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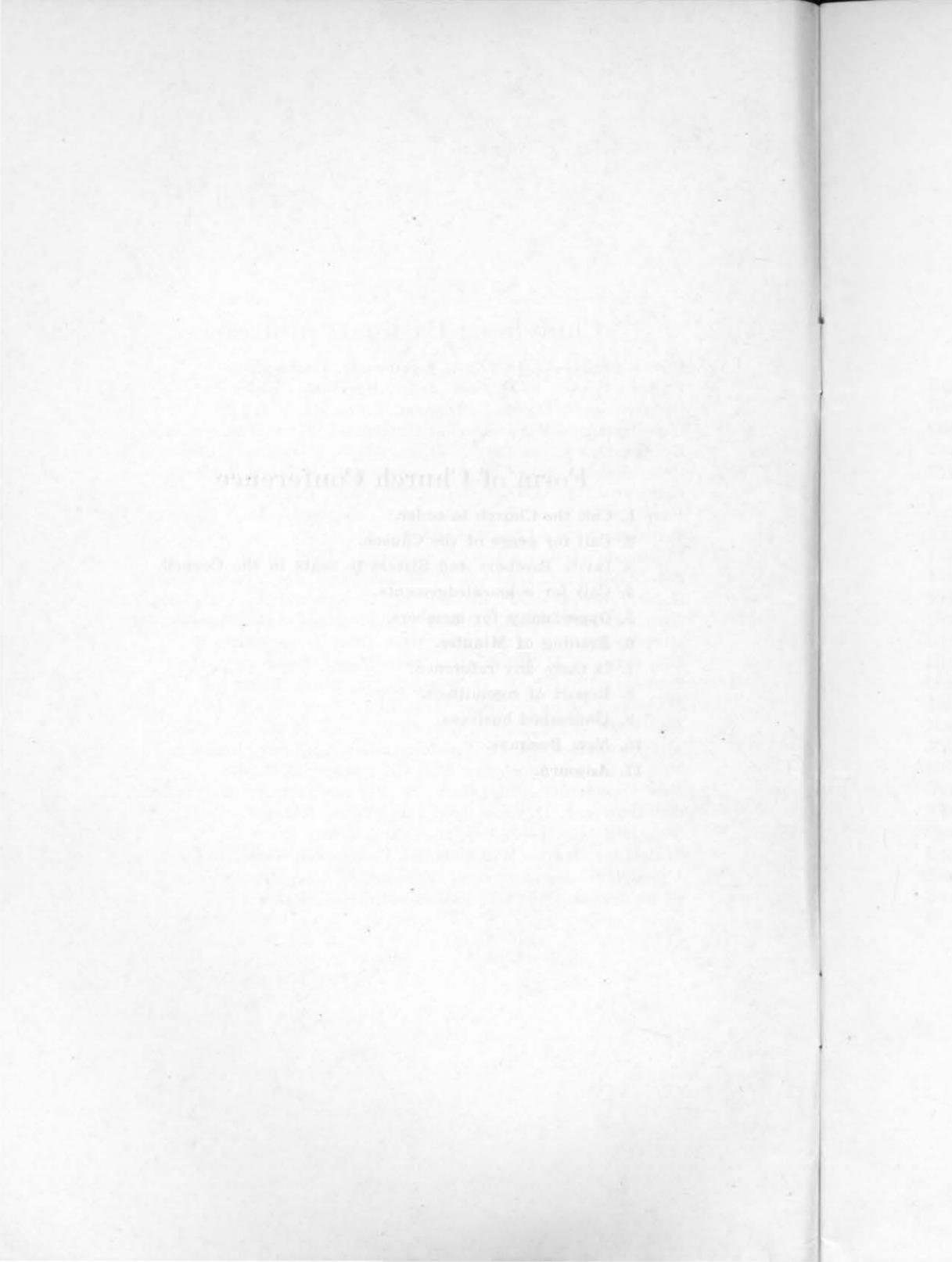
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Form of Church Conference

- 1. Call the Church to order.
- 2. Call for peace of the Church.
- 3. Invite Brothers and Sisters to seats in the Council.
- 4. Call for acknowledgements.
- 5. Opportunity for members.
- 6. Reading of Minutes.
- 7. Is there any reference?
- 8. Report of committees.
- 9. Unfinished business.
- 10. New Business.
- 11. Adjourn.



Churches : Pastors : Addresses

Burn's Chapel-J. O. Dixon, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 1. Butler's Grove-L. O. Cook, Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. Canaan-J. O. Dixon, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 1. Cave Springs-Willie Daniel, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 2. Cypress Oak Grove-H. C. Killen, 936 N. Royal Ave., Florence, Ala. Cross Roads-Arlo Peppers, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Route 5. Collinwood-L. O. Cook, Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. East Florence-E. P. Rowden, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala. Fellowship-Clice Daniel, Iron City, Tenn. Flatwoods-Willie Daniel, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 2. Friendship State Line-D. C. Wallace, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. Grassey Creek-E. P. Rowden, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala. Gray's Chapel-D. A. Lindsey, 311 Highland Ave., Florence, Ala. Hickory Flat-George Kelley, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. Iron City-J. M. Burns, Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. Johnson's Chapel-V. H. Gean, Lutts, Tenn., Route 1. Macedonia-George Kelley, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. Mill Rock-J. M. Burns, Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. Miller's Chapel-D. C. Wallace, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. New Home-J. M. Burns, Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. New Community-Paul C. Story, Florence, Ala., Route 4. Oak Grove-L. O. Cook, Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. Rose Hill-George Kelley, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. State Line Grove-Willie Daniel, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 2. Union Hill-Hamp Pierce, Russellville, Ala., Route 6. 48 Bridge-J. O. Dixon, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 1.

Churches : Clerks : Addresses Burn's Chapel-Mrs. Jossie Martin, Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. Butler's Grove-Walsie Wallace, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. Canaan-Dolph Crews, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Route 6. Cave Springs-T. C. Fretwell, Landersville, Ala., Route 1. Cypress Oak Grove-Mrs. Lillie Arnold, Iron City, Tenn. Cross Roads-Charlie Price, 222 Debus St., Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Collinwood-Betty J. Smith, Collinwood, Tenn. an an strand and a strand East Florence-Wynema Barnett, 501 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala. A 6 1 Fellowship-Maggie Kimbrel, Iron City, Tenn. Flatwood-Dewey Griffin, Ethridge, Tenn., Route 2. · Friendship State Line-James Shelton, Taft, Tenn., Route 1. x * * * Grassey Creek-Mary Morris, Lutts, Tenn. Gray's Chapel-Mrs. Newton Haygood, Florence, Ala., Route 1. й. в в ° ... жила Hickory Flat-Lillie Smitherman, Killen, Ala., Route 1. . . . Iron City-Virgie Lumpkins, Iron City, Tenn. Johnson's Chapel-Mrs. Ellie McGee, Lutts, Tenn., Route 1. Macedonia-Erma L. Bugg, Waterloo, Ala., Route 1. Mill Rock-Reba Butler, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 1. 100 Miller's Chapel-Arnold Buie, Crestview, Tenn., Route 1. New Home-Mrs. Everett Kelley, Florence, Ala., Route 4. New Community-Fannie Pickens, Florence, Ala., Route 2. Oak Grove-Eva Copus, Collinwood, Tenn., Route 1. a set and a set of the Rose Hill, B. M. Johnson, Jr., Wales, Tenn., Route 1. the set of State Line Grove-Andrew Killen, Lexington, Ala., Route 2. Union Hill-Mrs. Audria Pugh, Haleyville, Ala., Route 3. 48 Bridge-Frankie Staggs, Waynesboro, Tenn., Route 4.

Deceased Ministers Names Retained Rev. J. S. Dillard, Alabama City. Rev. R. E. Freeman, Cordova. Rev. Tom Arnold, Union Hill. Rev. T. H. Martin, Macedonia. Rev. J. J. Warren, Oak Grove. Rev. D. D. Serrett, Flatwood. Rev. John Norred, Cypress Oak Grove. **Ordained Ministers Addresses** Arnold, J. L., Leoma, Tenn., Route 3. Boswell, H. M., Crest View, Tenn., Route 1. Burns, J. M., Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. Butler, L. N., Iron City, Tenn. Caperton, Ed, Iron City, Tenn. Cook, L. O., Iron City, Tenn., Route 3. Daniel, Willie Collinwood, Tenn., Route 2. Daniel, Clice, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. Daniel, Johnny W., Iron City, Tenn. Dixon, J. O., Collinwood, Tenn., Route 1. Haygood, Dewey, Florence, Ala. Kelley, George, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2. Killen, H. C., 936 N. Royal Ave., Florence, Ala. -Lindsey, D. A., 311 Highland Ave., Florence, Ala. Martin, C. C., Waynesboro, Tenn., Route 4. McGee, Belle, Florence, Ala., Route 4. McGee, Ellie, Lutts, Tenn., Rcute 1. Norred, Theodore, Florence, Ala., Route 5. Peppers, Arlo, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Route 5. Quillen, Coleman, St. Joseph, Tenn., Route 1. Rowden, E. P., 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala. Royal, L. B., 423 Stantion Ave., Florence, Ala. Sanderson, Paul H., 1313 Sunnyside St., Florence, Ala. Story, Paul, Florence, Ala., Route 2. Wallace, D. C., Iron City, Tenn., Route 2.

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Licensed Ministers Addresses

Adams, Wrin, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2.
Brewer, Clovis, Iron City, Tenn.
Brewer, Willie, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2.
Kelley, Ramon, Iron City, Tenn., Route 2.
Nickols, R. C., Florence, Alabama.
Roper, T. E., Loretto, Tenn.

Visiting Ministers

Pitts, H. A., Jasper District Association.Pierce, Hamp, Bear Creek Association.Kimbroug, C. C., Bear Creek Association.Moyers, Charles, Progressive Association.Rhyland, W. H., Progressive Association.

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\$4.50. \$4.25.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Union Hill Church on Thursday Night, September 22, 1949, with Rev. Willie Daniel, Moderator, calling the Association to order.

Opened with song "Oh What Must It Be Up There." Prayer by Rev. Ed Caperton.

Devotional service by Rev. H. A. Pitts of the Jasper District Association. Many fine testimonies were given.

A duet, "Jesus Is More Than a Friend," by Rev. Pitts' little daughter. Preaching by the Moderator, Rev. Willie Daniel. Scripture reading, Heb. the 11th Chapt. Text: "Without Faith It Is Impossible to Please God." Song: "I Feel Like Traveling On," with hand shake.

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Altar Call-No one responded.

Assignment to homes by Rev. Willie Daniel.

Dismissed by Rev. E. P. Rowden.

Friday Morning Session

The body was called to order at 9:00 A. M., by the Moderator, Rev. Willie Daniel. Song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Moderator read the 15th chapter of Psalms. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Burns.

Rules of Order read by the Clerk, Rev. Geo. Kelley.

Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, with 14 Ordained Ministers, 3 Licensed Ministers, 18 Deacons and 48 Delegates present.

Intelligence of Church was called for and delegates seated as follows: Burn's Chapel—Bros. Ethridge Brown and Charlie Risner. Minute funds \$2.50.

Butler's Grove-Sister's Nancy Jackson, Wilmajean Jackson and Lola Butler. Minute funds, \$4.15.

Canaan-Bros. Bill Clayton, Ted Ray and Earline Ray. Minute funds, 50.

Cave Springs-Bros. Milton Nesmith, Hubert Blankenship and Sis. Nathan Landers. Minute funds, \$5.00.

Cypress Oak Grove-Sisters Ida Hanback, Alta Bates and Jesse Hanback. Minute funds, \$3.00.

Cross Roads—Bros. C. C. Chambers, Bennie Smith and Carl Porter. Minute funds, \$5.00.

Collinwood—Bro. H. H. Brewer and Sis. Lilliam Brewer. Minute funds, 25.

East Florence-Bros. William Lee, Elmer Scott and W. H. Olive. Minute funds, \$12.75.

Fellowship-By letter. Minute funds, \$4.50.

Flatwood—Bros. Burr McFall, Odell Weemes and Ed Stutts. Minute funds, \$5.55.

Friendship State Line—Bro. Roy Gulley, Bro. and Sister Y. W. Laster. Minute funds, \$3.50.

Grassy Creek-By letter. Minute funds, \$2.00.

Gray's Chapel-Sisters May Bell Benningfield and Maggie Haygood.	form
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Hickory Flat-Sister Chestena Smitherman. Minute funds, \$6.00.	T and
Iron City-Bros. Quill Hale, Oliver Craft and Sister Dorothy Craft.	Text
Minute funds, \$4.30.	Creat
Johnson Chapel-By letter. Minute funds, \$1.50.	
Macedonia-By letter. Minute funds, \$3.00.	1
Mill Rock-Bros. Roy Butler, Comer Adams and Sis. John Brison. Min-	1
'ute funds, \$4.40.	51
Miller's Chapel-Bro. and Sis. Fred Creekmore. Minute funds, \$3.02.	
New Home-Bro. and Sis. Everett Kelley and Sis. Wilburn Parrish.	
Minute funds, \$4.60.	Feel
New Community-By letter. Minute funds, \$3.00.	by M
Rose Hill-Sisters Helen Ruth Higgins, Ruby Chaptman and Bro. Carol	•
White. Minute funds, \$5.00.	
State Line Grove-Bros. Andrew Killen, Linzie Flemmings, and Ancel	Rock
White. Minute funds, \$6.00.	
Union Hill-Bros. H. S. Spain, Roy Waldrop and Pate Bailey. Minute	
funds, \$5.00.	
48 Bridge-Bros. Bonnie Staggs and Lawrence Johnson. Minute funds,	urda
\$4.18.	
Wayland Springs-Moved and seconded to retained.	
Called for Petitionary Letters. Oak Grove Church represented.	
The following delegates: Eva Copus, Elsie Haddock and Bro. Tommy	
Capus were given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator. Minute	Anch
funds, \$1.50.	"Who
Appointment of Committees	
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General Business-Chairman, Rev. Ed Caperton, J. M. Burns and H. C. Killen with Moderator and Clark	10 M
C. Killen, with Moderator and Clerk.	
Sunday School-Chairman, Bro. L. T. Jones, R. L. Griffin and A. B.	ject,
McFall.	-
Education—Chairman, Rev. D. A. Lindsey, Carl Porter and Bro. Ed	2
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Temperance-Chairman, Rev. D. C. Wallace, H. H. Brewer and Fred	÷ .
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Finance-Chairman, Rev. Theodore Norred, Rev. Paul Sanderson and	6 D B
Roy Butler.	to and the second s
Obituary-Chairman, Sis. Lillie Smitherman, Sis. Fred Creekmore and	Scrip
Sis. Anna Brison.	, Rhyl
Miscellaneous-Chairman, Bro. H. S. Spain, Roy Waldrop and Comer	
Adams.	P. 100
Resolution-Chairman, Rev. E. P. Rowden, L. O. Cook and Quill Hale.	
Election of Officers	•
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Rev. H. C. Killen was electer Assistant Moderator. Rev. Geo. Kelley	lowin
was re-elected Clerk. Rev. D. A. Lindsey was elected Assistant Clerk.	
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Moved and seconded to adjourn the Association for preaching service neet back at 1:00 p. m.

Song: "Tell It Everywhere You Go." Preaching by Rev. D. A. Lindsey. t: Genesis 1:14, followed by Rev. D. C. Wallace, Text: Heb. 2:6; Subject, ator.

Song: "I Shall Be at Home with Jesus," with old-time hand shake. Altar Call-No one responded.

Dismissed for dinner by Rev. Ed Caperton.

Friday Afternoon Session

Called to order at 1 p. m. by Moderator, Rev. Willie Daniel. Song: "I I Like Traveling On." Scripture reading, 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians Moderator. Prayer by Rev. E. P. Rowden.

Roll called by the Clerk.

Next, voted on where next Association convenes. Cross Roads and Mill k asked for next Association. Mill Rock received majority votes. Offering for minute funds received, \$12.96.

Assignment to homes by Moderator, Rev. Willie Daninel.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the Association until 9:00 A. M., Satay morning for Presbytery to meet.

Friday Night Session

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. Willie Daniel. Song: "When I Have chored In Heaven." Sing: "Keep Moving," by the Gospel Trio and hen I Shake My Mothers Hand."

A talk by the pastor, Rev. Hamp Pierce.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Ed Caperton. Many fine testinies were given.

Song: "Oh, What Must It Be Up There."

Preaching by Rev. Theodore Norred, Scripture: Ephesians 2:13; Sub-, "The Church."

Followed by Rev. H. C. Killen. Subject: "Jesus Is the Way."

Altar Call-No one responded.

Song by trio, "Heaven Was There."

Dismissed by Rev. Geo. Kelley.

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Saturday Morning Session

Called to order at 9:00 a. m., by the Moderator, Rev. Willie Daniel. pture reading, the 6th chapter of Galatians. Prayer by Rev. W. H. land. Clerk read Rules of Order. Roll call by the Clerk. Report of the following committees were read and adopted.

General Business

We, your Committee on General Business, beg leave to report the foling:

First-We recommend that we receive all members by the right hand of

fellowship, and that the Moderator and Clerk be elected or re-elected each year, and that they begin their administration at the beginning of each session.

Also that we pay the Clerk \$15.00 and the Assistant Clerk \$10.00 for this service, and that they see to the printing of the minutes. Also that we pay the Clerk of the Presbytery \$8.00 for their service, and that they see to the printing of the 5th Sunday meeting programs and they be paid out of the Presbytery.

Second—We recommend that we retain a Home Mission Board and they have control over the tent and the tent be used only by our preachers, and that each church take up an offering for Home Missions.

Third—We recommend that all our churches appoint and approve their deacons twelve months before being ordained. That all ministers must have a written recommendation from the church which their membership is.

Fourth—We recommend that no Article of our Association, or Presbytery be changed without first being recommended by the body and lay on the table one year before being passed on.

Fifth—We recommend that each pastor, if possible, hold his conference in his churches.

Sixth—We recommend that each church in this Association take up an offering quarterly for the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama.

Seventh—We recommend that this Association buy a new tent and we sell the old one and put the money on the new one.

Eighth—We recommend that we drop the Deacons giving in report as the ministers do.

Rev. Ed Caperton, Chairman.

Sunday School

We, your Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to report the following:

We regard the Sunday School as one of the greatest helps to the Church as it is the best place to train children, except at home. We recommend that each pastor and entire membership strive to teach the Bible in its purity for the Bible is the waybill for all men and it is the promise of eternal life.

We recommend that each Pastor and Deacon urge that each Church have a Sunday School and that they use F. W. B. literature.

We urge that parents carry their children to Sunday School and assist in every way possible to carry the Sunday School on. We also recommend that children stay for preaching service and that we use only Christian teachers.

We urge that each Sunday School represent in our Sunday School Convention which convenes with East Florence Church.

L. T. Jones, Chairman.

Education Committee

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report the following: We are living in a time when education is being stressed, but we read in the Word of God if any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. James 1:5. One may read the whole Bible so as to quote it by memory, yet not be able to get the spiritual meaning. For the wisdom of men is foolishness with God.

We do endorse education, but we need to work for our people to have an old-time experience of grace of God in their soul that they will not be ashamed of the word of God. For God is able to supply all our needs. We need to urge our people to teach their children at home about the Word of God. And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus, 2nd Tim. 3:15.

Rev. D. A. Lindsey, Chairman.

Temperance Committee

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following: That we as Free Will Baptist should abstain from all intoxicating drinks and should keep ourselves unspotted from the world, and not be partakers of anything that is intemperance, keep our bodies clean and our souls free from sin and teach others to do likewise. For we read in the Scriptures to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove.

Rev. D. C. Wallace, Chairman.

Obituary Committee

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas God has seen fit to send the death angel to visit our churches and call from our midst the following loved ones:

Burn's Chapel-Sis. Matilda Rich.

Canaan-Sis. Licy Mae Clayton.

Cave Springs-Bro. G. E. Riggs and Sis. Laura Parker.

Cypress Oak Grove-Sis. Ella Mae Kuton.

Cross Roads-Bro. Mannie Sulton.

East Florence-Sis. J. L. Anthony and Sis. Murphy.

Friendship State Line-Bro. J. D. Peaks.

Hickory Flat-Bro. R. L. Wright.

Union Hill-Bro. Port Mayhall.

Therefore, we bow in humble submission to His will and exclaim "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

To the bereaved ones we point you to Christ, who alone can give you comfort and fill the vacancies. We extend our sympathy for we feel that our los sis heaven's gain. For precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Lillie Smitherman, Chairman.

Finance Committee

We, your Committee on Finance, report the following:	
Amount on hand before Association	\$ 12.17
Minute funds received	111.10
Offering	12.96
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Total in Treasury _____\$136.23

We recommend that all churches up to 25 to 35 active members pay \$3.50; up to 50 active members pay \$5.00; up to 75 active members pay \$6.50; up to 100 active members pay \$7.50; and 5c for each additional member.

We recommend that each pastor see that their church pay their minute funds. We also recommend that each church have at least two Finance Committees to see after the church and pastor.

Rev. Theodore Norred, Chairman.

Miscellaneous Committee

We, your Committee on Miscellaneous, recommend that each church call their pastor 30 days before the Association:

We also recommend that we have an evangelist and that each church help support him. We recommend that the Association give the Presbytery the power to call the evangelist three months before the Association convenes. We recommend that our churches call their pastor from our Association if possible. We also recommend that each church elect a committee of three to look after the sick and needy of their church and community.

Bro. H. S. Spain, Chairman.

Resolution Committee

We, your Committee on Resolution, beg leave to rerport the following: We as the entire body wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of Union Hill Church and surrounding community, for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay. May God richly bless you all is our prayer. Hoping to meet you all in an eternal Association.

Rev. E. P. Rowden, Chairman.

Report of Home Mission Board

Cash on hand _____\$ 71.65 Received since last Association _____ 95.00

\$166.65

Bro. L. T. Jones, Chairman.

Bro. L. T. Jones was re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer of Home Mission Board assisted by Bro. Oscar Mashburn, Rev. Geo. Kelly and Rev. Ed Caperton.

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100	Report of Clerk
1.1	Amount in Treasury from last Association\$ 16.79
	Minute funds received 117.92
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	\$134.71
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	Paid Assistant Clerk
1.45	Printing of minutes 88.00
	Express and mailing 9.54
W 1993	\$122.54
2	Balance in Treasury\$ 12.17

Names of deceased members were read and many fine talks and comments on their lives were given.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the Association to meet with Mill Rock Church on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1950. Thus ended a wonderful Association.

> REV. WILLIE DANIEL, Moderator REV. ARLO PEPPERS, Assistant Moderator REV. GEO. KELLEY, Clerk

LILLIE SMITHERMAN, Assistant Clerk 2 :

Song: "I Shall Be at Home with Jesus."

A talk by Rev. W. H. Rhyland on "The Growth and Spread of the Free Will Baptist." Offering for the Orphan's Home received, \$35.15.

Devotional service by Rev. Ed Caperton. Many fine testimonies were given.

Preaching by Rev. Geo. Kelley: Scripture reading Matt. 28:16, 17, 18, 19, 20. A wonderful message. Song, with old-time hand shake.

Altar call-One responded.

Dismissed for dinner by E. P. Rowden.

Proceedings of the Presbytery Meetings 1. 14 4.24 for 1948-1949

The Presbytery met with Cave Springs Church, 5th Sunday in October, 1948. Ordained ministers present 8, Deacons 8. Bro. Ola Melson of Collinwood Church was ordained as Deacon.

The Presbytery met with East Florence Church, 5th Sunday in January, '1949. Ordained Ministers present 12, Deacons 10.

Rev. Sidney Jones of Gray's Chapel Church, Rev. James W. Holland and Rev. Malcolm Prestage of East Florence Church were ordained to preach the Gospel.

Offering for Children's Home received-\$41.00.

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The Presbytery met with Collinwood Church, 5th Sunday in May, 1949, with 17 ordained ministers present and 11 ordained deacons.

Bro. Carrol Robertson from East Florence Church, Bro. Wm. Adams, Bro. Raymond Kelley and Bro. Willie Brewer from Fellowship Church were licensed to preach the Gospel. Offering for New Community Church, \$26.86. Offering for Mr. Mercer, \$16.26.

Presbytery met with New Home Church, 5th Sunday in July, 1949, with 17 ordained ministers and 11 ordained deacons present. Bro. F. A. Bugg from Macedonia Church was ordained as deacon.

Presbytery met at the Association when convened with Union Hill Church, September 23rd, 1949, with 12 ordained ministers and 16 ordained deacons present.

Reading of ministers reports and cards granted. Reading of deacons reports.

Rev. Johnny W. Daniel asked for a new copy of his credentials.

Rev. Twin Borden from Cave Springs Church was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Rev. Coleman Quillen from Gray's Chapel Church was ordained to preach the Gospel and Bro. Newton Haygood from Gray's Chapel Church was ordained as Deacon.

Next, election of officers for the ensuing year: Rev. D. A. Lindsey reelected Moderator; Rev. H. C. Killen, re-elected clerk; Bro. L. T. Jons, Treasurer.

Next 5th Sunday meeting meets with Miller's Chapel Church, 5th Sunday in October, 1949.

> REV. H. C. KILLEN, Moderator Rev. D. A. LINDSEY, Clerk

Form of Receiving Members in Church

Inasmuch as you present yourself for admission into the church of the Free Will Baptist in Christ. We rejoice with you that through the grace of God you have been brought to a knowledge of the truth and have been made partakers of the great salvation. The privileges you seek are above price and the duties enjoined are so solemn it is proper that you publicly confess your faith and avow your purpose by answering the following questions:

- Q. Did you find yourself a sinner in the sight of God? A. I did.
- 2. Q. And you now believe that God has for Christ's sake pardoned and forgiven all your sins?
 - A. I do.
- 3. Q. And your desire is now to become a member of the Free Will Baptist at this place?
 - A. Yes sir.
- Q. Are you willing to be governed by our church rules?
 A. Yes sir.
- Q. Are you willing to contribute to the support of the Gospel as God A. I am.

- 6. Q. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and do you accept Him as your personal Saviour?
 - A. I do.
- 7. Q. Do you believe the whole Bible is infallibly true, and are you willing to take it as your guide?
 - A. Yes sir.
- Q. Do you believe in free and open communion. Let a man examine himself according to I Cor. 11:28. Also in washing of the saints' feet, according to St. John 13?
 - A. I do.
- 9. Q. Have you been baptized by immersion? Answer_____

Church Rules

The following rules were adopted:

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 observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech at any other, but no vote unless there be a tie, when 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 expenses.

4. No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the Moderator.

5. No member shall arraign another before the church for 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 rise 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, the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.

11. The members of the church shall not talk about one another slan-

derously, and shall not give any report or circulation that may arise against any church member, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else, and any member doing otherwise shall be dealt with accordingly.

12. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present at any time.

13. We have but one mode of baptism and that is by immersion, and will not accept any other baptism.

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice. We now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling together for church conference, public worship and the ordinance of the gospel nor fail to pay according to our ability for support of the church, of its poor, and its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace"; to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will, everywhere, hold the Christian principles sacred and Christian obligation supreme, counting it our chief business in life, to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, support of missions, the success of the Sabbath Schools and evangelistic efforts for salvation of souls and conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rules of Order of the Association

1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at any time and he shall rise and address the Moderator.

3. No person shall be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator until he is through speaking, nor shall the Moderator, unless he break the order. 4. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any personal reflections on him who has spoken before.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall laugh or whisper in the time of public speech.

7. No member shall address each other except by the appellation of brother or brothers.

8. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association may think is necessary.

10. No person shall speak more than five minutes at any time without leave from the Association.

11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to the direction of the association.

12. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it. When they fail to do this they shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

Constitution

Be it known that we, the F. W. B. Church of Christ being in the states of Alabama and Tennessee, do believe in the doctrine of the general atonement, we have been baptized on a profession and we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal union. We propose to maintain the Order and Rules of our Association according to the following plan:

Article 1. We believe that churches of Christ are mutually independent of each other; that a congregational form of church government should be invariably preserved, yet we, being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse and pious council on principles of union advantage and Christian love, hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to principles with regard to the duty of the Association.

Article 2. The Association shall be composed of all ministers and ordained deacons and not more than three delegates chosen by the different churches in our union, who, producing letters from respective churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

Article 3. The letters so produced shall express the condition of these churches respectively—that is the number of members in fellowship, the number received, excluded and died since the last Association.

Article 4. The body shall have no conceived power to lord it over God's heritage or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights by the churches in our union, but shall only be considered an advisory council on all things pertaining to the internal concerns of the church.

Article 5. The Association is to give the best advice it can in all matters of difficulty. If the union be broken between any of the churches, said Association shall inquire into the cause of the breach and use its best endeavor to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be removed, to withdraw from the churches which they may look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in conduct or practice until they be reclaimed.

Article 6. To take up no case of any kind in the Union without the consent of a majority of the churches and then only to give advice.

Article 7. Any church may be admitted into the Association by letter and delegate, and if upon examination it is found orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate thereof.

Article 8. The Association when properly organized for business, shall consist of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present, and the duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the minds thereon, to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided in which he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

Article 9. No query shall be received by the Association from any church unless it shall have been acted upon in said church and cannot be settled, in which case the Association shall take up same and act upon it.

Article 10. Every motion and second shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 11. We agree to settle all our business by a majority of the members present.

Article 12. The Association shall have the power to sit as an advisory council, give the churches all the necessary advice in matters of difficulty, to inquire into the cause of churches neglecting to represent themselves in the Association, to appoint any member or members with their consent, to transact any business they judge necessary, to invite any visiting brethren in the ministry to a seat in the Association, to adjourn the Association at any place that may be deemed necessary, to exclude from his seat any member who will not conform to the rules and decorum and shall report his or her conduct to the church for which they were delegates.

Article 13. This constitution may be altered or amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting. The proposed amendment shall have been presented at the last preceding regular meeting and approved by that body and published in the minutes with notice that it will be acted upon at the next regular meeting.

Constitution of the Presbytery

1. Be it known that the ordained ministers of the Muscle Shoals Association, together with the deacons of the same, are the presbytery of this Association, all of whom are ex-officio members.

2. The object of the Presbytery is the mutual improvement of the ministry, their protection against hostile influences, and their purification by casting out unworthy members.

3. The Presbytery has exclusive jurisdiction and control over the official character and standing of all ordained and licensed preachers under its control.

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

4. The Presbytery adopts a constitution, by-laws and regulations by the majority vote not inconsistent with Baptist principles and usages.

5. When a church desires the license of a preacher or an ordination of a minister, it requests the Presbytery to examine the candidate and if it thinks proper, license and ordain him.

6. Before license or ordination the candidate is examined as to the gifts, grace and usefulness, including his personal piety, his call to the ministry, his adoption and devotion to the work, doctrinal sentiments and his general acceptance with the public.

7. In ordination there is a presentation of the Bible, a prayer of consecration, charge and a hand of fellowship given.

8. A minister from another denomination, having first been received by a local church and recommended by it, is examined in the same way though with special care as to his doctrinal sentiments. Be it known any minister coming under the hands of this Presbytery walks disorderly or commits an offence must come before this body and make restitution or willingly give up such rights of license or ordination papers or card given him by this body or they agree to be published in any or all newspapers as this body deems necessary.

9. Be it known that any minister desiring license or ordination, must be a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in this Association six months before licensed or ordained. That they shall preach under license until they are called to pastoral care of a church or called as an assistant pastor. Then if the Presbytery finds them worthy, ordain them. All ministers' reports shall be read before the Presbytery and adopted or rejected.

Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith

1. We believe that there is but one true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 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 a ransom for all; tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead, 1 Timothy 2:5, 6; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; 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. 4:4-6; Eph. 2:1.

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; John 3: 15-17; 1 Timothy 2:4. An and the second se

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 contradictions that all men at one time or other are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be saved, Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Hebrews 3:10; John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scripture is infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice, 2 Timothy 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; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:27; Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 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 who would not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace, Matthew 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Psalms 1:1; Titus 2:11, 12;; Jeremiah 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considering such who turn the grace of God in lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, 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 faith that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every son of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein for there is no respect of person with God, Jude 1:4; 2 Peter 2:1-2; Thessalonians 2:11, 12; Romans 2:9-11.

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

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promisede to men, Rev. 22:14-15; Isaiah 1:19, 20; Matthew him in a state of Ginty without inc 7:8; Jeremiah 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 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, Romans 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet not having decreed any person to 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. Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 8:22; Matthew 25:21-24.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers baptism, laying on the hands, receiving 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 public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament. Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-17; James 5:14. 16. We believe the Gospel mode of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism, Matthew 3:16 Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day, John 5:28, 29; 2 Corinthians 5:10.

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

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Form of Church Letter to Association

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, at_____ _____, send greetings to the Ministers and Messengers composing the Muscle Shoals State Line Association of the Free Will Baptist when convened with _____ Church. We send our beloved, to-wit:

to sit with you in your deliberations and help to transact any legal business that may come before your Honorable body. The statistics of our church are as follows:

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We have elected Elder______to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. No. of Deacons_____, No. of ordained Minister_____, No. of Licentiates_____, church property \$_____, amount given Pastor \$_____, amount given Evangelist \$_____, amount given Helper \$_____, amount given Home Missions \$_____, amount given Orphanage \$_____, other expense \$_____. Clerk's address -----, Moderator's address _____, our meeting days _____, Pastor_____, Clerk _____, Remarks: