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W. H. Jenkins, Ashford, Alabama, R. 3.
Z. B. Hagans, Geneva, Alabama, R. 2.
J. D. Oliver, Ashford, Alabama.

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MINUTES.

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association convened in its twenty-ninth annual session with Union Springs Church, Houston County, Alabama, Thursday, Oct 8 1914

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev G. W. Cherry. Text, 1st Kings 2:2.

Adjourned till 2 p. m for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled and was called to order by the Moderator reading the 15th Psalm.

Song, tune: "For the Soul that's Redeemed."

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Ingram.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different churches

By motion Rev. J. I. Hatcher and Rev. Joseph Whitaker read the letters

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS:

Rocky Grove—T. Z. Evans

Freewill's Rest—M. J. Mercer, Aaron Mitchel, M. A. Dykes, E. L. Lawrence, B. S. Braswell, L. E. Powell

Spring Hill—R. Brunson, Colles Jordan, H. D. Robinson.

New Life—J. G. Granger John Finley.

Silver Run—Lee Johnson.

Hickory Grove—R. G. Hatcher, R. B. Robinson. A. Holland, J. J. Hatcher.

Pleasant Home—J. T. Eubanks, N. E. Woster, Lee Mixon, Z. B. Hagans, W. H. Chandler.

Union Springs—O. Z. Henderson, W. A. Hart, S. F. Cook, E. G. Henderson, W. H. Jenkins, W. T. Henderson, R. N.

Drinkwater.

Prospect—W. B. Stephenson, E. Grice, J. S. Conner, Clifford Cherry.

Shiloh—J. W. Golden.

Long Branch—U. D. Chesher.

New Hope—A. M. Kirkland, E. B. Kirkland, V. E. Kirkland

New Harmony—A. J. Granger, J. J. Granger, J. T. Hall.

Howard's Grove—J. F. Capps, Wesley Toler, G. H. Gernegan, J. H. Walls, Geo. Smith, Jas. Adams.

Springfield—J. D. Oliver, W. H. Johnson, J. G. Chandler.

Pleasant Ridge—J. T. Whitehead, James Moss

Magnolia—Geo. Dunlap

New Pilgrim—R. R. McGriff

By motion the letters were received.

Call for Petitionary Letters

The body then elected Moderator and Clerk.

Rev. G. W. Cherry was elected Moderator, and J. W. D. Stephens re elected Clerk.

The Moderator asked for the 2nd highest in the ballot to be made assistant Moderator, that was duly done by the body, which was Rev. J. M. Murdock.

Called for Correspondents from sister associations

On motion called and corrected roll

Committee on Devine services appointed as follows:

J. F. Capps, W. H. Jenkins, O. Z. Henderson, Z. B. Haggans, J. J. Granger.

On motion of A. Holland adjourn till 8 o'clock Friday morning

Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The body was called to order and the Moderator read 1st chapter of James.

Prayer by Rev. J. I. Hatcher.

Song by the choir, "Are you Reaping."

Prayer by Rev. D. L. Chandler

On motion of Rev. J. H. Burdeshaw appoint a committee to investigate the standing of Pittman Creek church.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: R. G. Hatcher, J. F. Capps, J. D. Oliver, Wesley Toler, J. C. Ingram

Called Roll and read Decorum.

The following committees were appointed:

State of churches and character of Ministers—Wesley Toler, A. Holland, W. H. Jenkins.

Documents—Z. B. Hagans, L. E. Powell, J. J. Hatcher, Aaron Mitchel.

Education—Joseph Whitaker, R. L. Hunter, W. B. Stephenson, O. H. Peary, A. L. Granger.

Home Missions—J. I. Hatcher, M. J. Mercer, T. Z. Evans, Geo. Dunlap, E. L. Lawrence.

Nominations—J. T. Eubanks, J. S. Conner, R. Brunson, Geo. Smith, Jas. Adams.

Suggestions—D. L. Chandler, J. D. Oliver, J. G. Granger, James Moss.

Sunday Schools—W. S. Cook, J. H. Burdeshaw, J. D. Pearce, U. D. Chesher.

Temperance—C. G. Ray, A. M. Kirkiand, J. C. Ingram, J. D. Calaway.

Finance—R. G. Hatcher, R. B. Robinson, J. J. Granger.

Obituaries—C. G. Ray, R. B. Robinson, J. T. Eubanks.

Renewed call for correspondents from sister associations.

The Midway and Salem responded.

From Midway—Rev. G. T. Wiley and Rev. O. H. Peary.

From Salem—Rev. J. T. Knight and Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

Whereupon they were received and given right hand of fellowship.

By motion, Rev. J. J. Burdeshaw a congregationalist and any other orthodox Bro. that might be present be given an honorary seat of welcome.

Appointed correspondents to sister associations:

To Salem—J. D. Calaway, J. H. Burdeshaw, A. Holland,
Meets with Cypress Creek church $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Steel City.

Delegates going by rail will be met at Steel City.

To Midway—W. H. Jenkins, J. W. Golden, G. W. Cherry
O. Z. Henderson.

To Southeastern—D. L. Chandler, J. M. Murdock, R. L. Hunter.

To Liberty—J. T. Eubanks, Lee Mixon, C. C. Hutto.

To Marten—J. I. Hatcher, J. C. Ingram.

To Chattahoochee—W. S. Cook.

To Choctawhatchee—U. D. Chesher, Jessie Spears, Z.

B. Hagans.

Adjourned for 11 o'clock services, to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Burdeshaw.

Renewed call for correspondents from sister associations.

Three responded from the South Eastern. Viz: J. L. Parker, D. M. Hicks, and Mrs. D. M. Hicks.

The body extended right hand of fellowship.

The committee appointed to investigate the standing of Pittman Creek church reported as follows:

We your committee appointed to investigate the standing of Pittman Creek church, report to wit:

We find from the evidence that Pittman Creek church is out of order. J. C. Ingram.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion of W. S. Cook withdraw from Pittman creek.

Report on State of churches and Character of Ministers read and adopted.

Report on Education read and adopted. Discussed by J. D. Pearce.

Report on Documents read and adopted.

Report on Missions read and adopted with the amendment that we ask each male member to send .50 cts, and each female member .25 cts. for missions.

Discussed by A. Holland, J. D. Pearce, D. M. Hicks, J. I. Hatcher, Mrs. D. M. Hicks, J. J. Burdeshaw, W. S. Cook, J. D. Calloway.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted.

Discussed by J. D. Calloway.

Report on Nominations. Read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

On motion of M. J. Mercer re-instate the appointment of a committee on obituaries and have the obituaries published in minutes.

On motion adjourn till 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The body was called to order by the moderator. Read

the 17th chapter of John. Prayer by Bro. D. M. Hicks.

Music: Tune, "It is Love."

Report on obituaries read and adopted

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted The subject was interestingly discussed by several.

Adjourned for preaching.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order by the moderator.

Prayer by J W D Stephens.

The subject of Sunday schools was again ably discussed by Mrs. D M. Hicks.

Report on temperance read and adopted. Interestingly discussed.

Treasurer's report not present,

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion to elect Executive committee, R. G. Hatcher, Wesley Toler, W. H. Jenkins, Z. B. Hagans, J. D. Oliver were elected.

On motion to elect Home Mission Board, J. G. Chandler J. M. Murdock, A. L. Granger, A. Holland, G. W. Cherry were elected

Bro. R. G. Hatcher was elected Treasurer, by the body, but the Executive committee has elected Bro. H. G. Green. as Bro R. G. Hatcher was a member of the executive committee.

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

By motion the heartfelt thanks of the association was tendered Union Springs church and community for their kind hospitality during our session.

On motion of A. Holland take parting hand and adjourn. And will meet with Hickory Grove church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, A. D. 1915.

Sang "Going Home" and "Will My Mother Know Me There", while taking the parting hand.

Prayer by Rev. J. T. Knight.

Rev. G. W. Cherry, Moderator.

J W D, Stephens, Clerk.

The next Union meeting convenes with Howard's Grove church on Friday at 9 o'clock before the 2nd 5th Sunday in A. D. 1915.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

DIVINE SERVICES—We your committee report as follows:
Friday at 11 a. m. Rev. J C Eldridge preach and Rev. G. T Wiley close.

Friday at 7 p m. Rev. J. J. Burdeshaw, preach, Rev. J. L. Parker close.

Saturday at 11 a m. Rev. D. L. Chandler to preach, and Rev. J. I. Hatcher close (Text for this service, Gen 3: 16.)

Saturday at 3:30 p m. Rev. J. M. Murdock preach, and Rev. G. W. Cherry close. (This service was not held)

Respectfully, J. F. Capps, Chairman.

DOCUMENTS—We your committee on Documents urge that the Freewill Baptist use all the Freewill Literature in our Sunday Schools and use the Christian papers.

Respectfully submitted

Z. B. Hagans, Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS—We your committee on Suggestions make the following report: We suggest that the church Decorum stand as it is.

We suggest that no church shall license or ordain a man to preach the gospel that the church won't support.

We suggest that the churches of our association commune quarterly and wash feet at least once a year.

We suggest that the churches of our association appoint a treasurer and the members mutually agree to pay into the treasurer an amount that they agree upon.

J. D. Oliver.

J. G. Granger.

Jim Moss.

EDUCATION—We your committee on Education submit the following:

We are very glad indeed to report and note the interest taken on educational lines. Our people all over the country are very much interested in educating their children, and we feel grateful to our county officials for the interest they have

taken in the rural schools. We are aware that education prepares anyone much better for the ministry or for any other purpose in life. Brethren lets push this cause. We feel it our duty as christians to do all we can to further the cause of Education.

Respectfully submitted

W. B. Stephenson. Chairman

HOME MISSIONS—We your committee beg leave to submit the following report to wit: We find that there was no home mission funds sent in from our various churches and we have a home mission board and they have not done any thing in that direction, so we urge that our people be more energetic in this work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. I Hatcher, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS—We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to submit the following report: We nominate Rockey Grove for the next association. We nominate Rev. D. L. Chandler to preach the next introductory sermon and J C. Ingram to close.

J. T. Eubanks, Chairman.

The meeting place for the next association has been changed to Hickory Grove Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—We your committee find in the State Line Association to wit:

No. of schools, 11.

Officers and teachers 60.

Pupils 660.

Range of time since our last session 3 to 12 months.

We recommend that the churches take more active part in this work and that the pastors urge Sabbath Schools in their respective charges.

W S Cook, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE—We your committee beg leave to make the following to wit; We believe that Whisky is one of the most destructive evils that we have and urge that our preachers do every thing that they can to drive it out from among us and if any member, so forget themselves as to

drink or indulge in it in any way he must be dealt with according to discipline.

Rev. C. G. Ray, Chairman.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS—We your committee beg leave to submit the following report to wit: From the best that we can find our ministers are in good standing. We also find our churches in good condition except Pittman Creek.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley Toler, Chairman.

OBITUARIES—We the committee on Obituaries beg leave to make the following report. We find that there has been sixteen deaths in our association in this year. We request that each church clerk furnish the clerk of this association with the obituaries of the deceased,

Respectfully submitted

C. G. Ray, Chairman.

FINANCE—We your committee on Finance report to wit: We have received,

For Minutes.....	\$19.25
For Association Purpose.....	\$16 75
For Missions.....	\$ 1.50
Total.....	<u>\$37 50</u>

R. G. Hatcher, Chairman

OBITUARIES—In loving remembrance of our dear loved brother, Calven Dykes, one who the death angel called from us to go with him to a home that is prepared eternal in heaven. Bro. Dykes departed this life on the eleventh day of Dec. 1913, A. D. He was sixty-seven years old. Brother Dykes lived a devoted christian life, and he was a good christian brother and father, a devoted husband, and was loved by all who knew him. He bore his long afflictions faithfully until death. He was a devoted minister of the Gospel for thirty-five years and was true to God and his service until the end. He passed out as a lamb asleep, he died in the triumphs of a living faith,

This was written by a ministering brother that visited him in his afflictions and often read the Scriptures and prayed with him until death.

Rev C. G. Ray, Ashford, Ala.

Bro. W. F. Thomas departed this life May the 13th 1914. He was a member of New Pilgrim church.

Sister Martha Bowers who was a member at Shiloh, departed this life on Nov. 1, 1913, age 52 years. She lived a consistant member of the Freewill Baptist church many years and we believe is now at rest.

Sister Mishie Robinson member of Hickory Grove was born Oct. 7, 1886 and departed this life May 11, 1914. She had been a member with us for several years. She leaves a husband, children, friends and relatives to mourn her departure.

Sister Cleaesther Chumley was born Oct. 11, 1891. She joined the church in 1909 and lived a faithful church member until death. She died in the triumph of a living faith July 28, 1914. She was a member with us at Hickory Grove. A husband, one child, relatives and friends mourn her departure.



ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organize.
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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bostic B. W.	Long Branch	Geneva	Ala.
Braun C. F.	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Burdeshaw J. H.	Prospect,	Cowarts	Ala.
Chandler D. L.	Springfield,	Ashford	Ala.
Cherry G. W.	Prospect,	Dothan	Ala.
Cook W. S.	Union Springs,	Pansey,	Ala.
Givens J. A.	Springfield,	Webb,	Ala.
Granger A. L.	New Life,	Crosby,	Ala.
Hardy G. M.	New Hope	Ozark,	Ala.
Hatcher J. I.	Hickory Grove,	Bascom,	Fla.
Hunter R. L.	New Pilgrim,	Columbia,	Ala.
Ingram J. C.	Pleasant Home,	Ashford,	Ala.
Murdock J. M.	Howard Grove,	Ashford	Ala.
Pearce J. D.	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	Ala.
Ray C. G.	New Harmony	Ashford,	Ala.
Sowell J. D.	Pittman Creek	Black	Ala.
Stephens J. D.	Hickory Grove,	Marianna,	Fla.
Swails F. M.	Pleasant Home,	Hartford,	Ala.
Thompson J. E.	Shiloh,	Columbia,	Ala.
Tremontana W. W.	Pittman Creek	Black.	Ala.
Whiddon J. W.	Union Springs	Gordon,	Ala.
Whitaker, Joseph	Howards Grove,	Ashford,	Ala.
Whittle C. M.	New Hope,	Ozark,	Ala.
Widner J. A.	Springfield,	Webb.	Ala.

LICENTIATES.

Calloway J. D.	New Harmony	Greenwood	Fla.
Carter W. T.	Springfield,	Ashford,	Ala.
Cobb A. C.	Howards Grove,	Ashford	Ala.
Dunn G. J.	Long Branch,	Samson,	Ala.
Kirkland A. M.	New Hope,	Ozark	Ala.
Newton T. C.	New Pilgrim,	Columbia,	Ala.
Radney A. B.	Prospect,	Webb,	Ala.
Sellers, Otis A.	Mew Harmony,	Cottonwood,	Ala.

CONSTITUTION OF STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates sent annually from the churches upon which it is based,

Article 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.

Article 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 licentiated ministers with their post office, and signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their post office

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

DECORUM OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

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

Article 2. The moderator shall preside over the deliberations of this 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.

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

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

Article 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.

Article 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 re-ordained.

5. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement 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 ad-

vice 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 a 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 to 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 devine 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 a 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. 1:7; 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, united 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.—1. 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 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 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 and Rom. 6:4. Reference for the Lord's Supper, Matt. 26:26-28. Reference for washing the saint's 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 represents His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in performing the sacred service, re-

ardless of name, denomination or distinction.—Gal.6:4; Matt. 7:10; Rom. 4:3 4.

12. OF THE RESURRECTION—We beleive 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

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was organized at Howard's Grove church, November 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. Chaudler..	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. Chaudler..	J. W. D. Stephens	Pittman Creek..	1477
1913..	J. M. Murdock..	J. W. D. Stephens	Spring Hill.....	1462
1914..	G. W. Cherry.....	J. W. D. Stephens	Union Springs..	1553

STATISTICAL TABLE 1914.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	CLERKS and POST OFFICES	Increase by				Decreased by			Membership	Meeting Days	Associational	Minutes	Home Missions	Paid Pastors	Church Building	Value of Property	Value of other Property	Sunday School Enrollment	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
			Baptism	Confession	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Deaths											
Freewill's Rest...	J. T. Knight...	L. E. Powell, Bascom, Fla.....	19	11	2		1			75	4	\$1 50	\$1 50		\$50 00	\$ 250 00	\$100 00	76	M. J. Mercer..	
Harican.....		Not Represented.....																		
Hickory Grove..	J. C. Eldridge	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....	14	2	2	3	4	5	2	153	4	1 50	3 00		64 10	500 00	100 00	61	J. W. D. Stephens....	
Howard's Grove.	J. C. Eldridge	A. P. Lingo, Cottonwood, Ala..	30	1		4		10	5	216	3	1 50	1 50		94 00	450 00	100 00		
Long Branch....	G. W. Cherry	J. L. Sevmour, Coffee Springs, Ala..	13	5	3	1	2			61	1	50	1 00		37 80	300 00	65 00	35	M. N. Pippins.....	
Magnolia	J. C. Ingram..	W. E. Smith, Midland City, Ala..										25	50						
New Harmony...	J. M. Murdock	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.....	3	1	2		3	1		106	2	1 00	1 00	\$1 00	13 30	300 00	75 00	52	Hilton Sellers....	
New Hope.....	C. M. Whittle	C. R. G. Kirkland, Ozark, Ala.....				1	1	2		44	3	75	1 25							
New Life.....	J. T. Knight..	A. L. Granger, Crosby, Ala.....	11	3	1	3	3	4		124	3	75	75		21 00	150 00		37	J. G. Granger.....	
New Pilgrim....	G. T. Wiley..	M. P. Varnam, Columbia, Ala..	3				4	3	1	35	4	75	75		15 00	75 00	10 00			
Pleasant Home..	T. E. Rose....	J. W. Jacobs, Geneva, Ala.....	13		4		2	9	1	159	3	1 50	1 50			400 00		45	Z. B. Hagans	
Prospect....	Jos. Whitaker	J. S. Conner, Dothan, Ala.....	9	4	2		1	2		184	3	1 50	1 50			1200 00	500 00			
Rocky Grove....	J. M. Murdock	W. C. Robinson, Bascom, Fla.....	6	2	3	1	4	1		84	3	75	75		35 00	100 00	50 00	28	W. J. Rodgers.....	
Shiloh.....	J. L. Parker..	W. G. Odom, Columbia, Ala.....	1			1			1			50	50							
Silver Run	J. C. Ingram..	W. T. Riley, Ashford, Ala.....			3		2		1	20	3	50	50			500 00	200 00			
Springfield	R. L. Hunter..	J. A. Dickerson, Webb, Ala.....	7	1	2		4	6		73	3	1 00	1 00							
Spring Hill	R. L. Hunter..	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.....	9	5	3		4			48	1	1 00	1 00			350 00	150 00	50	W. T. Walkins.....	
Union Springs..	J. C. Eldridge	O. Z. Henderson, Ashford, Ala.	11	7	4	3	6	9	1	154	2	1 00	1 25	50		300 00	60 00	36	Mrs. Emlie Bullock....	
Pleasant Ridge..	J. M. Murdock	J. T. Hall, Crosby, Ala.. Pr..	1	1			3			17	4	50	50			1200 00	150 00	168	W. S Cook.....	
			150	43	31	17	43	48	17	1553	16	75	19 75	1 50					588	