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### OFFICERS

Rev. Carmack Gobbell ..... Moderator  
Rev. James T. Turnbow ..... Assistant Moderator  
Sister Lillie Smitherman ..... Clerk

The Next session of the Association will convene with the Mill Rock Church, located two miles east of Collinwood, Tennessee, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1975, at 7:00 o'clock, with Rev. James T. Turnbow as Moderator, Rev. Willie Daniel as Assistant Moderator, and Sister Lillie Smitherman as Clerk



### CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND ADDRESSES

Burns' Chapel - Jessie Lanier, Route 3, Florence, Alabama 35630  
Butler's Grove - Clovis Brewer, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee 38463  
Canaan - Nigle E. Daniel, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
Collinwood - James H. Brewer, Route 2, Box 232, Waynesboro, Tenn. 38485  
Columbia - Wallace Paul, 321½ E. 15th. St., Columbia, Tennessee 38401  
Cross Roads - Aaron Hooper, Route 2, Box 38, Leoma, Tennessee 38468  
Cypress Oak Grove - Preston West, Route 3, Florence, Alabama 35630  
Fellowship - T. E. Roper Sr., Route 2, Loretto, Tennessee 38469  
Flatwoods - Ernest Rich, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
Forty-Eight Bridge - Jesse L. Speegle, 114 Colorado Ave., Route 4, Tuscumbia, Alabama 35674  
Friendship of Sheffield - Dee Glover Jr., 501 W. Grand Ave., Muscle Shoals City, Alabama 35660  
Friendship State Line - Charles O. Marable, Rte. 2, Box 103, Toney, Alabama 35773  
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Hickory Flat - J. O. Dixon, Route 1, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
Hohenwald - Fred A. Creekmore, Route 2, Hohenwald, Tennessee 38462  
Iron City - Paul C. Story, Route 3, Leoma, Tennessee 38468  
Mill Rock - Ronald Mashburn, Route 2, Leoma, Tennessee 38468  
New Community - Talmage Handback, Route 3, Florence, Alabama 35630  
Oak Grove No. 2 - Jerry Coker, Route 1, Florence, Alabama 35630  
Rose Hill - Willie Daniel, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
Royal Avenue - D. A. Lindsey, 238 Roosevelt Ave., Florence, Ala. 35630  
Saint Joseph - H. C. Killen Sr., 402 W. Tenn. St., Florence, Ala. 35630  
State Line Grove - M. A. Stooksberry, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee 38463  
Williams Chapel - James Austin, Route 4, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464

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Friendship State Line - Merle Cross, Rte. 1, Box 394, Taft, Tn. 38488  
Gray's Chapel - Lela Mae Curbow, Rte. 3, Box 266, Killen, Ala. 35645  
Hickory Flat - Lillie Smitherman, Route 1, Killen, Alabama 35645  
Hohenwald - Ruby J. Staggs, Rte. 2, Box 36, Hohenwald, Tennessee 38462  
Iron City - Virgil Lumpkins, Iron City, Tennessee 38463  
Mill Rock - Yvonne Dixon, Rte. 1, Box 190, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
New Community - Christine Wilbanks, Route 2, Florence, Alabama 35630  
Oak Grove No. 2 - Jean Sisson, Rte. 1, Box 132, West Point, Tn. 38486

Rose Hill - Dorothy Myers, Route 1, Wales, Tennessee 38484  
Royal Avenue - Willie T. Weems, 2009 St. Peter St., Florence, Ala. 35630  
Saint Joseph - June Burdine, Gen. Del., Saint Joseph, Tennessee 38481  
State Line Grove - Andrew Killen, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama 35648  
Williams Chapel - Mona Butler, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee 38463

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 Cook, L. O., Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee 38463  
 Creekmore, Fred A., Route 2, Hohenwald, Tennessee 38462  
 Daniel, Clice, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464  
 Daniel, Willie, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
 Dixon, J. O., Route 1, Box 190, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
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Arnold, J. L., Cross Roads Church  
 Arnold, Tom, Union Hill Church  
 Berryman, Charles, Friendship Of Sheffield Church  
 Boswell, H. M., Columbia Church  
 Dillard, J. S., Alabama City Church  
 Dotson, J. M., Saint Joseph Church  
 Fisher, Louis, Royal Avenue Church  
 Freeman, R. F., Cardova Church  
 Garren, William M., Iron City Church  
 Martin, C. C., Forty-Eight Bridge Church  
 Martin, Thomas H., Macedonia Church  
 Mashburn, Roy, Iron City, Church  
 McGee, Ellie, Johnson Chapel Church  
 Norred, John, Cypress Oak Grove Church  
 Reyer, C. L., Friendship State Line Church  
 Rowden, E. P., Royal Avenue Church  
 Serrett, D. D., Flatwoods Church  
 Staggs, Eddie, Royal Avenue Church

#### 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



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Gene Cook, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450  
Willie (Bill) Hollander, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee 38463

BUTLER'S GROVE - Leonard L. Thompson, Iron City, Tennessee 38463  
Willie Ray Thompson, Iron City, Tennessee 38463

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Jesse Gray, Route 1, Rogersville, Alabama  
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George Fowlkes, Rte. 2, Florence, Alabama, 35630

OAK GROVE NO. 2 - Walter Lopp, Rte 2, West Point, Tenn. 38486

ROSE HILL - Billy Beets, Route 1, Wales, Tennessee 38484  
Milas Myers, Route 1, Wales, Tennessee 38484

ROYAL AVENUE - Grady Doyle, 213 N. Richard St., Florence, Ala. 35630  
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George Pennington, Rte. 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee 38481  
Doyce Springer, Route 1, Saint Joseph, Tennessee 38481  
W. B. Wilson, Saint Joseph, Tennessee 38481

STATE LINE GROVE - Elvin C. Garrison, Rte. 1, Lexington, Ala. 35648  
Andrew Killen, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama 35648  
Theo Mashburn, Route 2, Lexington, Alabama 35648  
Clarence Wisdom, Loretto, Tennessee 38469

WILLIAMS CHAPEL - Alfred Butler, Route 2, Iron City, Tenn. 38463  
J. D. Butler, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee 38463  
Dell Moore, Route 2, Iron City, Tennessee 38463  
Rayford Moore, Rte. 2, Box 170, Iron City, Tennessee 38463



## PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The fifty-fourth annual session of the Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Burns' Chapel Church at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1974.

The session opened with the song "I Will Not Be A Stranger", the welcome address was given by the Pastor, Rev. Willie Daniel, prayer by Rev. J. B. Harper, Moderator of the Tennessee River Free Will Baptist Association. The Devotional was conducted by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. James T. Turnbow, scripture reading St. John the 14th. Chapter. Many fine testimonies were given.

The evening message was delivered by the Moderator, Rev. Carmack Gobbell. His scripture reading was Ezekiel, chapter 22, verses 30 and 31, subject "Standing In The Gap". This was a wonderful message. The song "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus. Assignment to homes by the Pastor, Rev. Willie Daniel and dismissed by Rev. Jerry Coker.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by the Moderator, Rev. Carmack Gobbell. The congregation sang "The Lilly Of The Valley", followed with prayer by Rev. Ed Caperton. The Moderator read the 13th. chapter of 1st. Corinthians for his scripture reading and then he read the rules of order of the Association. Visiting ministers were invited to sit with the body. Rev. J. B. Harper, Moderator, and Rev. Dewey Stults of the Tennessee River Association were present. Followed by receiving of Church letters and seating of delegates as follows:

BURNS' CHAPEL - Bros. Bill Hollander, Danny Roberson and James Putman. Minute fund \$46.00.

BUTLER'S GROVE - Brother and Sister Roy Robertson. Minute fund \$12.00.

CANAAN - Sisters Glenda Hogan, Lucille Ray, and Mamie Crews. Minute fund \$15.00.

COLLINWOOD - Sisters Elsie Berry, Lillian Brewer, and Pauline Daniel. minute fund \$15.00

COLUMBIA - By letter. Minute fund \$15.00

CROSS ROADS - Brothers Alfred Mashburn, Monroe Peppers, and sister Estell Lindsey. Minute fund \$15.00.

CYPRESS OAK GROVE - Sisters Bessie Strait, Shelby Butler and Brother Jack Bower. Minute fund \$30.00

FELLOWSHIP - Bros. Frank Kelley, Gene Kelley, and sister Peggy Kelley. Minute fund \$16.62.

FLATWOODS - Bros. Horace Peppers, Lee Berryhill, and Marvin Daniel. Minute fund \$30.00.

FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE - Sisters Sarah E. Martin and Patty Flipppo. Minute fund \$30.00.

FRIENDSHIP OF SHEFFIELD - Brothers Oliver Berry and Morris Hooper. Minute fund \$9.00.

FRIENDSHIP STATE LINE - Bros. Lee Luna, Tommy Cross, and sister Elizabeth Pigg. Minute fund \$20.00.

GRAY'S CHAPEL - Sisters Lizzie Hamm, Annette Hamm and Betty Ruth Hunt. Minute fund \$15.00.

HICKORY FLAT - Bro. Houston Burbank, and Bro. and Sister Herbert Michael. Minute fund \$20.00.

HOHENWALD - By letter. Minute fund \$10.00.

IRON CITY - Bro. Walter Purser, Sisters Betty Purser and Evelene Stooksberry. Minute fund \$15.00.

MILL ROCK - Bros. Joe Horton, Ollie and Bobby Holt. Minute fund \$50.00.

NEW COMMUNITY - Brother Reeder Lanier. Minute fund \$10.00.

OAK GROVE NO. 2 - Brother and Sister Charles Lopp. Minute fund \$10.00.

ROSE HILL - Sisters Hattie McConnell, Grace White, and Lucille Higgins. Minute fund \$10.00.

ROYAL AVENUE - Sisters Annie Staggs, Fairfield Liles, and Willie T. Weems. Minute fund \$10.00.

SAINT JOSEPH - Sisters Mary Lou Hollman, Ethel Wilson, and Maggie Haygood. Minute fund \$10.00.

STATE LINE GROVE - Sisters Wonda Jones, Lorene Roper, and Margie Pettus. Minute fund \$20.00.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL - Sisters Regina Gamble, Lillian Butler, and Mona Butler. Minute Fund \$15.00.

Called for petitionary letters. There was none.

The enrollment of ordained ministers, deacons and delegates was as follows: 16 ministers, 19 deacons, and 52 delegates.

The Mill Rock, Royal Avenue, Friendship State Line, and Collinwood Churches asked for the Next Association. The Mill Rock Church received the majority votes.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Association for preaching services to meet back at 1:00 P.M.



The congregation sang "I'll Fly Away" preaching by Rev. Richard McConnell, scripture reading the 23rd. Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Alvin Stooksberry followed with preaching by Rev. Paul C. Story, scripture from St. John the 14th. chapter, 1st. Cor. 15:19, and 1st. Peter 1st. Chapter. The congregation sang "Are You Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb" with an invitation to sinners.

Song, "I'll Meet You In The Morning" and "I'll Meet You By The River" with perpetuation of the union. Followed with a talk by Rev. George Kelley and Rev. Ed Caperton. Dismissed for dinner to meet back at 1:00 P.M. by Rev. George Kelley.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Carmack Gobbell at 1:00 P.M. The congregation sang "Try Jesus" followed with prayer by Rev. Ernest Rich.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

General Business - Rev. Clovis Brewer, Chairman, Rev. Willie Daniel, Rev. Ernest Rich, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Sunday School - Rev. H. C. Killen Sr., Chairman; Rev. Preston West, and Brother Nola Berry.

Temperance - Rev. Aaron Hooper, Chairman; Brother Willie Ray Thompson, and Rev. Johnie Davis.

Education - Brother Odell Weems, Chairman; Brother Joel O. Martin Sr., and Rev. James T. Turnbow.

Finance - Rev. Jerry Coker, Chairman; Rev. Paul C. Story, and brother Buford Ayers.

Obituary - Sister Lillie Smitherman, Chairman; Sister Elsie Berry, and Sister Earlene Rich.

Miscellaneous - Rev. Jesse L. Speegle, Chairman; Rev. Richard McConnell, and Rev. Ronald Mashburn.

Resolutions - Brother Alfred Mashburn, Chairman; Brother Beaumont Goobsey, and Rev. Talmage Handback.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sister Lillie Smitherman was re-elected as Clerk and Rev. Willie Daniel was elected Assistant Moderator. A motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Association until 9:30 A.M. Saturday for the Presbytery to meet.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The night session was opened with the congregation singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" and "I Will Not Be A Stranger" followed with prayer by Sister Maggie Haygood.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Jessie Lanier, scripture reading the 3rd. chapter of Revelations beginning with the 15th. verse. Many wonderful testimonies were given.

Rev. Charles O. Marable delivered a message using scriptures from First John the 4th chapter and the 1st verse.

Song, "Jesus Saves" with an invitation to sinners. Song, "Amazing Grace" with an old fashion hand shake.

Assignments to homes by the Pastor, Rev. Willie Daniel and dismissed by Brother Joel O. Martin Sr.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by the Moderator, Rev. Carmack Gobbell. The congregation sang "I'm In The Glory Land Way" followed with prayer by Rev. James H. Brewer.

The Moderator, read the 9th. chapter of St. Mark and 1st. five verses of the 18th chapter of St. Matthew.

The roll was called with 19 ordained ministers, 9 deacons, and 14 delegates present.

A motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report and release the committee who was appointed by the Moderator of the Fifty-Third annual session, to investigate Hickory Flat Church.

### REPORTS

The following committee 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; however, stronger Churches give according to their ability. The money to be used within the bounds of our Association to purchase a tent and the tent be under the control of the Home Mission Board.

2. We recommend each Church take an offering quarterly for the Children's Home, Churches located in Alabama support the Home at Eldridge, Alabama and Churches in Tennessee support the Home at Greeneville, Tennessee.

3. We recommend that the Moderator preach on Thursday night at the beginning of the Association and the Assistant Moderator conduct the devotional service.

4. We recommend that the Moderator of all our Church conferences see that the majority of the members present vote for or against each move made or it will be illegal.

Rev. Clovis Brewer, 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 the Pastors and Deacons see that each Church has a Sunday school and uses 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 Hickory Flat Church Sunday, August 31, 1975.

We urge that the Pastors and Superintendents see that the teachers are Christians.

Rev. H. C. Killen Sr., 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. Aaron Hooper, 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), for God is able to supply all our needs.

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 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" (Timothy 3:15). We urge the head of each family of our people to set aside ample time during each day to get the family together and read a portion of the Word Of God, equivalent to at least one chapter, and have family prayer.

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

- Bro. Odell Weems, Chairman

## FINANCE

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

Money received for Minute Fund .....	\$448.62
Balance in Treasury from last year .....	14.69

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Total in Treasury .....	\$463.31
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Rev. Jerry Coker, Chairman.

## 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 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 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 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. Jesse L. Speegle, 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:

BURNS' CHAPEL - Brother Jim Burns.

BUTLER'S GROVE - Sister Nancy Jackson.

CANAAN - Sister Mattie Ann Ray.

COLUMBIA - Rev. H. M. Boswell.

CROSS ROADS - Sister Bill Scott.

FELLOWSHIP - Brother Junior Gray.

FLATWOODS - Sister Sadie Fincher, Sister Stella Lee Willis, and Brother Henry Hines.



FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE - Brother A. J. Ricketts and Brother Amos Staggs.  
 FRIENDSHIP STATE LINE - Sister Donnie Gulley.  
 IRON CITY - Sister Hannah Pursur.  
 MILL ROCK - Sister Lora Butler Daniel.  
 ROSE HILL - Sister Gladys Kratochvil.  
 ROYAL AVENUE - Bro. Marvin Barnett, Bro. Turner Jackson, and Sister Goldie Lyles.  
 WILLIAMS CHAPEL - Brother Leland Moore and Brother Will 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" (Job 1:21).  
 "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints" (Psalms 116:15).

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

Sister Lillie Smitherman, Chairman

### HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount in Treasury July 1, 1974 .....\$1,100.46  
 Rev. Ernest Rich, Treasurer.

Motion, seconded and carried that we accept the Treasurers report, and that the present members of the Home Mission Board be retained: Rev. Ernest Rich, Treasurer, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450, Rev. J. M. Burns Sr., Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee 38463, and Rev. Nigle Eugene Daniel, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee 38450.

### CLERK'S REPORT

Balance in treasury from last year .....	None
Received for Minute Fund .....	\$337.99
Total to account for .....	\$337.99
Disbursements	
Printing 484 Minutes .....	\$287.20
Paid Clerk .....	30.00
Postage .....	6.10
Total disbursements .....	\$323.30
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 14.69

Sister Lillie Smitherman, Clerk

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the Clerks Report.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

We as the entire body, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the people of Burns' Chapel Church and 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 Alfred Mashburn, Chairman.

Prayer was offered in behalf of the bereaved ones who had lost loved ones. Motion, seconded, and caried to adjourn the Association for preaching services. The next Association will meet with Mill Rock Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1975 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The congregation sang "What A Good Time We'll Have", while taking an offering for Rev. Wallace Paul who had been in the Hospital suffering from a heart attack. Amount received \$54.39. Preaching by Rev. James Brewer, scripture reading Nehemiah chapter 4 verses 10 thru 15. Followed by Rev. Loyd Jones, reading a few verses from the 8th. chapter of St. John, subject "Living Water."

Song, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" with an invitation to sinners, and an old fashion hand shake. Dismissed for dinner by Rev. Carmack Gobbell.

Rev. Carmack Gobbell, Moderator.

Rev. James T. Turnbow, Assistant Moderator.

Sister Lillie Smitherman, Clerk.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRESBYTERY FOR 1973 - 1974

The Presbytery met at Friendship State Line Church Saturday September 29, 1973. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 11 Ministers, Revs. Willie Daniel, Clovis Brewer, Loyd Jones, Wallace Paul, Cleve Hollman, James T. Turnbow, Richard McConnell, Nigle E. Daniel, Charles O. Marable, and Leo Beckman. 8 Deacons, Bros. Cecil Pigg, John Cross, Albert Malone, Almon Gray, Solon Gray, Jesse Gray, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr.

Unfinished business: The committee appointed to find out why Revs. John T. Lewis, Johnie Oliver, and David Huggins had not reported to the Presbytery the past two years made their report on Revs. Lewis and Oliver. Motion, seconded, and carried to retain the committee to investigate Rev. David Huggins. An offering was taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$34.93. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Gray's Chapel Church Saturday night December 29, 1973.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderator.

Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk-Treas.



The Presbytery met in Special called closed meeting at Hickory Flat Church Saturday October 13, 1973 at 7 P.M. The meeting was opened with song and Altar prayer led by Rev. Dick Prince. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich read Eph. 4:1 and called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 23 Ministers, Revs. Clovis Brewer, L. B. Royal, Willie Daniel, James Turnbow, Carmack Gobbell, Charles O. Marable, J. M. Burns Sr., Paul Story, D. A. Lindsey, Preston West, Elzo Clanton, T. E. Roper Sr., Dick Prince, Eugene Daniel, Theodore Norred, M. J. Malone, Billy Scott, James O. Brown Jr., Loyd Jones, Cleve Hollman, Raymond Kelley, Talmage Handback, and H. C. Killen Sr., 14 Deacons, Bros. Almon Gray, Solon Gray, Jesse Gray, Willie Ray Thompson, Cecil Pigg, Clarence Belew, Beaumont Goobsey, Hubert Townsend, Andrew Killen, J. L. Reatherford, Bill Curbow, Fay Dickerson, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr.

Bro. Solon Gray was recognized and stated that Bro. Hardie Beavers would not agree to stand with the other three deacons to abide by the Church and Association rules. Bro. Gray stated that on the Sunday the committee appointed by the Association to investigate Hickory Flat Church, visited the Church, Bro. Beavers again refused to abide by the Association rules and the Church Covenant.

The Moderator read Article 1, 4, 5, 6, and 12 of the Association constitution which gives the Association the authority to appoint a committee to investigate any Church in the union failing to be represented at the annual Association meeting. Bro. Odell Weems was ask to report for the committee, he stated that after the service was over Bro. Willie Daniel was recognized and took the Pulpit and told the Church he was the Chairman of the committee appointed by the Association to come and investigate Hickory Flat Church.

Rev. Daniel read the Church Covenant and the Free Will Baptist Church rules and took a vote on how many members present would abide by the rules, 3 deacons and 21 others stood. He then took a vote on how many members present that would not agree to abide by the rules, Bro. Hardie Beavers a deacon and 23 others stood. Bro. Beavers at this time went outside and turned back at the door and told the committee to leave and not come back. Rev. Willie Daniel verified the report and stated that Glen Bobo, Church Pastor, did not belong to any Church or Association, and that Bobo had agreed at a Church deacons' meeting, to leave when it came time to call another Pastor, but had gone back on his word.

However, none of this is any business of the Presbytery except the conduct of Bro. Hardie Beavers toward the committee and publicly stating that he would not abide by the rules of the Free Will Baptist.

After much discussion a Motion by Bro. Fay Dickerson, seconded by Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr. to drop Bro. Hardie Beavers from membership in this Presbytery, and instruct him to return the certificate of ordination to this body, carried by a vote of 37 for and 1 against. An offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$20.91. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Gray's Chapel Church Saturday night, December 29, 1973.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderator.  
Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk - Treas.

The Presbytery met at Gray's Chapel Church Saturday December 29, 1973 at 7:40 P.M. The meeting was opened with Altar prayer and called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich with the following members present: 18 Ministers, Revs. Willie Daniel, T. E. Roper Sr., D. A. Lindsey, Dee Glover, Wallace Paul, Jessie Speegle, Johnnie Davis, Talmage Handback, Loyd Jones, Dick Prince, M. A. Stooksberry, Cleve Hollman, Preston West, Clovis Brewer, James Turnbow, J. O. Dixon, Paul Story, and H. C. Killen Sr., 15 Deacons, Bros. Almon Gray, Andrew Killen, Hubert Townsend, James L. Hamm, Solon Gray, Willie Ray Thompson, Bill Curbow, Fay Dickerson, Buford Ayers, J. L. Reatherford, Leslie Prince, Lewis Marks, W. S. Benefield, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr., Licensed Ministers were Revs. Jessie Lanier and Aaron Hooper. The minutes of the last meetings were read and adopted.

Unfinished business: Rev. Willie Daniel, Chairman, of the committee to investigate Rev. David Huggins reported he had written a letter to Bro. Huggins, sent certified return receipt, that he received the receipt signed by Mrs. Huggins, but had not heard from Bro. Huggins. Bro. Loyd Jones reported that Bro. Huggins was unfit to hold ministers credentials and a motion, seconded, and carried unanimously to release the committee and instruct the Clerk to notify Bro. Huggins by certified letter, return receipt, that unless his ministers credentials were in the hands of the Clerk before Saturday night March 30, 1974, he would be published in any or all news papers deemed necessary in accordance with article 8 of the Presbytery constitution.

New business: Cypress Oak Grove Church recommended Bro. Willard Rich be re-examined and granted a deacon certificate and membership in the Presbytery and Rev. Jessie Lanier to be ordained minister. Columbia Church recommended Bro. Howard Jones to be ordained deacon. The examining committee was Rev. D. A. Lindsey, Bro. Willie Ray Thompson, and Rev. T. E. Roper Sr., and after ample examination being found worthy, Bro. Willard Rich was granted a deacon certificate and membership in the Presbytery, Bro. Howard Jones was ordained deacon and Rev. Jessie Lanier was ordained minister.

Rev. Dee Glover Jr. reported he lost his ministers credentials and requested he be issued duplicate credentials, his request was granted.



# CHURCHES REPORTING

CHURCHES REPORTING	Received by Experience					Received By Letter	Received By Confession	Received By Restoration	Dismissed By Letter	Died	Total Membership	Active Members	Inactive Members	Minute Fund	Number Of Deacons	ORDAINED MINISTERS	Licensed Ministers	Value of Church Property	Amount Given Pastor	Amount Given Assistant Pastor	Amount Given Evangelist	Amount Given Revival Helper	Amount Given Foreign Mission	Amount Given Home Mission	Amount Given Childrens Home	Other Expenses	Meeting Days
Burns' Chapel	3	1	0	0	1	1	76	46	30	\$46.00	3	6	0	\$15,000.00	\$1,014.00	\$	0	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$	0	0	\$ 40.00	\$1,800.00	1st and 3rd Sundays		
Butler's Grove	0	0	0	0	3	1	77	25	52	12.00	2	1	1	9,000.00	533.00		0	20.00	67.00		0	0	50.00	0	All Sundays		
Canaan	0	0	1	0	0	1	75	40	35	15.00	2	0	0	20,000.00	889.00		0	20.00	158.00		0	0	30.00	1,137.79	2nd and 4th Sundays		
Collinwood	2	5	0	0	2	0	158	84	74	15.00	4	3	0	25,000.00	1,327.85		0	24.59	75.00		0	0	25.00	4,763.25	All Sundays		
Columbia	18	0	0	0	0	0	109	109	0	15.00	6	1	0	30,000.00	5,850.00		0	0	175.00		0	0	30.00	115.00	All Sundays		
Cross Roads	3	0	1	0	2	1	66	56	10	15.00	4	3	0	12,000.00	714.42		0	20.00	150.00		0	0	0	2,067.83	1st and 3rd Sundays		
Cypress Oak Grove	7	0	2	0	0	0	93	29	64	30.00	3	3	0	7,000.00	645.00	30.00		20.00	201.00		0	0	0	3,266.11	All Sundays		
Fellowship	0	0	4	0	1	1	72	42	30	16.62	3	2	0	372.91	460.00		0	40.00	100.00		0	0	0	224.74	All Sundays		
Flatwoods	0	0	6	0	0	3	146	95	48	30.00	2	2	0	35,000.00	1,550.23		0	27.15	100.00	60.00	0	120.00	4,332.16	All Sundays			
Forty-Eight Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	2	54	17	34	30.00	2	0	0	16,500.00	889.50		0	20.00	105.00		0	0	71.05	375.49	All Sundays		
Friendship Of Sheffield	3	9	8	3	0	0	90	60	30	9.00	0	3	1	20,000.00	1,300.00		0	14.00	150.00		0	0	0	1,806.51	All Sundays		
Friendship State Line	7	0	9	0	3	1	182	-	-	20.00	4	4	0	40,000.00	1,450.00		0	25.00	350.00		0	0	100.00	3,130.00	All Sundays		
Grays' Chapel	1	2	1	0	0	0	118	70	48	15.00	3	0	1	20,000.00	1,300.00		0	15.00	200.00		0	0	55.00	5,765.31	All Sundays		
Hickory Flat	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	-	-	20.00	3	0	0	35,000.00	552.00		0	15.00	71.50		0	0	0	1,000.00	All Sundays		
Hohenwald	0	2	0	0	0	0	26	14	12	10.00	1	1	0	2,000.00	248.32	66.06		0	0		0	0	0	159.18	All Sundays		
Iron City	2	0	4	1	0	1	108	61	47	15.00	6	2	0	15,000.00	1,052.00		0	50.00	100.00		0	0	0	1,138.58	All Sundays		
Mill Rock	0	0	0	0	2	1	180	70	110	50.00	3	4	1	40,000.00	2,612.16		0	30.25	255.00		0	0	836.00	1,841.45	All Sundays		
New Community	6	1	0	10	2	1	40	30	10	10.00	1	0	1	3,000.00	20.00		0	15.00	0		0	0	0	229.18	All Sundays		
Oak Grove No. 2	3	0	0	0	0	0	42	14	28	10.00	1	0	0	4,500.00	51.52		0	0	22.00		0	0	0	130.60	All Sundays		
Rose Hill	0	0	0	0	0	1	87	35	52	10.00	2	1	0	3,000.00	515.00		0	21.00	75.00		0	0	0	212.08	2nd and 4th Sun.		
Royal Avenue	5	6	0	4	4	3	81	50	31	10.00	2	4	0	35,000.00	1,800.00		0	24.36	100.00		0	0	0	1,740.36	All Sundays		
St. Joseph	1	0	1	0	0	1	53	25	28	10.00	4	3	3	15,000.00	720.00	500.00		10.00	100.00		0	0	200.00	500.00	All Sundays		
State Line Grove	0	0	9	0	0	0	109	69	40	20.00	4	2	0	12,000.00	1,139.00		0	20.00	150.00		0	0	0	1,177.49	All Sundavs		
Williams' Chapel	0	0	3	1	0	2	68	48	20	15.00	4	2	0	7,500.00	716.84		0	15.49	99.63		0	0	60.00	707.99	All Sundays		



Motion, seconded, and carried, that Rev. W. V. Bailey's credentials be accepted by the Presbytery without discussion. An offering in the amount of \$35.55 was taken for the Presbytery. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet at Cypress Oak Grove Church Saturday night, March 30, 1974.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderator.  
Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk - Treas.

The Presbytery met at Cypress Oak Grove Church Saturday March 30, 1974 at 8:00 P.M. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 22 Ministers, Revs. Preston West, Jessie Lanier, Paul Story, Talmage Handback, James Turnbow, Charles O. Marable, D. A. Lindsey, Leo Beckman, Richard McConnell, Danny McConnell, Loyd Jones, M. A. Stooksberry, J. M. Burns Sr., H. C. Killen Sr., Elzo Clanton, Clovis Brewer, Dee Glover Jr., Nigle E. Daniel, Willie Daniel, Cleve Hollman, and Marvin Malone. 15 Deacons, Bros. James L. Hamm, Solon Gray, Nola Berry, Beaumont Goobsey, Almon Gray, Hubert Townsend, Fay Dickerson, Bill Curbow, Buford Ayers, Roy Butler, Willard Rich, Lewis Marks, W. S. Benefield, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Unfinished business: The Clerk reported he had requested the ministers credentials of Rev. David Huggins as instructed, and that Bro. Huggins had turned in his credentials as requested.

New business: Gray's Chapel Church recommended Bro. Jerry Coker and Friendship of Sheffield Church recommended Bro. Kenneth Earl Glover be licensed to preach. Examining committee was Rev. Willie Daniel, Rev. M. A. Stooksberry and Rev. Loyd Jones. After ample examination being found worthy, Bros. Coker and Glover was licensed. Rev. Roy Gulley requested his credentials be returned, that he turned in to join the Missionary Baptist, the same examining committee found him worthy and his credentials were returned.

Letter from Rev. Doyle Wallace requesting a letter of recommendation and his Missionary Baptist Credentials back. Motion by Rev. Nigle Daniel seconded by Rev. Clovis Brewer, carried requiring Rev. Doyle Wallace to furnish the Presbytery a notarized statement, stating he had lost his credentials before letter of recommendation be granted. The Clerk was instructed to so inform Bro. Doyle Wallace. An offering in the amount of \$45.50 was taken for the Presbytery.

A letter from Bro. Aaron Hooper was read asking forgiveness if he had offended in any way any brother that was present at the Special called meeting held at Cross Roads Church June 23, 1973. Gray's Chapel Church requested Bro. W. S. Benefield be removed from their rolls as a deacon, that he was dismissed by letter to join Royal Avenue Church. Request was granted and Bro. Benefield was changed to Royal Avenue Church roll. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet at St. Joseph Church Saturday night June 29, 1974.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderator.  
Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk - Treas.

The Presbytery met at St. Joseph Church Saturday June 29, 1974 at 8:30 P.M. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the meeting to order with the following members present: 22 Ministers, Revs. Ed Caperton, Willie Daniel, Charles O. Marable, James Turnbow, H. C. Killen Sr., Theodore Adams, J. M. Burns Sr., Danny McConnell, M. J. Malone, Wallace Paul, Loyd Jones, Jessie Speegle, Dick Prince, Elzo Clanton, Clovis Brewer, Johnnie Davis, Paul H. Sanderson, Dee Glover Jr., Jessie Lanier, Preston West, Nigle E. Daniel, and Paul Story. 12 Deacons, Bros. W. B. Wilson, Doyce Springer, Beaumont Goobsey, Hubert Townsend, Andrew Killen, Fay Dickerson, Lewis Marks, J. L. Hamm, Clarence Wisdom, Willard Rich, Odell Weems and Joel Martin Sr., 1 visiting Minister, Rev. J. A. Ricketts, 4 licensed Ministers, Revs. Kenneth E. Glover, Jerry Coker, Aaron Hooper, and Wm. Earl Glover. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Unfinished business: The Clerk reported he had no answer to letter he wrote Brother Doyle Wallace. Motion, seconded, and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to investigate Bro. Wallace and report back at the Association. Committee appointed was Rev. Willie Daniel, Chairman, Rev. James Turnbow and Bro. Joel Martin Sr.

New business: New Community Church recommended Bro. Reeder Lanier be licensed to preach and Bro. Leonard Fowlkes re-examined as deacon. Friendship of Sheffield Church recommended Rev. Wm. Earl Glover and Cross Roads Church recommended Rev. Aaron Hooper be ordained ministers. Examining committee was Bro. Joel Martin Sr., Chairman, Rev. Willie Daniel, and Rev. Elzo Clanton. After ample examination being found worthy, Bro. Reeder Lanier was Licensed, Revs. Wm. Earl Glover, and Aaron Hooper was ordained ministers, and Bro. Leonard Fowlkes was accepted to membership in the Presbytery as a deacon.

Revs. Johnnie Davis, Theodore Adams, and James T. Turnbow were nominated for Evangelist. Rev. Davis and Adams received 7 votes each and Rev. James Turnbow was elected Evangelist for year 1974-75 with 12 votes. An offering of \$29.97 was taken for the Presbytery.

Motion, seconded and carried to adjourn to meet at the Association when convened with Burns' Chapel Church September 19, 20, 21, 1974.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderator.  
Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk - Treas.

The Presbytery met at the Association when convened with Burns' Chapel Church September 20, 21, 1974. The Moderator Rev. Ernest Rich called the meeting to order with the following members present: 20 Ministers, Revs. Clovis Brewer, J. M. Burns Sr., Ed Caperton, Willie Daniel, Carmack Gobbell, Talmage Handback, George Kelley, H. C. Killen Sr., Charles O. Marable, Paul Story, Ronald Mashburn, Richard McConnell, Jessie Speegle, Jessie Lanier, M. A. Stooksberry, James T. Turnbow, Preston West, Aaron Hooper, and Johnnie Davis.



16 Deacons, Bros. J. L. Hamm, Buford Ayers, Cecil Pigg, Nola Berry, Solon Gray, Almon Gray, Jesse Gray, Beaumont Goobsey, Roy Butler, C. H. Belew, Willard Rich, Leonard Thompson, Leslie Prince, Willie Ray Thompson, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr., 1 visiting Minister, Rev. J. B. Harper, Moderator, Tennessee River Association, 2 licensed ministers, Revs. Jerry Coker and Reeder Lanier. Minutes of last meeting were adopted.

Unfinished business: Rev. Willie Daniel, Chairman, reported for the committee appointed to see Rev. Doyle Wallace. Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt report and release the committee.

New business: The reports of ministers present were read, adopted, and cards granted. Bro. Jerry Coker, licensed minister presented a very good report. Rev. Herman Fields granted card, oral report by Rev. Ernest Rich. Revs. John T. Lewis and Wallace Paul granted life time cards. Motion to drop Rev. Doyle Wallace from Presbytery rolls, seconded and carried. Gray's Chapel Church recommended Bro. Edward Hunt and Burns' Chapel Church Bro. Willie Hollander to be ordained deacons and Fellowship Church recommended Bro. Leslie Prince be licensed to preach. Examining committee was Rev. Paul Story, Chairman, Rev. Preston West, and Bro. J. L. Hamm. After ample examination, being found worthy, Bro. Hunt and Bro. Hollander were ordained and Bro. Leslie Prince was licensed to preach.

Presbytery left open was re-convened Saturday 21st. Reports read, adopted and cards granted ministers present. Rev. James H. Brewer presented a letter of recommendation from Tennessee River Association and evidence of membership in Collinwood Church the required time, requesting membership in the Presbytery. New Community Church recommended Bro. George Fowlkes be ordained deacon. Examining committee appointed Friday served and after ample examination, being found worthy, Bro. Fowlkes was ordained deacon and Rev. James H. Brewer was granted membership in the Presbytery. Motion, seconded, and carried to grant Rev. Frederick Rowden a card provided he mailed the Clerk a report. Offering taken of \$47.45 for the Presbytery. Treasurers report read and adopted.

Election of officers: Bro. Joel Martin Sr. re-elected Clerk - Treas., Bro. Odell Weems re-elected assistant Clerk-Treas., Rev. Ernest Rich, re-elected Moderator and Rev. Clovis Brewer re-elected assistant Moderator. Ministers not reporting this year were Elzo Clanton, Dennis Creecy, Wm. Earl Glover, Roy Gulley, Raymond Kelley, M.J. Malone, Billy Scott, Johnie Oliver, and Floyd C. Quillen Sr. Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt these minutes as written, and adjourn to meet with Friendship Of Sheffield Church Saturday night September 28, 1974.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderator.

Rev. Clovis Brewer, Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk - Treas.

Bro. Odell Weems, Assistant Clerk - Treas.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERY

ARTICLE 1. Be it known that the ordained ministers, together with the deacons of the Muscle Shoals State Line Association, are the Presbytery of this Association, all of whom are ex officio members.

ARTICLE 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.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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. Any minister coming under the hands of this Presbytery who 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.

ARTICLE 9. Any of our Ministers failing to come in person or send a report will not receive a card, but their names will be retained in our minutes; also any Minister in good standing leaving this Presbytery, is to get a letter of recommendation and turn in his credentials.

ARTICLE 10. Any person or persons desiring to bring a charge against another brother demanding a trial or the mind of this Presbytery, shall not bring the charge to the Association or any regular fifth Sunday meeting; but shall request the Moderator to call a Presbytery meeting at the Church where the trouble started. The Moderator shall instruct the Clerk to notify each ordained member of the Presbytery of the time and place of such meeting.



ARTICLE 11. Any Minister desiring license or ordination must be a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in this Association six months before being licensed or ordained, and shall preach under license 12 months before being ordained. Then if the Presbytery finds them worthy ordain them. Licensed Ministers under the control of this Presbytery shall not Baptize anyone, nor shall they perform a marriage ceremony. All Ministers' reports shall be read before the Presbytery and adopted or rejected.

ARTICLE 12. The Clerk of the Presbytery shall be paid \$15.00 for his services and shall see to the printing of the fifth Sunday meeting programs.

ARTICLE 13. The Churches shall approve their deacons for twelve months before being recommended to be ordained. Also Ministers desiring to be licensed or ordained, shall have a written recommendation from the Church of which he is a member before he is licensed or ordained.

ARTICLE 14. Any deacon moving his membership from one Church to another in this Association, or from a Church of another Association, or Denomination, must be accepted to membership in one of our Churches; and in a special called conference of that Church be accepted as a deacon, before being accepted to membership in this Presbytery.

ARTICLE 15. A lifetime card shall be issued all ministers of this Presbytery with thirty (30) years continuous service, or ten (10) years continuous service at age sixty (60), or at any age should they become physically disable to carry the Gospel. This card to be in force so long as their Christian conduct is in good standing with this body.

ARTICLE 16. No alteration can be made in this constitution, nor can any new rule, or regulation be adopted, except in a "CLOSED" special called meeting, with only ordained members of this Presbytery present.

## 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 as 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 his 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 seconded 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.

15. That any of our Churches calling a Pastor, see that he is a member of a Free Will Baptist Church and has ordination papers and card, and that he is in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Association.

## 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 obligation 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.

## ASSOCIATION 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 church, 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 seconded 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.

## 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 Scriptures are 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 teachings 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 5:23, 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 are 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 mission \$ \_\_\_\_\_, amount given home missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_, amount given orphanage \$ \_\_\_\_\_, amount given evangelist \$ \_\_\_\_\_, other expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_, deceased members \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk's address \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator's address \_\_\_\_\_

Our meeting days \_\_\_\_\_, Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



Ministers Reports	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Received in Church	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes and Hospitals	Funerals Preached	Ordained Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Pastored Churches	Held Communion Services	Conducted Prayer Meetings	Attended Sunday School	Held Revivals	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Travel Expenses	Married Couples	Organized Churches	Organized Sunday Schools	
Adams, Theodore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	45	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	0	0	
Adams, Wren J.	6	20	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Austin, James	55	85	2	0	145	0	0	0	1	1	0	40	1	2,500	560.00	850.00	0	0	0	
Beckman, Leo	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	7,352	51.00	0	0	0	0	
Brewer, Clovis	48	48	5	8	156	15	4	3	2	2	15	52	2	2,800	935.00	635.00	6	0	0	
Brewer, Jemes H.	38	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Brown, J. O. Jr.	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45	0	0	148.04	0	1	0	0	
Burns, J. M. Sr.	4	40	0	0	24	0	4	2	0	0	0	40	0	974	21.70	0	0	0	0	
Creekmore, Fred A.	97	102	0	0	83	0	0	0	1	1	0	49	0	0	248.32	0	1	0	0	
Daniel, Nigle E.	40	50	5	2	15	2	1	2	1	1	0	35	1	2,000	960.40	160.00	4	0	0	
Daniel, J. Willie	38	25	4	0	12	35	4	3	1	1	0	22	1	1,000	1,240.00	100.00	4	0	0	
Davis, Johnnie R.	0	0	8	7	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	52	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Dixon, J. O.	46	56	1	0	36	1	0	0	1	2	6	42	1	0	552.00	0	1	0	0	
Glover, Dee Jr.	160	0	23	2	0	0	1	3	1	1	22	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gobbell, Carmack	45	50	1	0	15	0	2	0	1	1	0	39	1	800	533.00	100.00	1	0	0	
Handback, Talmage	80	45	0	0	5	1	3	1	1	4	0	48	1	5,000	889.75	315.00	0	0	0	
Hollman, Cleve	30	273	0	0	134	0	1	2	0	0	0	46	0	10,093	116.23	928.00	0	0	0	
Hooper, Aaron	60	55	4	1	95	1	0	0	1	1	0	51	0	0	714.42	0	0	0	0	
Jones, Loyd	111	60	2	3	0	2	3	3	1	3	0	48	5	0	1,503.00	0	0	0	0	
Killen, H. C. Sr.	41	52	2	1	60	0	3	3	0	0	0	45	4	1,670	668.61	240.00	0	0	0	
Lanier, Jesse	43	35	0	0	15	1	3	2	0	2	0	50	3	5,000	325.00	245.00	1	0	0	
Lewis, John T.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Lindsey, D. A.	112	41	12	6	31	6	2	1	1	5	4	52	4	0	1,800.00	0	4	0	0	
Marable, Chas. O.	82	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	32	50	4	10,200	462.00	0	1	0	0	
Mashburn, Ronald	60	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	47	2	3,726	2,874.16	1,117.80	2	0	0	
McConnell, Danny	135	0	12	8	0	0	0	2	1	3	40	52	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
McConnell, Richard	104	0	9	14	0	1	0	2	1	4	6	50	0	5,850	1,450.00	0	0	0	0	
Paul, Wallace	114	0	18	9	374	18	1	3	1	4	35	45	3	14,000	6,325.00	0	12	0	0	
Prince, Dick	4	21	0	0	25	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rich, Ernest	58	52	6	6	68	3	4	3	1	4	0	45	3	0	1,772.13	0	1	0	0	
Roper, T. E. Sr.	4	35	0	0	20	1	2	1	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rowden, Frederick	6	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	35.00	0	1	0	0	
Sanderson, Paul H.	46	73	0	0	365	1	0	2	1	0	0	42	0	0	560.00	0	0	0	0	
Speegle, Jessie L.	82	125	0	1	43	0	3	2	1	1	55	43	0	1,900	450.00	190.00	1	0	0	
Stooksberry, M.A.	84	170	8	8	29	0	4	1	1	2	0	46	1	5,364	1,146.00	0	2	0	0	
Story, Paul C.	50	55	4	6	20	3	4	3	1	1	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Turnbow, James T.	65	85	3	1	80	3	3	3	1	1	8	42	3	4,000	906.84	0	1	0	0	
West, Preston	87	216	11	7	33	1	4	3	1	2	5	48	3	5,507	772.90	278.55	0	0	0	
Coker, Jerry (Lic.)	38	26	3	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	8	28	4	1,800	268.00	268.00	0	0	0	