Mike Edwards, and Wayne Miracle.

The meeting was called to order and prayer requests were taken. Mike Edwards led in prayer.

New Business

The next South Georgia Association Meeting will be at the Swainsboro FWB Church in Swainsboro, Ga on April 24, 2004. Rev. Jackie Creech will be the morning worship speaker with Mr. Todd Horne as the alternate. Rev. Mark Kennedy will provide the Morning Seminar Session.

Ordaining Board

Rev. Leon Gibson reported that we have received a letter of recommendation for Rev. Arthur Smith from his previous association and we recommend that we accept his credentials from the Chattahoochee Association into the South Georgia Association.

We have received of letter of recommendation for Rev. David Amburgey from his previous pastor and church, Rev. Barry Reel of the Faith FWB in Carrolton, VA. He has been examined and we are going to give our recommendation of ordination for Rev. Amburgey to the Philadelphia FWB Church in Folkston, GA ,

We are still waiting for letters from the previous associations of Rev. Mike Edwards and Rev. Bruce Jones. M/S/C to receive the report.

Youth Board

Rev. Chip Sekulich reported that Rev. Michael Bryan will the Camp Director at this year's camp session. The date for the session will be June 21-25 at W.W. Mann campground in Statesboro, GA.

He also reported that decisions for Laura Bell Barnard Scholarships will be awarded within the next 30 days.

Any funds that come from the Glenn Wright Company will be forwarded to the treasurer, Mr. Benny Lariscy.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Mission Board

Rev. Mike Edwards discussed plans of how we can assist the Camdem Mission work when the contract with the State Mission Board has expired on December 31, 2004.

He also reported future plans for the Missions Conference.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Treasury Report

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Other Business

We are going to appoint Rev. William Morris and Mr. Benny Lariscy to look into re-directing the money that we currently have in Certificates of Deposits. They will check on rates and report back to the Executive Board

We recommend that Rev. Michael Bryan be elected as the Assistant Moderator to replace Re. Larry Montgomery. Rev. Montgomery has moved to pastor a church in Oklahoma.

We recommend that Rev. Tim Horne replace the un-expired term of Rev. Larry Montgomery on the Ordaining Board.

Rev. Wayne Miracle reported that the church in Statesboro, Ga. has changed the name from Statesboro FWB Church to New Life Fellowship FWB Church.

A motion was made to look into purchasing a laptop computer to be used by the clerk of the association. It was recommended to evaluate pricing.

Old Business

The special committee assigned to look into the writing of a policy for non- Free Will Baptist pastors called to churches in the association met on November 3, 2003. The committee, William Morris, Wayne Miracle, Larry Montgomery, and Tim Horne has put together a rough draft that will be looked at over the next couple of Executive Board meetings before being presented to the association. M/S/C to accept their report

Other Business

- The dates for the remaining Executive Board are: July 8, 2004
October 5, 2004

Prayer to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Tim Horne, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

Convening at Swainsboro FWB Church, Swainsboro, GA

April 24, 2004

Welcome:

The association began with Todd Horne leading the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus". Host pastor Rev. William Morris extended the welcome to attendees.

Call to Order:

The assistant clerk, William Morris, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates:

The roll calls of ministers and churches were taken. Delegates to the association were seated. A welcome was made to all of the visitors present.

Committees:

- Finance: Winston Everett, Junior Smith, Troy Dykes
- Resolutions: Amos McMillian, Billy James, Chad Nimmer

M/S/C to receive the committee appointees.

Approval of Minutes and Executive Board Report:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Executive Board report was read by the clerk and approved. M/S/C to receive both

Morning Session:

Rev. Mark Kennedy came and presented a Morning Seminar on "In Pursuit of Purity". The text for the seminar was taken from Psalm 101:3a

After a brief recess the meeting re-convened

Obituary Report:

The Obituary Report was given. After a moment of silence, a prayer was given in memory of those who had passed.

Mission Board:

Chair Rev. Mike Edwards reported on: 1) the missions work in Camden, Ga. 2) Donations from churches will be helpful from churches and individuals to assist with the Camden work. 3) Pray for the possibility of a new work in the Richmond Hill area. and the Home Missions Department. M/S/C to receive the report

Youth Board:

Chair Rev. Chip Sekulich came and presented the Youth Report. See Attached report. M/S/C to receive the report.

Ordaining Board:

Chair Rev. Leon Gibson reported that we have four new pastors to examine for ordination: Rev. Mike Edwards, Rev. Bruce Jones, and Rev. David Amburgey, and Rev. Arthur Smith. The letters for these men have been sent to our association but not have been received at this time. M/S/C to receive the report

Finance:

Mr. Benny Lariscy gave the financial report. M/S/C to receive the report.

Recognition of Visitors

Rev. Wayne Miracle welcomed the visitors who were present at the meeting.

Report on the State Office Project

Rev. Wayne miracle reported that the State Office Building Project has been abandoned and the Georgia State Association plans to purchase the building where the State Office is presently located.

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

No report given.

Resolutions Committee:

The committee offered a resolution to give Swainsboro FWB Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown in hosting the meeting. A resolution was also made to be much in prayer for our military. M/S/C to receive the resolution.

M/S/C to close the business session and enter into the worship service.

Worship:

Todd Horne led the congregation in congregational singing "Blessed Assurance "and "In the Sweet By and By". An offering was received. Ed and Lillian Hudles provided the special music, "This is What Heaven Means to me".

Rev. J.M. Creech, pastor of horse Branch FWB, in Turberville, SC came and shared the morning message from Matthew 9:36 and John 4:34 "His Great Commission".

Rev. Creech also made an appeal for financial assistance from our Association. He is working with a missions outreach in South India who is planning to start a school to train their Pastors. He challenged our association for \$25,000 to help with this missions work. They want to purchase land and a building to get the school started.

A motion was made to receive a special offering for this project. M/S/C to receive the motion.

Host pastor, Rev. William Morris gave instructions for the meal, and asked the blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Tim Horne, Clerk

South Georgia Association Of Free Will Baptist
Board Of Missions
Treasurer Report
January 1, 2004 Thru March 31, 2004

Balance Brought Forward, January 1, 2004 \$ 10,370.01

Receipts:

Piney Grove Church	\$ 187.50
Philadelphia Church	\$ 300.00
State Office,	\$1,188.56

Statesboro Church	\$ 281.25
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Total Receipts \$ 1,957.31

Total Accountable \$ 12,327.32

Expenditures

Camden Church, January 2004	\$500.00
Camden Church, February 2004	\$500.00
Camden Church, March 2004	\$500.00
Wayne Miralce, mileage	\$37.50
Benny Lariscy, mileage	\$22.50
Mark Kenedy, mileage	\$25.00
Frank Miller, mileage	\$26.50
Western Sizzlin, meals	\$41.91

Total expenditures \$1,653.41

Balance Forward March 31, 2004 \$ 10,673.91

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist
Treasurer Report
January 1, 2004 Thru March 31, 2004

Balance brought forward January 1,2004		\$ 4,530.20
Receipts for Quarter		
Church Dues:		
Alabaha	\$ 62.50	
Baxley	\$ 70.00	
Bethel	\$ 70.00	
Corinth	\$ 70.00	
Ebenezer	\$ 77.50	
First Brunswick	\$ 140.00	
First Jesup	\$ 77.50	
First Savannah	\$ 77.50	
Glennville	\$ 70.00	
Liberty	\$ 62.50	
Memorial	\$ 70.00	
New Hope	\$ 70.00	
Oak Hill	\$ 62.50	
Philadelphia	\$ 70.00	
Pine Level	\$ 70.00	
Piney Grove	\$ 70.00	
Satilla	\$ 140.00	
Spring Grove	\$ 70.00	
Statesboro	\$ 70.00	
Surrency	\$ 62.50	
Swainsboro	\$ 62.50	
Total Church Dues		\$1,595.00
Offering, Quarterly Meeting		\$ 145.00
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 1,740.00</u>
Total Accountable		\$ 6,270.20
Expenses		
Wayne Miracle, Moderator	\$ 30.00	
Wayne Miracle, Mileage	\$ 37.50	
Tim Horne, Clerk	\$ 60.00	
Tim Horne, Postage & Supplies	\$ 88.90	
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	\$ 30.00	
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	\$ 23.50	
Chip Sekulich	\$ 21.50	
W. L. Morris, Mileage	\$ 37.50	
Captain Joe's, Meals	\$ 91.57	
Georgia State Assoc. Of FWB	\$2,320.00	
Eagle Bank & Trust, safe deposit box	\$ 25.00	
Total Expense		<u>\$ 2,765.47</u>
Balance Forward March 31, 2004		\$ 3,504.73
Certificates Of Deposit		
Douglas / Missions		\$76,758.41
Holding in Trust (InterestFor Youth Board)		\$10,001.84

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting
July 8, 2004

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on July 8, 2004 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Tim Horne, Benny Lariscy, William Morris, Mike Edwards, and Wayne Miracle.

The meeting was called to order and prayer requests were taken. Mike Edwards led in prayer.

New Business

The next South Georgia Association Meeting will be at the Baxley FWB Church in Baxley, Ga on August 7, 2004. Mr. Todd Horne will be the morning worship speaker with Rev. Bruce Jones as the alternate. Rev. Mike Edwards will provide the Morning Seminar Session on the subject of "Pastor Appreciation".

Old Business

- We read the policy for dealing with a Non-Free Will Baptist Pastor, and we will read this policy at our Association Meeting. We will not vote on this policy until the October Association meeting.
- Rev. Buddy Morris reported on the Certificates of Deposit that we currently have, for the Youth Board and the Board of Missions, with the possibility of re-investing the money with the Free Will Baptist Foundation or with the Home Missions Department. We will investigate these two options and see which will best suit us and report back at the meeting in August. M/S/C to accept this report.
- Rev. Buddy Morris also reported that the Glenn Wright Company has paid in full plus the interest accumulated in money that was invested with this company. We will put this money with the money that we have invested in the Youth Board.

Ordaining Board

No report given from the Ordaining Board.

Youth Board

Rev. Tim Horne reported on this year's camp session that was held June 21-25 at W.W. Mann campground in Statesboro, GA.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Mission Board

Rev. Mike Edwards reported that he has been in touch with Rev. Billy Bevan Jr. and things continue to be going well. Some concerns he has is that he may be losing some families again due to transfers.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Treasury Report

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Other Business

- Rev. Wayne Miracle reported on the work in South India
- Appoint Nominating Committee: Benny Lariscy
Winston Everett
Steve Hughes
- We need to elect an Assistant Moderator. Parnell Aldridge was nominated. M/S/C to accept.
- We will send a letter to the state and ask for the money that was sent to the State Office Project for a new State Office building is sent back to the South Georgia Association. We will send the money, that is returned, to the work in South India.
- Rev. Wayne Miracle reported on the possibility of starting some type of Pastoral Care Ministry for our pastors to use if needed.
- The dates for the remaining Executive Board are: October 5, 2004
January 4, 2005
April 5, 2005
July 12, 2005

Old Business

- None

Prayer to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Tim Horne, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

Convening at Baxley FWB Church, Baxley, GA

August 7, 2004

The association began with Todd Horne leading the congregation in singing "God's Wonderful People". Host pastor Rev. Bruce Jones extended the welcome to attendees.

Call to Order:

The clerk, Tim Horne, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates:

The roll calls of ministers and churches were taken. Delegates to the association were seated. A welcome was made to all of the visitors present.

Approval of Minutes and Executive Board Report:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. M/S/C to receive the report.

The Executive Board report was read. M/S/C to receive the report.

Obituary Report:

The Obituary Report was given. After a moment of silence, Rev Arthur Smith offered a prayer in memory of those who had passed.

Committees:

- Finance: Wade Brinson, Jr. Smith, Danny Dinkins
 - Resolutions: Troy Dykes, Dale Yarborough, Curtis McMillan
- M/S/C to receive the committee appointees.

Morning Session:

Rev. Steve Hughes came and presented a Morning Seminar on "Pastor Appreciation – The Why's and How's of Caring for God's Man". The text for the seminar was taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

After a brief recess the meeting re-convened, Todd Horne came and led the congregation in singing of "Oh I Want to See Him".

Ordaining Board:

Chair Rev. Leon Gibson reported:

- We have received a request from the association where Rev. Larry Montgomery now pastors, for a letter of recommendation from our association.
- We have received a request for the transfer of credentials for Rev Roger Hayley, in our association. He is the Pastor at Piney Grove FWB. We have sent for a letter of recommendation from his previous association. We have received a request for

M/S/C to receive the report

Mission Board:

Rev. Wayne Miracle read the report prepared by the board chairman, Rev. Mike Edwards from the Mission Board. M/S/C to receive the report

Youth Board:

Rev. Tim Horne gave the Camp Report and Rev. Eric Brown came and reported on the District C.T.S. competition. He challenged our churches to get involved with this competition. See Attached report. M/S/C to receive the report.

Finance:

Mr. Benny Lariscy gave the financial report. M/S/C to receive the report.

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

Mrs. Debra Adams, president of the South Georgia Women Active for Christ, came and presented a report from the WAC.

- The last South Georgia District WAC meeting was held on February 7, 2004 at the First FWB in Jesup, GA
- The next workshop will be held on September 18, 2004 at the Liberty FWB in Waycross, GA. The workshop will begin at 9:30 A.M.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Report from Japan:

Miss Debbie Griffin came and shared with us the good things that God is doing in Japan. She expressed her appreciation for all that we do for her and the rest of the missionaries that we support in Japan.

Report of National Association:

Rev. Wayne Miracle reported on the meeting that was held in Kansas City.

Report on Dealing with a Non-Free Will Baptist Pastor:

The clerk read the policy and procedure that is currently being written to deal with non-Free Will Baptist Pastors. The policy was read and will be voted on at the October Association meeting. This was given as information only.

Resolutions Committee:

The committee offered the following resolutions:

- To pray for our churches who are currently without Pastors.
- To pray for our Country during this election year.
- To give the Baxley FWB Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown in hosting the meeting.

M/S/C to receive the resolution.

Announcements:

Rev. William Morris welcomed Rev. Charles Barnard to our association. He is going to be working at the Christian Book Store in Statesboro, Ga. He is available for Revivals and Homecomings in our area.

M/S/C to close the business session and enter into the worship service.

Worship:

Todd Horne led the congregation in congregational singing "He is Here "and "In The Presence of Jehovah". An offering was received. Bro. Howard Scott provided the special music, "Long Black Train".

Mr. Todd Horne, Minister of Music and Youth at Jesup First FWB shared the morning message from Genesis 1:1 "My Great Big God".

Host pastor, Rev. Bruce Jones gave instructions for the meal, and Rev. Amos McMillan dismissed us from the meeting and asked the blessing for the meal prepared by the host church.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Tim Horne, Clerk

**South Georgia Association Of Free Will Baptist
Board Of Missions
Treasurer Report
April 1, 2004 Thru June 30, 2004**

Balance Brought Forward, April 1, 2004 \$ 10,550.66

Receipts:

Piney Grove Church	\$ 192.50
Philadelphia Church	\$ 300.00
State Office, Savannah	\$ 259.31
State Office, Spring Grove Ch	\$ 347.40
Statesboro Church	\$ 263.00
Liberty Church	\$ 241.00

Total Receipts \$ 1,603.21

Total Accountable \$ 12,153.87

Expenditures:

Camden Church April 2004	\$500.00
Camden Church, May 2004	\$500.00
Camden Church, June 2004	\$500.00
Church Mutual Insurance, Camden	

Total Expenditures \$1,500.00

Balance Forward June 30, 2004 \$ 10,653.87

South India Bible Institute

Offering from April 2004 meeting	\$ 720.00
Liberty Church	\$ 1,000.00

Total \$ 1,720.00

South GA Youth Board

Glen Wright	\$ 38.20
Glen Wright	\$ 48.51
Piney Grove Church	\$ 100.00

Total \$ 186.71

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist

Treasurer Report

April 1, 2004 Thru June 30, 2004

Balance brought forward, April 1, 2004

\$ 3,504.73

Receipts for Quarter

Church Dues:

Alabaha	\$ 62.50
Baxley	\$ 70.00
Bethel	\$ 70.00
Corinth	\$ 70.00
Ebenezer	\$ 70.00
First Brunswick	\$ 70.00
First Jesup	\$ 77.50
First Savannah	\$ 77.50
Glennville	\$ 70.00
Liberty	\$ 62.50
Memorial	\$ 70.00
New Hope	\$ 70.00
New Life Fellowship	\$ 70.00
Oak Hill	\$ 62.50
Philadelphia	\$ 70.00
Pine Level	\$ 70.00
Piney Grove	\$ 70.00
Satilla	\$ 70.00
Spring Grove	\$ 70.00
Surrency	\$ 62.50
Swainsboro	\$ 62.50

Total Church Dues

\$ 1,447.50

Offering, Quarterly Meeting

(Gave to the India Special Offering)

\$ -

Total Receipts

\$ 1,447.50

Total Accountable

\$ 4,952.23

Expenses

Wayne Miracle, Moderator	\$ 30.00
Wayne Miracle, Mileage	\$ 37.50
Tim Home, Clerk	\$ 60.00
Tim Home, Reimburse for Postage	\$ 37.00
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	\$ 30.00
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	\$ 23.50
Chip Sekylich, Mileage	\$ 21.50
W. L. Morris, Mileage	\$ 37.50
Captain Joes, Meals	\$ 114.56
Church Mutual Insurance	\$ 672.50
Tim Home, Reimburse for Computer for Clerk	\$ 1,135.60

Total Expense

\$ 2,199.66

Balance Forward June 30, 2003

\$ 2,752.57

Certificates Of Deposit

Douglas / Missions

\$82,389.03

Holding in Trust (Interest For Youth Board)

\$22,285.69

Note: We received two checks from the Glen Wricht Co.

that was deposited in our checking account on July 15, 2004.

One check for \$ 7121.13 and one for \$ 3560.56. This amount

is included in the amount Holding in Trust for the Youth Board.

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting
October 7, 2004

The Executive Board of the South Georgia Association met on October 7, 2004 in Jesup, Georgia with the following members present: Tim Horne, Benny Lariscy, William Morris, Mike Edwards, Chip Sekulich, Leon Gibson, and Wayne Miracle.

The meeting was called to order and prayer requests were taken. Rev. Mike Edwards led the prayer.

Old Business

- We read the policy for dealing with a Non-Free Will Baptist Pastor, and we will read this policy at bring to our body and vote on it at our Association Meeting in October.
- Nominating Committee Partial Report:

<u>Mission Board:</u>	2009	Mark Kennedy	replacing	Mark Kennedy
<u>Ordaining Board:</u>	2009	Dale Yarborough	replacing	Roger Beecher
<u>Youth Board:</u>	2009	Eric Brown	replacing	Eric Brown
<u>Youth Board:</u>	2006	Bruce Jones	replacing	Vacancy

- Mr. Benny Lariscy reported on transfer of the monies held with the Certificates of Deposit to a Money Management Trust with the Free Will Baptist Foundation. We made this change in order to be able to draw more interest for our money that we have invested. The accounts with the Certificates of Deposit were closed in August of 2004 and the Money Management Trust were opened in October of 2004.

M/S/C to accept this report.

New Business

The next South Georgia Association Meeting will be at the Corinth FWB Church in Alma, Ga. on October 23, 2004. Rev. John Rentz will be the morning worship speaker with Rev. Bruce Jones as the alternate. Rev. Steve Hughes will provide the Morning Seminar Session on the subject of "Pastor Appreciation".

Ordaining Board

Rev. Leon Gibson had nothing at this time to report on.

M/S/C to receive this report.

Youth Board

Rev. Chip Sekulich had nothing at this time to report on.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Mission Board

- Rev. Mike Edwards reported that a Mission Board Meeting was held on October 2, 2004 in Jesup, Ga. Rev. Billy Bevan Jr. was in attendance at this meeting. He indicated that with support from our association he continued to have a desire to remain at the Camden FWB Church under the Lord's leadership.
- The Board made a recommendation to support the work with \$1000.00 per month starting in January 2005. We will support him for a year and have a review at the end of the year on how to proceed.
- The Board also makes a recommendation to use our January 2005 Association Meeting as a Missions Conference. Rev. Mark Kennedy will serve as the coordinator for this conference.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Treasury Report

Benny Lariscy gave the finance report.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Other Business

- We have a motion to purchase a four-drawer file cabinet to store our files.

M/S/C to purchase the cabinet

- The dates for the remaining Executive Board are: January 4, 2005
April 5, 2005
July 12, 2005

Old Business

- None

Prayer to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Tim Horne, Clerk

Minutes of the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

Convening at Corinth FWB Church, Alma, GA

October 23, 2004

The association began with Todd Horne leading the congregation in singing "How Majestic is Your Name" "Victory in Jesus". Host pastor Rev. Dale Yarborough extended the welcome to attendees.

Call to Order:

The clerk, Tim Horne, called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Wayne Miracle, who opened the session with prayer.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates:

The roll calls of ministers and churches were taken. Delegates to the association were seated. A welcome was made to all of the visitors present.

Approval of Minutes and Executive Board Report:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. M/S/C to receive the report.

The Executive Board report was read. M/S/C to receive the report.

Obituary Report:

The Obituary Report was given. Marjorie Carter – Alabama FWB Church; Ira McClain, Chester Taylor – First FWB Brunswick; Florrie Westberry – New Hope FWB Church; Tessie Knowles, Celeste Dinkins – Philadelphia FWB Church; Jody Rigdon, Milton Douglass – Pine Level FWB Church: After a moment of silence. Bro. Lorin Hughes offered a prayer in memory of those who had passed.

Committees:

- Finance: Henry Clay, Danny Dinkins, Jr. Smith
- Resolutions: Roger Beecher, David Amburgey, Frank Miller

M/S/C to receive the committee appointees.

Morning Session:

Rev. Steve Hughes came and presented a Morning Seminar on "Pastor Appreciation – The Why's and How's of Caring for God's Man". The text for the seminar was taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.

After a brief recess the meeting re-convened, Todd Horne came and led the congregation in singing of "To God be the Glory" & "Bless the Lord"

Report on Dealing with a Non-Free Will Baptist Pastor:

The clerk read the policy and procedure that is currently being written to deal with non-Free Will Baptist Pastors. M/S/C to adopt this policy.

Ordaining Board:

Rev. Tim Horne reported on the following:

- We have received a letter of recommendation/ good for Rev, Reuben Cason, new pastor to Ebenezer FWB Church, from his previous association. A motion was made to accept the transfer of his credentials to the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist pending a letter requesting his transfer from the Ebenezer FWB Church.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Mission Board:

Rev. Mike Edwards reported on the following:

- A Mission Board Meeting was held on October 2, 2004 in Jesup, Ga. Rev. Billy Bevan Jr. was in attendance at this meeting. He indicated that with support from our association he continued to have a desire to remain to remain at the Camden FWB Church under the Lord's leadership.
- The Mission Board made a recommendation to support the work with \$1000.00 per month starting in January 2005. We will support him for a year and have a review at the end of the year on how to proceed.
- The Mission Board also makes a recommendation to use our January 2005 Association Meeting as a Missions Conference. Rev. Mark Kennedy will serve as the co-coordinator for this conference.
- Rev. Billy Bevan Jr. came and shared how things were going with the work in Camden.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Youth Board:

No report at this time.

Finance:

Mr. Benny Lariscy gave the financial report. M/S/C to receive the report.

Nominating Committee Report

- Nominating Committee Partial Report:

Moderator:

Wayne Miracle

Assistant Moderator:

Bruce Jones

Clerk:

Tim Horne

Treasurer:

Benny Lariscy

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer:

William Morris

Mission Board:

2009 Mark Kennedy

replacing

Mark Kennedy

Ordaining Board:

2009 Dale Yarborough

replacing

Roger Beecher

Youth Board:

2009 Eric Brown

replacing

Eric Brown

Youth Board:

2006 Bruce Jones

replacing

Vacancy (Michael Bryan)

Georgia State Board of Christian Education:

2005 Mike Edwards

replacing

Vacancy (Michael Bryan)

M/S/C to receive by acclamation each of the following nominations.

South Georgia Women Active for Christ:

Mrs. Sheila Miller came and presented a report:

- The next district meeting will be held on February 5th, 2005 at the Philadelphia FWB in Folkston, GA.

M/S/C to receive the report.

Resolutions Committee:

The committee offered the following resolutions:

- To give the Corinth FWB Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown in hosting the meeting.
- To encourage our congregation to make voice known in the upcoming election.

M/S/C to receive the resolution.

M/S/C to close the business session and enter into the worship service.

Worship:

Todd Horne led the congregation in congregational singing "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" and "Oh For a Thousand Tongues/!Lord You are More Precious". An offering was received. Neil White provided the special music.

Rev. John Rentz, Pastor of Liberty FWB shared the morning message from Acts 10:14-15 "Are You Content Being Ordinary"

Host pastor, Rev. Dale Yarborough gave instructions for the meal and asked the blessing for the meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Miracle, Moderator

Tim Horne, Clerk

South Georgia Association Of Free Will Baptist
Board Of Missions
Treasurer Report
July 1, 2004 Thru September 30, 2004

Balance Brought Forward, July 1, 2004 \$ 10,653.87

Receipts:

Piney Grove Church	\$ 195.00
Philadelphia Church	\$ 300.00
State Office, Savannah	\$ 339.62
State Office, Spring Grove Ch	\$ 325.85
New Life Fellowship	\$ 271.59
Liberty, Church	\$ 198.00

Total Receipts \$ 1,630.06

Total Accountable \$ 12,283.93

Expenditures:

Camden Church, July, 2004	\$500.00
	\$0.00

Total Expenditures \$500.00

Balance Forward June 30, 2004 \$ 11,783.93

South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist

Treasurer Report

July 1, 2004 Thru September 30, 2004

Balance brought forward July 1, 2004 \$ 2,752.57

Receipts for Quarter

Church Dues:

Alabaha	\$ 62.50
Baxley	\$ 70.00
Bethel	\$ 70.00
Corinth	\$ 70.00
Ebenezer	\$ 70.00
First Brunswick	\$ 70.00
First Jesup	\$ 77.50
First Savannah	\$ 77.50
Glennville	\$ 70.00
Liberty	\$ 62.50
Memorial	\$ 70.00
New Hope	\$ 70.00
New Life Fellowship	\$ 70.00
Oak Hill	\$ 62.50
Philadelphia	\$ 70.00
Pine Level	\$ 70.00
Piney Grove	\$ 70.00
Satilla	\$ 70.00
Spring Grove	\$ 70.00
Surrency	\$ 62.50
Swainsboro	\$ 62.50

Total Church Dues

\$1,447.50

Offering, Quarterly Meeting

\$ 153.00

Total Receipts

\$ 1,600.50

Total Accountable

\$ 4,353.07

Expenses

Wayne Miracle, Moderator	\$ 30.00
Wayne Miracle, Mileage	\$ 37.50
Tim Horne, Clerk	\$ 60.00
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer	\$ 30.00
Benny Lariscy, Mileage	\$ 23.50
W.L. Morris, Mileage	\$ 37.50
Captain Joe's	\$ 95.37
Time Horne, Postage	\$ 60.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

Total Expense

\$ 373.87

Balance Forward September 30, 2004

\$ 3,979.20

Free Will Baptist Foundation, Trust Accounts, 10/4/2004

Missions Account (Douglas)

\$82,696.64

Youth Account

\$22,000.00

Transferred to the Youth Board 10/7/2004

\$ 345.35

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:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.)

7. 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 Boards of this association may be received under the watch care 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 to 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 (1) member is elected each year.

Section 4: Compliance

Any person(s) elected to a board or committed:

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.