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OFFICERS

Rev. George Kelley	Moderator
Rev. L. O. Cook	Assistant Moderator
Lillie Smitherman	Clerk

The next session of the association will convene with Cross Roads Church, six miles southwest of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, on Fall River Road, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1964, with the Rev. L. O. Cook, moderator; the Rev. Ernest Rich, assistant moderator; and Lillie Smitherman, clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND ADDRESSES

Burns' Chapel—George Kelley, Route 5, Waynesboro, Tennessee
 Butler's Grove—Ernest Rich, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Canaan—Willie Daniel, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Cave Springs—H. C. Killen, 431 N. Chestnut Street, Florence, Alabama
 Collinwood—Arlo Peppers, Route 5, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Columbia—Wallace Paul, East 15th Street, Columbia, Tennessee
 Community—Dewey Haygood, Florence, Alabama
 Cross Roads—Ronald Mashburn, Route 3, Leoma, Tennessee
 Cypress Oak Grove
 Fellowship—Clovis Brewer, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee
 Flatwood—Ernest Rich, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Forty-Eight Bridge—Ronald Mashburn, Route 3, Leoma, Tennessee
 Friendship State Line—Roy Gulley, Route 3, Huntsville, Alabama
 Gray's Chapel—Roy Mashburn, Iron City, Tennessee
 Hickory Flat—J. O. Dixon, Route 1, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Iron City—W. V. Bailey, Route 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee
 Johnson Chapel
 Miller's Chapel—Louis Fisher, 1314 Sunnyside Street, Florence, Alabama
 Mill Rock—Willie Daniel, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee
 New Home—Dee Glover, Jr., Route 4, Florence, Alabama
 Oak Grove No. 2—Paul H. Sanderson, 1313 Sunnyside Street, Florence, Alabama
 Rose Hill—Paul H. Sanderson, 1313 Sunnyside Street, Florence, Alabama
 Royal Avenue—E. P. Rowden, 331 South Main Street, Florence, Alabama
 Saint Joseph—Theodore Adams, Leoma, Tennessee
 State Line Grove—Clice Daniel, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Williams Chapel—Earl Dixon, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

DECEASED MINISTERS' NAMES RETAINED

Rev. J. S. Dillard, Alabama City
 Rev. R. E. Freeman, Cordova, Alabama
 Rev. Tom Arnold, Union Hill
 Rev. T. H. Martin, Macedonia
 Rev. D. D. Serrett, Flatwood
 Rev. John Norred, Cypress Oak Grove
 Rev. C. C. Martin, Forty-Eight Bridge
 Rev. Ellie McGee, Johnson Chapel
 Rev. Eddie Staggs, Royal Avenue

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Burns' Chapel—Mrs. Elsie Berry, Route 1, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Butler's Grove—Mrs. Lorene Robertson, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Canaan—Mrs. Mabel Gobbell, Route 6, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Cave Springs—Mr. Roy Houston, Route 3, Town Creek, Alabama
 Collinwood—Mrs. Floyd Bryant, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Columbia—Mrs. Willard Johnson, 220 East 16th St., Columbia, Tennessee
 Community—Mrs. M. C. Ervin, Jr., Route 5, Florence, Alabama
 Cross Roads—Mr. M. J. Peppers, Route 3, Leoma, Tennessee
 Cypress Oak Grove
 Fellowship—Mrs. Nadine Kelley, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Flatwood—Mr. Clifford Smith, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Forty-Eight Bridge—Mr. Joel O. Martin, Sr., Waynesboro, Tennessee, 38485
 Friendship State Line—Mrs. Kathrine Cross, Route 1, Taft, Tennessee
 Gray's Chapel—Mrs. Frances Wise, Route 1, Florence, Alabama
 Hickory Flat—Miss Lillie Smitherman, Route 1, Box 262, Killen, Alabama
 Hohenwald—Mrs. Norma Reeves, Route 1, Hohenwald, Tennessee
 Iron City—Mrs. Virgie Lumpkins, Iron City, Tennessee
 Johnson Chapel—Bonnie Faye McGee, Route 1, Lutts, Tennessee
 Miller's Chapel—Mrs. S. W. Gilbreath, Route 1, Summertown, Tennessee
 Mill Rock—Mr. Joe T. Butler, Collinwood, Tennessee
 New Home—Mrs. Elsie Bevis, Route 4, Box 279, Florence, Tennessee
 Oak Grove No. 2—Joyce Byrd, Route 4, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Rose Hill—Mrs. Dorothy Myers, Route 1, Wales, Tennessee
 Royal Avenue—Mrs. Lois Scott, 212 Sycamore Street, Florence, Alabama
 Saint Joseph—Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Saint Joseph, Tennessee
 State Line Grove—Mr. Andrew Killen, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama
 Wayland Springs
 Williams Chapel—Mrs. Lucille Moore, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee, 38463

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Arnold, J. L., 406 North College Street, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee
 Adams, Theodore, Leoma, Tennessee, Phone 852-4218
 Adams, Wren, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Bailey, W. V., Route 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee
 Brewer, Clovis, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-4796
 Boswell, H. M., Route 2, Culleoka, Tennessee
 Brown, James O., Jr., 105 Graves Drive, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Burns, J. M., Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee
 Caperton, Ed, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone 853-3314
 Clanton, Elso, Route 5, Florence, Alabama
 Cook, L. O., Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-4754
 Creekmore, Fred A., Route 2, Hohenwald, Tennessee, Phone 796-3789
 Daniel, Clice, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Phone 762-4067
 Daniel, Gene, Waynesboro, Tennessee
 Daniel, Willie, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4742

Dixon, J. O., Route 1, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4341
 Dotson, Mitchell, Iron City, Tennessee
 Fisher, Louis, 1314 Sunnyside Street, Florence, Alabama, Phone 766-1176
 Garren, William M., Route 2, Killen, Alabama, Phone 764-3086
 Glover, Dee, Jr., Route 4, Box 150-A, Florence, Alabama
 Gulley, Roy, Route 3, Huntsville, Alabama
 Jones, Loyd, Route 4, Loretto, Tennessee
 Kelley, George, Route 5, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Phone 722-6932
 Kelley, Raymond, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Lindsey, D. A., 311 Highland Avenue, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-8289
 Mashburn, Ronald L., 221 Lafayette Avenue, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee,
 Phone 762-7262
 Mashburn, Roy, Iron City, Tennessee
 Norred, Theodore, Route 5, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-4005
 Paul, Wallace, 1611 Bailey Street, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-5890
 Peppers, Arlo, Route 5, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Phone, Bus. 762-3818, Res.
 762-5374
 Prince, Dick, 110 Jackson Street., Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Phone 762-3517
 Quillen, Floyd C., Route 2, Ardmore, Tennessee
 Reyer, C. L., Route 2, Ardmore, Tennessee
 Reyer, Herman, Route 2, Ardmore, Tennessee
 Rich, Ernest, Cypress Inn, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-4516
 Roper, T. E., Route 2, Loretto, Tennessee
 Rowden, E. P., 331 South Main Street, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-9670
 Royal, L. B., 423 Stranton Avenue, Florence, Alabama
 Sanderson, Paul H., 1313 Sunnyside Street, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-
 6934
 Story, Paul C., Route 1, Box 277, Leoma, Tennessee
 Wallace, Doyle, Route 5, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Phone 762-5033
 Wallace, D. C., Route 6, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Phone 762-7236

LICENSED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Barnes, Joe, 602 North High Street, Columbia, Tennessee
 Honea, O. A., Ardmore, Tennessee

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, DEACONS, AND ADDRESSES

BURNS' CHAPEL—None
 BUTLER'S GROVE—Jessie Butler, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 CANAAN—Joe Eckert, Route 6, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Floyd Ray, Route 6, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 CAVE SPRINGS—Elmer Fretwell, Route 1, Town Creek, Alabama, Phone
 FA6-6870
 Thomas Fretwell, Route 1, Town Creek, Alabama
 Horace Jeffreys, Route 3, Town Creek, Alabama
 Nathan Landers, Route 1, Town Creek, Alabama
 Robert Landers, Bear Creek, Alabama
 COLLINWOOD—Floyd Bryant, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4734
 Delbert Bray, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4531
 Ola Melson, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4597
 COLUMBIA—Billy Jones, Route 1, c/o Charles Gordon, Columbia, Ten-
 nessee
 Donald Paul, 1924 Paul Drive, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-2995
 Douglas Paul, 200 Pleasant Drive, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-7896
 Ronald Paul, 410 Westover Drive, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-
 9349
 Elton Potts, 200 E. 15th, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-5445
 O. J. Sesler, 322 E. 15th, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-3560
 Frank Whitehead, 1717 Hillview Heights, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone
 388-0373
 COMMUNITY—Raymond Horton, 241 W. Duncan Avenue, Florence,
 Alabama
 R. T. Jones, Route 3, Florence, Alabama
 J. L. Reathford, Route 3, Florence, Alabama
 CROSS ROADS—Bonnie Hardiman, Route 3, Leoma, Tennessee
 D. F. Peppers, Route 3, Leoma, Tennessee
 M. A. Peppers, 700 Kramer Avenue, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 CYPRESS OAK GROVE—J. A. Bates, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee
 Sam Holt, Route 3, Iron City, Tennessee
 FELLOWSHIP—Willie G. Brewer, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Jap Butler, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Leslie Prince, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 J. W. Smith, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 FLATWOOD—Everett Griggs, 306 May Street, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee,
 Phone 762-2735
 Odell Weems, Route 1, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Phone 762-2735
 FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE—Wales H. Bowers, Route 1, Iron City, Ten-
 nessee
 Hughey W. Hobbs, Route 4, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Phone 722-6652

Joel O. Martin, Sr., Carrier No. 2, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Phone 722-6653

Charlie Risner, Route 4, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

Amos Staggs, Route 4, Waynesboro, Tennessee

FRIENDSHIP STATE LINE—Gene Wilburn, 512 Risin Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama

James L. Hamm, Route 1, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-1550

W. N. Haygood, Route 1, Box 344, Florence, Alabama

HICKORY FLAT—Hardie Beavers, Route 3, Box 170, Lexington, Alabama

Almon Gray, Route 3, Lexington, Alabama

Jesse Gray, Route 1, Rogersville, Alabama

Solon Gray, Route 1, Rogersville, Alabama

HOHENWALD—None

IRON CITY—Walter E. Daniel, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

Jerry M. Gipson, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

Houston Johnson, Route 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee

Baxter Lumpkins, Route 2, Box 134, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone 853-3315

JOHNSON CHAPEL—Carmack Franks, Route 1, Lutts, Tennessee

MILLER'S CHAPEL—S. W. Gilbreath, Route 2, Summertown, Tennessee

MILL ROCK—Calvin Daniel, Gates, Tennessee

Eldred Horton, Route 1, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4740

NEW HOME—Matthew Bevis, 1012 W. 12th Street, Sheffield, Alabama

Royce Smith, Route 6, Florence, Alabama

Ernest Young, Route 4, Florence, Alabama

OAK GROVE NO. 2—Walter Lopp, Route 2, West Point, Tennessee

Odis Staggs, Route 1, West Point, Tennessee

ROSE HILL—Herbert Foster, Route 1, Wales, Tennessee

Milas Meyers, Route 1, Wales, Tennessee

ROYAL AVENUE—A. R. Brewer, Cherry Hill Homes, Florence, Alabama

Grady Doyle, 1206 East Bluff Street, Florence, Alabama

Markham Hayes, 39 Auburn Street, Florence, Alabama

George Lyles, 102 South Blair Street, Florence, Alabama

C. R. Maddox, 3100 10th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama

SAINT JOSEPH—George Pennington, Route 1, Box 237-A, St. Joseph, Tennessee

J. T. Quillen, Route 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee

W. B. Wilson, Saint Joseph, Tennessee

STATE LINE GROVE—E. O. Davis, Route 2, Loretto, Tennessee

Elvin Garrison, Route 3, Lexington, Alabama

Rufus Griffin, Hayes Avenue, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

L. T. Jones, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama

Andrew Killen, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama

WAYLAND SPRINGS—W. F. Sims, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee

D. E. Springer, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

WILLIAMS CHAPEL—Dell Moore, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

Rayford Moore, Route 2, Box 170, Iron City, Tennessee

Turner Williams, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

The forty-third annual session of the Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Iron City Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1963.

Opened with song, "In Gethsemane."

In absence of the pastor, the Rev. D. A. Lindsey, the Rev. W. V. Bailey gave the welcome address.

Prayer by the Rev. Dick Prince, followed by a quartet singing.

Prayer by the Rev. Paul H. Sanderson.

Devotional service conducted by the Rev. J. M. Burns; Scripture reading from 2 Peter 3; many fine testimonies given.

Preaching by the moderator, the Rev. George Kelley; Scripture text; John 14:26; subject, "God, the Holy Ghost and Holy Spirit."

Song, "Just as I Am."

An invitation for sinners with no one responding.

The Rev. H. D. Harrison made a talk on Sunday school literature.

Assignment to homes by the Rev. W. V. Bailey.

Dismissed by the Rev. Lige Dickey.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The association was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the moderator, the Rev. George Kelley. Song, "That Glad Reunion Day," followed with prayer by Brother Alfred Brewer.

The Rev. H. D. Harrison, promotional secretary of the Sunday school department of Nashville, made a talk concerning Free Will Baptist literature.

Visiting ministers were invited to sit with the body as follows: the Rev. Lige Dickey, Tennessee River Association; the Rev. H. D. Harrison, Nashville, Tennessee; the Rev. Billy Cooper, Missionary Baptist minister, Iron City, Tennessee.

Song with perpetuation of the union.

Scripture reading by the moderator, Psalm 46:1.

Reading of rules and order and the constitution by the moderator.

Next, intelligence of churches and seating of delegates as follows:

Burns' Chapel—Sisters Josie Martin, Earlene Rich, and Bertie Thompson. Minute fund, \$15.00.

Butler's Grove—Brothers Clifford Daniel, Roy Robertson, and Leonard Thompson. Minute fund, \$6.60.

Canaan—Sisters Lucile Roy, Earlene Roy, and Thelma Gobbell. Minute fund, \$10.00.

Cave Springs—Brother Bill Burks, Sisters Louise Burks and Evie Killen. Minute fund, \$10.00.

Collinwood—Sisters Madgie Daniel, Frances Berry, and Lesbia Bryant. Minute fund, \$10.00.

Columbia—Brothers Jim Hall, Lane Hall, and Sister Lula Hall. Minute fund, \$5.00.

Cross Roads—Brothers Alfred Mashburn and Daniel Robinson. Minute fund, \$10.00.

Cypress Oak Grove—Retained.

Fellowship—Sisters Laura Gray, Nettie Kelley, and Dollie Kelley. Minute fund, \$5.07.

Flatwood—Brothers A. B. McFall, Lee Berryhill, and Sister Brown. Minute fund, \$20.00.

Forty-Eight Bridge—Sisters Sarah Martin, Beulah Martin, and Mae Bowers. Minute fund, \$6.50.

Friendship State Line—Sister Daisy Poole, Brothers Clyde Bunn, and Erwin Malone. Minute fund, \$10.08.

Gray's Chapel—Sisters Eugene Jones, Maybelle Benningfield, and Tiny Benningfield. Minute fund, \$10.00.

Hickory Flat—Brother and Sister Delbert Burbank and Sister Irene Burbank. Minute fund, \$12.00.

Hohenwald—Retained.

Iron City—Brothers Jasper Mashburn, Sterling Robinson, and Junior Perry. Minute fund, \$10.00.

Johnson Chapel—Retained.

Miller's Chapel—Brothers Loyd Blackwood and Brother and Sister W. Gilbreath. Minute fund, \$8.35.

Mill Rock—Brothers Joe Butler, Joe Horton, and Deward Ayers. Minute fund, \$15.00.

New Home—Brother Henry Brown, Sisters Elsie Bevis and Edna Brown. Minute fund, \$3.00.

Oak Grove No. 2—Sister Vera Lopp, Brother Chester Lopp, and Sister Story. Minute fund, \$5.00.

Rose Hill—Sisters J. D. Foster, Pauline Smith and Herbert Foster. Minute fund, \$8.00.

Royal Avenue—Brothers Martin C. Ervin, J. R. Linville, and W. R. Risner. Minute fund, \$12.00.

Saint Joseph—Brother and Sister Henry Hallman and Sister Barbara Burks. Minute fund, \$5.00.

State Line Grove—Brother Spencer Mitchell, Sisters Ora Lee Allen, and Ester Wisdom. Minute fund, \$10.00.

Wayland Springs—Retained.

Williams Chapel—Brother Russell Gambrell, Sisters Evelene Stooksberry, and Lucille Moore. Minute fund, \$6.50.

Called for petitionary letters; Columbia Church represented.

Roll called with 18 ordained ministers, 15 ordained deacons, and 59 delegates present.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the association for preaching services, to meet back at 1:00 p.m.

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," followed with prayer by the Rev. Billy Cooper.

Preaching by the Rev. Willie Daniel; Scripture, 1 Corinthians 13. Followed by the Rev. Dee Glover, Jr.; Scripture, Revelation 20.

Song, "Just as I Am," with an invitation to sinners; no one responded.

Dismissed for dinner by the Rev. Louis Fisher.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the moderator, the Rev. George Kelley.

Song, "In Gethsemane."

Scripture reading, Ephesians 4, by the moderator.

Prayer by the Rev. Theodore Norred.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

General Business—Rev. D. A. Lindsey, chairman, Rev. W. V. Bailey, J. L. Reathford, with the moderator and clerk.

Sunday School—Rev. Arlo Peppers, chairman, Rev. J. B. Burns, and Brother Alfred Mashburn.

Temperance—Rev. Willie Daniel, chairman, Rev. Ronald Mashburn, and Brother D. T. Peppers.

Education—Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, chairman, Rev. J. O. Dixon, and Brother Wales H. Bowers.

Finance—Brother Joel Martin, chairman, Rev. Theodore Norred, and Brother L. T. Jones.

Obituary—Lillie Smitherman, chairman, Sisters Nettie Kelley, and Sarah Martin.

Miscellaneous—Rev. Ernest Rich, chairman, Rev. Loyd Jones, and Brother A. B. McFall.

Resolutions—Rev. J. B. Burns, chairman, Brother A. R. Brewer, and Rev. Paul Story.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lillie Smitherman was reelected as association clerk.

Rev. Ernest Rich was elected as assistant moderator.

Voted on where the next association would convene. Cross Roads Church received the majority votes.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the association until Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for the presbytery to meet.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened by singing "The Music of That Home."

Prayer by the Rev. J. B. Harper.

The Living Water Quartet rendered several numbers.

Devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Killen; Scripture, Psalm 133:1; many testimonies given.

Preaching by the Rev. L. O. Cook; Scripture, Ephesians 5. Followed by the Rev. Paul H. Sanderson; Scripture, 2 Kings 4:1-7.

Song, "I Need the Prayers."

Assignment to homes by the Rev. W. V. Bailey.

Dismissed by the Rev. Virgil Geans.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the moderator, the Rev. George Kelley.

Song, "Glory to His Name."

Prayer by the Rev. J. M. Burns.

Scripture reading, John 1:1-16, by the moderator.

Rules of order of the association were read by the moderator.

Roll called by the clerk with 18 ordained ministers, 10 ordained deacons, and 15 delegates present.

The following reports were read, adopted, and the committees released:

GENERAL BUSINESS

We, your committee on general business, beg leave to report the following:

1. We recommend that we retain a home mission board and that each church send \$10.00, and that stronger churches give according to their ability. This money to be used to buy a tent to be used within the bounds of our association; and that the tent be under the control of the home mission board.

2. We recommend that each church take an offering quarterly for the children's home; and that the church located in Alabama support the Chil-

dren's Home at Eldridge, Alabama; and churches that are located in Tennessee support the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Rev. D. A. Lindsey, *Chairman*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee of Sunday schools, beg leave to report the following: We regard Sunday school as one of the greatest helps to the church as it is the best place to train a child except the home. We find in God's Word: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

We recommend that each church, with its pastor, strive to teach the Bible in its entirety, for the Bible is the waybill for all men. It is the promise of eternal life.

We recommend that pastors and deacons see that they have a Sunday school and that they use only Free Will Baptist literature.

We urge that parents carry their children to Sunday school and assist in every way possible to help carry on. We also recommend that the children stay for preaching services, and that we use only Christian leaders. We urge that each Sunday school be represented at our Sunday School Convention which convenes with Hickory Flat Church, located on the old Florence and Lexington Road.

Rev. Arlo Peppers, *Chairman*

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report the following: That we as Free Will Baptists must abstain from all intoxicating drinks and that we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

We must be temperate in all things: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

Rev. Willie Daniel, *Chairman*

EDUCATION

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, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

One may be able to memorize the whole Bible, yet not be able to get the spiritual meaning. "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (1 Corinthians 3:19).

We do endorse education but we need to work for our people to have an old-time experience of the 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 faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

We recommend that the members of the presbytery study the articles of our constitution and teach them to all members of our churches.

Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, *Chairman*

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, report the following:

Money Received for Minute Fund	\$225.21
Balance in Treasury from Last Year	56.81
Total Amount	\$282.02

Joel O. Martin, Sr., *Chairman*

OBITUARY

We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to report that God has seen fit to send His death angel to visit our churches and call from our midst the following loved ones:

Canaan—Brother Dolph Crews and Sister Belle Tice.
Cave Springs—Brothers Price Capeland and Harve McElory.
Collinwood—Sister Ester Brown.
Cross Roads—Sister Leona Chambers and Sister Tucker.
Friendship State Line—Sister Zella Flint.
Hickory Flat—Brother Nute Burbank and Sister Ionus Adams.
New Home—Sister Dora Bevis.
Rose Hill—Brother J. M. Chapman.
Royal Avenue—Rev. Eddie Staggs.
Miller's Chapel—Brother S. W. Staggs.
State Line Grove—Brother Will Wiley.

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. For precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

To the bereaved ones we point them to Christ who alone can give you comfort and fill all the vacancies. We extend our sympathy for we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Lillie Smitherman, *Chairman*

MISCELLANEOUS

We, your committee on miscellaneous, recommend the following:

1. That all our churches give as much as possible to support our evangelist.

2. We recommend that our evangelist work in new fields, organizing churches as well as visiting old churches.

3. We recommend that our evangelist will not accept any church as pastor.

4. We recommend that if any of our Sunday school officials or pastors should decide to resign, to notify the Sunday school or church 30 days ahead of time.

5. We recommend that all our Sunday school officials be Christians and study the Bible to show themselves approved that they may be able to rightly divide the word of truth.

6. We recommend that the churches in our association have the church covenant printed and posted in the church that all members may know our church covenant.

Rev. Ernest Rich, *Chairman*

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report the following: We, as the entire body, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the people of Iron City Church and the surrounding community for their wonderful Christian fellowship and hospitality shown us during our stay. May God richly bless all of you for everything you have done to make this association a success.

Rev. J. M. Burns, *Chairman*

HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount in Treasury Received Before the Association	\$454.19
Received at the Association	100.00
Total Amount in Treasury	\$554.19

L. T. Jones, *Treasurer*

Moved and seconded to retain the same home mission board members as follows: Brother L. T. Jones, treasurer, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama; Rev. George Kelly; and Brother Oscar Mashburn.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury Before Last Association	\$ 76.44
Money Received for Minute Fund	203.80
Total to Account For	\$280.24

Disbursements

Printing 900 Minutes	\$188.99
Postage and Money Orders	4.44
Paid Clerk	30.00

Total Disbursements	223.43
Balance in Treasury	\$56.81

Lillie Smitherman, *Clerk*

Moved and seconded that the clerk have 300 church letter forms printed.

Names of deceased members were read and comments were made on their lives.

Song, "Getting Ready for That Day."

Moved and seconded to adjourn the association to meet with Cross Roads Church, six miles southwest of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1964.

Rev. George Kelley, *Moderator*

Rev. L. O. Cook, *Assistant Moderator*

Lillie Smitherman, *Clerk*

Preaching by the Rev. Theodore Norred; Scripture reading, Romans 12. Followed by the Rev. H. M. Boswell; Scripture reading, Luke 15. Altar prayer for the sick.

Dismissed for dinner by the Rev. Ed Caperton.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 1962

The presbytery met at Fellowship Church the fifth Saturday night on September 29, 1962. The following ordained ministers were present: Theodore Adams, Wren Adams, W. V. Bailey, Clovis Brewer, H. M. Boswell, James O. Brown, Jr., J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, L. O. Cook, Willie Daniel, Raymond Kelley, Dick Prince, Ernest Rich, Paul H. Sanderson, and Roy Mashburn.

The deacons present were Turner Williams, Rayford Moore, Wales H. Bowers, Hardy Beavers, H. W. Hobbs, J. W. Smith, Odell Weems, Leslie Prince, and Joel O. Martin, Sr.

No unfinished business.

New business: Rev. J. O. Brown, Jr., made a motion that the moderator appoint a committee to revise the presbytery constitution. For lack of a second this motion failed.

Moved and seconded to adjourn to meet with Butler's Grove Church the fifth Saturday night on December 29, 1962.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr., *Clerk-Treasurer*

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 29, 1962

The presbytery met with Butler's Grove Church the fifth Saturday night on December 29, 1962. The following ordained ministers were present: Wren Adams, W. V. Bailey, Clovis Brewer, J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, L. O. Cook, Willie Daniel, J. O. Dixon, William M. Garren, Loyd Jones,

George Kelley, Raymond Kelley, D. A. Lindsey, M. J. Malone, Roy Mashburn, Dick Prince, Ernest Rich, T. E. Roper, Paul H. Sanderson, and Doyle Wallace. Licensed minister present was Willie G. Brewer, and visiting minister present was Rev. Lonnie Chaney.

Ordained deacons present were Turner Williams, L. T. Jones, Leslie Prince, Jesse Butler, Rayford Moore, Andrew Killen, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin, Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

No unfinished business.

New business: Brother Nigle Eugene Daniel, a member of Collinwood Church, was examined and licensed to preach the gospel. Examining committee was Rev. D. A. Lindsey, Rev. Doyle Wallace, and Brother Andrew Killen.

Offering taken for Johnson Chapel Church in the amount of \$29.00, and an offering was received for the expense of the presbytery in the amount of \$10.00.

Moved and seconded to adjourn to meet with Miller's Chapel Church the fifth Saturday night on March 30, 1963.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr., *Clerk-Treasurer*

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 30, 1963

The presbytery met at Miller's Chapel Church the fifth Saturday night on March 30, 1963. The following ordained ministers were present: W. V. Bailey, James O. Brown, Jr., M. H. Boswell, Ed Caperton, L. O. Cook, Louis Fisher, M. J. Malone, Roy Mashburn, Herman Reyer, Ernest Rich, Paul H. Sanderson, and Paul C. Story.

The deacons present were Rayford Moore, S. W. Gilbreath, Hughey W. Hobbs, Wales H. Bowers, Odell Weems, A. R. Brewer, W. S. Benefield, and Joel O. Martin, Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

No unfinished business.

New business: Motion by Rev. James O. Brown, Jr., seconded by Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr., that the moderator appoint a committee to revise and bring up to date the constitution of the presbytery and write a set of bylaws setting forth the rules and powers of the presbytery; same to be presented to and acted on by the presbytery at the association September 20 or 21, 1963. The motion was adopted and the committee appointed was Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, chairman, Rev. James O. Brown, Jr., and Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr.

An offering was taken for the expense of the presbytery in the amount of \$16.27.

Motion by Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, seconded by Rev. L. O. Cook, to

adjourn to meet with Royal Avenue Church at the Sunday School Convention June 29, 1963. Motion carried.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*
Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr., *Clerk-Treasurer*

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 29, 1963

The presbytery met with Royal Avenue Church the fifth Saturday night on June 29, 1963. The following ordained ministers were present: W. V. Bailey, Clovis Brewer, H. M. Boswell, James O. Brown, Jr., Ed Caperton, L. O. Cook, Willie Daniel, Louis Fisher, George Kelley, Raymond Kelley, D. A. Lindsey, Roy Mashburn, Dick Prince, Ernest Rich, E. P. Rowden, L. B. Royal, Paul H. Sanderson, and Doyle Wallace. Licensed ministers present were Willie G. Brewer and Gene Daniel. Visiting ministers were J. L. Irons and Charlie Robbins.

The deacons present were Hardy Beavers, A. R. Brewer, J. W. Smith, Leslie Prince, Odell Weems, W. F. Benefield, J. R. Hamm, and Joel O. Martin, Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

No unfinished business.

New business: A letter was received from New Home Church recommending Brother Dee Glover, Jr., a licensed minister from the Progressive Free Will Baptist Association, to be ordained a minister if found worthy. The letter was received and the examining committee appointed was Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, Rev. Ernest Rich, and Brother A. R. Brewer. After proper examination Brother Glover was ordained a minister.

Rev. D. A. Lindsey was elected evangelist for the ensuing year 1963-64.

Cave Springs Church and Forty-Eight Bridge Church ask for the fifth Sunday meeting in September, 1963. Forty-Eight Bridge received the fifth Sunday meeting.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with the association when convened with Iron City Church on September 19-21, 1963.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*
Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr., *Clerk-Treasurer*

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 1963

The presbytery met in special called session in the Hohenwald Church Sunday, September 8, 1963, at 3:00 p.m. The following ordained ministers were present: Wren Adams, W. V. Bailey, Clovis Brewer, J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, Elso Clanton, L. O. Cook, Fred Creekmore, Willie Daniel, J. O. Dixon, Wm. M. Garren, Roy Gulley, Loyd Jones, George Kelley, Raymond Kelley, D. A. Lindsey, M. J. Malone, Ronald L. Mashburn, Roy Mashburn, Floyd C. Quillen, Ernest Rich, T. E. Roper, Paul H. Sanderson, Doyle Wallace, and D. C. Wallace. Licensed minister present was Willie G. Brewer.

The deacons present were Wales H. Bowers, Jessie Butler, Grady Doyle,

Joe Eckert, Carmack Franks, Elvin Garrison, S. W. Gilbreath, James L. Hamm, Bennie Hardiman, W. N. Haygood, Hughey W. Hobbs, L. T. Jones, Andrew Killen, G. Pennington, Leslie Prince, Odell Weems, Gene Wilburn, Turner Williams, W. B. Wilson, and Joel O. Martin, Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The presbytery constitution was read by Rev. George Kelley and Rev. Willie Daniel read a passage of Scripture, Ezekiel 22:1-8. Rev. W. V. Bailey, moderator, read the ninth article of the constitution and informed the presbytery that this was his authority for having called this special meeting.

Rev. M. J. Malone charged Rev. Fred Creekmore with locking the church door and stated he was representing the church as pastor. Rev. Creekmore was recognized at this time and stated his reason for locking the door was because of an illegal conference calling Rev. Malone as pastor, who practices speaking in the unknown tongue, and Rev. Malone attempting to take the church out of the association. Rev. Creekmore stated he was sorry if he had done wrong in locking the church door. Rev. Malone was recognized at this time and denied all the charges placed against him. However, after hearing both sides, Rev. Creekmore agreed to meet Rev. Malone at the Altar and fix up their differences if Rev. Malone would agree for both of them to step out of the way and let the church call another preacher for pastor. Rev. Malone would not agree to this, and at this time stated he would get out and turn in his credentials. A motion was made by Brother Wales H. Bowers, seconded by Rev. L. O. Cook, that we accept Rev. M. J. Malone's credentials. This motion carried without objection. Brother Bowers suggested at this time that should there be other ministers present who were tired of the Free Will Baptist doctrine and would like to go to other denominations, to come to the association and turn in their credentials and let us alone.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with the association when convened with Iron City Church September 19, 20, 21, 1963.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*
Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr., *Clerk-Treasurer*

The presbytery met at the association when convened with Iron City Church, September 19, 20, and 21, 1963.

The following ordained ministers were present: W. V. Bailey, Clovis Brewer, H. M. Boswell, J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, L. O. Cook, Fred Creekmore, Willie Daniel, J. O. Dixon, Louis Fisher, Loyd Jones, George Kelley, D. A. Lindsey, Theodore Norred, Arlo Peppers, Ernest Rich, E. P. Rowden, Paul H. Sanderson, Paul C. Storey, and D. C. Wallace.

Licensed minister present was Willie G. Brewer, and visiting ministers were H. C. Killen and Lige Dickey.

Dacons present were Hardie Beavers, Wales H. Bowers, A. R. Brewer, Floyd Bryant, Bonnie Hardiman, L. T. Jones, Andrew Killen, W. Baxter

Lumpkins, Milas Meyers, Dell Moore, Rayford Moore, George Pennington, D. F. Peppers, J. L. Reathford, Odell Weems, Willie G. Brewer, and Joel O. Martin, Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

No unfinished business.

New business: Brother Willie G. Brewer turned in his license as he desired to remain an ordained deacon and did not want his name on two roll calls.

Rev. W. V. Bailey was reelected moderator, and Bro. Joel O. Martin, Sr., was reelected clerk-treasurer for the year 1963-64.

The committee report by Rev. Paul H. Sanderson on the constitution and bylaws, after proper motion, seconded, and carried, was tabled until the next association so that copies of the report could be mailed each member of the presbytery for their study.

Adjourned until Saturday, September 21, 1963. Presbytery left open.

SATURDAY SESSION

Iron City Church recommended Brother Mitchell Dotson and Collinwood Church recommended Brother Gene Daniel to be ordained to the full ministry. The examining committee was Rev. Ed Caperton, Rev. T. E. Roper, and Brother Bonnie Hardiman. After proper examination the two brothers were ordained as ministers.

The ministers' reports that were present were read and adopted and cards granted to all except M. J. Malone, H. C. Killen, and D. C. Wallace. The reports of these three were adopted but cards were not granted. Rev. Ed Caperton, Rev. George Kelley, Rev. L. O. Cook, Rev. J. M. Burns, and Brother L. T. Jones were appointed as a committee to go and talk to Brother D. C. Wallace, and if he would agree to preach Free Will Baptist doctrine his card would be granted, if not, the committee was instructed to get his credentials and turn them in to the presbytery.

Cave Springs Church recommended that Rev. H. C. Killen's report be accepted and a card granted, however, since Brother Killen was not a member of the presbytery and did not gain admittance, this request was denied.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Forty-Eight Bridge Church on September 28, 1963.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

Brother Joel O. Martin, Sr., *Clerk-Treasurer*

FORM OF RECEIVING MEMBERS IN CHURCH

“Inasmuch as you present yourself for admission into the church of the Free Will Baptists 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:

1. 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 to become a member of the Free Will Baptists at this place?

A. Yes sir.

4. Q. Are you willing to be governed by our church rules?

A. Yes sir.

5. Q. Are you willing to contribute to the support of the gospel as God prospers you?

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.

8. Q. Do you believe in free and open communion? Let a man examine himself according to 1 Corinthians 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 more if necessary to transact the business of the church.

2. The moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church and 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 reflections 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 speak about one another slanderously, 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.

14. That each pastor if possible hold his own conference and that election of pastor be done by ballot.

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 Saviour 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, and 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 Saviour 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 reflection 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 members 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 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 Free Will Baptist 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 congregation form of church government should be invariably preserved, yet we being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse and pious council of 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 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 case 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 this 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 letters and delegates, 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 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 are delegates.

Article 13. This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of members present, providing the proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

Article 14. That we receive all members by the right hand of fellowship and that we elect the assistant moderator each year, he automatically becomes the moderator the following year. We are also to elect the clerk each year. The clerk is to be paid \$30.00 for seeing that the minutes are printed.

Article 15. That our association convene on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September.

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. The presbytery adopts a constitution, bylaws, 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

offense 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. We recommend that any of our preachers failing to come in person or send a report will not receive a card, but their names be retained in our minutes; also ministers leaving our association or presbytery get a letter of recommendation from the presbytery or return his credentials.

That is any person or persons having ought to bring a charge against another brother, demanding a trial or the mind of the presbytery, shall not bring the charge to the association or any regular fifth Sunday meeting, but shall call a presbytery meeting at the church where the trouble started. That any time any one has a difficulty that he go to the moderator and that he notify all the preachers and deacons.

10. 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.

11. That we pay the clerk of the presbytery \$8.00 for his service and he see to the printing of the fifth Sunday meeting programs.

12. That our churches approve their deacons for twelve months before being recommended to be ordained. Also ministers desiring to be ordained or licensed have a written recommendation from the church of which he is a member before he is licensed or ordained.

FREE WLIL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things 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; Revelation 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; Ephesians 4:4-6; Ephesians 2:1).

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 moral state subject to death (Genesis 2:17; 3:19).

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature (Mark 16:15; John 3:15-17; 1 Timothy 2:4).

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him but as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that bought them because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God unbelief therefore being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all 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 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 willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace (Matthew 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Psalm 1:1; Titus 2:11; 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 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 persons with God (Jude 4; Peter 2:1, 2; 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 person are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not that any of them dying in that state suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for such is the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:22; Matthew 1:2-5; 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 promised to men (Revelation 22:14, 15; Isaiah 2:19, 20; Matthew 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 words, 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 more 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 of the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, praying, 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; 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).

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 Baptists when convened with _____ Church.

We send our beloved, to wit: _____

to sit with you in your deliberations and help transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body. The statistics of our church is as follows: Received by experience _____, by letter _____, by confession _____, by restoration _____, dismissed by letter _____, expelled _____, dead _____, total membership _____, active _____, inactive _____, contribution \$_____.

We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. No. of deacons _____, No. of ordained ministers _____, No. of licensed ministers _____, church property \$_____, amount given pastor \$_____, amount given assistant pastor \$_____, amount given revival helper \$_____, amount given foreign missions \$_____, amount given home missions \$_____, amount given orphanage \$_____, other expenses \$_____, deceased members _____

Clerk's address _____

Moderator's address _____

Our meeting days _____, Pastor _____

Clerk _____, Remarks: _____

MINISTERS REPORTING	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Received in Church	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes	Funerals Preached	Ordained Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Pastored Churches	Held Communion Services	Conducted Prayer Meetings	Attended Sunday School	Held Revivals	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Traveling Expenses	Married Couples	Organized Churches	Organized Sunday Schools
Adams, Theodore	25	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	48	1	1,000	\$ 120.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	0
Adams, Wren	18	35	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	10	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bailey, W. V.	61	198	0	0	48	0	0	2	0	0	8	34	2	3,500	387.42	0	0	0	1
Brewer, Clovis	70	50	2	3	0	8	0	1	1	2	5	52	2	2,400	630.45	600.00	5	0	0
Boswell, H. M.	15	100	0	0	25	0	0	1	0	4	15	20	0	150	10.00	10.00	0	0	0
Brown, James O., Jr.	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	26	0	0	36.66	0	0	0	0
Burns, J. M.	4	53	0	0	28	1	0	1	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caperton, Ed	15	20	0	0	20	0	2	1	0	0	0	40	0	1,500	25.00	15.00	0	0	0
Clanton, Elso	20	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	48	1	0	10.00	15.00	0	0	0
Cook, Leland O.	31	40	0	0	14	0	0	0	1	2	10	22	1	725	125.00	29.00	4	0	0
Creekmore, Fred A.	34	49	1	2	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	32.00	0	0	0	0
Daniel, Clice	21	55	0	2	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1,841	49.61	0	1	0	0
Daniel, Willie	47	60	1	0	12	32	0	1	1	4	0	35	4	1,000	800.00	70.00	4	0	0
Dixon, J. O.	7	62	0	0	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	270	93.50	18.00	1	0	0
Fisher, Louis E.	35	46	0	0	23	0	0	1	0	0	4	26	2	0	90.00	0	0	0	0
Garren, William M.	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.00	0	0	0	0
Glover, Dee, Jr.	112	170	8	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	5	46	2	2,000	770.00	200.00	0	1	1
Gulley, Roy	40	45	1	0	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	50	3	0	5.93	60.00	0	0	0
Jones, Loyd	70	55	0	0	25	1	0	0	2	5	3	46	1	2,150	675.00	150.00	1	0	0
Kelley, George	44	55	1	0	36	5	0	2	1	1	10	44	2	1,755	309.14	97.75	2	0	1
Kelley, Raymond	40	57	0	0	38	0	0	0	1	1	11	22	1	0	98.05	0	0	0	1
Lindsey, D. A.	68	100	6	2	22	0	0	1	1	0	2	48	0	0	558.90	0	3	0	0
Mashburn, Ronald L.	55	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	50	2	1,918	629.39	110.24	2	0	0
Mashburn, Roy	52	59	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	47	1	0	162.93	0	0	0	0
Norred, Theodore	90	67	0	0	244	0	0	0	1	1	9	49	2	2,417	620.00	138.00	2	0	0
Peppers, Arlo	104	85	8	6	30	10	0	0	1	0	12	48	3	6,755	1,110.00	295.00	11	0	0
Prince, Dick	15	85	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quillen, Floyd C.	97	145	1	1	55	0	0	0	1	2	10	0	0	0	40.91	150.00	0	0	0
Reyer, Herman	28	158	0	0	120	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rich, Ernest	76	60	3	6	92	1	0	1	2	3	7	43	5	0	445.65	0	0	0	0
Roper, T. E.	14	62	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	0	800	33.00	18.00	0	0	0
Rowden, E. P.	87	45	9	0	33	11	1	1	1	1	51	52	0	0	1,675.00	0	12	0	0
Royal, L. B.	46	76	0	0	96	1	1	1	0	0	15	32	0	0	55.00	40.00	1	0	0
Sanderson, Paul H.	87	118	5	4	34	1	0	1	2	0	2	50	2	9,000	679.32	142.00	1	0	0
Story, Paul C.	4	75	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	25	45	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wallace, Doyle G.	128	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	50	6	0	565.00	0	0	0	0
Wallace, D. C.	22	41	0	9	36	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	1	2,580	97.00	96.00	1	0	0

CHURCHES REPORTING	Received by Experience		Received by Letter		Received by Confession		Received by Restoration		Dismissed by Letter		Number Expelled		Deceased Members		Total Membership		Active Members		Inactive Members		Contribution		Number of Deacons		Ordained Ministers		Licensed Ministers		Value of Church Property		Amount Paid Pastor		Amount Paid Evangelist		Amount Paid Helper		Amount Paid Home Missions		Amount Paid Foreign Missions		Amount Paid Orphanage		Other Expenses		Meeting Days	
Burns' Chapel	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	25	17	\$15.00	0	4	0	\$ 6,000	\$ 93.00	\$13.00	\$ 61.00	\$35.00	\$ 0	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	1st & 3rd																						
Butler's Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	20	68	6.60	1	2	0	3,000	125.00	11.00	28.90	10.00	0	20.00	0	1st & 3rd																						
Canaan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	28	48	10.00	2	0	0	9,700	273.75	16.00	50.00	25.00	0	20.00	456.99	2nd & 4th																						
Cave Springs	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	137	70	67	10.00	3	0	0	9,000	965.00	10.00	84.50	0	0	37.40	3,000.00	All Suns.																						
Collinwood	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	151	75	76	10.00	3	1	1	15,000	810.00	19.05	75.00	0	0	0	2,500.00	All Suns.																						
Columbia	0	11	6	0	1	0	0	1	166	166	0	12.11	5	1	1	25,000	3,900.00	10.00	0	24.35	0	52.00	25.00	All Suns.																						
Community	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	30	53	5.00	2	2	0	9,000	610.00	5.00	110.00	10.00	7.50	160.00	550.00	All Suns.																						
Cross Roads	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	43	43	0	10.00	3	3	0	6,500	322.43	15.56	50.00	0	0	0	700.00	1st & 3rd																						
Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	38	52	6.17	4	2	1	3,000	204.00	10.00	31.00	5.00	0	0	302.29	1st & 3rd																						
Flatwood	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	133	81	52	20.00	2	1	0	6,500	605.46	20.00	100.00	0	0	120.00	1,349.00	2nd & 4th																						
Forty-Eight Bridge	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	45	18	6.50	6	0	0	8,200	281.96	13.11	0	0	0	63.30	514.74	2nd & 4th																						
Friendship State Line	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	232	80	152	10.08	1	4	1	3,000	40.91	10.15	17.07	0	0	0	348.04	All Suns.																						
Gray's Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	48	47	10.00	3	0	0	5,000	409.89	10.00	50.00	0	0	75.00	285.33	All Suns.																						
Hickory Flat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	107	78	29	12.00	4	1	0	7,000	752.75	16.00	68.25	11.25	0	6.90	233.16	1st & 3rd																						
Iron City	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	98	57	41	10.00	4	6	1	6,500	558.90	21.10	44.00	0	0	65.66	469.45	All Suns.																						
Miller's Chapel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	5	5	8.35	1	0	0	2,000	50.00	6.00	44.00	0	0	0	0	1st & 3rd																						
Mill Rock	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	70	102	15.00	1	2	0	4,000	606.61	10.00	50.28	0	0	0	253.80	1st & 3rd																						
New Home	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	14	12	2	3.00	2	1	0	2,000	7.70	5.50	7.00	0	0	0	182.56	All Suns.																						
Oak Grove No. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	14	14	5.00	1	0	0	3,000	242.11	10.00	20.00	0	0	0	178.00	2nd & 4th																						
Rose Hill	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	84	35	49	8.00	2	0	0	1,000	437.21	24.00	40.00	0	0	0	88.00	1st & 3rd																						
Royal Avenue	2	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	128	85	43	12.00	3	4	0	25,000	1,675.00	12.00	75.00	15.00	0	60.00	1,282.60	All Suns.																						
Saint Joseph	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	32	0	5.00	3	1	0	1,500	130.00	10.00	70.00	0	0	50.00	90.00	All Suns.																						
State Line Grove	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	105	65	40	10.00	5	2	0	7,000	630.45	12.50	75.00	10.00	0	0	0	0	2nd & 4th																					
Williams Chapel	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	37	29	8	6.50	3	1	0	6,000	239.50	15.62	26.00	5.00	0	0	79.00	1st & 3rd																						