

Minutes

OF THE

Sixtieth Annual Session

OF THE

BEAR CREEK

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HELD WITH

WALDROP CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 1957

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OFFICERS:

REV. C. C. KIMBROUGH	MODERATOR
REV. GRADY F. PARKER	ASSISTANT MODERATOR
REV. GRADY F. PARKER	EVANGELIST
AVALEE TAYLOR	CLERK

The 61st Annual Session of this Association will meet with Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church (Located 12 miles North of Forkville) Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in September, 5, 6, 1958.

FORM OF LETTER

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

This is to certify that our beloved Brother (or sister) _____
is in full fellowship with us, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at
_____ and is hereby dismissed by us when
joined to some other church within twelve months.

This done by order of Church this _____ day
of _____, 195_____.

Rev. _____, Moderator

_____ Clerk

ROLL OF DECEASED MINISTERS

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER

REV. ALVIN FROST

REV. ZENITH FROST

REV. R. A. SULLIVAN

REV. IRA D. GARRISON

REV. R. F. MONCRIEF

REV. D. H. HENDERSON

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BEAR CREEK FREE WILL ASSOCIATION**

The sixtieth annual session of the Bear Creek Free Will Baptist Association convened with Waldrop Church September 6, 7, 1957.

The Association was opened by singing, "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Rev. Thomas Lee Pearce. Rev. Dewey Pearce conducted the devotional. After which the congregation sang, "I Remember The Time," and "Press Along To The Gloryland."

Rev. W. H. Pearce gave the introduction then Rev. C. C. Kimbrough brought a wonderful message on, "The Time Come When He Needed Jesus In His House." Scripture text. St. Luke 8th Chapter - Verses 41-42 followed by Rev. John Manasco (83 years of age) "Law of Humbleness" 1st Corinthians 6th chapter - verses 1-6. "And They All Drink."

Benediction was prayed by Rev. Harvey L. Key. A bountiful lunch was served by the church and enjoyed by all present.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

We, the Association re-assembled by singing, "Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem." Rev. W. H. Pearce read John 3:16 - "For God So Loved The world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." After which we had an old fashioned Altar Prayer. Rev. W. H. Pearce called the house to order for transaction of business. **FIRST** — Seated visiting delegates - Bro. and Sister Johnny Jones - Rev. Chess Odum, from Jasper Association.

SECOND — Appointed reading clerks - Sister Opal Fredrick, Bro. Doyle Adersholt.

THIRD — Appointed Finance Committee - Bros. William Norris, Clovis Fredrick, Louie Taylor.

FOURTH — Called for letters from each Church. They were read, accepted and delegates seated.

FIFTH — Called for petitionary letters - Received one from Union Grove - Delmar - Piney Grove, at Fairburn, Ga.

SIXTH — The Association proceeded to permanently organize by electing officers as follows. Moderator, Rev. C. C. Kimbrough; Assistant moderator, Rev. Grady F. Parker; Evangelist, Rev. Grady F. Parker; Clerk, Avalee Taylor.

SEVENTH — The new moderator appointed committees as follows:

1. Devotion - Bros. J. D. Carter, J. T. Cagle, William Pugh.
2. On Document and Order of Business: Revs. W. H. Pearce, Grady F. Parker, Otho Thompson.
3. Sabbath Schools - Sisters Minnie Claborn, Polly Alexander, Mattie Pickard.
4. Literature - Sisters Syble Duboise, Elsie Martin, Theralee James.
5. Deceased Members - Bros. Will Champion, Oneal Miller, D. A. Farley.
6. Roll of Ministers and Deacons - Bros. H. S. Spain, Jim Seay, Harvey McGill.
7. Roll of Delegates Present From Each Church.
 1. New Prospect - Bert Dodd, Tulane Cagle, John T. Cagle.
 2. Oak Grove - W. R. Champion, Vernon Davidson, Jim Seay.
 3. Barnett Chapel - Minnie Claborn, Daisy Riddle, Emery Partridge.
 4. Cedrom Grove - Ted Prescott, Helen Boshell, Adell Dockins.
 5. Waldrop - J. D. Carter, L. V. Sutherland, H. S. Spain.
 6. Piney Ridge - Viola Farley, Leona Key, Maudelia Farley.
 7. Hopewell - Ruby Johnson, Etta Calloway, Lucy Howell.
 8. Union Grove - Wash Tidwell, Polly Alexander, Melvia Tidwell.
 9. Delmar - Polly Strom, Polly Garrison, Henrietta Thompson.
 10. Piney Grove - Harvey McGill, Milton Pearce, Willie O. Miller.

Rev. Harvey L. Key asked for letter from Bear Creek Association to join Jasper Association. Finance Report was read, accepted, and committee dismissed. A move was made to raise the clerk's fee \$25.00, the moderators to \$10.00. It was seconded and carried.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

We met for service at 7:30 singing, "Over There", after which we had an

Altar prayer, led by Rev. Doyle Aderholt. Rev. Lester Hood conducted devotional service. Sister Opal Fredrick sang, "There Will Be Some Body Waiting." Rev. Harvey L. Key brought a wonderful message, "Ye Call Me Lord And Master And So I Am." St. John 13th chapter.

SATURDAY MORNING

We, re-assembled by singing, "I'm Riding The Waves For Home." Rev. C. C. Kimbrough read Psalm 116, Rev. J. O. Jones led in prayer. The moderator read the, "Rules of Decorum."

Seated visiting delegates - Bro. H. E. Cobb - Vernon Association. Flora Jane Jones, W. H. Mays, Rev. B. M. Adkins, Jasper Association, Rev. J. M. Cobb, Doug Green, Bill Howard, De Wayne Williams, Progressive District. Then declared the house in order to hear the reading of committees.

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee, beg leave to report:

- 1st—That we correspond with Sister Associations.
- 2nd—That our Deacons investigate the standing of ministers unknown to them who try to fill our pulpits.
- 3rd—That the Moderator be allowed \$10.00 for his services and that he look after the destitute church and try to fill each with a pastor.
- 4th—That the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services and that he superintend the printing of the minutes.
- 5th—That a church wishing to be organized shall call to their assistance an ordained minister of our denomination, who being in good standing with the Association shall call a presbytery consisting of not less than two ministers or deacon and one clerk of our denomination in good standing. The Articles of Faith and Church Covenant shall be read and adopted.
- 6th—That each male member of each church pay not less than 50 cents for Associational funds.
- 7th—That we receive no baptism except it be by immersion, administered by a man ordained by a legal Presbytery, and that it be done in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- 8th—That we shall not ordain any minister or deacon with more than one living wife, regardless of what the excuse might be.
- 9th—That we investigate the standing of ordained ministers and deacons who present themselves for membership.
- 10th—We recommend that we preach two preachers in the Association while in session, limiting each to thirty minutes.
- 11th—We recommend that we take the Lord's Supper and wash feet at every Association on Friday night.
- 12th—We recommend that we read the rules of the church when taking in members, also that the Church Covenant be read every three months and wash feet..
- 13th—That each minister make a report of his year's work, either in person or by letter to the Association.
- 14th—That all the ordaining and licensing be done at the Association unless he is called to Pastor a church, let the church call a legal Presbytery with the moderator.
- 15th—That the Presbytery elect or re-elect when they meet, while the Association is in session, the Moderator of the Presbytery each year.
- 16th—That this body will not license or ordain a woman to carry the Gospel.
- 17th—That our churches bring their tithes and offerings into the store house on the first day of the week.
- 18th—That our association get a home for our quarterly meetings, and elect a moderator for same, for each year, and it shall be stated in the minutes where it will convene from quarter to quarter.
- 19th—We recommend that our ministers be given a card of good standing each year.
- 20th—We recommend any deacon coming from other churches, be left to the sufferage of the church as to whether they accept him as deacon or not.
- 21st—We recommend that each church in the Bear Creek Association take a Free Will offering once a month to help our evangelist in the field of his work.
- 22nd—We recommend that no member not attending the stated meetings of his or her church not be allowed a vote in the church, unless he or she be providentially hindered from attending church..

Rev. W. H. Pearce, Chairman

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your committee beg leave to report 10 Sabbath Schools in our Association.

New Prospect 30, Barnett Chapel 35, Cedrom Grove 80, Hopewell 40, Waldrop 165, Delmar 35, Piney Ridge 35, Union Grove 58, Oak Grove 100, Piney Grove 45.

We hope by the help of the Lord to make a better report next year.

Sister Minnie Claborn - Chairman

REPORT ON LITERATURE

We, your committee, recommend the Prayerful Study of the Holy Bible and the use of Free Will Baptist Literature in our Sunday Schools and also our members subscribe for the Free Will Baptist paper.

We recommend that parents not to allow their children to read comic bookks in their homes.

Sister, Syble Mae Duboise, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee beg leave to report that we find in the bounds of our association deceased membrs as follows.

Waldrop — Sis. Lura Goodwin, Bro. Grady Williams

Barnett Chapel — Sis. Linda Cash, Bro. Tom Shaddix

New Prospect — Sister Odessa Holt

Oak Grove — Sister Mollie Frost.

We feel our loss is heavens gain. May we all be ready when the master calls.

Bro. Willie O. Miller, Chairman

REPORT ON FINANCE

We your committee beg leave to report that we find in the treasury as follows:

In Treasury	\$27.00
Received From Churches	174.25
Moderator's Fee	10.00
Clerk's Fee	25.00
Printing Minutes	113.00
Total Disbursements	148.00
Balance	26.25

Bro. Clovis Frederick, Chairman

ROLL OF ORDAINED DEACONS

NEW PROSPECT — Albert L. Smith, Lynn, Ala., Route 1;

Oliver Hopson, Double Springs, Ala.

De Witt Cagle, Lynn, Ala., Route 1;

OAK GROVE — G. R. Porter, Russellville, Ala., Route 6;

Clarence Miller, Russellville, Ala., Route 6;

W. J. Kinard, Russellville, Ala., Route 6;

BARNETT CHAPEL — J. C. Amick, Houston, Ala.

C C. Claborn, Houston, Ala.

L. E. Taylor, Houston, Ala.

Albert Adair, Nauvoo, Ala.

WALDROP — W. W. Norris, Haleyville, Ala.;

Hamp Terrel, Fla.;

T. P. Kirkpatrick, Haleyville, Ala., Rt 3.

William Pugh, Haleyville, Ala., Rt. 3.

Odis Kirkpatrick, Haleyville, Ala.;

Clovis Frederick, Haleyville, Ala.;

Wilson Kelly, Haleyville, Ala.

CEDROM GROVE — J. E. Tittle, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt 2;

Angelo Boshell, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt 2.

PINEY RIDGE — S. M. Key, Arley, Ala.;

D. A. Farley, Arley, Ala.;

F. C. Key, Arley, Ala.

HOPEWELL — Sammy Bell;

Roy Harper;

DELMAR — Virgle E. Garrison, Delmar, Ala.

Walter Cagle, Delmar, Ala.

Arthur Mitchell, Haleyville, Ala. Rt. 3.

UNION GROVE — Wash Tidwell, Double Springs, Ala., Rt. 3.

PINEY GROVE — Melvin Plott, Fairburn, Ga.

John W. Hunter, Fairburn, Ga.

J. H. Dolan, Fairburn, Ga.

Dillard Colburn, Fairburn, Ga.

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

NEW PROSPECT — John D. Cagle, Lynn, Ala., Rt. 1.
OAK GROVE — W. H. Pearce, Haleyville, Ala., Rt. 3.
C. C. Kimbrough, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 1.
Lester Hood, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 1.
Cecil Hood, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 1.
Orbie Pearce, Haleyville, Ala., Rt. 3.
James E. Duboise, Russellville, Ala., Rt. 6.
WALDROP — Doyal Aderholt, Haleyville, Ala., Rt. 3.
Grady F. Parker, Haleyville, Ala., Rt. 3.
PINEY RIDGE — O. G. Lane, Arley, Ala.
Wyman James, Russellville, Ala., Rt. 3.
DELMAR — Otho Thompson, Russellville, Ala., Rt. 5.
UNION GROVE — Mige Rice, Double Springs, Ala., Rt. 3.
PINEY GROVE — Thomas Lee Pearce, Fairburn, Ga., Rt. 1, Box 210.

LICENSED MINISTERS

James W. Tirey, 1561, 3rd St., Napa, Calif.
Cecil Pearce, College Park, Ga.
Dewey Pearce, College Park, Ga.
Robert McGee, Phil Campbell, Ala.

SATURDAY DEVOTION

After a 10 minute recess we gathered back for devotion singing, "Press Along To Glory-Land." Rev. Wyman James conducted devotional service. Cecil Pearce brought a wonderful message using as his text, St. John 3rd chpt.16th verse. Followed by Rev. Cecil Hood speaking on "False Prophets."

After which we enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

We met back singing, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm." The Rev. J. M. Cobb, from the Childrens Home made a very spiritual talk using Psalms 37 chp. 3rd verse, "Trust In The Lord, And Do Good; So Shalt Thou Dwell In The Land, And Verily Thou Shalt Be Fed." A love offering of \$60.00 was given by the audience present for the children's home.

Our Quarterly Meetings will be at:

1st Oak Grove - Sept. 29, 1957.
2nd Waldrop - Dec. 29, 1957.
3rd Delmar - March 30, 1958.
4th Union Grove - June 29, 1958.

Moderator, Doyal Aderholt

The Association granted Harvey L. Key a letter in full fellowship. Rev. John D. Cagle, Orbie Pearce, Cecil Hood, was ordained to carry the Gospel. De Witt Cagle, Melvin Plott, John W. Hunter, J. H. Dolan, Dillard Colburn was ordained as deacons. Revs. Cecil Pearce, Dewey Pearce, Robert McGee was licensed to preach. Rev. Grady F. Parker was elected as evangelist for 1958. Dismissed by singing and an old fashioned handshake.

Rev. Thomas Lee Pearce, has organized a Free Will Baptist Church at Fairburn, Ga. known as Piney Grove - with 37 members and 45 in Sunday School. We feel he has done a great work.

WALDROP CHURCH REPORTS

LEAGUE REPORT

League Expense

League books	\$ 8.80
Heat bill	10.15
Broadcast	12.00
Lights	4.75
Song-books	37.50
Report envelopes	3.25
Heaters	45.00
Heat	9.36
Literature	9.00
Gas	3.75
Report envelopes	3.25
Literature	8.20
Gas	12.00
Offering to orphanage	25.72
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	\$192.73

FURNISHED ROOM AT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Articles Bought

Maple beds	
Maple dresser	
Mattress	
Springs	
Lamps	\$150.00
Rug	17.50
Thro-rugs	2.50
Pillows	3.00
Maple chairs	16.00
	<u>\$189.00</u>
	Tax 7.56
	<u>\$196.56</u>
Paint & door knobs	20.86
Light bulbs & cords	2.78
Picture & curtain rods	2.87
Window cornice	2.08
Curtains	7.91
	<u>\$233.06</u>

Offering	Total expense	Owe	Treasure
\$442.72	\$425.79	\$36.56	\$56.14

This is a report of expenditures of the Young Peoples Class of Waldrop Freewill Baptist Church, donated to the Freewill Baptist Orphans Home.

Link Springs, Twin Beds, Mattresses and Rug	\$88.30
Perfection Springs and Chest	51.95
Curtains, Towels, Washcloths, Pillow Cases, Sheets and Bed	
Spreads	45.00
Mirrors, Vanities, and Benches	29.50
Lamps	15.00
Paint and Brushes	2.25

Amount Spent	\$232.00
Unpaid Balance	55.25
Amount Paid	\$176.75
	8.00
	<u>\$184.75</u>

Pictures and Frames

One Console Radio donated by Member of Class

Class Sec. and Treasurer
 Edna Jane Craft

Total Spent on furnishing room \$240.00

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine Grace, to embrace the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and having obtained justification by faith in His name, as members of the Free Will Baptist Church at.....

.....agree:

1. To watch over each other in love, and to pray for each other as members of a common faith, ever striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of another, nor will we prosecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church, but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instructions to Timothy: "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort each other as members of a common brotherhood."

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. But we should remember that our relations to each other are closer and the obligations more binding when we become as a family and assume in Christian sense the care and responsibility that members of a family should feel for each other.

4. We will attend the stated meetings of our church unless we are providentially hindered or uncontrolled circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church. And we will prefer the services of our church to that of any other, and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the word to us.

5. We will not injure our influence in the house of our Lord by accepting seats among the ungodly and sinners, but will occupy seats near the pulpit

and use the natural powers which the Lord has given us to praise His Holy Name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those who pray.

6. We will not be guilty of the sin of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors which is double sin against the law of God, for in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the laws of Moses which condemn Sabbath breaking, and the words of the inspired Apostle which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers, and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the Covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Bear Creek Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of ministers, deacons, and delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates with their ministers.

2. This body shall be considered as an advisory council, but having no authority over the affairs of the churches.

3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs and all matters of discipline, etc. It may, however, in extreme cases, call for aid from sister churches.

4. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association and the decision shall be final.

5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.

6. This Association shall meet annually at such times and places as may be agreed upon by a previous session and shall not adjourn until the business is transacted.

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

8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influences to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, etc.

9. No member of this Association shall be eligible for the office of Moderator more than two successive sessions unless no other member is competent to act in that capacity.

10. Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two years in succession shall be dropped from our minutes.

11. The Moderator shall appoint all committees.

12. All business coming before this body shall be recommended, if constitutional. If the committee refuses any query brought before them, the one who presented it shall have a right to bring it before the Association committee standing during the session.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presides at the last session, the former clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association will be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the delegates present shall elect.

4. The names of the delegates from the church shall be enrolled and called as often as is necessary during the session.

5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases except in the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie, then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken provided he appoints some one else to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator.

8. No one person will be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

9. No person shall laugh or talk while the discussions are going on.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

11. Not less than three officiating officers shall compose a legal presbytery.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe that there is one and only one true and living God. Who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. Corinthians 8:6, and Matt. 28:19.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrines for the government of His church. II Timothy 3:16.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTACY—We believe that Adam was created Holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. Gen. 2:17, and 3:3.

4. FREE GRACE—We believe the Grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto Salvation. Matt. 10:8; and 11:27.

5. CHRISTIAN FAITH—We believe that Christian Faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, and in the Divinity of the Holy Scriptures, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. I John 10:17.

6. REPENTANCE—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. Cor. 7:10; Romans 2:4.

7. FREE AGENCY—We believe that the human will is free and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. Matt. 6:21.

8. PERSEVERANCE—We do not believe under gospel dispensation the soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwrecks of their faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. II Peter 2:20; John 15:6.

9. OF GOOD WORKS—We believe that good works is the result of faith and not of necessity; that those who haven't faith cannot do anything pleasing unto God.

10. OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it.

11. OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—We believe that the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians and all Christians should unite in observing that sacred service, regardless of name or denominational distinction; we also believe that the Saints should wash each other's feet.

12. OF THE SOUL—We believe that a man is a living soul, that the body will die, but the soul is immortal, that death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of the human body.

13. OF SANCTIFICATION—We believe in holiness and sanctification in this life by the power and gift of God.

14. OF RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead; when the Resurrection shall take place the soul and body will unite and form an immortal being; that the righteous will be received into a state of everlasting happiness to reign with God forever and ever, "but the wicked will be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness; the wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.
2. Reading minutes of last meeting.
3. Call for references.
4. Call for peace and fellowship.
5. Open door of Church for the reception of members.
6. Call for contributions for church expenses.
7. Call for acknowledgments.
8. Call for new miscellaneous business.
9. Motion for adjournment.

RULES FOR TAKING MEMBERS INTO CHURCH

Q. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and do you accept Him as your personal Saviour?

A. I do.

Q. You found yourself a sinner in the sight of God?

A. I did.

Q. And you feel that God for Christ's sake has forgiven you for all sin?

A. I do.

Q. And now you want to become a member of this Free Will Baptist Church at this place?

A. I do.

Q. Are you willing to abide by the rules of this church?

A. I am.

Q. Are you willing to support the church with your finances as God prospers you?

A. I am.

Q. Do you believe the whole Bible, and will you take it for your guide and live according to its teachings?

A. I will.

Q. Do you believe in free and open communion? Let a man examine himself according to I Cor. 11:28. Also in washing the Saint's feet according to St. John, 13th Chapter?

A. I do.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or oftener if necessary, to transact the business of the church.

2. The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the pastor. The Moderator shall preserve order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but no vote unless there be a tie, in which he shall have the casting vote.

3. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of the church's expenses.

4. No member shall leave their seats during the conference without permission of the Moderator.

5. No member shall arraign another before the church, on any grievance without first taking gospel steps.

6. All business brought before the church by motion and second in Gospel-like order shall be attended to by the Church unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Any person wishing to speak shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and if two arise at the same time the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first, and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the church.

9. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present at any church meeting to vote on all questions before the church, called on by the Moderator or any member of the church who may desire to obtain the mind of the whole church.

10. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the Church and afterward complain of what was done, he shall be dealt with accordingly.

11. The members of the Church shall not talk about one another slanderously, and shall not give any report or circulation that may arise against the church member, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and no one else, and any member doing otherwise shall be dealt with accordingly.

12. We agree to do all business by majority of the members present at any time, except touching Fellowship, which must be unanimous.

13. We agree after taking the Lord's Supper to also wash each other's feet.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1957

CHURCHES	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter	Received By Restoration	Received By Recommendation	Dismissed By Letter	Died	Joined Elsewhere	Associations And Minute Fund	Value of Church Property	Amount Given Pastor	Members Active	Amount Given Helper In Revival And Evangelist	Days Of Meetings	Total Membership	Members In Sunday School	Church Expenses	Given Orphanage	Given Charity	Now In Treasury
Oak Grove	2				19	1		\$26.00	\$2,500.00	\$119.00	100	\$118.05	4th	302	100	\$ 250.57	\$ 60.00	\$ 44.85	\$ 71.18
Barnett Chapel	1			1	1	2	1	\$32.25	\$2,000.00	\$ 156.00	10	\$ 65.00	1-3	50	30	\$ 25.00	\$ 48.90	\$ 35.00	\$ 72.30
Cedrom Grove	3		2				1	\$ 5.00	\$5,500.00	\$ 289.11	47	\$ 80.00	F. T.	47	80	\$ 132.95	\$ 42.32	\$ 78.25	\$103.63
Waldrop	12	9				1	13	\$26.00	\$15,000.00	\$2,161.47		\$ 65.00	F. T.	363	165	\$2,787.02	\$621.63	\$421.38	\$156.70
Piney Ridge	1	3						\$11.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 445.00	30	\$ 25.00	2-4	87	35	\$ 100.00			\$ 35.00
Hopewell				3			5	\$ 8.25	\$3,000.00	\$ 71.85	6		1-3	50	40				
New Prospect			2			1		\$12.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 186.00	20	\$ 50.00	2nd	75	30	\$ 182. 10	\$ 56.45		
Delmar								\$ 8.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 58.00		\$ 40.00	F. T.	46	35				
Union Grove					1				\$2,000.00		15		3rd	39	58		\$ 10.00		
Piney Grove	12	5		8				\$15.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 94.00	37	\$ 45.00	1-3	37	45	\$3,500.00		\$120.00	\$261.00

MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTERS	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Received In Church	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes	Funerals Conducted	Pastored Churches	Held Communion Service	Conducted Prayer Meeting	Attended Sunday School	Held Revivals	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Traveling Expenses	Amount Given Charity	Radio Expense	Professions Witnessed
H. L. KEY	125				35	19	1	4	5		8	2	30,000		\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00		
C. C. KIMBROUGH	54		4	3	25	6	3				4		4,500	\$ 790.38	\$225.00	\$ 46.00		
W. H. PEARCE	70		5	2		9	1		6		4		6,950	\$1,352.77	\$195.50	\$ 60.00		35
GRADY F. PARKER	117		21	15	102	43	1	1	12		5	4	28,500	\$2,317.80	\$825.00	\$191.00		85
OTHO THOMPSON	102	111			30	1	1	2	12	47	1		6,949	\$ 58.00	\$218.94	\$200.00	\$384.00	
O. G. LANE	2				10	1										\$ 30.00		
THOMAS LEE PEARCE	40	35	26	14	13		2		2	40	1		7,500	\$ 554.50	\$280.00	\$180.00		25
LESTER HOOD	71	57	2	1	43	1	2	1	12	33	1		5,051	\$ 258.85	\$404.00	\$ 76.00		
CECIL HOOD	46				23				12		2		3,000	\$ 119.00	\$253.40	\$ 46.05		5
DOYAL ADERHOLT	37				158				8	47			4,468	\$ 28.34	\$178.72	\$ 76.60		
WYMAN JAMES	55	60	7	1	25		1	4	12	47	2		5,500	\$ 401.52	\$200.10	\$ 30.00		
JAMES E. DUBOISE	10								6					\$ 5.00		\$ 50.00		
ROBERT McGEE	19	30			3				11	40								
ORBIE PEARCE	26				17				8				2,000	\$ 218.26	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00		10
JOHN D. CAGLE	34				27				13				1,053					1

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS	CLERK'S ADDRESSES
NEW PROSPECT	Winston	John D. Cagle	Bert Dodd	Lynn, Ala., Rt. 1
OAK GROVE	Franklin	Cecil Hood	W. J. Kinard	Russellville, Ala., Rt. 6
BARNETT CHAPEL	Winston	Lester Hood	Minnie Claborn	Houston, Ala.
CEDROM GROVE	Walker	William Roberts	Eunice Prescott	Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 2
WALDROP	Winston	W. H. Pearce	H. S. Spain	Haleyville, Ala., Gen. Del.
PINEY RIDGE	Winston	Wyman James	Virgil Key	Jasper, Ala., St. Rt.
HOPEWELL	Winston		Etta Callaway	Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3
DELMAR	Winston	Otho Thompson	Henretta Thompson	Russellville, Ala., Rt. 5
UNION GROVE	Winston	Mige Rice	Melvin Tidwell	Double Springs, Ala., Rt. 3
PINEY GROVE	Fulton	Thomas L. Pearce	Willie O. Miller	Fairburn, Ga., Box 609

CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

STATE OF ALABAMA. COUNTY OF

We the church of Christ at
of the Free Will order sendeth greetings to the Ministers, Messengers and
Delegates composing the annual session of the
Free Will Baptist Association.

We send delegates,
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whom we deem worthy of seats with you.

OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Received by Baptism; By Letter; By Restora-
tion; By Recommendation; Dismissed By Let-
ter; Died; Excluded; Names drop-
ped that joined other faiths; Members Active;
Inactive; Members in Sunday School; Days of
Meeting; Names of Ordained Ministers
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Name of Lincentiates

Names of Deacons
.....

Church Expenses \$. Amount Given Pastor \$.

Amount Given Evangelists \$. Amount Given Charity \$.

Value of Church Property \$.; Amount Given Orphanage \$.

Now In Treasury \$.

Minute And Associational Funds \$.

Clerk and Address

Pastor and Address

We petition for the Association to meet with us at

This done by order of Church in Conference.

Date

Rev. Moderator

..... Church Clerk

REMARKS:

Remarks:

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