

Wannie B. Goff Book

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
THE UNITED FREEWILL BAPTISTS
WHICH CONVENED WITH
TALLAHASSEE CHURCH

Leon County, Fla.
October 19-20—1949

OFFICERS

Rev. W. L. Harrell ----- Omega, Ga.
Mrs. J. B. Rice, Clerk and Treasurer ----- Moultrie, Ga.

Executive Committee

C. J. Faison ----- Hartsfield, Ga.
Allen Sapp ----- Tallahassee, Fla.
J. H. K. Jones ----- Tifton, Ga.
J. A. Brady ----- Omega, Ga.
Artie Cone ----- Pavo, Ga.

The next session of this Association will convene with New Hope Church, 7 miles South of Moultrie, Ga., on Thomasville Highway on Wednesday and Thursday after 3rd Sunday in October, 1950. Rev. Obie Cone to preach Introductory sermon.

OUR DEAD

Bethlehem ----- Elder J. L. Sloan

Midway ----- Elder John M. Newton

Kenndy Chapel ----- Bro. Aldar

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the twenty-fourth annual session of the Union Association of the Freewill Baptist Association, convening with Tallahassee Church, Tallahassee, Fla., Leon County, October 19-20, 1949.

Open with song—"I Want To Be A Worker." Prayer by Elder J. D. Littles. Devotional hour spent in song service. Prayer by Elder L. S. Anthony.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. S. Anthony. Bible scripture readings Gal: 1-18. Theme "Letting Christ have Preadamite." Song—"What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Elder T. H. Whiley, Freewill Baptist Missionary to Cuba gave a very inspiring talk of the mission work in both Cuba and India, where our missionary Miss Laura Bell Barnard is located. He said "We need to know our missionary workers by talking and mixing with them. So I'm here in your association to do just that, we're a great people we Freewill Baptist. We're out to lead soul's to Christ, which is the main objective of our missionary work. Asking the question, "why do these people need us to teach them?" Answer: To uncover their ignorance of God. We now have a missionary in Africa too, which we're very proud of. In 5 years in Cuba alone we have built 53 churches besides a religion school where pupils are taught the word of God. Our work is going over all Latin America. The Freewill people are being recognized as a people.

A collection was taken for Bro. Whiley amounting to \$25.00.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. E. C. Morris.

After having been served with delightful refreshments the body reassembled.

Called to order by singing song "Lord Send Me."

Prayer by Rev. Drew Floyd.

Devotional—Elder W. L. Harrell using Gen. 13 as scripture reading, Theme "Trust the Lord."

Open for business.

Call for church letters and seating delegates.

Rev. E. C. Morris and Riley Giddens was appointed to read letters as follows.

Church and delegates names are Bethel: Bro. and Sister Jim Croft, Sister Lorene Dunn. Clements Bridge: Bro. and Sister D. B. Morey, J. E. Bundy. New Hope: Bro. and Sister M. B. Lanier, Bro's J. H. McKinney and G. B. Bradley.

Greenwood: Sister J. F. Harmon, Sister W. A. Sellars. Midway: Bro's James Boyd, Bernard Faison. Spring Hill: By Letter.

St. Paul: Sister L. S. Anthony, Bro's M. H. Hinson and Monroe Justice.

Salem: Bro's M. G. Boykins, J. L. Hunter, N. T. Howell. Tallahassee: Sister Eunice Larrimore, B. E. Coxwell and Allen Sapp.

Call for petitioners—None.

Election of officers.

Election was lead by Rev. Drew Floyd and Rev. E. C. Morris.

Officers elected were as follows: Elder W. L. Harrell, Omega, Ga., Moderator, Rev. Obie Cone, Pavo, Ga., Assistant Moderator, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Moultrie, Ga., Rt. 4, Clerk and Treasure.

Call for corresponding delegates from Sister Associations—Little River: Elder J. D. Littles, Riley Giddens, Martin: Rev. and Mrs. Drew Floyd.

Motion and carried that Moderator extend to delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Recess: Dismissed by Elder Littles.

Reassemble:

Appointment of committees.

DEVOTIONAL—Sister J. F. Harmon, Bro's M. H. Hinson, Allen Sapp.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Sister Lorene Dunn, J. F. Harmon, G. B. Bradly.

TEMPERANCE—M. H. Hinson, Bernard Faison, Rev. L. S. Anthony.

Resolutions—Rev. L. A. Norris, J. L. Hunter, B. E. Coxwell.

EDUCATION—Sister M. B. Lanier, James Boyd, Artie Cone.

MINISTERS—J. A. Brady, Allen Sapp, D. B. Morey.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE—Monroe Justice, Allen Sapp, Sister W. A. Sellars.

FINANCE—Sisters D. B. Morey, Eunice Larrimore, M. G. Boykins, J. H. McKinney.

DESTITUTIONS—N. T. Howell, J. O. Brumbly, Obie Cone, M. B. Lanier.

Motion and carried that we table miscellaneous business and take regular business.

Delegates and visitors were designated to homes for the night.

Move and carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Riley Giddens.

EVENING SERVICES

Open with the group song service, Prayer by J. O. Brumby.

Sermon by Rev. E. C. Morris State promotional Sect., Using as scripture reading Ps. 92. Prayer by Bro. Morris. His theme was "Can you lead your own people to Christ." Comments were very pointely and forcefully, with great inspirational words.

Song—"O Why Not To Night."

Dismissed by Rev. W. A. Sellars.

Thursday morning 9:30 o'clock, the body was called to order by Moderator.

Song—"The Old Time Religion."

Prayer by Rev. E. C. Morris.

Devotional by Elder W. L. Harrell using as scripture reading 1st. Thess. 5.

Open for business.

Reporting of committee's, read and adapted.

Motion and carried to have page 8-10 eliminated from Minutes and our dead listed on back of front cover and Statistical table on back of back cover.

Report from Association Mission Board which ask that each church in the Union Association send \$10.00 to board Treasure by 5th Sunday in April. Two new members were appointed, Rev. L. S. Anthony, 207 Barnesville, St., Thomaston, Ga., Treasure and Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Ga.

Motion and carried to recess for 10 minutes.

Reassemble:

Opening song, "I Would Not Be Denied."

Report from the Freewill Baptist Orphans Home, Eldridge, Ala. A very favorable report was given by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Morning Sermon by—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Scripture reading—Proverbs 18: 19-20. Theme "Near sighted Christains." His was a very dramatic and gripping message on this subject.

Song "Amazing Grace" was sung.

Rev. E. C. Morris asked for a worshipful offering for the State Budget be taken. Amount gotten was \$20.45.

Dismissed for lunch by C. J. Faison.

Reassemble:

Song: "Not Made With Hands."

Prayer by. C. J. Faison.

Moderator declared in order for business.

Bro. J. O. Brumby was appointed on the Ordaining Council.

Delegates to Sister Associations elected as follows:

Little River: Rev. L. S. Anthony, Chattahoochee: Elder W. L. Harrell, L. S. Anthony, Midway: Rev. L. A. Norris.

Ga. Union: Rev. W. L. Barrow, Martin: Mrs. J. F. Harmon, North Fla.: Rev. J. O. Brumby.

Delegates appointed by Moderator to State Association were Mrs. J. B. Rice and Mrs. J. F. Harmon. C. J. Faison was appointed as delegate to National Association in July. If prevented to send letter.

Motion and carried that \$10.00 be sent to State Association.

Dates of Union Meeting and officers are as follows:

Moderator Rev. W. G. Boyd, Asst. Moderator Rev. W. L. Barrow, Clerk, Rev. L. A. Norris, Asst. Clerk, Mrs. J. B. Rice. Program Committee Chairman, C. J. Faison.

Places for 1950 Union Meeting—January: New Hope, Sermon by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, April: Bethel—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Sellars, July: Clements Bridge—Sermon by Rev. Obie Cone, October: Spring Hill—Sermon by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

Motion and carried that Association convene with New Hope Church located 7 miles south of Moultrie, Ga., on Thomasville Highway on Wednesday and Thursday after the 3rd Sunday October, 1950, with Rev. Obie Cone to preach introductory sermon.

Rev. L. S. Anthony, Alternate.

A collection for Rev. J. S. Sloan who is ill was taken. Amount \$13.33.

A vote of thanks was rendered to the community and church for the great way in which they entertained the body while in their midst.

Motion and carried that Clerk be paid \$25.00. Moderator \$5.00.

Motion that we adjourn.

Dismissed by L. S. Anthony.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

We your Committee on Devotional recommend that Bro. E. C. Morris preach this evening October 19th, Bro. W. L. Harrell Thursday October 20th, with Bro. Obie Cone to preach introductory sermon at next session with Bro. L. S. Anthony alternate.

Sister J. F. Harmon, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

In as much as we see the moral of our day sweeping down so many through the use of the number one enemy of America liquor, wine, beer etc., That we pledge ourselves together as followers of Christ to take a positive stand against it.

M. H. Hinson, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON DESTITUTIONS

We, your committee find all churches supplied with pastors except Greenwood.

N. T. Howell, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS

We find all ministers and deacons in good standing as far as we have proof of.

Allen Sapp, Chairman

We find only 4 churches that have a Sunday School, League and prayer meeting. We recommend that every church in our Association organize each one in their churches. We feel this is greatly needed to strengthen the church.

Sister Lorene Dunn, Chairman

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We recommend all churches to use our denominational literature in all Sunday Schools and leagues, and that each church would subscribe for the Youth Banner, also use promotional banners and emblems as mentioned in our literature. We urge all church members to read the Freewill Baptist Paper.

Allen Sapp, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your committee submit the following, knowing the great need of Christain education, we should be careful in institution we send our children. We should place the right literature before our children in our homes. We as the people of this Association need to suport and encourage our young people in Christain education.

Artie L. Cone, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that this Association adopt a budget of \$90.00 as Associational fees to be paid by each as follows:

Bethelam—\$8.00, Midway—\$15.00, Kennedy Chapel—\$8.00, Clements Bridge \$5.00, Greenwood—\$10.00, Salem—\$10.00, Spring Hill—\$10.00, Tallahassee—\$9.00, New Hope—\$5.00.

Be it resolved that each church take one offering each month for State burget offering, to be sent to the promotional Secretary, Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.

Be it resolved that any accusation by individual or church be presented to executive committee in writing of facts and only brought to the floor for vote.

Be it resolved that each date and place of Union meeting together with officers names, also names of one to preach in our minutes.

Rev. L. A. Norris, Chairman

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sent in by local churches -----	\$72.00
Balance in Treasury -----	1.00
Total -----	\$73.00

TREASURER REPORT

Received from Finance Committee -----	\$73.00
Paid Moderator -----	5.00
Paid Clerk -----	25.00
Paid State Association -----	10.00
	\$40.00
Balance in Treasury -----	\$33.00
Received from Union Meeting on October 30, 1949 -----	33.50
Total -----	\$66.50

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

ORDAINED

Elder E. B. Norman ----- Jacksonville, Fla.

Elder Obie Cone, Rt. 3 ----- Pavo, Ga.

Elder W. A. Sellers ----- Camilla, Ga.

Elder A. L. Sellars ----- Quitman, Ga.

Elder W. L. Harrell ----- Omega, Ga.

Elder W. G. Boyd ----- Thomasville, Ga.

Elder C. L. Croft ----- Barney, Ga.

Elder L. S. Anthony, 207 Barnesville, St. ----- Thomaston, Ga.

Elder J. O. Brumby, Rt. 4, Box 770 ----- Tallahassee, Fla.

Elder W. L. Barrow ----- Drifton, Fla.

Elder L. O. Lovitt ----- Lenox, Ga.

Elder C. T. Rentz ----- Moultrie, Ga.

Elder L. A. Norris ----- Bainbridge, Ga.

Elder K. V. Shutes ----- Camilla, Ga.

Elder J. B. Lumpkin ----- Butler, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Elder N. L. Lamb ----- Meigs, Ga.

Elder J. H. Russell ----- Thomasville, Ga.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a gospel church or Church of Christ, is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven and such Christians on earth as are not attached to the visible church according to gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of a central catholic government over the visible church, or any part thereof, is a device of earthly ambition, repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of man.

5. That gospel churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scriptures; and that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute, and that if this right be surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegates or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel church.

6. That churches may, nevertheless, we suppose, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the correspondence; but that the right and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no way compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and there-
uals, their only power being to transact business which does fort; and to give that advise to churches which might equal not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity; to promote natural intercourses, and a concentration of voluntary effort an association has no authority over churches or individual authority be given by an individual.

7. That the authority of the churches is designated for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel, and for the preservation of true and orderly bodies of Christians on earth, that is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that does not extend to persons, property or the conscience of men in any manner whatsoever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel, that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and a departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are called bishops or pastors and all of the elders are equal in rank though they may perform different functions—since some may be bishops or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simple elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further, that he

cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders, that as a member of the church, he is not more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

11. That Christian Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That Elders and Deacons must be set apart to their office or ordination, by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No preacher shall be ordained until he has been recommended by his church, and the church where he has been called and shall not pastor any church until ordained.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in Association year; or if they prefer it, may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as he may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be Moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church, whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of all contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The Deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

7. When a Clerk is appointed, all the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the Clerk, shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor. Also, it shall be the duty of the church clerk to revise the church roll at least once a year. It

shall be the duty of the pastors to instruct the deacons and clerks of their churches in regard to money for minutes.

8. The church shall hold a two day's monthly meeting embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of the conference.

9. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a certain manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rules of holy living.

10. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever of the church according to the Covenant (Article 5) shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect; but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

11. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer unless divine service has just been concluded, and generally then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call for absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (6) For reference of deferred business. (7) For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

12. Visiting brethren, as helpers called in from sister churches, shall speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

13. An orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or baptism.

14. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, unless withdrawn, the members who make them shall be liable to be taken under dealing with the church.

15. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences and the Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

16. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend the trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

17. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church, Will you hear the testimony of the witness?

18. The evidence in every case or dealing and acknowledgement shall be recorded in the church book.

19. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without good reason shall be cited to conference to answer for their misconduct.

20. Expelled members shall be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented for their former evil.

21. A vote shall not be taken upon questions without a move and a second and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

22. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

23. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon receipt, may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

24. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the Moderator.

25. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator, and keep the point in the debate.

26. No one shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission from the Moderator nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

27. When the Moderator speaks he must designate some brother to act in his stead.

28. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it can be to call the speaker to order.

29. It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet at least once a year.

30. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

31. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

32. That each minister preach and practice the same doctrine, and principles. And each church do the same as set up by Christ and follow the apostolic doctrine and follow it closely.

33. This Decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any two consecutive monthly conferences.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine Grace into the knowledge of our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to devote our time and talents to the interest of pure and undefiled religion, we do solemnly covenant with each other to walk together in love and brotherly kindness and to glorify God through life as the only hope in death.

2. We agree to exercise Christian love and affection for each other as members of the household of faith, that the

knowledge of truth may be glorified in us and by us, to the end that we may be perfect in the will of God through Christ Jesus concerning us.

3. We endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God and ordinances of His church, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together; that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for the ministry among us and other necessary expenses of the church.

4. We will not neglect the devotional exercises of secret prayer and the duties of family worship, and the training up of our children, and those under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven.

5. We agree to neglect our secular or worldly avocation to attend the stated meetings of the church and to labor for its prosperity in the most holy faith, believing that if we do this we let our light shine; if we fail to attend to the sacred duties we prove to be a stumbling block to the world and a reproach to the church.

6. We believe that all Christians are endowed with certain talents and influences, for the improvement of which they will be accountable to the Great Head of the church; that if there are unruly members in the church, it is our duty to approach such in the spirit of love and to admonish them to forsake their evil doings, if they will not hear thee, take one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses let them be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

7. We believe the worldly dance and drinking ardent spirits with the co-mingling with drunkards are sins which should be condemned by the church.

8. It shall be the duty of all pastors to read or have read this Covenant and to explain every part and clause thereof to the church quarterly.

DECORUM OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding session shall preside until the successors shall be known.

2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

3. At the close of each session the entire proceedings shall be read for correction and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several mo-

tions shall be preferred in the order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint .

9. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission from the body.

11. The Association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to its consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

13. No church shall liberate any minister coming from any other denomination until he has been examined by the Ordaining Council and received credentials bearing their approval.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall hereafter be known as the Little River Free Will Baptist Association.

2. It shall be composed of: (1) The ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto: (2) Legal delegates from the churches composing the same.

3. Requirement of churches. Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association in which they shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the minister whose membership is with them, give name and post office of the Church Clerk, give the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded, and died, the number of members, and the amount paid for Associational purposes.

4. Each church in the Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs having the unrestricted right to administer its own government without suspension or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute.

5. This body shall be considered an advisory council whose duty is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn formally until all business is settled and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the Association and to use their best influence to promote a moral and benevolent means and institution such as education, Sabbath Schools, missionary work, etc.

6. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our articles of faith and conform to its usages.

8. That all churches sending to this Association shall be allowed not more than three delegates.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by a majority of votes.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—I Cor. 8:6, Isa. 40:28.

2nd. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day to judge both quick and dead.—I. Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:4, 6.

3rd. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:4, 6.

4th. We believe in the Beginning God made man upright; and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5th. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which in Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15, 17; I' Tim. 2:4.

6th. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ, who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I. John 5:10.

7th. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.— II. Tim. 3:16, 17.

8th. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the Gospel.— Luke 14:16, 20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3, 5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9th. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10th. We believe that men, not considered, simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God—Jude 1:4; II. Peter 2:1; II. Thes. 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9, 11.

11th. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own person, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—I. Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:25; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 18:25. Matt. 19:13.

12th. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

13th. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, further than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22, 31; Matt. 25:31, 46.

15th. We believe, as touching gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint's feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5, 17; Jas. 5:14.

16th. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 3:19, 21; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17th. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgement at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; II. Cor. 5:10.

18th. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt 25:46.

ORDER OF ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

1. The body at each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read, and names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by ballot.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint Committees: (a) Preaching; (b) Denominational Literature; (c) Temperance; (d) Church and Destitution; (e) Education; (f) Ministers; (g) Sunday Schools and Literature; (h) Resolutions; (i) Finance; (j) Card of Thanks.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

Statistical Table

CHURCH AND COUNTY	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	PASTOR	Value of Property	Time of Meeting	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Lost by Letter	Lost by Death	Lost by Expelled	No. Members	Paid for Associational Purpose	Paid Pastor	Paid for Improvements	Paid Home Mission	Paid Foreign Mission	Paid for Education	Paid for Superannuation	Paid for Evangelist	Paid for All Other Purposes
Bethlehem, Colquitt	Thomasville, Ga.	R. L. Short Obie Cone	\$2,000	1-3		1	1	2		59	\$ 5.00	\$ 95.94	\$ 38.82						32.00
Midway Colquitt	Moultrie, Ga. Rt. 4	Mrs. Mattie Gay L. S. Anthony	1,250	1-3	9	4	2	1		93	15.00	785.93		105.17	38.04	37.50	42.50	87.00	238.34
Clemmens Bridge Mitchell	Baconton, Ga.	H. G. Davis W. A. Sellars	500	1			1			17	4.00	44.50							
Greenwood Mitchell	Camilla, Ga.	Louie Lamb K. V. Shutes	4,000	2-4	3	3	2	1		49	10.00	326.08	22.50	15.00	85.00	26.00	7.00		54.00
Spring Hill Mitchell	Doerun, Ga.	Mrs. T. N. Morey J. B. Lumpkin	2,000	4	11	4	1			87	7.00	148.11		7.00			5.00		3.00
Salem Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello, Fla.	Mrs. Alpha Curtis W. L. Barrow	1,000	4	4	3				59	10.00	461.15		14.00					60.00
St. Paul Tift	Omega, Ga.	M. H. Hinson L. S. Anthony	1,000	4	1	3	2			54	6.00	252.65	182.50	54.50	40.00	4.50			21.00
New Hope Colquitt	Coolidge, Ga.	M. B. Lanier W. G. Boyd	2,500	1-3	3	6	2	4	1	52	2.00	125.00	275.00						5.00
Kennedy Chapel Thomas	Pavo, Ga., Rt. 3	Mrs. Mamie Brooks Obie Cone	1,500	2-4		4	4			49	5.00	118.84		65.99					65.89
Tallahassee Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee, Fla.	W. L. Akins W. L. Barrow	4,500	1-3		7		1		31	5.00	360.00	268.00	10.00		48.50			