

Minutes  
OF THE  
**ALABAMA STATE CONFERENCE**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
HELD WITH  
**CORDOVA CHURCH**  
**October 23 1929**

**Officers**

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn., Moderator  
O. L. Stokes, Gordo, Ala., Clerk  
E. Z. Mayfield, Gordo, Ala., Treasurer

The next Session of this Conference will be held with Pearce's Chapel Church, 4 miles east of Smithville, Miss., beginning on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1930

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**PROCEEDINGS**

The Alabama State Conference of Free Will Baptist met at Cordova church, Cordova, Ala., Oct., 23, 1929. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Byars, of Millport, Ala., after which the body adjourned for one and one half hours for refreshments.

At Two-thirty o'clock the ministers and messengers re-assembled in the house for the purpose of transacting any business that might come before the body. After scripture reading by the moderator the house was called to order, prayer by Rev. J. M. Haas.

The following business was transacted:

A motion carried to adopt the program as outlined by the Program committee.

Called for the letters from the various Associations, the following answered to the call and the delegates listed as per roll: Mt. Moriah, Vernon, State Line of Alabama and Mississippi, Muscle Shoals State Line, Flint River and Jasper.

Motion carried to have members of Cordove church made delegates to fill vacancy in Muscle Shoals delegation.

Delegates and their Post Office: Flint River—Rev. J. A. Morgan, Vinemont, Ala.—Rev. J. T. Quick, Vinemont, Ala., Route 2.

Mt. Moriah—O. L. Stokes, E. Z. Mayfield, Gordo, Ala., J. M. Stokes, Millport, Ala., Route 2, Rev. O. C. Weaver Kennedy-Gordo, Ala., Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala.

Muscle Shoals State Line—Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 316-13th St., Columbia, Tenn., Rev. J. B. Bloss, 316-13th St., Columbia, Tenn., Gorman Garter, Cordova, Ala.

State Line of Ala. and Miss.—Rev. I. K. Boyett, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 4, Stanley Boyett, Hamilton, Ala., Route 4, Rev. T. J. Adair, Greenwood Springs, Miss.

Vernon—Rev. S. T. Shutes, Vernon, Ala., Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.

State of N. C.—Rev. E. C. Gaskill.

Jasper—Rev. W. C. Austin, Cordova, Ala.

Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, whereby Rev.



B. Bloss was elected Moderator and O. L. Stokes, Clerk and E. Z. Mayfield, Treasurer.

On motion Rev. W. C. Austin was seated as delegate from Jasper Association.

The moderator appointed the following committees to serve during this conference or until discharged by the body.

1. ON DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. W. C. Austin, Rev. I. K. Boyett, Rev. S. T. Shutes, Rev. E. C. Gaskil.

2. DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—Gorman Carter, J. M. Stokes, Stanley Boyett.

3. ON EDUCATION & LITERATURE & PUBLICATION—Rev. S. T. Shutes, Rev. O. C. Weaver, Rev. W. C. Austin, Rev. E. C. Gaskil.

4. ON MISSION—Rev. J. D. Byars, E. Z. Mayfield, Rev. T. J. Adair.

5. ON STATE OF DEMONINATION—Rev. I. K. Boyett, Rev. J. M. Haas, Rev. J. A. Morgan, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, J. M. Stokes.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. S. T. Shutes, E. Z. Mayfield, Gorman Carter, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Rev. O. C. Weaver.

7. ON TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. T. Quick, Rev. J. M. Haas, Rev. E. C. Gaskil.

8. ON RESOLUTIONS—Rev. T. J. Adair, Stanley Boyett.

9. ON FINANCE—Gorman Carter, E. Z. Mayfield, Rev. J. B. Bloss, O. L. Stokes.

The Rev. E. C. Gaskil from North Carolina talked for a short while on the Institution of the Free Will Baptist in N. C.

The Moderator urged every member of the denomination to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist, the denomination's paper. A number of those present sent subscription in by Rev. Gaskil.

The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. E. C. Gaskil preach Wednesday night at 7:40, Rev. J. M. Haas preach at 11 A. M. Thursday, Rev. T. J. Adair, Thursday night at 7:40.

Adjourned to meet again, Thursday morning at 8 A. M.

Wednesday night met and had preaching by Rev. E. C. Gaskil, subject: "The More Excellent Way." Devotional by Rev. J. B. Bloss.

THURSDAY MORNING

Met at 8 A. M., body called to order by moderator, after reading 103rd Psalm and prayer by Rev. J. T. Quick, proceeded to business.

1. Roll call of associations, answered as per roll.
2. Called for the reports of the various committees. They follow.

ON CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

Listed as amended in back of minute.

Adopted. Committee discharged

Rev. S. T. Shutes.

Rev. A. J. Lambert appeared and was enrolled as member of the body.

Talk by Mrs. J. B. Bloss on Ladies Aid Work

Address by Rev. E. C. Gaskil on the Eureka College of N. C., which was very interesting.

Before departing for his home state he was requested to come to Alabama next year and do evangelistic work to which he agreed, he will begin in the month of May or June. He was also presented by the delegates a purse of \$10.35 to help pay expenses back home.

Preaching by Rev. J. M. Haas.

Adjourned for lunch.

At 1:30 o'clock reassembled for the transaction of business. After scripture reading and prayer proceeded as follows:

Resumed work of Committee reports.

On motion it was agreed to have 500 copies of the minutes of this meeting printed, \$54.09 was collected for the purpose.

Devotional Committee reported that Rev. I. K. Boyett preach at 11 A. M. Friday.

HOME MISSION BOARD

The following were elected to serve on the Home Mission Board, for the time specified, Rev. I. K. Boyett, Hamilton, Ala., 1 year. Mr. Clyde Palmer, Greenwood Springs, Miss., Route 1, 1 year. Mr. Gorman Carter, Cardova, Ala., 2 years. Rev. S. T. Shutes, Vernon, Ala., 3 years. Mr. E. Z. Mayfield,



Gordo, Ala, 3 years.

Prayer by Bro. E. Z. Mayfield.

Dismissed for committee work, reconvened at 7:00 o'clock for preaching service by Rev. T. J. Adair, Subject; Matt 4:19.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Conference met at 8:30 A. M. Called to order by the Moderator. Scripture reading by Rev. J. B. Bloss, prayer by Rev. J. T. Quick.

Business as follows:

Report on Document and Order of Business.

We, your committee on Document and Order of Business submit the following report: 1st. We recommend that a program committee be appointed at this session to outline a program for the 1930 session. 2nd. That the date of the conference be changed from October 23 to Wednesday before the first Sunday in September. 3rd. That the next session of this Conference be held with Pearce's Chapel church, 4 miles East of Smithville, Miss., which church is a member of The Alabama State Conference. This church is also 14 miles East of Amory, Miss. 4th. That Rev. I. K. Boyett preach the Introductory sermon, that Rev. J. M. Haas be his alternate. 5th. That we instruct the clerk to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and that he have \$20.00 for his services.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. D. Byars, Chairman.

The program Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. O. C. Weaver, Kennedy-Gordo, Ala., E. Z. Mayfield, Gordo, Ala., O. L. Stokes, Gordo, Ala.

### ON EDUCATION, LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION

We, your committee on Education, Literature and Publication submit the following report: Seeing the depressing condition of our school, and the danger of other schools poisoning the lives of our boys and girls, be it resolved that we make an effort to raise a fund for Eureka college and get it to the treasurer of the college by January 1, 1930. 2nd. Recommend that we use the Free Will Baptist League and Sunday school literature. We further recommend above every other publication our own Organ, the Free Will Baptist pub-

lished at Ayden, N. C., weekly, for \$1.50 a year.

Report received and adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. S. T. Shutes, Chairman.

### ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday school report as follows: By close examination we find that in the representation there are only 32 Sunday schools represented. We heartily endorse the step taken toward a State Sunday School Convention and urge that we take more interest in that phase of the work.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. S. T. Shutes, Chairman.

### ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following report: We recommend that our people abstain from all intoxicating liquors, that they be temperate in all things, for if we disobey God's Laws by getting into intemperate condition we bring upon ourselves condemnation, for he said "Be ye temperate in all things."

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. M. Haas, Chairman.

### MISSION BOARD

We, the Missionary Board submit the following: We have on hand at present \$55.45.

We ask that the clerk of the Mission Board write letters to the clerks of the various churches sending them an ample supply of envelopes to be distributed to the members, asking them to enclose their donation and return to the clerk who will forward to the Treasurer of the Board, Mr. Gorman Carter, Cordova, Ala.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. Shutes, Chairman, M. B.

### STATE OF DENOMINATION

We, your committee on State of Denomination report as follows: We find that our church has the Bible Doctrine and urge our people to press forward and advance the doctrine,



that we be more cooperative as we see the need of a financial system and organization.

Report adopted.

Rev. I. K. Boyett, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your Resolution committee find no Queries to be discussed. Resolved that we, the State Conference of Alabama render unto the Cordova church and the town our heartfelt thanks for the able manner in which they have supported this convention.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. T. J. Adair, Chairman.

### ON FINANCE

We, the committee on Finance have collected at this session \$54.80 for the minute fund.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman.

Motion carried to draw on treasury of Mission Board for funds to buy postage and stationery for the Field Secretary.

Motion carried to have Field Secretary write all preachers, she can get in touch with, stating the condition of Eureka college and ask them to take the matter up with their respective churches and get a fund to the treasurer of the Alabama State Conference for said college by January 1, 1930.

On Motion the Conference gave a rising vote of thanks to Rev. S. T. Shutes for the work he did during the past year and for his efforts to get this conference on better conditions.

As set forth in the Constitution and By Laws, the following Board of this Conference was elected.

Board of Superannuation; On motion it was agreed to leave off this board until a later season.

Church Extension Board, 5 members. Bro. A. Jackson Sanders, Chairman, Caledonia, Miss., Bro. J. T. Johnson, Millport, Ala., Rt. 2., Secretary, Bro. J. M. Newman, Iron City, Tenn., Bro. J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala., Bro. A. G. Dyer, Detroit, Ala.

Finance Board: Gorman Carter, Chairman, Cordova, Ala., Box 188, E. Z. Mayfield, Treasurer, Gordo, Ala., O. L. Stokes, Gordo, Ala., Box, 433, Secretary, Rev. J. B. Bloss,

Columbia, Tenn., Rev. Geo. D. Kelley, Iron City Tenn., P. A. Crawford, Samantha, Ala.

AUDITORS: Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss. Rev. O. C. Weaver, Kennedy-Gordo, Ala.

Suspended for sermon by Rev. I. K. Boyett.

Short talk by Rev. J. A. Morgan, on Doctrine of Free Will Baptist.

Devotional conducted by Rev. O. C. Weaver.

Sermon: Subject—"I Will Pay My Vows now before the Lord.

Motion carried to print in the minutes the Articles of Faith as was adopted at last session of the State Conference.

NOTE: These Articles of Faith should be adopted by each church in the several associations composing this conference. Some of the Associations have already adopted them. "Clerk."

Motion carried to represent in the National Conference of Original Free Will Baptist which convenes at Vernon, Ala., 1930. Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. S. T. Shutes were elected delegates.

### OFFICERS OF MISSION BOARD

Rev. S. T. Shutes, Chairman, Vernon, Ala., J. C. Palmer, Greenwood Springs, Miss., Secretary, Gorman Carter, Treasurer, Cordova, Ala., Box 188.

Adjourned to meet with Pearces Chapel church, 4 miles East of Smithville, Miss., Wednesday before the first Sunday in September 1930, at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Moderator.

O. L. Stokes, Secretary.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

#### PREAMBLE

We, the original Free Will Baptist of Alabama, assembled in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of



Jesus Christ, do establish and ordain this constitution and these By-Laws.

## CONSTITUTION

### Article 1.

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as the Alabama State conference of the original Free Will Baptist church of Jesus Christ.

### Article 2.

Section 1. The officers of the Conference shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Section 2. The Convention shall be composed of all the ordained ministers belonging to the Convention, one delegate from each church in good standing, one delegate from each union meeting, conference and Association in good standing for every one thousand members or a fraction thereof.

## BY-LAWS

### Article 1.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have the power to declare any office of the Convention vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The duties of the Assistant Moderator shall be the duties of the President when that officer is not present.

Section 3. The recording secretary shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender the same to his successor in office.

Section 4. The Field Secretary shall have charge of preparing statistical tables showing the increase or decrease in membership, church property, etc., and read at session of the Annual Conference and refer same to the Recording Secretary for permanent record. He shall have charge of placing all the work of the conference, before various conferences, and Association. Also the Field work in general.

Section 5. All money belonging to the Conference shall be kept by the Treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the Conference. Bills not having been voted to be paid either by the Conference or its Executive Board must be signed by the Moderator and Recording Secretary before being paid by him.

Section 6. The work of the Executive Board shall be that of the Conference when the Conference is not in session and to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Conference when he or she proves a failure in official duties, proves non-Christian in official or any other work or detrimental to the cause of Christ and appoint others to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies made by any other cause. Officers thus appointed shall hold office until the next regular session of the Conference. This Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of all standing boards of the Conference.

Section 7. The Moderator and Field Secretary of the Conference shall be ex-officio members of all Boards.

### Article 2.

Section 1. The method of the Conference shall be to departmentalize the work and place at the head of each department a Board which shall be governed by certain rules adopted by the Conference.

Section 2. Delegates from churches, Conferences and Associations shall answer to roll calls and serve in whatever capacity they may be called upon by the Conference. They shall have the right to speak on any subject before the Conference by first addressing the Moderator and obtaining the floor.

### Article 3.

Section 1. Board of Finance. The Board of Finance shall be composed of six members elected for a term of three years with two members retiring each year and others elected by the Conference to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. Board of Superannuation. The Board of Superannuation shall be composed of six members elected for a term of three years with two members retiring each year.



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Section 3. Board of Mission. The Board of Mission shall be composed of six members elected for a term of two years with three members retiring each year and others elected by the Conference to fill the vacancy.

Section 4. Church Extension Board. The Church Extension Board shall be composed of five members retiring each year and others elected by the Conference to fill the vacancy.

Section 5. Board of Auditors. The Board of Auditors shall be composed of two members elected annually.

#### AMENDMENTS

This constitutes and these By-Laws shall not be changed or altered only by a two-thirds vote of members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than six hours prior to adoption and shall during that time be read not less than twice in open Conference.

#### RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS.

1. The Board of Auditors shall have charge of auditing the books of the Treasurer of each department of the State Conference.

2. It shall decide itself which shall serve as Chairman and which shall serve as Secreatry during their term.

3. There are no meetings to be held except for the purpose of auditing books.

4. The Board shall audit the books of each department of the Conference once each year, and if there is a shortage found it shall take necessary steps to effect a settlement. Provided however, that if the Treasurer in whose books there is a shortage found refuses to make settlement, the Board shall report same to the State Conference Executive Committee who shall have authority in the matter.

5. Te Board shall not audit books more than once per year, unless they are questioned and a demand be made by the affected party or parties. In such case the Moderator of the Conference shall have jurisdiction as to whether or not the audit shall be made.

6. The Board shall not make annual reports to the Con-

ference but in case the Conference in session calls for a report on the condition of any Treasurers books the Board shall read or state the facts on the floor of the Conference.

7. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of these duties of his office shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the Moderator for the Conference and his successor appointed.

8. These rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Conference, and shall be acted upon under caption, Amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Conference.

#### RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MISSION BOARDS.

1. The management and control of all mission work fostered by the Alabama Free Will Baptist shall be vested in the Board of Missions elected by the Conference in the manner provided for by the Conference.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such times and place as he may designate, but must meet annually and the Executive Committee elected by the said Board as many as four times per year.

3. The Board in its annual meeting shall elect a director of Missions, whose duty it shall be to direct the whole missionary program of the Conference.

4. The Board shall annually report to the State Conference at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities and of its work in general, together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

5. The Board at its annual meetings shall elect its own officers.

6. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend the meetings, or represent the same by proxy shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the Moderator of the Conference and his successor appointed.

7. A majority of the Board may constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business.

8. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the Board and perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.



9. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the Board. He shall make a report at all regular meetings of the Board. He shall give bond in such a sum as may be fixed by the Board from time to time which bond the Secretary shall be the custodian.

10. All home mission funds not in use shall be deposited in the bank on interest.

11. Salaries and expenses shall be allowed at the discretion of the Board.

12. The rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Conference by a majority vote.

#### **RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.**

1. The management and control of all funds to be used in any way the purpose of superannuating retired, disabled or infirmed ministers will be vested in the Board of Superannuation elected by the State Conference, the manner provided for by the Conference.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such a time and place as he may designate, but must meet annually.

3. The Board shall annually report to the State Conference at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities, and of their work in general together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

4. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend the meetings, or to represent the same by proxy shall forfeit his office, and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Conference and his successor appointed.

5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. The Secretary shall keep correct account of the proceedings of the Board, and perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.

7. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all

money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the Board. He shall make a full report of all meetings of the Board. He shall give bond in such a sum as may be fixed by the Board from time to time, which bond the Secretary shall be the custodian.

8. No aid will be given any minister unless he make application in regular form to this Board and unless in the opinion of the Board he has worthily served the denomination.

9. The Executive Committee shall approve all applications and make such allowances as may be needed.

10. Fifty per cent of all regular funds shall be invested as a permanent endowment. Provided however, that all interest received from invested funds shall be used in making allowances to ministers, and where the donor or donors specifies the particular way in which their donations shall be used, such donations shall be used accordingly.

11. Funds used as endowments must be invested in first-mortgage real estate, government bonds and other securities of the government, loaned to banks, etc.

12. Salaries and expense will be allowed at the discretion of the Board for services rendered, the same shall be paid out of the regular fund of this Board.

13. This Board shall be vested with the authority to make an emergency give or loan to any minister upon approved application and good security.

14. These rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Conference.

#### **RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

1. The management and control of the financial affairs of this Conference shall be vested in the Board of Finance, elected by the Conference in the manner provided for by the Conference.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such time and place as he may designate, but must meet annually, and the Executive Committee elected by the said Board as many as twice per year.

3. The Board in its annual meeting shall elect a direc-



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tor of Finance whose duty it shall be to direct the whole program of the Conference.

4. The Board shall annually report to the State Conference at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities and of its work in general together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

5. The Board at its annual meeting shall elect its own officers.

6. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend the meetings, or represent the same by proxy, shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Conference and his successor appointed.

7. A majority of the Board may constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business.

8. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the Board and perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.

9. The Board shall ascertain each year the financial needs of the various departments of our church work from such information make up the Conference budget and apportion same to the individual churches, Conferences, Union Meetings and associations.

10. It shall be the duty of this Board to notify each church, not later than October first, of each year of the amount of their apportionment, the Conference and Associations at their annual meeting and the Union Meetings at their last meeting preceeding the Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of the Board to receive the funds collected by the Secretary and divide same as following: For education 20 per cent; for orphanage 10 per cent; for Missions 30 per cent; church extension 10 per cent; young people 10 per cent; Ladies Aid work 10 per cent; aged ministers 10 per cent. Provided however, that all Conference expenses are to be first allowed before the division of funds is made. The Board shall afterwards make settlement with the Treasurer.

12. We recommend that it shall be the further duty of the said Board to give themselves diligently to the study of

finances, and to make such recommendations to the Conference as to them may be deemed advisable.

13. The rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Conference by a majority vote.

## RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

1. The management and control of the work of church extension shall be vested in the Board of Church Extension elected by the State Conference in the manner provided for by the Conference.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such a time and place as he may designate. But must meet annually and the Executive Committee as many times per year.

3. The Board shall annually report to the State Conference at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities and of their work in general together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

4. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his, fails to attend the meetings, or to represent the same by proxy shall forfeit his office, and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Conference and his successor appointed.

5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the Board. He shall make a full report at all regular meetings of the Board. He shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the Board from time to time, which bond the Secretary shall be custodian.

7. The Board, at its annual meeting shall elect its own officers.

8. No aid will be given any church unless the application be made on regular form to the Board and unless in the opinion of the Board the said church be properly located so as to be a credit to the denomination.  
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9. No aid shall be given any church unless the church be in good standing and is recognized by a Conference or Association belonging to the State Conference.

10. All money shall be loaned at six per cent interest secured by first mortgage real estate, provided however, that short term loans not to exceed 300, not for a longer term than nine months may be secured by a note properly executed and endorsed by responsible free holders.

11. No money shall be loaned to any church unless the deed be made to the Trustees of the original Free Will Baptist and their successors in office in fee simple.

12. The Executive Committee shall constitute the loan committee, approve application and make such loans as may be deemed advisable.

13. The Board shall elect an appraisal committee whose duty it shall be to appraise the property of the churches, make applications for loan, and only 50 per cent of the appraised value of the property shall be loaned to any church, provided however, that in the case of proposed church buildings 50 per cent of the estimated cost of the proposed building may be loaned.

14. In no case shall gifts from the funds of the Board be made to any church.

15. The Board in its meetings shall elect a director whose duty it shall be to direct the program of this Board.

16. The Board shall devise ways, and means of raising funds, etc., with which to carry on the church extension work.

17. Salaries and expenses will be allowed at the discretion of the Board for the services rendered. The same shall be paid out of the regular fund of the Board.

18. These rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Conference.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. 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 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 the sick and the dead.—1. Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1. John 2:2.

3. 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 2:1; Eph 4:4-6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a State of glory with out the least mixture of misery from which he voluntarily, by transgression fell and by the means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end 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. 1. Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believe 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 tradition that all men, at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17; 30; Mark 6, 6; Heb. 3, 10; 1. John 5, 10.

7. We believe the whole Scripture infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice—2. Tim. 3, 16, 17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind who repent and



believe the Gospel.—Luke 14, 16-20; Matt. 28, 19, 20; Luke 24.47; Aces 3, 19; Mark 1. 15.

9. 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 teaching whereas such do not receive 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.—Mat 11.27; St. John 6,44; 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 222:29.

10. We believe that men not considered simple 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 bought 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; 2; Peter 2:1; 1; Thes. 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy having not actually transgressed against the lay of God in their own persons only subject to the first death which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for such is the kingdom of God—1 Cor. 15,22; Matt, 18:2-5; Mark 9:36,37; Matt. 19, 14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving, and that in the use of the means of grace and out of the use of of those means eternal life is promised to man.—Rev. 22, 14, 15; Isa. 1. 19, 20; Matt. 7-8; Jer. 6-16; Luke 13, 34, 35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy scriptures for justification before God through his own works. power or ability 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 decree any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice farther 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.

15. We believe as touching Gospel ordinances in believers baptism laying on of the hands receive of the sacrament in bread and wine washing the saints' feet anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God and the ministry of the World, 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.

16. We believe the Gospel made Water of Baptism is by immersion, and that believers and the only subject for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1. 9, 10; Acts 2. 38, 29; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

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

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

FOOT NOTE:—Concerning the washing of feet as a Gospel ordinance, each member shall have the right to wash feet or not, as he can best answer his own conscience to God,



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Vernon		950	10
Southeastern	18		
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Muscle Shoals State Line	17	714	14
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