

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

*Bear Creek*  
*Free Will Baptist*  
*Association*

HELD WITH  
MT. ZION CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 8-9, 1975

OFFICERS

Rev. Jerry Boyles  
Rev. Dennis Borden  
Rev. C. C. Kimbrough  
Bro. Delmer Duboise

Moderator  
Ass't Moderator  
Evangelist  
Clerk

The 79th session of this Association will meet with Waldrop Free Will Baptist Church on September 10 and 11, 1976. Friday services begin at 10:00 A.M. and Saturday services begin at 9:00 A.M.

ADDRESS OF CLERK

Delmer Duboise  
P.O. Box 384  
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## *Roll Of Deceased Ministers*

Rev. John Alexander

Rev. Alvin Frost

Rev. Zenas Frost

Rev. R. A. Sullivan

Rev. Ira D. Garrison

Rev. R. E. Moncrief

Rev. D. H. Henderson

Rev. D. H. Simmons

Rev. Ira Nix

## *Proceedings Of The Bear Creek Free Will Baptist Association*

The seventy-eighth annual session of the Bear Creek Free Will Baptist Association convened with Mt. Zion Church on September 8 & 9, 1975.

The Association was opened by singing "The Eastern Gate." The pastor of Mt. Zion, Rev. Robert McGee, welcomed everyone to the Association. Prayer was prayed by Rev. C. C. Kimbrough.

Song: "Press Along to Glory-Land" and "I Never Shall Forget the Day."

Altar prayer was led by Rev. Dennis Borden. The devotional service was conducted by Bro. Joe Boyles.

Song: "Gettin' Ready to Leave This World."

Rev. Earl Butler brought the introductory sermon and his text was from John 14:16.

Song: "Just As I Am"

Rev. Robert McGee brought the second sermon and his text was from 1st John Chapter 3, verse 3.

Song: "I'm Glad I Counted the Cost."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. J. B. Tice.

## *Friday Afternoon*

We, the Association, reassembled by singing "Have Faith In God" and "I'd Rather Be An Old-Time Christian."

The moderator, Rev. Earl Butler, welcomed all to the Association.

Seated visiting Delegates. NONE

Prayer was prayed by Rev. Charlie McGee.

The moderator, Rev. Earl Butler, read the constitution of the Free Will Baptist. The House was then called to order for transaction of Business.

First: Appointed reading clerks — Sis. Christine Mayhall and Sis. Dennis Borden.

Second: Appointed Finance Committee — Bro. Louie Taylor, Rev. Dennis Borden, Bro. Chales Page.



**Third:** Called for letters from each Church. They were received, read, and accepted. The delegates from each church were seated.

Oak Grove church recommended in their letter to do away with the Evangelist. This move was tabled until the Presbytery met.

**Fourth:** Called for Petitionary letters — None.

**Fifth:** The Association proceeded by the election of officers as follows:

Moderator	Rev. Jerry Boyles
Ass't Moderator	Rev. Dennis Borden
Evangelist	Rev. C. C. Kimbrough
Clerk	Bro. Delmer Duboise

**Sixth:** The moderator, Rev. Jerry Boyles, proceeded by the appointment of committees as follows:

**1. Committee on Documents and Order of Business:**

Thomas L. Pierce  
Norris Berry  
Charlie McGee

**2. Committee on Devotional Service:**

Jack Beck  
Bennie Burnett  
Orbie Pierce

**3. Committee on Literature**

Joe Boyles  
Randal Tice  
J. B. Sutherland

**4. Committee on Sabbath Schools:**

Troy Page  
Earnest Jeffreys  
Jimmie Bond

**5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons**

Charles Edwards  
Johnny Hulsey  
Bill Brown

**6. Committee on Deceased Members**

Marshall Crane  
J. D. Phifer  
Bud Thrasher

**7. Committee on Minute Funds**

Billy Edwards  
Bob Isom  
Linkton Lovelace

**ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND DELEGATES**

Adair Chapel .....	6
Botush .....	2
Haleyville .....	6
Mt. Joy .....	7
New Prospect .....	1
Oak Grove .....	4
Piney Grove .....	2
Mt. Zion .....	5
Pleasant Hill .....	1
Waldrop .....	11

The Association was dismissed until Friday night by Rev. Charlie McGee.

*Friday Night Service*

We, the Association, reassembled Friday night at 7:00 p.m. for the Communion service. The service was opened by singing "Jesus Hold My Hand."

Altar prayer was led by Rev. Thomas Pierce.

Rev. Troy Page brought the message — Text — John 13:6-8. Approximately 27 people took part in the footwashing service. The service was dismissed by singing "Lord Lead Me On."

*Saturday Morning*

The Committee Members met at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of preparing their reports.

The Association reconvened at 9:15 a.m. for the transaction of business. We opened by singing "Jesus Hold My Hand."

Altar prayer was led by Bro. Billy Edwards.

The moderator, Rev. Jerry Boyles, welcomed everyone to the Association and called the house to order for the transaction of business.

Seated visiting delegates:

Bro. Duane Taylor — State Line Association  
Bro. Claude Lowery — Progressive Association.

## Committee Reports

### LITERATURE:

We, your committee, beg to report that we recommend the prayerful study of the Holy Bible and use of the Free Will Baptist Literature in our Sabbath Schools. That parents read the message of Christ to their children, that they bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, as in Ephesians 6:4, also Proverbs 22:6 — Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. We also recommend to change the place of ordering our Sunday School literature from Ayden, North Carolina to Nashville.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee, beg to report we find 10 sabbath schools in our Association as follows:

1. Adair Chapel.....	26
2. Botush.....	30
3. Haleyville.....	81
4. Mt. Joy.....	31
5. Mt. Zion.....	35
6. New Prospect.....	30
7. Oak Grove.....	124
8. Piney Grove.....	75
9. Pleasant Hill.....	53
10. Waldrop.....	165

### FINANCE:

We, your committee, beg to report we have:

In Treasury  
Received from churches  
Total  
Moderator's Fee  
Clerk's Fee

### DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee, beg to report we find 12 deaths in our Association as follows:

Waldrop — Sis. Martha Miller Timmons, Bro. Clenton Bales.  
Mt. Zion — Sis. Alma Crowden; Sis. Annie Jeffreys; Sis. Edna Marlor; Sis. Lockie Dawson; Sis. Annie Seahorn  
Mt. Joy — Sis. Mary Raburn

Haleyville — Rev. Ira Nix  
Pleasant Hill — Sis. Rhodie Garner; Bro. Cazzy Pope  
Oak Grove — Bro. Richard McGee

### MINISTERS AND DEACONS

We, your committee, beg to report we have 29 ordained ministers and 35 ordained deacons in our Association.

### Committee On Documents And Order Of Business

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 \$35.00 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 \$75.00 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 deacons and one clerk of our denomination in good standing. The Articles of Faith and Church Covenant shall be read and adopted.

6th — That each Church leave the Minutes funds up to the Pastor and Deacons.

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 of the Holy Ghost.

8th — That we shall not ordain any minister or deacon with more than one living wife, regardless of what the excuse may 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 or at the Fifth Sunday meeting 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 houses on the first day of the week.

18th — That each Church has its own 5th Sunday meeting.

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 suffrage of the church as to whether they accept him or not.

21st — We recommend that each Church use its Evangelist twice a year and take up a free will offering each time.

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.

### *Committee On Minute Funds*

We, your committee, find that we may need additional funds to operate the Association for another year. Therefore, we recommend that the clerk adjust the assessment for each church and send them a statement as to the additional amount needed from each of them.

### *Committee On Devotion And Preaching*

Devotion: Bro. Norris Berry

Preaching: Rev. Randall Tice

Rev. C. C. Kimbrough

The body was dismissed until after lunch by Bro. Delmer Duboise

We, the Association, reassembled by singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Prayer was prayed by Bro. Duane Taylor. Special Song by Sis. Cathrine Plott.

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Norris Berry.

Song: "Living By Faith"

Rev. Randall Tice brought the introductory sermon and his text was from II Timothy 4th chapter.

Song: "Amazing Grace"

Rev. C. C. Kimbrough brought the second sermon with his text from Luke 19:28.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. H. Pearce

### *Saturday Afternoon*

We, the Association, reassembled by singing "Blessed Assurance"

Special Song by Sis. Nancy Hatton

Prayer by Brother Joe Boyles

Seated visiting delegates — None

The moderator, Rev. Jerry Boyles, called the House to order for the transaction of business.

#### Roll Call of Delegates, Ministers and Deacons

Adair Chapel.....	5
Botush.....	3
Haleyville.....	5
Mt. Joy.....	9
Mt. Zion.....	5
New Prospect.....	0
Oak Grove.....	5
Piney Grove.....	2
Pleasant Hill.....	5
Waldrop.....	11

Ministers reports were read, accepted, and each minister reporting was granted a new card of good standing with the Association.

The new home selected for the Association in 1976 was Waldrop Free Will Baptist Church.

The Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Rev. C. C. Kimbrough. The first order of business was that of electing Rev. C. C. Kimbrough to remain as the moderator for another year.

The proposal was made in the Presbytery to appoint an ordaining council to investigate and recommend people to be licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of the Bear Creek Association. The proposal was tabled after much discussion.

The Presbytery ordained Bro. Bob Isom and Bro. Linkton Lovelace to carry the gospel and they licensed Bro. Danny Hovator to carry the gospel.

The Presbytery ordained Bro. Marshall Crane and Bro Jack Beck as deacons of their respective churches.

In other action the Presbytery granted Rev. George Page a letter from the Bear Creek Association so that he might join another Association.

The Presbytery granted Rev. Lonnie Kimbrough credentials into the Bear Creek Association and was granted a card of good standing with the Association.

Also the Presbytery granted permission to Piney Grove Church to license Bro. Danny Pierce and Bro. Mike Plott at the church with Rev. Thomas Pierce acting as moderator of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery discussed the proposal to do away with the Evangelist. After a lengthy discussion the Presbytery voted to keep the Evangelist.

The Association was adjourned until 1976 by Rev. Duane Taylor.

## *Roll Of Delegates From Each Church*

Adair Chapel: Bro. Jack Beck, Sis. Imogene Smith, and Sis. Elvie Borden.  
Botush: Bro. Edward Garrison and Bro. J. Q. Gravitt, Sis. Kathrene Gravitt, and Sis. Lillie Daniel.

Haleyville: Bros. Charles Page, Johnnie Hulsey, Charles Edwards.  
Mt. Joy: Sis. Marth Jones, Sis. Ruby Roberts, and Sis. Carlene Loveless.

Mt. Zion: Bros. Jimmie Bond, Bennie Burnett, and Edward Jeffreys.

New Prospect: Bros. Lecil Estell, Bert Dodd, and Nelson Pendley.

Oak Grove: Bros. J. D. Phifer, Vernon Hood, and Danny Hood.

Piney Grove: Bros. Danny Pierce and Orbie Harris.

Pleasant Hill: Bros. Taylor Crow, Marshall Crane and Sis. Lorene Pope.

Waldrop: Bros. Odis Wilson, Flech Butler, Bud Thrasher, and Joe Boyles.

## *Roll Of Ordained Ministers And Deacons*

### **ADAIR CHAPEL**

Ministers — Rev. Dennis Borden

Deacons — Bros. J. C. Amick, Albert Adair and Louie Taylor.

### **BOTUSH**

Ministers — None

Deacons — Bro. V. E. Garrison

### **HALEYVILLE**

Ministers — Rev. Willard Mayhall and Rev. Troy Page

Deacons — Bros. M. L. Riddle, Billy Edwards, Gary Brown, and Bobby League

### **MT. JOY**

Ministers: Rev. Randal Tice, Rev. Oscar Smith and Rev. Danny Smith.

Deacons: Bros. Nolen Raburn, Bill Brown, and H. H. Raburn.

### **MT. ZION**

Ministers — Rev. Robert McGee

Deacons — Bro. Tom Dawson

### **NEW PROSPECT**

Ministers — Rev. John D. Cagle

Deacons — Bros. Albert Lee Smith and Dewitt Cagle

### **OAK GROVE**

Ministers — Rev. C. C. Kimbrough; Rev. Lester Hood; Rev. Cecil Hood; Rev. J. N. Pace; Rev. G. R. Porter; Rev. N. L. Frost and Rev. J. C. Richie.

Deacons — Bros. Clarence Miller; W. J. Kinard; Ollie Kimbrough; Oather Beasley; Marshall Kinard; C. J. Potter; Vernon Davidson; and Milton Colburn.

### **PINEY GROVE**

Ministers — Rev. Thomas L. Pierce; Rev. Dewey Pierce; and Rev. Milton Pierce.

Deacons — Bros. Dillard Colburn; Melvin Plott; John Adkinson, and James Dalton.

### **PLEASANT HILL**

Ministers — Rev. Booker Tice

Deacons — Bros. Billy Rucker; Jimmie Raburn, and Billy Pierce

### **WALDROP**

Ministers — Rev. W. H. Pearce; Rev. O. B. Pierce; Rev. Charlie McGee; Rev. Jerry Boyles; Rev. J. B. Sutherland; Rev. James Tirey; Rev. Norris Robbins; Rev. Orbie Pearce; Rev. Earl Butler; and Rev. Wiley Brown.

Deacons — Bros. Hollis McCrealess; Wilson Kelly; James Jones; Edward Hood; Norris Berry; and William Pugh



## 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 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 condemns 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 Convent 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 influence 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 the 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 with singing and prayer.
3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the delegates present shall elect.
4. The name 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 Matthew 28:19.
2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE--We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitutes the only infallible doctrines for 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. Genesis 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. Romans 10:12 and Romans 1:16.
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. Romans 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. Romans 2:4 and II Corinthians 7:10.

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. Joshua 24:15.
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 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. Matthew 7:18-20.
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. Romans 6:4 and Acts 8:36-37.
11. OF THE LORD'S SUPPER--We believe that the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and fruit of the vine represents 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. I Corinthians 11:23-26 and St. John 13:14.
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. Genesis 2:7 and I Corinthians 15.
13. OF SANCTIFICATION--We believe in holiness and sanctification in this life by the power and gift of God. Romans 12:1.
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." St. John 5:28-29.

### *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 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 Corinthians 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 less 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 another slanderously, and shall not give any report of 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 others feet.

## 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 .....  
.....  
whom we deem worthy of seats with you.

## Our Statistics Are As Follows:

Received by Baptism ..... By Letter ..... By Restor  
ation .....; By Recommendation .....; Dismissed By  
Letter .....; Died .....; Excluded .....; Names  
dropped that joined other faiths .....; Members Active .....  
Inactive .....; Members in Sunday School .....; Days of  
Meeting .....; Names of Ordained Ministers .....



Names of Licentiates .....  
 Names of Deacons .....  
 Church Expenses \$ ..... Amount Given Pastor \$ .....  
 Amount Given Evangelists \$ ..... Amount Given Charity \$ .....  
 Value of Church Property \$ ..... Amount Given Orphanage \$ .....  
 Now in Treasury \$ .....  
 Minutes 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

## 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 ..... , 19.....

Rev. .... Moderator

..... Clerk

## Minister's Report

	Jerry Boyles	Wiley Brown	Earl Butler	Cecil Hood	Lester Hood	Danny Hovater	Bob Isom	C. C. Kimbrough	Lonnie Kimbrough	Linkton Loveless	Willard Mayhall	Charlie McGee	Robert McGee
Sermons Preached	55	16	70	85	66	18	17	17	18	22	80	89	62
Professions Witnessed	4		6	12	12		5			2	7	8	12
Received in Church			4	5	3						7	10	14
Baptized			1	9	2						3		7
Visited Sick Homes		100	20	26	200		50	27	30	15	30	14	
Funerals Conducted					1			5	2		3	2	10
Pastored Churches			1	1	1						1	1	1
Held Communion Service				1	2						4		
Conducted Prayer Meeting	5			4	2				6	6	45	5	2
Attended Sunday School	51	40	49	45	48	50		46	45	45	50	52	50
Held Revivals	1				3								
Married Couples	1				2						2	1	3
Money Received	225.00	14.00	1375.00	3320.00	5304.89	10.00		153.50			2750.00	1049.01	2600.00
Traveling Expense		\$57.00		\$568.00					\$50.00	\$40.00	300.00	275.00	208.00
Amount Given Charity		\$22.00		\$340.00	\$300.00				\$25.00		\$50.00	\$867.50	\$1500.00
Tithes					\$2232.51						\$732.00		



Adair Chapel	25,000.00	897.38	586.24	26		88.68	453.00	3925.00	FT		1				
Botush	22,000.00	933.74	210.02	30	300.00	71.00	225.00	1375.00	FT		1	4			
Haleyville	50,000.00	4886.64	860.43	81		290.36	250.00	2750.00	FT	1		4			3
Mt. Joy	11,000.00	1138.60	298.85	31	176.68	91.72	200.00	1141.69	FT	1	3				
Mt. Zion	45,000.00	7653.45	1074.30	35	65.00		228.00	2600.00	FT	5		2		5	7
New Prospect	6,000.00	351.92	801.87	30	225.00	134.98	187.00		FT						
Oak Grove	30,000.00	1878.33	1530.90	124	161.23	60.00	253.48	4429.06	FT			3	5		2
Piney Grove	60,000.00	17,836.79	3479.62	75	2370.66	300.00		8180.34	FT		2	6			8
Pleasant Hill	12,000.00	5135.00	2278.31	53	425.00		125.00	2725.00	FT	2	2	2		3	
Waldrop	40,000.00	20,515.63	10,705.63	165	913.00	1187.30	329.06	5526.75	FT	2	7	9			6
<b>Church Reports</b>	<b>Value of Church Property</b>	<b>Church Expense</b>	<b>Now in Treasury</b>	<b>Members in Sunday School</b>	<b>Amount Given Charity</b>	<b>Amount Given Orphanage</b>	<b>Amount Given Evangelist</b>	<b>Amount Given Pastor</b>	<b>Days Of Meeting</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Dismissed By Letter</b>	<b>Received by Recommendation</b>	<b>Received By Restoration</b>	<b>Received by Letter</b>	<b>Received by Baptism</b>

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Minister's Report	Randall Tice	55	6	18	7	53							1389.18		151.00	1089.35	
	J. B. Tice	102		5	5		4					2	9400.00		100.00	1000.00	
	Booker Tice	75	3	5		16						11	2725.00				
	J. B. Sutherland	52	2		2								1011.00	125.00	450.00		
	Oscar Smith	33	3			25	5						58.00		150.00		
	Danny Smith	65	8			43	2	6				1	714.00			186.00	
	Norris Robbins	37	10			60		2	2				60.00	250.00	150.00		
	Thomas L. Pierce	46	26	14	8	140	2	2	2			3	8625.00		320.00	911.00	
	Orbie Pierce	67	6	5	9	67	2	13	2			1	4787.37	500.00	56.30	570.50	
	Dewey Pierce	47	31			20		1				2	540.00	125.00	250.00	882.00	
	Danny Pierce	14	5			30		4					3000.00	50.00		450.00	
	W. H. Pearce	65	12	16	3	110	14		1			5	6150.00		300.00	650.00	
	Troy Page	27	2			40						1			200.00		
	Dennis Borden	56				45	1	50				1	3700.00	\$1040.00	\$65.00		
		Sermons Preached															
		Professions Witnessed															
	Received in Church																
	Baptized																
	Visited Sick Homes																
	Funerals Conducted																
	Pastored Churches																
	Held Communion Service																
	Conducted Prayer Meeting																
	Attended Sunday School																
	Held Revivals																
	Married Couples																
	Money Received																
	Traveling Expense																
	Amount Given Charity																
	Tithes																

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CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S ADDRESS
Adair Chapel	Winston	Rev. Dennis Borden	Avalee Taylor	Double Springs, Ala. 35553
Botush	Winston	Rev. Earl Butler	Lucille Cagle	Delmar, AL
Haleyville	Winston	Rev. Willard Mayhall	Christine Mayhall	Haleyville, AL 35565
Mt. Joy	Franklin	Rev. Randall Tice	Beatrice Raburn	Rt. 1 Bear Creek, AL
Mt. Zion	Lawrence	Rev. Robert McGee	Inos Lowery	Rt. 1 Town Creek, Ala.
New Prospect	Winston	Rev. J. B. Sutherland	Edith Pendley	Rt. 1 Lynn, Ala. 35675
Oak Grove	Franklin	Rev. Orbie Pierce	Marshall Kinard	Rt. 5 Russellville, Ala. 35653
Piney Grove	Fulton	Rev. Thos. L. Pierce	Ronald Harris	Rt. 2 Fairburn, Ga.
Pleasant Hill	Marion	Rev. Booker Tice	Jimmie Raburn	1108 Firestone Av. Muscle Shoals, AL 35660
Waldrop	Winston	Rev. W.H. Pearce	Genola Kirkpatrick	Rt. 3 Haleyville, Ala. 35565