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OFFICERS

Rev. L. O. Cook	Moderator
Rev. Ernest Rich	Assistant Moderator
Lillie Smitherman	Clerk

The next session of the association will convene with Collinwood Church, Collinwood, Tennessee, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1965, with the Rev. Ernest Rich, moderator; the Rev. D. A. Lindsey, assistant moderator; and Lillie Smitherman, clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND ADDRESSES

Burns' Chapel—Gene Daniel, P. O. Box 87, Waynesboro, Tennessee
 Butler's Grove—Ernest Rich, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Canaan—Willie Daniel, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Cave Springs—Theodore Norred, Route 5, Florence, Alabama
 Collinwood—Arlo Peppers, Route 5, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Columbia—Wallace Paul, 321½ East 15th Street, Columbia, Tennessee
 Community—Dewey Haygood, Florence, Alabama
 Cross Roads—Ronald L. Mashburn, Route 2, Leoma, Tennessee
 Fellowship—Clovis Brewer, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee
 Flatwood—Ernest Rich, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Forty-Eight Bridge—Ronald L. Mashburn, Route 2, Leoma, Tennessee
 Friendship State Line—Roy Gulley, Route 3, Huntsville, Alabama
 Gray's Chapel—L. O. Cook, Route 3, Iron City, Tennessee
 Hickory Flat—J. O. Dixon, Route 1, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Hohenwald—Fred Creekmore, Route 2, Hohenwald, Tennessee
 Iron City—D. A. Lindsey, 311 Highland Avenue, Florence, Alabama
 Mill Rock—Willie Daniel, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Oak Grove No. 2—Doyle Wallace, Route 2, Loretto, Tennessee
 Rose Hill—Paul H. Sanderson, 1313 Sunnyside Street, Florence, Alabama
 Royal Avenue—Dee Glover Jr., 520 Tuxedo Street, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
 Saint Joseph—Theodore Adams, Leoma, Tennessee
 State Line Grove—H. C. Killen, 431 Chestnut Street, Florence, Alabama
 Williams Chapel—Doyle Wallace, Route 2, Loretto, Tennessee

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES

Burns' Chapel—Mrs. Elsie Berry, Route 1, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Butler's Grove—Mrs. Lorene Robertson, Route 2, Collinwood, 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. William M. Johnson, 220 East 16th Street, Columbia, Tennessee
 Community—Mrs. Freida Weaver, Route 5, Florence, Alabama
 Cross Roads—Mr. M. F. Peppers, Route 3, Leoma, Tennessee
 Fellowship—Mrs. Nadine Kelly, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Flatwood—Mr. Clifford T. Smith, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Forty-Eight Bridge—Mr. Joel Martin Sr., Carrier No. 2, Waynesboro, Tennessee
 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 287, Killen, Alabama
 Hohenwald—Mrs. Lois McClain, Route 1, Hohenwald, Tennessee
 Iron City—Mrs. Virgie Lumpkins, Iron City, Tennessee
 Mill Rock—Mr. Joe T. Butler, Box 94, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Oak Grove No. 2—Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Route 4, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Rose Hill—Mrs. Pauline Smith, Route 1, Etheridge, Tennessee
 Royal Avenue—Mrs. Lois Scott, 212 Sycamore Street, Florence, Alabama
 Saint Joseph—Mrs. Nadine Adams, Leoma, Tennessee
 State Line Grove—Mr. Andrew Killen, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama
 Williams Chapel—Brenda Caperton, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Adams, Theodore, Leoma, Tennessee
 Adams, Wren, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee
 Arnold, J. L., 406 N. College Street, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee
 Bailey, W. V., Route 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee
 Boswell, H. M., Route 2, Culleoka, Tennessee
 Brewer, Clovis, Route 1, Iron City, 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
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 Cook, L. O., Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-4754
 Creekmore, Fred A., Route 2, Hohenwald, Tennessee, Phone 796-3789
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 Daniel, Gene, P. O. Box 87, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Phone 722-5283
 Daniel, Willie, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4742
 Dixon, J. O., Route 1, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4341
 Dotson, Mitchel, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee

Garren, William M., Route 2, Killen, Alabama, Phone 764-3086
 Glover, Dee, Jr., 520 Tuxedo Street, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, Phone 381-2546
 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
 Killen, H. C., Sr., 431 N. Chestnut Street, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-0777
 Lindsey, D. A., 311 Highland Avenue, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-8289
 Mashburn, Ronald L., Route 2, Leoma, 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 726-3517
 Quillen, Floyd C., 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 S. 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, Leoma, Tennessee
 Wallace, Doyle, Route 2, Loretto, Tennessee, Phone 853-3730
 Wallace, D. C., Route 6, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

LICENSED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Barnes, Joe, 602 North High Street, Columbia, Tennessee
 Brown, Leslie R., 105 Graves Drive, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
 Honea, O. A., Ardmore, Tennessee
 Robbins, Charlie, Route 5, Waynesboro, Tennessee

DECEASED MINISTERS' NAMES RETAINED

Rev. Tom Arnold, Union Hill
 Rev. J. S. Dillard, Alabama City
 Rev. Louis Fisher, Royal Avenue
 Rev. R. E. Freeman, Cordova, Alabama
 Rev. C. C. Martin, Forty-Eight Bridge
 Rev. T. H. Martin, Macedonia
 Rev. Roy Mashburn, Iron City
 Rev. Ellie McGee, Johnson Chapel
 Rev. John Norred, Cypress Oak Grove
 Rev. C. L. Reyer, Friendship State Line
 Rev. D. O. Serrett, Flatwood
 Rev. Eddie Staggs, Royal Avenue

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 FA 6-6870
 Thomas Fretwell, Route 1, Town Creek, Alabama
 Horace Jeffreys, Route 3, Town Creek, Alabama
 Nathern Landers, Route 1, Town Creek, Alabama
 Robert Landers, Bear Creek, Alabama
 COLLINWOOD—Floyd Bryant, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4734
 Ola Melson, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4597
 Delbert Gray, Collinwood, Tennessee, Phone 724-4531
 COLUMBIA—Billy Jones, Route 1, c/o Charles Gordon, Christiania, Tennessee
 Donald Paul, 1924 Paul Drive, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-2995
 Elton Potts, 200 E. 15th Street, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-5445
 O. J. Sesler, 322 E. 15th Street, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-3560
 Frank Whitehead, 1717 Hillview Heights, Columbia, Tennessee, Phone 388-0373
 COMMUNITY—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—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 762-2150

Odell Weems, Route 1, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Phone 762-2735

FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE—Wales H. Bowers, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-4737

Hughey W. Hobbs, Route 4, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Phone 722-6652

Elmer Hubbard, Route 4, Waynesboro, Tennessee

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

Amos Staggs, Route 4, Waynesboro, Tennessee

FRIENDSHIP STATE LINE—John Cross, Route 1, Taft, Tennessee

Cecil Pigg, Route 2, Madison, Alabama

Gene Wilburn, 512 Risin Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama

GRAY'S CHAPEL—W. S. Benefield, Route 1, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-5880

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

W. N. Haygood, Route 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee

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

W. R. Burbanks, Route 3, 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

W. 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—Elbert Creecy, Route 5, Waynesboro, Tennessee

Calvin Daniel, Gates, Tennessee

Carmack Gobbell, Route 2, Box 40, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Phone 722-2354

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

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

Milas Myers, 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 Tenth Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama

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

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

W. B. Wilson, Saint Joseph, Tennessee

Henry Hollman, Route 1, Loretto, 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-fourth annual session of the Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Cross Roads Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1964.

Opened with song, "Without the Blood of Jesus." Prayer by the Rev. H. M. Boswell.

Welcome address by the host pastor, the Rev. Ronald Mashburn.

Devotional service conducted by the Rev. Ernest Rich; Scripture reading, Psalm 90; many fine testimonies were given.

Song, "Won't We Be Happy."

Preaching by the moderator, the Rev. L. C. Cook. The Scripture reading was from the twentieth and twenty-second chapters of Revelation and the fourteenth chapter of John.

Song, "Only Trust Him," with an invitation for sinners, but no one responded.

Another song with an old-fashioned handshake.

Assignment to homes was made by the pastor, the Rev. Ronald Mashburn.

Dismissed by the Rev. Arlo Peppers.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The association was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the moderator, the Rev. L. O. Cook. Song, "That Glad Reunion Day," followed with prayer by the Rev. Ed Caperton.

In the absence of the assistant moderator, the moderator appointed the Rev. Paul H. Sanderson to serve in his place.

The Rev. Virgil Gean, a visiting minister from the Tennessee River Association, was invited to sit with the body.

Song with perpetuation of the union.

Scripture reading by the moderator taken from Psalm 113.

Reading of the rules of order of the association by the moderator.

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

Burns' Chapel—Brother Nola Berry, Sisters Pearl Burns, and Bertie Thompson. Minute fund, \$13.40.

Butler's Grove—Sisters Lola Butler, Ruby Thompson, and Dorothy Thompson. Minute fund, \$11.05.

Canaan—Sisters Alpha Eckert, Loucile Roy, and Earlene Roy. Minute fund, \$10.

Cave Springs—Sisters Louise Burks, Avon Hallmark, and Hyacinth Landers. Minute fund, \$10.

Collinwood—Sisters Frances Berry, Mamie Melson and Lesbia Bryant. Minute fund, \$10.

Columbia—By letter. Minute fund, \$5.

Community—Brothers Talmage Hanback, Jim Hall, and Elvin Butler. Minute fund, \$6.

Cross Roads—Brothers Alfred Mashburn, Eual Hooper, and Sister Julia Hester. Minute fund, \$10.

Cypress Oak Grove—Retained.

Fellowship—Sisters Viola Kelley, Velma Brewer, and Brother Richard Kelley. Minute fund, \$5.50.

Flatwood—Brothers A. B. McFall, F. B. Sission, and Lee Berryhill. Minute fund, \$20.

Forty-Eight Bridge—Sisters Beulah Martin and Artie Hubbard. Minute fund, \$10.

Friendship State Line—Sisters Edna Cothorn, Daisy Poole, and Elizabeth Pigg. Minute fund, \$10.

Gray's Chapel—Sisters Lizzie Hamm and Eugene Jones. Minute fund, \$10.

Hickory Flat—Brothers Delbert Burbank, Preston Barnett, and Sister Juanita Barnett. Minute fund, \$15.47.

Holenwald—Sisters Lois McClain and Winnie Creekmore. Minute fund, \$3.

Iron City—Brother Howard Perry, Sisters Beulah Perry, and Willa Gambelle. Minute fund, \$10.

Johnson Chapel—Retained.

Miller's Chapel—Retained.

Mill Rock—Sisters Melba Daniel, Ollie Holt, and Edward Daniel. Minute fund, \$15.50.

New Home—Retained.

Oak Grove No. 2—Brother Mitchell Lopp, Sisters Irene Lopp, and Mary Lee Story. Minute fund, \$5.

Rose Hill—Sisters Wilma Beets, Dorothy Myers, and Brother Billy Beets. Minute fund, \$7.

Royal Avenue—Sisters Lela Fisher, Lois Scott, and Gena Sanderson. Minute fund, \$12.

Saint Joseph—Sisters Myrtle Odom, Marie Odom, and Mary Lou Holman. Minute fund, \$10.

State Line Grove—Brothers O. S. Mashburn, Fate Griffin, and Sister Oner Hill. Minute fund, \$10.

Wayland Springs—Retained.

Williams Chapel—Bonnie Andrews, Cleddie Adams, and Russell Gambrell. Minute fund, \$6.50.

Called for petitionary letters, but there wasn't any.

Roll called with 23 ordained ministers, 23 ordained deacons, and 54 delegates present.

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

Song, "I'll Be Living on That Shore," followed with prayer by Brother Odell Weems.

A wonderful testimony was given by the Rev. J. L. Arnold, the oldest minister present.

Preaching by the Rev. O. J. Brown Jr. His Scripture was taken from Revelation 22. This was followed with a message by the Rev. Willie Daniel. His Scripture was Ephesians 4:3, 13, with the subject, "The Unity of the Spirit."

Song, "Only Trust Him," with an invitation to sinners; no one responded.

Dismissed for dinner by the Rev. Ed Caperton.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the moderator, the Rev. L. O. Cook.

Song, "Won't We Be Happy."

The Scripture reading was taken from Mark 13:32-37, followed with prayer by the Rev. J. O. Brown Jr.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

General Business—Rev. Ernest Rich, chairman, Brother Joel Martin, Rev. Ed Caperton, with the moderator and clerk.

Sunday School—Rev. J. M. Burns, chairman, Rev Theodore Norred, and Brother A. B. McFall.

Temperance—Rev. J. O. Dixon, chairman, Rev. Paul C. Story, and Brother L. T. Jones.

Education—Rev. George Kelley, chairman, Rev. Loyd Jones, and Rev. D. A. Lindsey.

Finance—Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, chairman, Brother M. A. Peppers, and Rev. Dick Prince.

Obituary—Sister Lillie Smitherman, chairman, Sisters Earlene Rich, and Elsie Berry.

Miscellaneous—Rev. Doyle Wallace, chairman, Brothers Odell Weems, and Nola Berry.

Resolutions—Brother O. S. Mashburn, chairman, Revs. Roy Gulley, and Willie Daniel.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lillie Smitherman was reelected as association clerk.

The Rev. D. A. Lindsey was elected as assistant moderator.

It was voted to meet with the Collinwood Church for the next session of the association.

During the singing of a song an offering was taken for the Rev. Raymond Kelley who had been in the hospital, receiving \$71.80.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened by singing "Heaven Must Be a Wonderful Place," followed with prayer by the Rev. J. B. Harper.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. O. Dixon. His Scripture was taken from 1 Corinthians 1, with many testimonies given.

The Living Water Quarter sang at this time.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Fred Huntley.

Preaching by the Rev. H. C. Killen from the Scripture, Matthew 6:30-34. His text was taken from Hosea 10:12. This was followed with a sermon by the Rev. George Kelley from selected verses from Matthew 8.

Song, "Lord, I'm Coming Home," with an invitation to sinners, but no one responded.

Assignment to homes by the pastor, the Rev. Ronald Mashburn.

Dismissed by the Rev. Dee Glover.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the moderator, the Rev. L. O. Cook.

Song, "I'm Looking for Jesus Today," followed with prayer by the Rev. Clovis Brewer.

The moderator read for the Scripture lesson Psalm 15.

The rules of order of the association were read by the moderator.

The roll was called by the clerk with 15 ordained ministers, 7 ordained deacons, and 14 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 missions board and that each church send \$10, and that stronger churches give according to their ability. This money will 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 missions 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 Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, and churches in Tennessee support the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee.

3. We recommend that the moderator preach the Friday morning message at eleven o'clock instead of Thursday night.

Rev. Ernest Rich, *Chairman*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to report as follows: We regard the Sunday school as one of the greatest helps to the church as it is the best place to train a child except in the home. We find the following 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 each church has a Sunday school and that it 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 the school. We also recommend that the children stay for preaching services, and that we use only Christian leaders. We urge that our Sunday schools be represented at our Sunday school convention each year. The next convention convenes with Iron City Church.

Rev. J. M. Burns, *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 the 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. J. O. Dixon, *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. George Kelley, *Chairman*

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, report as follows:

Money Received for Minute Fund	\$225.42
Balance in Treasury from Last Year	39.03
Total Amount	\$264.45

Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, *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:

Cave Springs—Sister Lonnie Lowrimore.

Collinwood—Brother Bonnie Berry and Sister Camella Burns.

Community—Brother Will Hall and Sister Emma Pickens.

Cross Roads—Brother John Fox.

Forty-Eight Bridge—Sister Rhoda Belle Woodall.

Friendship State Line—Rev. C. L. Reyer and Brother Lumm Coats.

Hickory Flat—Sisters Irene Hammond, Chestena Smitherman, and Brother Jack Holden.

Iron City—Rev. Roy Mashburn and Sister Cecil Olive.

Royal Avenue—Brother Lee Carbin, Sister Verlie Wallace, Rev. Louis Fisher, and Sister Mary T. Hammock.

State Line Grove—Brother Spencer Mitchell.

Williams Chapel—Brother Rob Moore.

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." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

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

Lillie Smitherman, *Chairman*

A special prayer was offered in the behalf of the bereaved loved ones.

MISCELLANEOUS

We, your committee on miscellaneous, recommend the following:

1. That all our churches give as much as possible to the support of 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 do not accept any church as pastor.

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

5. We recommend that all Sunday school officials be Christians and study the Bible to show themselves approved unto God 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 the covenant.

7. We recommend that all our churches have the Articles of Faith printed and posted inside the church.

8. We recommend that all our churches call their pastors from our association if possible.

Rev. Doyle Wallace, *chairman*

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

We, as the entire body, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciations to the people of Cross Roads 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.

Brother O. S. Mashburn, *Chairman*.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Amount in Treasury Before the Association	\$561.70
Received at the Association	45.00
Total in Treasury	\$606.70

Brother L. T. Jones, *Treasurer*

Moved and seconded to retain the same home missions board members as follows: Brother L. T. Jones, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama; Rev. George Helley; and Brother O. S. Mashburn.

Moved and seconded that we retain the churches that did not represent and that the evangelist visit them and encourage them if possible.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury Before Last Association	\$ 56.81
Money Received for Minute Fund	225.21
Total to Account For	\$282.02

Disbursements

Printing 1,000 Minutes	\$195.00
Printing 300 Letters Forms	9.79
Postage and Materials	8.20
Paid Clerk	30.00

Total Disbursements 242.99

Balance in Treasury \$ 39.03

Lillie Smitherman, *Clerk*

Moved and seconded to adjourn the association to meet with Collinwood Church, Collinwood, Tennessee, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1965.

Song, "Reunion in the Sky," followed with preaching by the Rev. Doyle Wallace. His Scripture was taken from Matthew 25. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Theodore Norred. This was followed with a message by the Rev. J. M. Burns. For his Scripture he read the fourth chapter of 2 Timothy.

The closing song was "That Glad Reunion Day."

Dismissed for dinner by the Rev. H. C. Killen.

Rev. L. O. Cook, *Moderator*

Rev. Ernest Rich, *Assistant Moderator*

Lillie Smitherman, *Clerk*

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS 1963-64

The presbytery met at Forty-Eight Bridge Church fifth Saturday night, September 28, 1963.

The following ordained ministers were present: W. V. Bailey, H. M. Boswell, J. M. Burns, L. O. Cook, Fred A. Creekmore, Willie Daniel, Louis Fisher, William M. Garren, Roy Gulley, Raymond Kelley, Ronald L. Mashburn, Dick Prince, Floyd C. Quillen, Ernest Rich, Paul H. Sanderson, Paul C. Story, Doyle Wallace, and Wallace Paul. The visiting minister present was Rev. J. L. Irons.

The following ordained deacons were present: Hughey W. Hobbs, Hardie Beavers, Amos Staggs, Elvin Garrison, J. W. Smith, Odell Weems, Turner Williams, Donald Paul, Elton Potts, O. J. Sesler, and Joel O. Martin Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished business—The committee appointed to see the Rev. D. C. Wallace was retained and a motion seconded and carried to release his card if the committee was successful.

New business — Forty-Eight Bridge Church recommended Brother Elmer Hubbard an ordained deacon from the Tennessee River Association for acceptance by the presbytery. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept Brother Hubbard as a deacon without reexamination.

Mill Rock Church recommended Brother Elbert Creecy and Brother Carmack Gobbell to be ordained deacons if found worthy. The examining committee was Rev. Paul H. Sanderson, chairman, Rev. Paul C. Story, and Brother Hardie Beavers. After proper examination the two brothers were ordained as deacons.

Cards were granted Rev. Wallace Paul and Rev. Joe Barnes.

The committee for fifth Sunday meeting program was dismissed. The programs are to be the responsibility of the pastor and deacons of the church where the meeting is to convene.

Motion by Odell Weems, seconded by Rev. L. O. Cook, that we elect an assistant moderator. The motion was carried and Rev. J. M. Burns was elected assistant moderator.

Offering was taken for the presbytery in the amount of \$44.02.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with New Home Church December 28, 1963.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

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

The presbytery met at New Home Church fifth Saturday night, December 28, 1963.

The following ordained ministers were present: W. V. Bailey, James O. Brown Jr., J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, L. O. Cook, Fred A. Creekmore, Gene Daniel, Willie Daniel, Louis Fisher, Dee Glover Jr., Theodore Norred, Ernest Rich, Doyle Wallace, and D. C. Wallace.

The ordained deacons present were: Wales H. Bowers, H. M. Hobbs, Odell Weems, Ernest Young, and Joel O. Martin Sr. Brother Royce Smith was a visiting deacon from the Progressive Association.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished business—The committee appointed to talk to Rev. D. C. Wallace reported and was released.

New business—Motion seconded and carried to return a letter to Rev. D. C. Wallace unopened by his request.

Motion seconded and carried to grant Rev. D. C. Wallace his card after he promised to uphold Free Will Baptist doctrine and turn in his credentials if he should become dissatisfied.

Flatwood Church recommended Brother Leslie R. Brown, and Forty-Eight Bridge Church recommended Brother Charlie Robbins to be licensed to preach the gospel if found worthy. The examining committee was Rev. Ernest Rich, chairman, Rev. L. O. Cook, and Rev. Willie Daniel. After proper examination the two brothers were licensed to preach the gospel.

An offering was taken for New Home Church in the amount of \$16.35, and an offering in the amount of \$13.21 was taken for the presbytery.

Friendship State Line Church and Gray's Chapel Church ask for the fifth Sunday meeting in March, 1964. Gray's Chapel Church received the fifth Sunday meeting.

Moved, second, and carried to adjourn to meet with Gray's Chapel Church Saturday night, March 28, 1964.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

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

The presbytery met at Gray's Chapel Church fifth Saturday night, March 28, 1964.

The following ordained ministers were present: W. V. Bailey, Clovis Brewer, H. M. Boswell, James O. Brown Jr., Gene Daniel, Willie Daniel, William M. Garren, Roy Gulley, George Kelley, Raymond Kelley, D. A. Lindsey, Ronald L. Mashburn, Theodore Norred, Dick Prince, Ernest Rich, T. E. Roper, L. B. Royal, Paul H. Sanderson, Paul C. Story, Doyle Wallace, and D. C. Wallace. Visiting minister was Rev. J. L. Irons and licensed minister was Leslie R. Brown.

The ordained deacons present were: Donald Paul, O. J. Sesler, Willie G. Brewer, Odell Weems, Hughey W. Hobbs, W. S. Benefield, James

L. Hamm, Hardie Beavers, Jesse Gray, George Lyles, Elvin Garrison, Turner Williams, and Joel O. Martin Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished business—None.

New business—Friendship State Line Church presented a letter recommending Brother John Cross and Brother Cecil Pigg to be ordained deacons if found worthy. The examining committee was Rev. George Kelley, chairman, Rev. Theodore Norred, and Brother Hughey W. Hobbs. After proper examination the two brothers were ordained.

Rev. Raymond Kelley was granted a deacon's certificate of ordination dated May 29, 1955, to be signed by Rev. J. O. Dixon as moderator, and Rev. Willie Daniel as clerk. The presbytery clerk announced that any deacon without a certificate of ordination could obtain one by furnishing him the proper information.

Offering taken for the presbytery in the amount of \$20.50, and an offering taken for Rev. Roy Mashburn in the amount of \$50.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Flatwood Church May 30, 1964.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

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

The presbytery met at Flatwood Church fifth Saturday night, May 30, 1964.

The following ordained ministers were present: Theodore Adams, W. V. Bailey, Clovis Brewer, H. M. Boswell, James O. Brown Jr., J. M. Burns, Fred A. Creekmore, Mitchell Dotson, Raymond Kelley, Dick Prince, and Ernest Rich. Licensed minister present was Leslie R. Brown and visiting minister was Rev. Molton Holloway.

The following ordained deacons were present: Donald Paul, Elton Potts, O. J. Sesler, J. W. Smith, Everett Griggs, Odell Weems, Wales H. Bowers, Hughey W. Hobbs, W. S. Benefield, S. W. Gilbreath, George Pennington, W. B. Wilson, Elvin Garrison, and Joel O. Martin Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after the following correction. Change papers granted to Rev. Raymond Kelley from deacon certificate to ministers credential.

Unfinished business—None.

New business—Moved, seconded, and carried to drop Brother Charlie Risner from the roll of deacons as requested by Forty-Eight Bridge Church, since Brother Risner had been granted a letter of dismissal to join a church of another denomination.

Motion seconded and carried to accept Brother Royce Smith as a deacon after proper proof by New Home Church in the form of a letter from Mrs. Charles Davis, clerk, of South Highland Free Will Baptist Church, that Brother Smith was a deacon in good standing in the Pro-

gressive Association when he was dismissed by letter to unite with New Home Church.

Offering taken for the presbytery in the amount of \$22.98.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with the Sunday school convention when convened with Hickory Flat Church on Saturday night, August 29, 1964.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

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

The presbytery met at Hickory Flat Church fifth Saturday night, August 29, 1964.

The following ordained ministers were present: Theodore Adams, Wren Adams, W. V. Bailey, H. M. Boswell, James O. Brown Jr., J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, Gene Daniel, Willie Daniel, J. O. Dixon, William M. Garren, Loyd Jones, George Kelley, Raymond Kelley, D. A. Lindsey, Wallace Paul, Dick Prince, Ernest Rich, Paul H. Sanderson, and Doyle Wallace.

The ordained deacons present were: Elton Potts, Odell Weems, Hughey W. Hobbs, W. S. Benefield, W. N. Haygood, Hardie Beavers, Almon Gray, Jesse Gray, Solon Gray, George Pennington, W. B. Wilson, Elvin Garrison, L. T. Jones, and Joel O. Martin Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished business—None.

New business—Saint Joseph Church recommended Brother Henry Hollman, and Hickory Flat Church recommended Brother W. R. Burbanks to be ordained deacons if found worthy. The examining committee was Rev. George Kelley, chairman, Brother Elton Potts and Brother L. T. Jones. After proper examination the two brothers were ordained.

Rev. Loyd Jones was elected evangelist for the ensuing year of 1964-65.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn to meet with the association when convened with Cross Roads Church on September 24, 25, 26, 1964.

Rev. W. V. Bailey, *Moderator*

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

The presbytery met with the association when convened with Cross Roads Church, September 24, 25, and 26, 1964. The meeting was opened with song, "Walking in the King's Highway," directed by Brother Oscar Mashburn, followed with prayer by Rev. George Kelley.

The following ordained ministers were present: J. L. Arnold, Theodore Adams, H. M. Boswell, James O. Brown Jr., J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, L. O. Cook, Fred A. Creekmore, Clice Daniel, Gene Daniel, Willie Daniel, J. O. Dixon, William M. Garren, Roy Gulley, Loyd Jones, George Kelley, D. A. Lindsey, Theodore Norred, Wallace Paul, Arlo Peppers, Dick Prince, E. P. Rowden, Paul H. Sanderson, Paul C. Story, Doyle Wallace, and D. C. Wallace. The visiting minister was Rev. V. H. Gean of the Tennessee River Association.

The ordained deacons present were: Jesse Butler, Joe Eckert, Floyd Ray, Elmer Fretwell, Floyd Bryant, Donald Paul, O. J. Sesler, J. L. Reathford, Bonnie Hardiman, D. F. Peppers, M. A. Peppers, Willie G. Brewer, Odell Weems, Joel O. Martin Sr., W. N. Haygood, Hardie Beavers, Jesse Gray, Solon Gray, Jerry M. Gipson, S. W. Gilbreath, Calvin Daniel, L. T. Jones, Turner Williams, Cecil Pigg, Henry Hollman, and W. R. Burbanks.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished business—The proposed constitution and bylaws that were presented to the association September 21, 1963, and tabled until this meeting was presented to the presbytery by the moderator, Rev. J. M. Burns, without reading. A motion by Rev. George Kelley, seconded by Rev. Theodore Norred, to reject the proposal as a whole was withdrawn after Rev. D. A. Lindsey made a motion to accept the committee's report and release the committee without adopting the constitution and bylaws. This motion was seconded and carried.

New business—Motion seconded, and carried to create the office of assistant clerk. Rev. D. A. Lindsey was elected moderator, Rev. J. M. Burns, assistant moderator, Rev. J. O. Dixon, clerk-treasurer, and Rev. Willie Daniel, assistant clerk, for the year 1964-65. Community Church requested that Brother Raymond Horton and Brother R. T. Jones be dropped from the presbytery rolls as deacons of their church. This request was granted after a proper motion and second which carried.

Motion seconded and carried to grant Rev. J. L. Arnold a lifetime card of standing. Rev. Wallace Paul contributed \$1, Rev. J. O. Brown Jr. contributed \$1, and Rev. Dick Prince contributed \$2 to the presbytery when their reports were presented.

The reports of all the ministers present were read, adopted, and cards granted, except to Rev. Wallace Paul. Brother Paul was granted his card with instructions to mail the clerk his report.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn until Saturday, September 26, 1964, with the presbytery left open.

Saturday Session

The reports of the ministers present were read, adopted, and cards granted.

Friendship State Line Church asked for and received the fifth Sunday meeting to be held in November, 1964.

Motion seconded and carried to grant Rev. Joe Barnes a new license and card, provided his report was received along with Rev. Wallace Paul's.

Motion seconded and carried to change the presbytery meetings from Saturday night to Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Motion Seconded and carried to adjourn to meet with Friendship State Line Church Sunday, November 29, 1964, at 1 p.m.

Rev. J. M. Burns, *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 appearances 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 letter 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 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 if 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 church 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 WILL 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 is 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; 2 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 give 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	Funeral 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	40	12	11	7	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	48	1	800	\$ 184.00	\$ 0	0	0	0
Bailey, W. V.	99	215	6	5	106	2	6	0	1	1	1	147	2	1,835	694.01	0	0	0	0
Boswell, H. M.	10	15	0	0	15	0	6	0	0	4	10	15	0	200	0	0	0	0	0
Brewer, Clovis	23	15	0	0	20	10	2	0	1	1	0	24	1	2,300	136.00	136.00	3	0	0
Brown, James O., Jr.	27	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	19	36	0	0	89.95	0	1	0	0
Burns, J. M.	10	36	1	0	42	3	4	0	0	0	3	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caperton, Ed	20	30	0	0	25	2	2	0	0	0	0	40	1	1,000	65.00	15.00	1	0	0
Clanton, Elso	100	102	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	3	4	38	3	2,000	150.00	150.00	0	0	0
Cook, L. O.	12	20	0	0	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	30	0	300	17.25	15.00	3	0	0
Creekmore, Fred A.	34	35	1	0	30	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	22.85	0	0	0	0
Daniel, Cllice	55	79	2	3	22	2	0	0	1	2	0	38	1	2,774	404.35	0	0	0	0
Daniel, Gene	42	35	0	0	20	1	4	0	1	1	0	43	3	2,770	346.13	65.00	2	0	0
Daniel, Willie	62	73	0	0	10	27	6	0	2	5	0	41	3	2,000	1,025.00	129.00	3	0	0
Dixon, J. O.	37	49	0	0	34	1	2	0	1	4	8	48	1	2,475	744.75	159.25	0	0	0
Dotson, Mitchel	1	12	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garren, William M.	6	0	0	0	10	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glover, Dee, Jr.	42	87	0	1	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	44	1	600	100.00	25.00	0	0	0
Gulley, Roy	120	200	9	6	20	1	4	0	1	4	0	52	2	1,125	178.59	0	1	0	0
Jones, Loyd	11	75	0	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	3	44	1	0	40.00	0	0	0	0
Kelley, George	40	30	0	0	47	9	4	0	1	1	11	33	1	1,328	321.35	55.50	3	0	0
Kelley, Raymond	15	36	0	0	40	0	6	0	0	0	8	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Killen, H. C., Sr.	52	50	4	4	40	4	0	0	1	0	0	48	1	6,500	966.00	520.00	1	0	0
Lindsey, D. A.	44	0	0	4	0	12	4	0	0	1	0	28	3	0	428.32	0	9	0	0
Mashburn, Ronald L.	44	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	44	2	2,100	695.65	0	1	0	0
Norred, Theodore	39	100	0	0	171	3	2	0	0	0	2	32	1	1,172	92.65	82.18	3	0	0
Paul, Wallace	106	0	24	12	262	13	2	0	1	4	35	51	2	1,883	3,900.00	0	11	0	0
Peppers, Arlo	90	98	0	0	30	10	0	0	1	1	8	50	4	6,890	1,123.00	305.00	19	0	0
Prince, Dick	26	87	0	0	110	0	6	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reyer, Herman	41	102	0	0	83	2	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rich, Ernest	70	48	4	4	87	4	6	0	2	5	0	44	5	0	888.20	0	0	0	0
Roper, T. E.	11	58	0	0	20	0	2	0	0	0	3	40	0	0	10.00	0	0	0	0
Rowden, E. P.	85	41	8	0	22	5	0	0	1	1	42	50	1	600	1,820.00	51.00	6	0	0
Sanderson, Paul H.	68	83	3	0	21	3	6	0	2	0	3	47	3	5,705	727.96	0	2	0	0
Story, Paul C.	7	40	0	0	20	0	4	0	0	0	30	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace, Doyle	69	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	39	5	1,200	191.50	0	0	0	0
Wallace, D. C.	65	191	0	0	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	6	4,022	159.38	235.86	2	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	Contributions	Number of Deacons	Number of Ordained Ministers	Number of Licensed Ministers	Church Property	Amount Given Pastor	Amount Given Evangelist	Amount Given Revival Helper	Amount Given Foreign Missions	Amount Given Home Missions	Amount Given Orphanage	Other Expenses	Meeting Days
Burns' Chapel	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	41	24	17	\$13.40	0	4	0	\$ 6,000	\$ 230.00	\$ 0	\$ 44.50	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 48.50	\$ 50.00	1st & 3rd
Butler's Grove	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	80	20	60	11.00	2	2	0	2,500	129.07	20.75	46.05	0	0	20.00	0	1st & 3rd
Canaan	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	76	26	50	10.00	2	0	0	9,700	374.87	0	57.00	25.00	0	20.00	275.12	2nd & 4th
Cave Springs	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	140	60	80	10.00	5	0	0	9,000	933.00	15.00	40.00	0	0	30.00	1,335.35	All Suns.
Collinwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	147	78	69	10.00	2	2	0	15,000	930.00	22.60	82.00	0	0	0	2,355.56	All Suns.
Columbia	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	190	118	72	5.00	5	0	1	20,000	3,900.00	0	160.00	0	0	26.00	0	All Suns.
Community	7	0	8	0	4	0	2	94	40	54	6.00	1	2	0	9,000	600.00	0	65.00	0	0	95.00	303.15	All Suns.
Cross Roads	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	43	43	0	10.00	3	3	0	6,500	415.89	0	60.00	0	0	0	200.00	1st & 3rd
Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	40	60	5.50	3	2	0	3,000	171.00	0	30.00	0	0	0	50.00	2nd & 4th
Flatwood	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	137	85	52	20.00	2	1	1	6,500	595.52	0	100.00	60.00	0	120.00	452.75	2nd & 4th
Forty-Eight Bridge	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	58	27	31	10.00	5	0	1	9,700	259.76	11.00	50.85	0	0	42.45	716.56	2nd & 4th
Friendship State Line	3	1	6	0	0	0	2	220	60	160	10.00	3	3	1	3,500	178.59	0	75.00	0	0	0	307.03	All Suns.
Gray's Chapel	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	93	40	53	10.00	1	0	0	5,000	323.34	17.00	37.75	0	0	0	126.88	All Suns.
Hickory Flat	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	104	50	54	15.47	5	1	0	7,000	744.75	15.00	69.00	0	0	10.00	200.00	1st & 3rd
Hohenwald	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	3.00	0	1	0	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	All Suns.
Iron City	1	0	5	0	4	9	2	98	57	41	10.00	5	4	0	6,500	557.61	10.00	40.10	0	0	89.31	483.50	All Suns.
Mill Rock	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	178	80	98	15.50	4	1	1	4,000	595.41	0	63.63	0	0	0	141.85	1st & 3rd
Oak Grove No. 2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	31	17	14	5.00	1	0	0	3,000	195.35	0	23.40	0	0	0	175.00	2nd & 4th
Rose Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	35	49	7.00	2	0	0	1,000	434.11	0	40.00	0	0	0	150.00	1st & 3rd
Royal Avenue	3	1	3	6	7	0	4	125	85	40	12.00	4	4	0	25,000	1,820.00	0	125.00	0	10.00	60.00	2,341.48	All Suns.
Saint Joseph	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	38	30	8	10.00	4	3	0	3,500	184.00	0	60.00	0	0	40.00	642.45	All Suns.
State Line Grove	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	105	65	40	10.00	5	2	0	7,000	363.50	14.75	75.00	0	10.00	0	475.00	2nd & 4th
Williams Chapel	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	43	28	15	6.50	3	1	0	6,000	296.63	0	28.60	0	0	15.15	48.00	1st & 3rd