

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CONVENED WITH
Pittman Creek Church, Holmes County, Florida
October, 10th, 11th and 12th, 1912.

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T. C. Newton,	- - - - -	Webb, Ala.
W. H. Chandler,	- - - - -	Geneva, Ala, R. 1.

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The State Line Free Will Baptist Association convened in its twenty-seventh annual session with Pittman Creek church Holmes county, Florida, Thursday Oct. 10th, 1912.

A short devotional service was conducted by Bro. Willie Hutto.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Bro. G. M. Hardy—Text Tim., 4:18. Rev. J. D. Sowell concluded.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body assembled and was called to order. The Moderator read Matt. 25; 1-13 verses.

Prayer by Rev. C. M. Whittle.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business.

Letters were called for and read by Revs. J. I. Hatcher and G. M. Hardy, names of churches and messengers as follows:

Howard's Grove—E. R. Williams, Wesley Toler.

Spring Hill—J. E. Jordan.

Freewill's Rest—B. S. Braswell, J. T. Braswell.

New Pilgrim—M. P. Varnum.

Hickory Grove—J. W. D. Stephens, A. Holland, J. J. Hatcher, R. B. Robinson.

Pittman Creek—G. R. Faulk, D. Retherford, Sam French, C. C. Harris.

Union Springs—S. E. Anglin.

Rocky Grove—Thos. Evans, Thos. Baxter.

New Hope—W. B. Faulkner.

Prospect—C. L. Hays, A. M. Cherry, W. W. Clark.

Long Branch—A. P. Powell, John Aycock, U. D. Cheshire.

Pleasant Home—N. E. Wacter, Z. B. Hagans, W. L.

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Brackin, A. L. Brown, L. C. Mixon, J. M. Mozley, D. W. Owens.

Harican—J. L. Durden.

New Harmony—S. J. Singletary.

Springfield—E. Rabon, J. F. Nowell.

New Life—W. J. Rodgers.

Shiloh—Rev. Joseph Whitaker represented by proxy.

Magnolia—O. O. Adams, L. D. Smith.

By motion, the letters were received and adopted and delegates seated.

On motion of J. C. Ingram suspend regular order of business and call for Petitionary Letters.

One received from Magnolia church.

The delegation was given the right hand of fellowship.

The body then elected, Moderator and Clerk.

Rev. D. L. Chandler re-elected Moderator, J. W. D. Stephens, re-elected Clerk.

Called Roll.

The Moderator appointed a committee on divine services, as follows: E. Rabon, J. T. Braswell, G. R. Faulk.

On motion adjourned until 8 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. J. Z. Henley.

The Moderator called the body to order.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

Charter of Ministers—Wesley Toler, G. R. Faulk, W. B. Faulkner.

Documents—J. T. Braswell, S. E. Anglin, Z. B. Hagans.

Education—J. E. Jordan, M. P. Varnum, J. J. Hatcher, C. M. Whittle.

Missions—J. Z. Henley, A. P. Powell, J. F. Nowell, W. W. Clark.

Nominations—C. L. Hays, E. Rabon, W. J. Rodgers.

Obituaries—C. C. Harris, J. A. Hawthorn, B. S. Braswell.

Suggestions—J. I. Hatcher, J. C. Eldridge, J. D. Sowell, J. L. Durden, N. E. Wacter.

Sunday Schools—Thos. Evans, J. D. Pearce, U. D. Cheshire, A. L. Brown, J. C. Ingram.

Temperance—Joseph Whitaker, O. O. Adams, A. Holland, A. M. Cherry, Willie Hutto.

Finance—J. E. Jordan, J. F. Nowell, R. B. Robinson.

Called for correspondents from sister associations.

Three brethren responded.

From Southeastern—Revs. J. Z. Henley and Willie Hutto.

From Salem—Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

On motion of A. Holland they were given the right hand of fellowship and seated in the body.

Called Roll and Read Decorum.

Adjourned for half an hour for committees to draw up reports.

Reassembled and began business as follows:

Called for report on charter of ministers.

Read and adopted.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Report on nominations was read and adopted by striking out the clause relative to the Circular Letter.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted.

Report on Education read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Rev. J. Z. Henley, Joseph Whitaker and J. D. Pearce discussed the subject.

Adjourned for 11 o'clock service.

After preaching dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the moderator and the following business dispatched.

Called for report on missions. After its reading it

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was discussed by Revs. J. Z. Henley and J. D. Pearce.

On motion it was received and adopted.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

The Executive committee's report was made by Bro. Wesley Toler. They had not held a meeting or transacted any business.

The Home Mission Board's report was made by Bro. A. Holland. He reported that they had not done any work. They had no money to work with.

On motion the report was received and adopted. Discussed by Rev. J. Z. Hen'ey.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Discussed by Joseph Whitaker.

On motion excuse J. A. Hawthorn because of sickness in his family.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order by the moderator. After his reading the 1st Psalm, the body joined in singing "Come Holy Spirit".

Called for Correspondents from sister associations.

Bro. S. A. White was received and seated in the body from Choctahatchee and Central Union Association.

Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations.

To Salem—J. T. Braswell and J. D. Pearce meets at Salem church near Kynesville Thursday night before 1st Sunday in Oct., 1913.

To Southeastern—W. W. Clark, C. L. Hays and G. W. Cherry.

To Liberty—J. M. Mozley and F. M. Swails.

To Marten—J. I. Hatcher and D. L. Chandler.

To Chattahoochee—by Letter.

To Midway—J. I. Hatcher and J. C. Ingram.

To Choctahatchee and Central Union—C. C. Harris, A. L. Brown, C. F. Braun, meets at Shady Grove

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church seven miles north of Opp, Ala., on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1913.

The report on Finance was read and adopted.

Treasurer not present. By motion let Treasurer send his report to clerk for publication.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The old executive committee and Home Mission Board were both re-elected.

Called for report of committee that was elected at last session to prepare a discipline of the faith and practice of the State Line Association.

Bro. J. I. Hatcher was the only member of the committee present and he wanted further time to complete the work.

On motion of J. T. Braswell they were given till next session.

On motion pay clerk \$10 00 for his services.

On motion of A. Holland the heartfelt thanks of the association was tendered Pittman Creek church and community for their kind hospitality during our session.

A collection of \$7.00 was made for Rev. J. D. Sowell.

By motion of A. Holland Rev. Jefferson D. Stephens was elected as our delegate to the Triennial Conference which meets in Oct 1913 in the Midway Association of Georgia.

By motion adjourned to meet with Spring Hill church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October A. D. 1913.

After adjournment the closing sermon was preached by Rev. J. Z. Henley.

Rev. D. L. Chandler, Moderator.

J. W. D. Stephens, Clerk.

Delegates coming on the A. C. L. Railroad will change cars at Ardilla and go on the Ala., and Fla.

Southern to the church.

The next Union Meeting convenes with Union Springs church 3 miles north of Pansey, Ala., on Friday at 11 o'clock before the second Sunday in July 1913.

COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

Character of Ministers—We your committee on ministers find them all in good standing as far as we can learn. Wesley Toler Chairman.

Divine Services—We, your Committee report as follows:

Friday, 9, a. m., Willie Hutto preach and Joseph Whitaker close.

Friday, 11, a. m. Rev. G. M. Hardy preach and C. M. Whittle close.

Friday, 3, p. m., J. I. Hatcher, preach and J. C. Ingram close.

Saturday, 9, a. m. C. F. Braun preach and W. W. Tremontana close.

Saturday, 11, a. m., J. Z. Henley preach and J. C. Eldridge close. E. RABON, Chairman.

Documents—We your committee on documents urged that we use the Free Will Baptist literature put out by our press.

Also we urge that more of our members use the Free Will Baptist paper, especially our preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BRASWELL, Chairman:

Suggestions—Committee on suggestions make the following report:

We suggest that the order of business be changed to read as follows:

1. Organization.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for letters from the different churches.
4. Call for Petitionary letters.

5. Elect officers.
6. Call for correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Call Roll and read decorum.
9. Appoint correspondents to Sister Associations.
10. Call for report of committees.
11. Call for treasurer's report.
12. Call for Miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

2nd. We suggest that the committee on obituaries be dispensed of and that each church attach their obituaries to their letter to be read in the association.

3rd. We suggest that this the State Line Association adopt an associational mission.

4th. That each church send in what they can for home missions.

5th. That each church when they call their pastor, agree on the amount that they are willing to give a pastor and notify him of the same.

J. I. HATCHER,
Chairman.

Education—We your committee submit the following report.

We urge upon our Association 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. E. JORDAN, Chairman.

Missions—We the committee on missions make the following report:

1st. Seeing there is a great work that can and ought to be done, we the committee think it prudent for each preacher to do all the mission work that he can, and each church send all the mission funds they can to the association to be divided among mission

workers according to the work or benefit of the work. And that the ministers of each church insist upon organizing a mission society to collect all the funds they can to be used in mission work.

J. Z. HENLEY, Chairman.

Obituaries—We your committee on obituaries find that there are 14 deceased members in our association. We ask that their names appear on our minute.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. HARRIS, Chairman.

Nominations—We your committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report, to wit:

We nominate to preach the next Introductory sermon Rev. J. C. Ingram and Rev. D. L. Chandler alternate.

We nominate Spring Hill church for the next session of this association.

C. L. HAYS, Chairman.

Sunday Schools—We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

We find four Sabbath Schools. We also ask that each church in this association endeavor to have a Sabbath School for we feel that it is in a great measure Christian training to the church and leads our children to Christ.

Submitted,

J. C. INGRAM, Chairman.

Temperance—We your committee on temperance beg leave to submit the following report, we find the same existing evils existing today that met us 12 months ago, whiskey sold illegally. Whiskey is not the only evil, but is the king of evil. All other houses of prostitution is an asylum for this great evil. It is today a hidden evil and is resting under the protection of the corrupt officials of the law, and the fallen numbers of the Christian denominations. We pray your honorable body to pass resolutions against this great bearing one

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in temperance. Intemperance is an act of imprudence.

JOSEPH WHITAKER, Chairman.

Finance—We your committee make the following report to wit:

We find for minutes \$17.17

For Associational purposes 18.75

Total \$35.75

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. JORDAN, Chairman.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAD.

NAMES	CHURCHES.
Sister Alma Johnson.....	Howards Grove
Brother John Chance.....	Long Branch
Sister Mollie Fears.....	New Harmony
Brother J. F. Thomas.....	New Pilgrim
Sister L. E. C. Thomas.....	New Pilgrim
Sister Precious Ethridge.....	Pleasant Home
Sister Mollie Whitehead.....	Pleasant Home
Brother Ferd Powell.....	Prospect
Sister Mary Hays.....	"
Sister Betty Cherry.....	"
Brother Henry Hays.....	"
Sister Cadie Conrad.....	Rockey Grove
Rev. W. J. Mims.....	Springfield
Sister Mittie Williams.....	"
Sister Saphronia Rowland.....	Union Springs
Sister Mollie Hand.....	"

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13. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Braun C. F.	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Chandler, D. L.	Springfield,	Ashford,	"
Cherry, G. W.	Prospect,	Dothan,	"
Cook, W. S.	Union Springs,	Pansey,	"
Dykes, Calvin	Howards Grove,	Ashford,	"
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,	"
Murdock, J. M.	Howard Grove,	Ashford,	"
Pearce, J. D.	New Harmony,	Cottonwood	"
Ray, C. G.	New Harmony,	Ashford,	"
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,	"
Tremontana, W. W.	Pittman Creek,	Black,	"
Whiddon, J. W.	Union Springs,	Pansey	"
Whitaker, Joseph	Howards Grove,	Ashford,	"
Whittle, C. M.	New Hope,	Sellersville,	"
Widner, J. A.	Springfield,	Webb,	"

LICENTIATES.

Bostic, B. W.	Long Branch,	Geneva,	"
Carter, W. T.	Springfield,	Ashford,	"
Cobb, A. C.	Howards Grove,	Ashford,	"

Dunn, G. J.	Long Branch,	Sellersville, Ala
Kirkland, A. M.	New Hope,	Ozark, "
Newton, T. C.	Prospect,	Webb, "
Radney, A. B.	Prospect,	Webb, "
Sellers, Otis A.	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 delegates 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 cogtributions made by the church for the pastor, ect., 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 to 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 become 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.

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

35. The 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 16:4; 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.

5. 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 falling 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: 5; 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; Deut. 11:26 28.

9. OF PERSEVERANCE.—We believe that none will be finally saved but those who though 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 saint's 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: —cts 14:16; Isa 17, Heb. 9:27.

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The State Like 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
1912.....	D. L. Chandler	J. W. D. Stephens ..	Pittman Creek....	1477

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Membership last reported	Increase by			Decrease			Membership in 1912	Meeting Days	Minutes	Associational Purposes	Missions	Paid Pastors	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Property	Sunday School		
				Baptism	Confession	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion									Deaths	Pupils Enrolled	Superintendents
Freewill's Rest...	J. C. Eldridge.....	L. E. Powell, Bascom, Fla.....	42	2	2					46	1	\$1.25	\$1.25		\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	25	H. W. Lawrence...	
Horican.....	F. M. Swails.....	J. L. Curden, Hartford, Ala.....	22							22	1	75	75							
Hickory Grove...	G. W. Cherry.....	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....	135		1	1			5	133	4	1.50	1.50			500.00	100.00	43	R. G. Hatcher.....	
Howard's Grove	J. C. Eldridge.....	G. H. Jordan, Cottonwood, Ala.	184	18	2	2	4		4	210	4	1.50	1.50		50.00	300.00	100.00			
Long Branch.....	J. M. Murdock.....	Dock Bostic, Geneva, Ala.....	9	10	2	3	5		1	35	1	1.00	50		27.90	300.00	50.00			
Magnolia.....	J. C. Ingram.....	M. E. Smith, Midland City, Ala.....								14	3	50	50							
New Harmony...	J. M. Murdock.....	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	96	1		3			1	97	2	1.25	1.50							
New Hope.....	G. M. Hardy.....	C. R. G. Kirkland, Midland City, Ala	57	6	3			2	2	62	3	1.00	1.00							
New Life.....	J. T. Knight.....	A. L. Granger, Crosby, Ala.	134	23			1	1	2	106		75	75							
New Pilgrim	G. T. Wiley.....	M. P. Varnum, Columbia, Ala.....	25	5	3	5		1	2	35	3	1.00	50		25.00	75.00	10.00			
Pittman Creek....	J. D. Sowell	G. R. Faulk, Black, Ala.....	77	3	5	1	1	1	1	71	1	50	1.00			100.00	10.00			
Pleasant Home..	J. C. Eldridge.....	C. C. Brown, Geneva, Ala.	124	12	6	4	1	3	2	148	3	1.50	1.75							
Prospect.....	R. L. Hunter.....	J. S. Conner, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 4.....	195	3	1			6	4	171	3	1.50	1.00			1000.00	500.00			
Rocky Grove	J. I. Hatcher.....	W. C. Smith, Malone, Fla.....	81		2				1	80	3	75	1.00			200.00	25.00	25	A. M. Kirkland...	
Shiloh.....		Represented by proxy.....	31																	
Silver Run.....		Not Represented	20																	
Springfield.	R. L. Hunter.....	J. D. Oliver, Ashford, Ala.....	83	8		3			3	69	2	1.00	1.00		21.75	350.00	50.00			
Spring Hill.....	R. L. Hunter.....	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.	36	6	4	3	2			49	4	1.00	1.50		25.00	400.00	75.00	60	J. E. Jordan.....	
Union Springs....	J. Houston	O. Z. Henderson, Ashford, Ala	142				4	4	7	129	2	1.00	1.00		60.00	1300.00	150.00			
			1487	97	31	25	18	18	22	18	1477	40	\$17.75	\$18.00					154	