

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH
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W. H. Jenkins,	- - -	Ashford, Ala., R. 3
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Order of Business.

1. Organization.
2. Calling for letters from the different churches.
3. Electing officers.
4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Calling for petitionary letters.
6. Appointing committees:
7. Calling the roll and reading the decorum.
8. Calling for correspondents from sister associations.
9. Appointing correspondents to sister associations.
10. Calling for reports of committees.
11. Calling for Circular Letter.
12. Calling for treasurer's report.
13. Calling for miscellaneous business.
14. Adjournment.

MINUTES

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association convened in its twenty-sixth annual session with New Life church, near Granger, Houston county, Alabama, Thursday, October 5th, 1911.

A short devotional service was conducted. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Cherry—text: Isa. 52:1. Rev. J. M. Murdock concluded.

Adjournment for noon hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body assembled and joined the moderator in singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer by T. C. Newton.

The moderator announced the body ready for business. Letters were called for and read by Bros. A. L. Granger and R. L. Hunter, names of churches and messengers as follows:

Pleasant Home—Z. B. Hagans, D. W. Owens, W. H. Chandler, J. M. Mozley.

Union Springs—A. L. Jordan, D. V. Olive, Oscar Henderson, J. R. Chandler, Frank Jordan.

Freewill's Rest—J. T. Braswell, B. D. Braswell, Thos. Bazzell.

Hickory Grove—Jesse Peacock, R. B. Robinson, A. Holland, H. G. Green, T. J. Simes, Lacy Ditty, C. B. Green, J. J. Hatcher, J. W. D. Stephens.

Rocky Grove—Thos. Evans, Carter Harrison, Ely Evans, W. C. Smith.

Howard's Grove—G. H. Jordan, Geo. Smith, Walter Capps, Thos. Adams.

New Harmony—Preston Granger, J. J. Granger, Cassie Whitehead, H. A. Granger.

Springfield—E. Rabon, W. H. Hayes, I. G. Chandler.

Silver Run—A. Z. Culbreth, E. W. King.

Spring Hill—John Mercer, J. E. Jordan, H. D. Robinson, F. M. Robinson.

Pittman Creek—S. J. French, D. W. Retherford.

New Life—Z. Grice, J. G. Granger, Travis Evans, O. C. Williams.

New Pilgrim—M. P. Varnum.

Shiloh—J. J. Golden, J. W. Golden.

Prospect—A. B. Radney, J. S. Conner, W. D. Allen, T. C. Newton.

New Hope—C. R. G. Kirkland, A. M. Kirkland, H. A. Hardy, G. W. Whittle.

Harican—J. A. Hawthorn, J. D. Watson.

By motion, they were received and adopted, except the letter from Rocky Grove. Its adoption was deferred. Next was the election of officers: Rev. D. L. Chandler, re-elected moderator, J. W. D. Stephens re-elected clerk.

By motion of Bro. A. Holland, adjourned till 8:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order and the moderator read Jas. 1:1-23, for a morning's lesson. Prayer by the moderator.

The moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters: One received from Harican church.

The body extended the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.

On motion, a committee of investigation was appointed to ascertain the standing of Rocky Grove church, whose letter was not adopted yesterday.

Committee: A. B. Radney, Otis Cellers, John Granger, J. M. Murdock, A. Z. Culbreth.

The following committees were appointed:

Character of Ministers—Z. B. Hagans, D. V. Olive, C. R. G. Kirkland, A. Holland, Z. B. Culbreth.

Preaching—J. G. Granger, Z. Grice, J. R. Chandler, E. Rabon.

Documents—A. B. Radney, J. G. Chandler, H. G. Green.

Education—J. G. Harris, R. B. Robinson, J. T. Braswell, Jesse Peacock, T. C. Newton.

Missions—R. L. Hunter, A. Holland, J. J. Golden, T. J. Sims, W. H. Chandler.

Nominations—J. M. Mozley, D. W. Retherford, M. P. Varnum, F. M. Robinson, A. Z. Culbreth.

Obituaries—E. W. King, Lacy Ditty, G. H. Jordan, J. J. Granger, H. D. Robinson.

Suggestions—R. L. Hunter, J. I. Hatcher, G. M. Hardy, G. W. Cherry, W. H. Hayes.

Sunday Schools—D. V. Olive, B. D. Braswell, J. A. Hawthorn.

Temperance—G. W. Cherry, J. C. Eldridge, J. D. Pearce, A. C. Cobb, C. G. Ray.

Finance—Otis Sellers, J. S. Conner and J. J. Hatcher.

Adjourned for preaching. Rev. J. G. Harris preached and Rev. J. C. Eldridge concluded.

Dismissed for dinner.

The body re-assembled and was called to order by the moderator. Read decorum.

The committee to investigate the standing of Rocky Grove church made the following report: We, your committee on investigation of Rocky Grove church make the following report:

We find Rocky Grove church entitled to full fellowship with us, with the understanding that they rescind the proceedings of their conference in which they called Rev. J. T. Knight as pastor for the ensuing associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS SELLERS, Ch'm.

By motion, the report was received and adopted, and the delegation seated.

Called for correspondents from sister associations.

Rev. J. C. Eldridge from the Salem Association and

Rev. J. G. Harris from the Midway Association were received and welcomed into the body.

Rev. G. M. Hardy was given a welcome as a member of our association.

The following pledges made at our last session for missions were paid viz: A. Holland, \$1.00; J. D. Pearce, \$1.00; J. A. Givens, \$1.00; T. C. Fewton, 50c. Total \$3.50. Called Roll.

The following brethren are enrolled as correspondents to sister associations:

Midway, A. B. Radney; Southeastern, W. J. Mims, J. A. Givens; Liberty, G. M. Hardy.

Salem—C. G. Ray, T. C. Newton, J. M. Mozley, A. C. Cobb. Convenes with Damascus church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1912.

Martin—D. L. Chandler.

Called for reports. Report on character of ministers read and adopted.

Report on education was read and adopted.

By motion, Revs. G. W. Cherry, J. H. Harris and G. M. Hardy were excused for the remainder of the session.

Report on missions was read. After being discussed by A. Holland, D. L. Chandler and J. D. Pearce it was adopted. Report on obituaries was read and adopted. Report on nominations was read and adopted. Report on Sunday schools was read and adopted. Report on temperance was read and discussed by J. D. Pearce, A. B. Radney, D. L. Chandler and R. B. Robinson.

On motion, it was adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted. Reports on Finance was read and adopted. Report of the treasurer was read and adopted.

On motion, adjourned till 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The moderator called the body to order and read Jas. 3: 1-13. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldridge. Called for

report on divine service. Read and adopted. Report on documents read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By motion, a committee was elected to prepare a discipline of the faith and practice of the State Line Association and report to the body at its next session.

The committee is as follows: R. L. Hunter, chairman, Jefferson D. Stephens, J. M. Murdock, A. L. Granger, A. C. Cobb, J. I. Hatcher, A. M. Kirkland.

Distributed minutes of Triennial Conference.

On motion, we substitute the word "examining" in the place of "ordaining" in the report on suggestions.

The following named brethren were elected as the Home Mission Board: R. L. Hunter, chairman, J. M. Murdock, A. C. Cobb, A. L. Granger, A. Holland.

The old executive committee was re-elected. Rev. R. L. Hunter was re-elected treasurer.

The executive committee and Home Mission Board both made verbal reports, both had met but had but very little to report.

On motion of T. C. Newton, pay clerk \$10.00 for his services.

On motion of A. Holland, the heartfelt thanks of the association was tendered New Life church and community for their hospitality during our session.

By motion of A. C. Cobb, the next union meeting will convene with Hickory Grove church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1912. Rev. J. M. Murdock was appointed to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. J. A. Given alternate.

By motion, adjourned to meet with Pittman Creek church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1912.

After adjournment Rev. R. L. Hunter preached the closing sermon with Rev. J. C. Eldridge concluding, after which we took the parting hand-shake. Prayer

by the moderator. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Eldridge,
REV. D. L. CHANDLER, Moderator.

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk.

Delegates going by rail will be met at Thurston Station, which is six miles north of Pittman Creek church.

COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

CHARACTER OF MINISTERS—We, your committee on character of ministers report all in good standing so far as we can ascertain.

Z. B. HAGANS, Chairman.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES—We, your committee on religious services report as follows: Omit preaching Friday afternoon; Saturday at eleven o'clock a. m. Bro. A. B. Rodney to preach and R. L. Hunter to close.

J. G. GRANGHT, Chairman.

DOCUMENTS—We, your committee on documents recommend the adoption of the Free Will Baptist Literature.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. B. RODNEY,	} Com.
J. G. CHANDLER,	
H. G. GUM.	

SUGGESTIONS—We, your committee on suggestions beg to submit the following report: We suggest that the State Line Association appoint an examining council, so when any preacher appears for ordination that he go before this council, be examined and recommended to his church by this council before ordained. 2. We suggest that each church of this Association send in five cents per capita annually for Home Missions. We suggest that we, the State Line Association elect a committee to write a discipline of the faith and practice of the State Line Association, and that this discipline appear in pamphlet or book form, and that the Association pay for the printing of such discipline, and that any member of this Association have the right to purchase a discipline at what they cost the Association. We also suggest that this body cease to write and print circular letters.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HUNTER, Chairman.

Education—We, your committee on education submit the following report: We urge upon our associa-

tion first to educate spiritually as well as mentally, and especially do we urge upon our association to educate our young men and women in whom the progress of our cause depends, for in this depends our future destiny and happiness.

J. G. HARRIS, Chairman.

Missions—We, your committee on missions beg leave to submit the following, to wit: We feel somewhat encouraged over the very small amount of funds sent in for missions at this session, while we realize nothing like what we need, and we do recommend and do pray that our people wake up to a sense of our duty in the mission cause; and we recommend that the pastor of each church in the association preach one or more mission sermons on missions each year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HUNTER, Chairman.

OBITUARIES—We, your committee on obituaries make the following report, to wit: We find there has been fourteen deaths in our Association as follows: New Harmony, John Willis Granger; Hickory Grove, Charlie Hatcher; Howards Grove, Ella Murdock, Minnie Adams; Springfield, Sister Slade; Shiloh, Ada Bowen; Rockey Grove, Eddy Evans; Prospect, J. H. Holly and Mary Hayes; New Life, Lizzie Grice; Spring Hill, two deaths; Pleasant Home, Noah Hagans, and Sumpter, Nixon. We ask that their obituaries appear in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. KING, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS—We, the committee report: We nominate Bro. J. D. Sowell to preach the next introductory sermon and Rev. R. L. Hunter to close. We nominate Rev. G. W. Cherry to write the next circular letter. We also nominate Pittman Creek for the next session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MOSLEY, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—We your committee on Sunday schools make the following report: We find only seven schools in the bounds of our association. We urge our parents to take more interest in the Sunday school cause, and we urge upon the pastors of each church to have a Sunday school. We also insist upon each

church using the Free Will Baptist literature published at Ayden, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
D. V. OLIVE, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on temperance submit the following report: First, that it is indeed very gratifying to us to report that during this year some very efficient work has been done along the line of temperance; measures regulating and restricting the sale of intoxicating liquors places our State in rank with those states in which the welfare of the masses is of first consideration. The open and licensed sale of whiskey is for the present a thing of the past. Brethren, if we can keep it so with our votes and prayers, let us endeavor to do it, believing that untold good has come upon us through the workings of the prohibition measures along with all this good we have to report. However, it behooves us and also becomes our duty to call your attention to the unmistakable tempest that threatens us. If we are not prepared for it in its intensity it may be that we may lose what we have. So my brethren, let's fight the liquor traffic as long as we live. We see now an improvement in the condition of liquor affairs to what it was 12 months ago. We as a denomination do hereby pledge ourselves to fight it in every form.

REV. C. G. RAY, Chairman.

FINANCE—We, your committee on finance make the following report: We have received for associational purposes \$19.50; minutes \$18.60, and missions \$12.75. Total \$50.90.

Respectfully submitted,
OTIS SELLERS, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

Received for minutes	\$18.00.
Received for associational purposes,	18.18.
Received for missions through Fin. Com.	.35.
Received by collection,	7.05.
Received by pledges but unpaid	11.22.
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Total received with pledges,	\$58.83.
Paid out for printing minutes,	\$20.20.
Paid express on minutes,	3.25.

Paid postage on minutes,	- - - - -	2.71.
Paid J. W. D. Stephens, Clerk,	- - - - -	10.00.
Paid Rev. J. C. Ingram for mission work,	- - - - -	10.00.
Paid for 500 associational letters,	- - - - -	4.00.
Paid for postage on letters to churches,	- - - - -	.30.
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Total paid out,	- - - - -	\$49.46
Balance on hand,	- - - - -	\$9.37

ORDANIED MINISTERS.

Chandler, D. L.	Springfield,	Ashford,	Ala.
Cherry, G. W.	Prospect,	Dothan,	"
Cook, W. S.	Union Springs,	Pansey	"
Givens, J. A.	Springfield,	Webb,	"
Granger, A. L.	New Life,	Crosby,	"
Hardy, G. M.	New Hope,	Ozark,	"
Hatcher, J. I.	Hickory Grove,	Bascom,	Fla.
Hunter, R. L.	New Pilgrim,	Columbia,	Ala.
Ingrim, J. C.	Pleasant Home,	Ashford,	"
Mims, W. J.	Springfield,	Webb,	"
Murdock, J. M.	Howard Grove,	Ashford,	"
Pearce, J. D.	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	"
Ray, C. G.	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	"
Sowell, J. D.	Pittman Creek,	Black,	"
Stephens, J. D.	Hickory Grove,	Marianna,	Fla.
Swails, F. M.	Pleasant Home,	Hartford,	Ala.
Thompson, J. E.	Shiloh	Columbia,	"
Whitaker, Joseph	Howards Gr'Ve,	Ashford	"
Whittle, C. M.	New Hope,	Sellersville,	"
Widner, J. A.	Springfield,	Webb,	"

LICENTIATES.

Carter, W. T.	Springfield,	Ashford,	"
Cobb, A. C.	Howard Grove,	Ashford,	"
Kirkland, A. M.	New Hope,	Ozark,	"
Newton, T. C.	Prospect,	Dothan,	"
Radney, A. B.	Prospect,	Webb,	"
Sellers, Otis	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	"

Constitution of State Line Association.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be composed of delegates sent annually from the churches upon which it is based.

ART. 2. Each church shall be entitled to two dele-

gates for every twenty-five members and one delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five. Providing any church having less than twenty-five members it shall be entitled to two delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their election, to which shall be subjoined a table stating the number baptized, received by confession of faith, by letter, by restoration, dismissed by letter, excluded or died within the last associational year, amount of all contributions, the time of the monthly meeting, the membership, ordained and licentiate ministers with their post office, and signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their post office.

ART. 4. Newly constituted, or other churches, desiring admission into this union shall petition by delegation and letter, and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly they shall be received into the association, and such reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 5. It is expected that the churches composing this body will send delegates and contributions every session and that no church withdraw from the association without assigning a reason for the intended withdrawal.

ART. 6. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, clerk, treasurer, executive committee and home mission board. The executive committee and home mission board shall be composed of five members each.

ART. 7. The association shall meet annually, according to adjournment, and shall have power to transact all business pertaining to the general good of the body.

ART. 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

Decorum of the State Line Association.

ART. 1. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, executive committee and home mission board shall be elected by ballot annually.

ART. 2. The moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the association when in session, preserve order and submit motions and other matters. He shall have the same right to vote as any other member, and,

provided the chair is occupied, the same right of speech.

ART. 3. Every motion receiving a second shall be submitted to the body unless withdrawn.

ART. 4. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at the same time and such speaker shall address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except by the moderator and then only when he departs from the subject under debate. Provided, however, any brother may address the moderator to a point of order.

ART. 5. The clerk shall record the proceedings of the body when in session and superintend the publication of the same, and do all other writing pertaining to the business of the association. He shall also preserve a file of the minutes of the association which he shall deliver to his successor in office.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall keep a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him showing balance, if any, on hand. He shall only pay out money on the order of the association or the executive committee.

ART. 7. The executive committee shall have power to execute the laws and regulations of the association, when the association is not in session. And to make rules for their own government, provided such rules are not repugnant to the constitution or decorum of the association.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the home mission board to work for church extension and church preservation, for which purpose they shall draw on the executive committee and various churches for the necessary funds when the association is not in session. The board may make rules and regulations for their own government that are not conflictive with the constitution or decorum of the association.

ART. 9. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 10. The name of the delegates shall be enrolled and called as often as the association may deem proper.

ART. 11. No church nor minister shall be received into this association that refuses to comply with this decorum or the ordinances which are given us in the Gospel.

ART. 12. This decorum may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

Church Decorum.

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in associational year; or, if they prefer, it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. The pastor of each church shall have power to form a presbytery and ordain deacons for the church; also examine preachers who may apply for such; also to examine ordained ministers who make application to our order, and if found sound shall be set apart in rank but not reordained.

5. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursment of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

6. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

7. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the association.

8. When a new clerk is appointed, all the books, etc. belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

9. When a church deems it necessary, a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.

10. The church shall hold a two days meeting monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's day following,

the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.

11. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

12. Any church member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according the covenant (Article 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

13. Conference, after prayer or divine services, shall be opened and conducted as follows: 1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats. 2. Opening the door of the church for the reception of members. 3. Calling for the reading of the minutes of the last conference. 4. Calling for absentees. 5. For acknowledgments. 6. For references or deferred business. 7. For new matters of dealing which are to come before the body. 8. For miscellaneous business.

14. Visiting brethren, as helps called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

15. Any orderly member of the Baptist church may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

16. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

17. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church what members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

18. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing, to attend his trial; provided his residence be known to the church.

19. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: will you hear the testimony of this witness?

20. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

21. Members dismissed from the church by letter who became disorderly, or continue to hold their letters without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

22. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.

23. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

24. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

25. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

26. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

27. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in the debate.

28. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

29. When the moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brother moderator in his stead.

30. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

31. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper at least four times a year, and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

32. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

33. Feet washing shall be attended to as the church sees proper.

44. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

35. This decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. OF GOD.—We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, infinite in all His attributes, the Creator Preserver and Governor of the universe, revealed to us in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Tim. 1:17; Isaiah 45:22; St. John 17:2.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.—We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are binding on all as our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II. Tim. 3:16; Romans 15:4; and 4:23-44; Peter 1:21.

3. OF CHRIST.—We believe He is God manifest in the flesh; being in his divine nature the true God, in human nature the true man, uniting in person the Messiah and the mediator for the redemption of the world. Luke 2:4 12 inclusive; Matt. 1:18 21.

4. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.—We believe that he is the third person in the Holy Trinity and possesses all personal divine attributes, being the Reprover, Comforter and Sanctifier.—St. John 14:25; 15:26, and 16:7 15 inclusive.

6. OF SALVATION.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to receive it by cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of any, so long as the Spirit continues to strive with them, but their own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ —Rom. 1:16; Phil 2:12; Heb 2:3.

6. THE FALL OF MAN.—We believe that man was created sinless, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin.

and condemnation. All his posterity inherited this fallen nature, and all who come to years of accountability will sin and come short of the glory of God except that they receive salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.—Gen. 3:6; 1:26; 5:1 and 9:6; Rom. 3:28; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:43.

7. THE ATONEMENT.—We believe that Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead; therefore God desires the salvation of all, and the Gospel invites all, and whosoever will may come and partake of the water of life.—I. Cor. 1:7; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 2:9 26; Rom 5:15; Rev. 22:17.

8. OF ELECTION.—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconstitutional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of salvation.—John 8:31; Luke 11:28; Acts 10:35; Dent. 11:26 28.

9. OF PERSEVERENCE.—We believe that none will be finally saved but those who through grace persevere in holiness to the end.—John 8:31; Tim. 1:19; Peter 2:21-22.

10. GOSPEL ORDINANCES.—We believe that baptism or the burial of believers in water and the Lord's supper and washing of the saints' feet are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation, and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for baptism, John 3:5; Rom. 6:4. Reference for the Lord's Supper, Matt. 26:26 28. Reference for washing the saints' feet, John 13:5-17 inclusive.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER.—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that the bread and wine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians; and that all Christians should unite in performing the sacred service, regardless of name, denomination or distinction.—Gal. 6:4; Matt. 7:10; Rom. 4:3, 4.

12. OF THE RESURRECTION.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and when the resurrection takes place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being, that the righteous will be received into everlasting happiness, and the wicked will be driven into everlasting darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5:29; Acts 14:16; Isa. 17; Heb. 9:27.

OBITUARIES.

It is with a sad heart that we announce the death of our beloved brother, Sumpter Mixon, who departed this life April 8th, 1911. He joined the F. W. B. church at Pleasant Home in 1908, and devoted much of his time to the cause of Christ, until the Omnipotent took him home, where sufferings are no more. He was loved by everybody and we feel that he has gone on rejoicing with his loved ones that had gone before. He leaves a father, mother, one brother, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss, but they can live in good hopes of meeting him beyond.

The golden gates were opened,

A gentle voice said come;

And with Farewells unspoken,

He calmly entered home.

Written by a friend.

A STAR THAT SHINES IN HEAVEN.

It is with a sad heart that I announce the death of our dear and beloved Bro., Noah Hagans, who departed this life May 26, 1911. He joined the F. W. B. church at Pleasant Home in 1908, and lived a noble Christian life until God saw fit to call him home where pain and sorrows are no more. He was a kind and loving son, an affectionate brother, was kind and generous to all who knew him. He always looked bright and happy, and we feel and know that he is standing at the beautiful golden gate beckoning some of his dear ones come. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Whittle. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Written by his sister,

CRATIE.

Rev. I. S. Hunter was born 1833 and died June 5th, 1910. He joined the Free Will Baptist church of Christ in 1896 and lived a devoted Christian until death came and carried his soul to a home not made with hands eternal in the heavens. We pray God's blessings upon his dear family, and may they ever follow in his footsteps. We request that this be put in the next minutes of the association.

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was organized at Howard's Grove church, Nov. 20th, 1886.

YEAR.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	CHURCH.	NO. MEM.
1886.....	D. L. Chandler.....	Calvin Dykes.....	Howard Grove.....	449
1887.....	D. L. Chandler.....	Calvin Dykes.....	Beulah.....	577
1888.....	R. M. Gray.....	Calvin Dykes.....	Macedonia.....	403
1889.....	R. M. Gray.....	Calvin Dykes.....	Friendship.....	516
1890.....	R. M. Gray.....	Calvin Dykes.....	Lovewood.....	443
1891.....	R. M. Gray.....	Calvin Dykes.....	Prospect.....	339
1892.....	R. M. Gray.....	Calvin Dykes.....	Silver Run.....	444
1893.....	D. L. Chandler.....	J. D. Stephens.....	Hickory Grove.....	450
1894.....	R. M. Gray.....	J. D. Stephens.....	Spring Hill.....	422
1895.....	D. L. Chandler.....	J. D. Stephens.....	Pittman Creek.....	503
1896.....	Calvin Dykes.....	J. D. Stephens.....	Howard Grove.....	568
1897.....	D. L. Chandler.....	J. D. Stephens.....	New Hope.....	653
1898.....	D. L. Chandler.....	J. D. Stephens.....	Rocky Grove.....	633
1899.....	D. L. Chandler.....	J. D. Stephens.....	Prospect.....	671
1900.....	G. W. Cherry.....	J. D. Stephens.....	Freewills Rest.....	803
1901.....	Calvin Dykes.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Antioch.....	916
1902.....	Calvin Dykes.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Union Springs.....	947
1903.....	J. D. Stephens.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Hickory Grove.....	827
1904.....	J. D. Stephens.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Howard Grove.....	786
1905.....	J. D. Stephens.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	New Pilgrim.....	745
1906.....	J. D. Stephens.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Springfield.....	958
1907.....	R. L. Hunter.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Rocky Grove.....	1099
1908.....	J. D. Stephens.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Pleasant Home.....	1199
1909.....	J. D. Stephens.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Freewills Rest.....	1315
1910.....	D. L. Chandler.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	Silver Run.....	1365
1911.....	D. L. Chandler.....	J. W. D. Stephens.....	New Life.....	1442

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Calling for letters from the different churches.
3. Electing officers.
4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Calling for petitionary letters.
6. Appointing committees.
7. Calling the roll and reading the decorum.
8. Calling for correspondents from sister associations.
9. Appointing correspondents to sister associations.
10. Calling for reports of committees.
11. Calling for Circular Letter.
12. Calling for treasurer's report.
13. Calling for miscellaneous business.
14. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Membership last reported	Increase by			Decrease			Membership in 1911	Meeting Days	Minutes	Associational purposes	Missions	Paid Pastors	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Property	Sunday School	
				Baptism	Confession	Restoration Letter	Letter	Exclusion	Deaths									Pupils Enrolled	Superintendents
Freewill's Rest....	W. W. Knowls....	L. E. Powell, Bascom, Fla. R. F. D. 3	42	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	.....	1	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$.....	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$ 75.00	35 W. H. Lawrence
Horican	F. M. Swails.....	J. L. Durden, Hartford, Ala. ' 4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	4	1	.....	22	.....	.75	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory Grove....	G. W. Cherry.....	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....	132	6	4	3	1	2	6	1	135	4	1.50	2.00	7.05	80.00	500.00	50.00	J. W. D. Stephens....
Howard's Grove.	J. C. Eldridge.....	G. H. Jordan, Cottonwood, Ala.....	175	11	.....	4	1	1	5	2	184	4	1.50	1.50	.....	85.55	300.00	100.00	A. C. Cobb.....
Long Branch.....	.....	Not represented.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Harmony....	J. M. Murdock ...	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.....	84	10	2	1	.....	.....	1	96	2	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	C. G. Ray...
New Hope.....	G. M. Hardy.....	C. R. G. Kirkland, Ozark, Ala. R. 6....	40	8	7	1	3	.....	.....	57	.....	1.35	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Life.....	J. M. Murdock ...	Jno. G. Granger, Crosby, Ala.....	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	6	1	134	1	.75	.75	.50	12.50	300.00	50.00	.....
New Pilgrim.....	G. F. Wiley.....	M. P. Varnum, Columbia, Ala.....	14	2	2	6	.....	.....	.....	25	3	1.00	.50	.....	40.00	40.00	.....	.....	.....
Pittman Creek....	J. D. Sowell.....	G. R. Faulk, Black, Ala. R. F. D. 1....	66	13	1	.....	2	.....	2	77	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Home...	J. C. Eldridge.....	C. C. Brown, Geneva, Ala. R. F. D. 2	121	28	2	4	2	.....	.....	2	124	.....	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prospect.....	R. L. Hunter.....	J. S. Conner, Dothan, Ala.....	192	3	4	6	.....	3	.....	1	195	3	1.50	1.50	.....	37.10	250.00	500.00	.....
Rocky Grove.....	J. T. Knight.....	W. C. Smith, Bascom, Fla.....	78	3	1	4	.....	4	1	1	81	3	.75	.75	.....	21.50	100.00	25.00	.....
Shiloh.....	Joseph Whitaker.	R. F. Jones, Columbia, Ala.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1	31	3	.75	.5	.....	.....	200.00	25.00	.....
Silver Run.....	D. L. Chandler....	W. T. Riley, Ashford, Ala. R. F. D. 3	22	1	.....	3	1	4	3	.....	20	3	.50	.50	.....	500.00	200.00	.....	.....
Springfield.....	R. L. Hunter.....	J. D. Oliver, Ashford, Ala.....	68	8	1	11	1	.....	1	1	83	2	1.00	1.00	3.50	31.70	350.00	50.00	40 W. T. Carter... ..
Spring Hill.....	D. L. Chandler ...	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.....	33	2	.....	2	3	1	3	2	36	1	.75	1.50	1.20	21.00	400.00	30.00	.....
Union Springs....	J. C. Eldridge.....	W. H. Hopkies, Ashford, Ala.....	146	9	2	.....	3	3	9	.....	142	2	1.50	1.50	.....	100.00	1400.00	150.00	50 W. S. Cook.....