

MINUTES
of the
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Muscle Shoals State Line
Free Will Baptist Association



met with
MILL ROCK CHURCH
September 25, 26, 27, 1975

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 obligations 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.

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 the minutes.
7. Is there any reference.
8. Report of committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Adjourn.

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MUSCLE SHOALS STATE LINE

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SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 1975

OFFICERS

Rev. James T. Turnbow

Moderator

Rev. Willie Daniel

Assistant Moderator

Sister Lillie Smitherman

Clerk

The next session of the Association will convene with Gray's Chapel Church, near Green Hill, Alabama, on the old Jackson Highway, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1976, at 7:00 o'clock, with Rev. Willie Daniel, Moderator; Rev. Preston West, Assistant Moderator; and Sister Lillie Smitherman, Clerk.

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 Arnold, Tom, Union Hill Church
 Berryman, Charles, Friendship 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
 Lewis, John T., Friendship State Line Church
 Martin, Christopher 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
 Royal, L. B., Royal Avenue Church
 Serrett, D. D., Flatwood Church
 Staggs, Eddie, Royal Avenue Church

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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Mill Rock Church at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1975.

The session opened with the song "I'm A Happy Million Heir", prayer by Rev. Jerry Coker, welcome address was given by the Pastor, Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn. Rev. J. B. Harper of the Tennessee River Association was our guest. The devotional was conducted by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Willie Daniel, scripture used "If the SON makes you free, you shall be free indeed". Many wonderful testimonies were given, followed with a song "I Know Its Real."

The evening message was delivered by the Moderator, Rev. James T. Turnbow. His scripture reading was Job chapter 21, subject verse 15 "What is the ALMIGHTY that we should serve Him? And what profit shall we have if we pray to Him?". This was a very inspiring message. The song "O Why Not Tonight", with an invitation to sinners. Assignment to homes by the Pastor, Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn and dismissed by Rev. J. B. Harper.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by the Moderator, Rev. James T. Turnbow. The congregation sang "In My Fathers House", followed with prayer by Rev. Fred Creekmore. The Moderator read Psalms 100 for his scripture reading, then he read the rules of order of the Association. Revs. Earl Dixon, J. B. Harper, and V. H. Gean visiting ministers from the Tennessee River Association were invited to sit with the body. Followed with receiving Church letters and seating the delegates as follows:

BURNS' CHAPEL - Sisters Elsie Berry, Earlene Rich, and Delia Roberson. Minute fund \$25.00.

BUTLER'S GROVE - Bro. Billy Jackson, Sisters Ruby Thompson and Betty Sue Butler. Minute fund \$13.00.

CANAAN - Bro. Jim Mack Gallaher, Sisters Kathy Long and Jan Crews. Minute fund \$17.00.

COLLINWOOD - Sisters Elsie Berry, Lillian Brewer, and Bro. H. H. Brewer. Minute fund \$15.00.

COLUMBIA - Bro. James Yant and Sister Sue Yant, Minute fund \$15.00.

CROSS ROADS - Bro. Neal Weaver and Bro. Eual Hooper. Minute fund \$20.00.

CYPRESS OAK GROVE - Bro. Jack Bowers Jr., Sisters Shelby Butler and Bessie Strait. Minute fund \$30.00.

FELLOWSHIP - Bro. Omas Lester, Sisters VeEtt Prince and Peggy Kelley. Minute fund \$10.00.

FLATWOODS - Bros. Lee Berryhill, Clifford Smith, and Mannon Doss. Minute fund \$30.00.

FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE - Sisters Birdie Lee Hobbs and Sarah E. Martin. Minute fund \$40.00.

FRIENDSHIP SHEFFIELD - Sisters Judy Glover, Laura Mae Glover, and Shannon Liles. Minute fund \$20.00.

FRIENDSHIP STATE LINE - Bros. Bobby Cross, Wendell Beverly and sister Judy Beverly. Minute fund \$20.00.

GRAY'S CHAPEL - Sisters Lizzie Hamm, Betty Ruth Hunt, and Frances Wise. Minute fund \$20.00.

HICKORY FLAT - Bro. Houston Burbank, Sisters Leona Gray and Augazelle Oliver. Minute fund \$25.00.

HOHENWALD - Sisters Winnie Creekmore and Lois McClain. Minute fund \$6.00.

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

JOHNSON CHAPEL - By letter. Minute fund \$10.00.

MILL ROCK - Bros. Joe Butler, Harlon Ray Daniel, and Billy Holt. Minute fund \$60.00.

NEW COMMUNITY - Bros. J. C. Woods, R. L. Lanier, and Roland Parrish. Minute fund \$10.00.

OAK GROVE NO. 2 - Sister Irene Lopp, Bros. Mitchell Lopp and Charles Lopp. Minute fund \$10.00.

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

ROYAL AVENUE - Sisters Annie Staggs, and Lelia Phillips. Minute fund \$10.00.

SAINT JOSEPH - By letter. Minute fund \$10.00.

STATE LINE GROVE - Sisters Ester Wisdom, Audry Killen, and Jewell Butler. Minute fund \$20.00.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL - Sisters Lucy Gambrell, 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: 24 Ministers, 14 Deacons, and 61 Delegates.

The Cross Roads, Gray's Chapel, and State Line Grove Churches ask for the next Association. Gray's Chapel Church received the majority vote. Motion, seconded and carried to adjourn the association for preaching services to meet back at 1:00 P.M.

The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven," prayer by Rev. J. M. Burns Sr., Preaching by Rev. Preston West, text 1st. Kings 18:21 "How long halt ye between two opinions." Followed by Rev. Charles O. Marable, subject tried, tested, and proven, scripture James 1:27 and Job 14:14 "If a man die shall he live again." Song "Just As I Am" with an invitation to sinners. No one responded. Song "In My Fathers House" with perpetuation of the union. Followed with a talk by Rev. Ed Caperton who also dismissed the congregation for dinner to meet back at 1:00 P.M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. James T. Turnbow at 1:00 P.M. The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven" followed with prayer by Rev. J. O. Dixon.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

GENERAL BUSINESS - Rev. Charles O. Marable, Chairman, Rev. Cleve Hollman, and Rev. Ernest Rich, with the Moderator and Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Bro. Alfred L. Mashburn, Chairman, Rev. Preston West, and Rev. Leslie Prince.

TEMPERANCE - Rev. Aaron Hooper, Chairman, Bro. Willie Ray Thompson, and Bro. Solon Gray.

EDUCATION - Bro. Odell Weems, Chairman, Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., and Rev. Jessie L. Speegle.

FINANCE - Rev. Jerry Coker, Chairman, Rev. Paul C. Story, and Bro. Buford Ayers.

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

MISCELLANEOUS - Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn, Chairman, Rev. T. E. Roper Sr., and Rev. Richard McConnell.

RESOLUTIONS - Rev. M. A. Stooksberry, Chairman, Bro. Beaumont Goobsey, and Bro. Jack Bowers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Preston West was elected Assistant Moderator and Sister Lillie Smitherman was re-elected Clerk. Prayer by Rev. Preston West, and an offering taken for minute fund \$112.00. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Association for the Presbytery to meet.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The session was opened with singing "In My Fathers House" followed with prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon. Special singing by the Daniel Sisters and two songs "Listen" and "The Old Rugged Cross" rendered by the young people of Mill Rock Church.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Jerry Coker, scripture Saint Matthew 6:33. Many fine testimonies were given. Song "Amazing Grace" and preaching by Rev. Jesse Lanier, scripture Revelations 22:27 and Saint Matthew Chapter 24. Song "O Why Not To-night" with an invitation to sinners. Assignment to homes by the Pastor, Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn, and dismissed by Bro. Gambrell.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the Moderator, Rev. James T. Turnbow. The congregation sang "O What A Blessing He Is To Me." Prayer by Rev. Paul N. Sanderson. The Moderator read Hosea chapter 13 verses 4-9. The roll was called with 17 ministers, 11 Deacons, and 12 Delegates present.

REPORTS

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

We, your committee on general business, beg leave to report as follows: 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 that 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, Tenn. 3. We recommend that the Moderator preach 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. Charles O. Marable, Chm.

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 Friendship State Line Church, Sunday, August 29, 1976.

Bro. Alfred L. Mashburn, Chm.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report as follows: That we as Free-Will Baptist 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" (Eph. 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" (Eph. 5:11).

Rev. Aaron Hooper, Chm.

EDUCATION

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

Balance in Treasury from last year	\$ None
Money received for minute fund	\$481.00
Offering taken for minute fund	\$112.00
Total in Treasury September 27, 1975	\$593.00

Rev. Jerry Coker, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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 our Churches have the Articles of Faith printed and posted inside the Church.
8. We recommend that all our Churches call their Pastor from our Association if possible.
9. We recommend that each Church Pastor and its Deacons encourage their Church to contribute more generously to the minute fund.

Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn, 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:

COLLINWOOD - Sister Susan Diane Anders and Sister Florence Smith.

COLUMBIA - Sister Edna Chapman.

FELLOWSHIP - Sister Effie Powers.

FLATWOODS - Sister Claudie Peppers, Bro. F. B. Sisson, and Bro. Solon Ridgeway.

FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE - Sister Josie Keeton Hubbard.

FRIENDSHIP STATE LINE - Rev. John T. Lewis, Bro. David Gulley and Sister Kathaleen Hargrove.

GRAY'S CHAPEL - Sister Ivie Roberson.

HICKORY FLAT - Bro. Henry Lee Burbank

JOHNSON CHAPEL - Four deceased members reported, names not given.

MILL ROCK - Bro. Calvin Daniel, and Bro. Eldred Horton, both Deacons and Bro. Commer Adams.

ROYAL AVENUE - Rev. L. B. Royal, and Sister Pearl Olive.

SAINT JOSEPH - Bro. George Pennington, Deacon and Sister Madgie Jones.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL - Sister Viola Cheeks.

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 the vacancies. We extend our sympathy to you for we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Lillie Smitherman, Chairman.

Every one was invited to the Altar and prayer was offered in behalf of the bereaved ones who had lost loved ones during the year.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount in Treasury July 1, 1975 \$1,195.75

Rev. Ernest Rich, Treasurer.

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury September 21, 1974	\$ 14.69
Received for Minute Fund	\$448.62
Received from Presbytery for Minute Fund	\$ 38.00
Total to account for	\$501.31

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing 750 Minutes	\$463.13
Paid Clerk	\$ 30.00
Postage	\$ 8.18
Total Disbursements	\$501.31
Balance in Treasury September 27, 1975	None

Sister Lillie Smitherman, Clerk

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 Mill Rock 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.

Rev. M. A. Stooksberry, Chairman

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Association to meet with Gray's Chapel Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1976, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The congregation sang "In My Fathers House" with a talk by Rev. James E. Raper, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Greeneville, Tenn. Followed with preaching by Rev. M. A. Stooksberry, scripture James 4:7, subject "Draw Nigh To God", followed by Rev. Loyd Jones scripture, Rev. Chapter 3. Dismissed by Rev. James Earl Raper.

Rev. James T. Turnbow, Moderator
Rev. Willie Daniel, Assistant Moderator
Sister Lillie Smitherman, Clerk

Churches Reporting	Received By Experience	Received by Letter	Received By Confession	Received Restoration	Dismissed By Letter	Expelled	Dead	Total Membership	Active	Inactive	Contribution	No. of Ordained Ministers	No. of Ordained Deacons	No. Licensed Ministers	Value of Church Property	Amount Given Pastor	Amount Given Asst. Pastor	Amount Given Evangelist	Amount Given Revial Helper	Amount Given Foreign Mission	Amount Given Home Mission	Amount Given Children Home	Other Expenses	Our Meeting Days
Burns Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	42	34	25.00	6	4	1	\$15,000.00	\$ 960.00	\$.00	\$.00	100.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 40.00	800.00	1st and 3rd Sundays
Butler's Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	30	37	13.00	2	2	2	9,000.00	596.00	.00	26.00	75.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	All Sundays
Canaan	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	80	45	35	17.00	0	2	0	20,000.00	1,548.00	.00	33.00	179.00	.00	.00	30.00	584.57	All Sundays
Collinwood	1	5	13	0	1	0	2	175	95	80	15.00	3	4	0	25,000.00	1,844.65	.00	20.00	225.00	.00	.00	25.00	9,934.64	All Sundays
Columbia	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	119	119	0	15.00	1	5	0	30,000.00	7,665.00	.00	.00	175.00	.00	.00	40.00	330.00	All Sundays
Cross Roads	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	56	10	20.00	2	5	0	15,500.00	387.64	.00	19.00	100.00	.00	.00	.00	5,403.60	All Sundays
Cypress Oak Grove	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	107	33	74	30.00	4	3	0	7,000.00	645.00	60.00	15.00	181.98	.00	.00	.00	1,479.42	All Sundays
Fellowship	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	77	47	30	10.00	2	3	2	3,772.91	735.00	240.00	20.00	100.00	.00	.00	.00	416.66	2nd and 4th Sundays
Flatwoods	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	141	88	50	30.00	2	2	0	35,000.00	1,672.09	.00	25.00	100.00	.00	.00	120.00	2,842.60	All Sundays
Forty-Eight Bridge	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	55	17	38	40.00	0	2	0	18,500.00	994.00	.00	51.00	103.96	.00	.00	177.69	1,660.57	All Sundays
Friendship of Sheffield	0	1	4	6	0	0	0	87	50	37	25.00	4	2	1	20,000.00	1,300.00	.00	9.14	150.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	All Sundays
Friendship State Line	2	4	6	0	2	0	3	187	0	0	20.00	2	7	1	40,000.00	1,503.26	.00	40.00	400.00	.00	.00	100.00	3,487.19	All Sundays
Grays Chapel	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	118	60	58	20.00	1	4	1	20,000.00	1,460.00	.00	71.85	200.00	.00	.00	100.00	3,031.65	All Sundays
Hickory Flat	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	34	34	0	25.00	0	3	0	35,000.00	705.00	.00	12.00	77.00	.00	.00	.00	1,034.00	All Sundays
Hohenwald	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	22	8	14	6.00	1	1	0	2,000.00	217.55	178.57	6.00	50.00	.00	.00	.00	42.16	All Sundays
Iron City	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	110	63	47	15.00	2	5	0	18,000.00	1,543.06	.00	15.00	100.00	.00	.00	.00	979.27	All Sundays
Johnson's Chapel	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	14	8	2	10.00	0	0	0	6,000.00	46.25	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	27.84	All Sundays
Mill Rock	1	2	9	0	1	0	3	161	79	89	60.00	4	1	1	40,000.00	3,455.56	.00	96.50	453.25	.00	.00	800.00	2,320.16	All Sundays
New Community	10	2	9	0	2	0	0	43	40	3	10.00	2	2	2	9,000.00	449.77	24.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	All Sundays
Oak Grove No. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	20	22	10.00	0	2	0	4,500.00	646.29	.00	10.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,201.95	All Sundays
Rose Hill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	87	35	52	10.00	1	2	1	6,000.00	632.40	.00	20.00	120.00	.00	.00	.00	430.00	2nd and 4th Sundays
Royal Avenue	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	86	54	32	10.00	3	2	0	35,000.00	1,600.00	35.00	.00	100.00	.00	.00	.00	2,245.14	All Sundays
Saint Joseph	5	0	2	0	0	3	1	60	32	28	10.00	3	3	0	15,000.00	850.00	.00	15.00	150.00	.00	.00	100.00	592.10	All Sundays
State Line Grove	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	106	60	46	20.00	3	4	0	12,000.00	1,150.00	.00	20.00	150.00	.00	.00	.00	983.19	All Sundays
Williams Chapel	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	58	36	22	15.00	2	4	0	7,500.00	633.08	.00	10.65	60.00	.00	.00	75.00	887.06	All Sundays

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRESBYTERY FOR 1974-1975

The Presbytery met at Friendship Sheffield Church Saturday September 28, 1974. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 19 Ministers, Revs. Loyd Jones, Nigle E. Daniel, Preston West, Paul H. Sanderson, Willie Daniel; D. A. Lindsey, James T. Turnbow, Johnnie R. Davis, Dee Glover Jr., Paul C. Story, Aaron Hooper, Wm. Earl Glover, Charles O. Marable, H. C. Killen Sr., Jessie L. Speegle, M. A. Stooksberry, Cleve Hollman, and Billy Scott. 16 Deacons, Bros. Nola Berry, Bill Hollander, Willard Rich, Willie Ray Thompson, W. B. Wilson, Edward Hunt, Hubert Townsend, Beaumont Goobsey, Fay Dickerson, Doyce Springer, Bill Curbow, Leslie Prince, W. S. Benefield, Lewis Marks, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr.. 3 Licensed Ministers, Jerry Coker, Kenneth Earl Glover and Leslie Prince.

No. Unfinished business:

New Business: Friendship State Line Church recommended Bros. Delmore Jones, and Garland Hale and Friendship Sheffield Church recommended Bro. Morris Hooper to be ordained deacon. The examining committee was Bro. Willie Ray Thompson, chairman; Rev. H. C. Killen, Sr., and Rev. D. A. Lindsey, after ample examination being found worthy, they were ordained deacon. An offering was taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$41.95. Motion, Seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Collinwood Church Saturday night Decmeber 28, 1974.

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

The Presbytery met at Collinwood Church Saturday December 28, 1975 at 8 p.m. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 18 Ministers, Revs. James Brewer, Ed Caperton, Clovis Brewer, H. C. Killen, Sr., Cleve Hollman, Marvin Malone, Paul C. Story, Jesse Lanier, Talmage Handback, Charles O. Marable, Jessie L. Speegle, M. A. Stooksberry, Willie Daniel, Nigle E. Daniel, Preston West, Elzo Clanton, and Johnnie Davis. 14 Deacons, Bros. Beaumont Goobsey, Edward Hunt, W. C. Smith, Willie Hollander, Nola Berry, J. M. Burns, Jr., Rayford Moore, Leslie Prince, Morris Hooper, Buford Ayers, Delmer Jones, Cecil Pigg, Odell Weems and Joel O. Martin Sr.. 1 Licensed Minister, Rev. Leslie Prince.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted with no unfinished business. New Business: Friendship State Line Church recommended Bro. Jerry Hovis to be Licensed to preach and Bro. Carlton Poole to be ordained deacon. The examining committee was Rev. Paul C. Story, Chairman, Bro. Leslie Prince, and Rev. Preston West. After ample examination being found worthy Bro. Jerry Hovis was Licensed and Bro. Carlton Poole was Ordained.

Ministers Reports	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Received In Church	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes, Hospital	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 Sun. Schools
Adams, Wren	5	30	0	0	30	0	0	2	0	0	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austin, James	55	110	0	0	100	0	0	2	1	1	0	48	0	2,500	586.00	725.00	0	0	0
Beckman, Leo	80	179	0	0	19	0	2	2	0	2	7	0	0	12,990	110.00	400.00	1	0	0
Brewer, Clovis	54	30	2	2	60	5	9	1	1	2	5	50	1	960.00	596.00	325.00	3	0	0
Brewer, James H.	56	0	16	15	0	3	2	0	1	1	0	48	2	5,000	1,844.65	0	2	0	0
Brown, J. O., Jr.	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	46	36	0	0	398.20	0	0	0	0
Burns, J. M., Sr.	6	28	0	0	39	0	7	1	0	0	0	36	0	912.00	0	0	0	0	0
Creekmore, Fred A.	74	159	0	0	86	0	6	1	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coker, Jerry	65	56	1	2	52	1	8	1	1	2	0	45	3	7,030	932.13	585.00	1	0	0
Daniel, Nigle E.	60	45	5	4	29	2	5	2	1	1	0	40	2	0	1,694.00	0	2	0	0
Daniel, Willie	25	20	0	0	15	22	9	3	1	1	0	17	0	1,500	650.00	75.00	2	0	0
Davis, Johnnie R.	0	0	3	6	0	0	8	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dixon, J. O.	76	68	3	3	44	0	5	1	1	4	9	45	1	3,200	705.00	480.00	0	0	0
Glover, Kenneth E.	20	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	1	100.00	10.00	0	1	0	0
Glover, Wm. Earl	75	0	0	4	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	48	0	0	1.50	0	1	0	0
Gobbell, Carmack	30	30	0	3	20	0	2	2	0	1	0	45	2	1,500	543.40	200.00	1	0	0
Handback, Talmage	126	37	21	12	78	1	3	2	1	4	0	51	0	0	469.77	0	0	0	0
Hollman, Cleve	35	279	0	0	156	0	7	2	0	0	0	42	1	12,403	241.16	856.00	0	0	0
Hooper, Aaron	59	96	0	0	70	1	10	3	1	1	1	51	0	0	387.64	0	0	0	0
Jones, Loyd	97	65	1	1	0	0	5	2	1	3	0	42	1	0	1,449.07	0	1	0	0
Killen, H. C., Sr.	48	50	7	4	50	1	6	2	1	0	0	47	0	2,720	0	326.40	0	0	0
Lanier, Jesse	62	18	0	3	58	0	10	3	1	1	0	48	2	3,120	1,165.00	285.00	0	0	0
Malone, M. J.	63	72	19	17	27	2	5	1	1	2	9	52	5	0	0	0	2	2	1
Marable, Chas. O.	110	0	8	0	0	3	13	3	1	4	52	52	3	12,601	1,746.75	0	0	0	0
Mashburn, Ronald	61	0	12	11	0	2	8	1	1	2	0	42	6	6,425	4,332.52	1,927.50	1	0	0
McConnell, Danny	165	0	10	12	0	1	0	0	1	4	65	50	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
McConnell, Richard	17	57	0	0	6	0	8	1	0	0	0	50	0	0	25.00	0	0	0	0
Paul, Wallace	56	0	10	8	93	5	4	1	1	3	25	40	0	450.00	7,665.00	0	4	0	0
Prince, Dick	2	26	0	0	55	0	7	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince, Leslie	36	42	0	0	50	0	3	0	1	1	8	41	0	1,481	323.25	60.00	0	0	0
Rich, Ernest	56	47	1	1	82	6	13	3	1	5	0	47	2	0	1,765.09	0	0	0	0
Roper, T. E., Sr.	43	69	5	5	62	1	8	1	1	1	8	36	1	2,000	735.00	125.00	0	0	0
Speegle, Jessie L.	67	116	2	3	56	0	13	3	1	1	28	40	0	6,586	994.00	790.32	0	0	0
Stooksberry M. A.	92	175	0	0	48	1	13	3	1	1	0	48	1	5,768	1,159.00	0	3	0	0
Story, Paul C.	50	75	2	1	80	5	13	3	1	1	0	48	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Turnbow, James T.	55	68	0	0	50	0	12	3	0	1	0	35	4	4,521	1,258.19	200.00	0	0	0
West, Preston	90	138	6	5	52	0	12	1	1	5	13	49	5	7,401	810.00	400.00	0	0	0
Hovis, Jerry (Lic.)	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	51	2	0	163.00	0	0	0	0
Hunt, Dennis (Lic.)	10	25	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	370.00	7.00	5.00	0	0	0

Motion, Seconded, and carried that Rev. James T. Turnbow finish out his term as Evangelist even though he may be unable to walk for six or more months, and that he have the authority to select whoever he desired to fill his appointments.

Motion, Seconded, and carried to withdraw \$200.00 from the Presbytery account as a donation to Rev. James T. Turnbow and \$38.00 donation to the Association to pay balance owed on 750 Association minutes. An offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$48.28. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Williams Chapel Church Saturday night March 29, 1975.

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

The Presbytery met at Williams Chapel Church Saturday March 29, 1975 at 8 p.m. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 19 Ministers, Revs. James T. Turnbow, Cleve Hollman, Paul Story, Nigle E. Daniel, M. A. Stooksberry, Wren Adams, Loyd Jones, James Austin, Leo Beckman, Talmage Handback, Jesse Lanier, Willie Daniel, Wm. Earl Glover, Charles O. Marable, Aaron Hooper, Jessie L. Speegle, H. C. Killen Sr., and Carmack Gobbell. 19 Deacons, Bros. Bill Curbow, Rayford Moore, Leslie Prince, Beaumont Goobsey, Cecil Pigg, Fay Dickerson, Buford Ayers, Willie Ray Thompson, Edward Hunt, Dell Moore, Leonard Thompson, Hubert Townsend, Clarence Belew, J. D. Butler, Alfred Butler, Morris Hooper, Bill Hollander, Odell Weems and Joel O. Martin Sr. 3 Licensed Ministers, Revs. Jerry Coker, Leslie Prince, and Kenneth Earl Glover.

The minutes of the last meeting read and adopted with no unfinished business. New Business: Gray's Chapel Church recommended Rev. Jerry Coker, Friendship Sheffield Church recommended Rev. Kenneth Earl Glover to be ordained Ministers. Friendship Sheffield recommended Bro. Howard Rowden be ordained deacon. Rose Hill Church recommended Bro. Harold Dickey, Burns' Chapel Church recommended Bro. Willie Hollander, and Friendship Sheffield Church recommended Bro. Morris Hooper be Licensed to preach if found worthy. The examining committee was Nigle E. Daniel, Chairman, Rev. M. A. Stooksberry, and Bro. Leslie Prince, after ample examination being found worthy all the brethren mentioned above were Licensed and ordained as requested.

Offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$50.35. Motion, Seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Butler's Grove Church Saturday night June 28, 1975.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderaor
Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk-Tres.

The Presbytery met at Butler's Grove Church Saturday June 28, 1975 at 8:20 P.M. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 14 Ministers, Rev. Ernest Rich, Lee Beckman, James T. Turnbow, Preston West, Jerry Coker, Loyd Jones, Clovis Brewer, Willie Daniel, Charles O. Marable, Johnnie Davis, Cleve Hollman, M. A. Stooksberry, D. A. Lindsey, and Carmack Gobbell. 13 Deacons, Bros. Nola Berry, Willie Ray Thompson, Leonard Thompson, Willard Rich, Leslie Prince, Cecil Pigg, Rayford Moore, Buford Ayers, Alfred Butler, Charles Hunt, Howard Rowden, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr. 2 Licensed Ministers, Revs. Jerry Hovis and Leslie Prince.

The minutes of the last meeting read and adopted with no unfinished business. New Business: Gray's Chapel Church recommended Bro. Dennis Hunt be Licensed to preach. The examining committee was Bro. Willie Ray Thompson, Chairman, Rev. Charles O. Marable, and Rev. Leo Beckman, after ample examination, being found worthy Bro. Hunt was Licensed. Offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$37.31.

Motion, Seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Hickory Flat Church August 30, 1975.

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

The Presbytery met at Hickory Flatt Church Saturday August 30, 1975 at 8:30 P.M. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: Revs. Ernest Rich, Ed Caperton, J. O. Dixon, Clovis Brewer, Leo Beckman, Charles O. Marable, James T. Turnbow, Jerry Coker, Paul Story, Cleve Hollman, Loyd Jones, Carmack Gobbell, Dee Glover Jr., Preston West, Johnnie Davis, Ronald L. Mashburn, Jesse Lanier, Richard McConnell, Talmage Handback, M. A. Stooksberry, Aaron Hooper, T. E. Roper Sr., H. C. Killen Sr., Jessie L. Speegle, D. A. Lindsey, Kenneth E. Glover, and Wm. Earl Glover. 1 Visiting Minister Rev. J. A. Ricketts. 5 Licensed Ministers, Revs. Willie Hollander, Morris Hooper, Jerry Hovis, Dennis Hunt, and Harold Dickey. 16 Deacons, Bros. Cecil Pigg, Hubert Townsend, Billy Beets, Beaumont Goobsey, Willie Hollander, Edward Hunt, Solon Gray, Jesse Gray, Almon Gray, Andrew Killen, Morris Hooper, Howard Rowden, Buford Ayers, James L. Hamm, Odell Weems and Joel O. Martin Sr.

The minutes of the last meeting read and adopted with no unfinished business. New Business: Cross Roads Church recommended Bro. Alfred L. Mashburn be ordained deacon, Oak Grove No. 2 Church recommended Bro. Charles Lopp be Licensed to preach. The examining committee was Rev. Paul Story, Chairman, Rev. James T. Turnbow, and Bro. Solon Gray. After ample examination being found worthy Bro. Mashburn was ordained and Bro. Lopp was Licensed.

Bro. Reeder Lanier united with another Denomination and turned in his Card and License. Oak Grove No. 2 Church requested the Presbytery to drop Bro. Walter Lopp from the Presbytery roll of deacons. On proper motion, seconded and carried the request was granted. Rev. Jesse Lanier was elected Evangelist and Rev. Cleve Hollman was elected Assistant Evangelist for the year 1975-76 after the office of Assistant Evangelist was created by a Motion, seconded, and carried by unanimous consent. Offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$41.25. Offering taken for Rev. Loyd Jones in the amount of \$89.11. Offering taken for Rev. Willie Daniel \$210.51. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with the Association when convened with Mill Rock Church September 26, 27, 1975.

Rev. Ernest Rich, Moderator.

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

The Presbytery met at the Association when convened with Mill Rock Church September 26, 27, 1975. The Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 22 Ministers, Revs. Ernest Rich, Clovis Brewer, J. M. Burns, Ed Caperton, Fred A. Creekmore, Willie Daniel, J. O. Dixon, Aaron Hooper, Jessie L. Speegle, Jesse Lanier, M. J. Malone, Charles O. Marable, Wallace Paul, Ronald L. Mashburn, Richard McConnell, Dick Prince, T. E. Roper Sr., M. A. Stooksberry, Paul Story, James T. Turnbow, Preston West and Jerry Coker. 1 Licensed Minister, Rev. Leslie Prince. 2 visiting Ministers, Revs. V. H. Gean and Earl Dixon of the Tennessee River Free Will Baptist Association. 13 Deacons, Bros. Clarence Wisdom, James L. Hamm, Alfred L. Mashburn, Solon Gray, Cecil Pigg, Beaumont Goobsey, Carlton Poole, Buford Ayers, Willard Rich, Hubert Townsend, Willie Ray Thompson, Odell Weems and Joel O. Martin Sr. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted with no unfinished business.

New Business: Fellowship Church recommended Bros. Frank and Gene Kelley be ordained deacons and Rev. Leslie Prince ordained Minister. Columbia Church recommended Bro. James Yant be ordained deacon. Burns' Chapel Church recommended Bro. Danny Roberson be ordained deacon. The examining committee was Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn, chairman, Rev. Aaron Hooper, and Bro. Clarence Wisdom, after ample examination being found worthy the above recommended brethren were ordained. Reports of Ministers present read, adopted, and cards granted. Revs. Dick Prince, Loyd Jones, and J. O. Brown Jr. contributed \$5.00 each and Rev. Wren Adams \$2.00 with their reports. Motion, seconded, and carried granting the Clerk permission to correct preachers reports in regard to deacons and preachers they help to ordain. Motion, seconded, and carried to grant Rev. Danny McConnell a duplicate set of credentials.

Motion, seconded, and carried dropping the following deacons from the Presbytery rolls by request of the Churches where they had been members, and deacons: Bros. J. W. Smith, Jasper Butler, and Howard Perry Jr. Bro. Morris Hooper turned in his deacon certificate and requested his name be dropped from both Presbytery and Friendship Sheffield Church rolls as a deacon, he now being a Licensed Minister all these requests were granted. Oak Grove No. 2 Church ask for and received the Fifth Sunday Meeting to be held November 29, 30, 1975. An offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$45.63. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn leaving the Presbytery open until Saturday September 27, 1975.

Presbytery left open was re-convened Saturday Sept. 27th. Reports of Ministers present read, adopted and cards granted. Collinwood Church recommended Bros. Martin Gann and Jay Wright be ordained deacon and Friendship Sheffield Church recommended Bro. Howard Rowden be Licensed to preach, Canaan Church recommended Bro. Garnett Kelley be ordained deacon. The examining committee was Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn, chairman, Rev. M. A. Stooksberry, and Bro. Buford Ayers after ample examination being found worthy the above brethren were ordained and Licensed as requested.

Election of officers: Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr. re-elected Clerk-Treas., Rev. Jerry Coker elected Assistant Clerk-Treas., Bro. Odell Weems elected Moderator, and Rev. Ernest Rich elected Assistant Moderator. Motion, seconded, and carried to withdraw \$200.00 from the treasury for Rev. James Austin. Motion, seconded, carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to see all ministers that have not reported in the last two or more years; also see Rev. Theodore Norred and instruct him to join one of our Churches in good standing or turn in his credentials and if satisfactory results are not obtained, that the Moderator shall call a special closed meeting to adopt or amend our rules so that action can be taken. The committee appointed was Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn, Chairman, Rev. James T. Turnbow, and Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr. Motion, seconded, and carried instructing the Clerk to write Brother Elbert Creecy and request that his License be returned to the Clerk. Motion, seconded and carried adopting Treasurers report and these minutes. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet with Oak Grove No. 2, Nov. 29, 1975.

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 restitutions 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 charges 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.

CHURCH RULES

The following rules were adopted:

1. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or more often 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 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 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 had ordination papers and card, and that he is in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Association.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association when convened 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 reprovved 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, when, 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 advise 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 advise.

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 file 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 cases 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 each year.

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; Revelations 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 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 into 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 (Revelations 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 mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the godly unto life and the ungodly who die in sin unto death (Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 8:22; Matthew 25:21-24).

15. We believe as touching gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing 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; 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 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: _____

FORM OF RECEIVING MEMBERS IN THE 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 vow
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 _____