

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
State Line Free Will Baptist
Association

CONVENED WITH
PROSPECT CHURCH

Houston County, Alabama, October 7, 8, 1920

OFFICERS

Rev. G. W. Cherry, Moderator ----- Dothan, Ala.
J. W. D. Stephens, Clerk ----- Bascom, Fla.
R. B. Robinson, Treasurer, ----- Gordon, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. G. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla; W. H. Jenkins, Ashford, Ala; A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala; E. Rabon, Ashford, Ala; G. R. Dunlap, Midland City, Ala.

HOME MISSION BOARD

J. J. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla; J. M. Murdock, Ashford, Ala; M. J. Mercer, L. C. Mixon, Geneva, Ala; C. A. Lewis, Midland City, Ala

The next session meets with Howards Grove Church, Houston County, Ala., on Thursday at 11 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, 1921, located six miles South of Ashford, Ala. Trains will be met at 6 and 11 A. M. Thursday.

PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Prospect Church, Houston County, Ala. in its Thirty-Fifth Annual Session, Thursday Oct. 7, 1920.

Introductory Services by Rev. D. L. Chandler followed by Rev. Joseph Whitaker. Text: Part of the 14th verse of 3rd Chapter of Exodus.

Dismissed for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Former Moderator Rev. W. S. Cook called the body to order. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Tremontana.

The Moderator read 122 Psalm. Prayer by Rev. R. L. Hunter.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from the various churches. Brethren C. B. Green and R. L. Hunter were appointed to read them.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Hickory Grove—R. B. Robinson, C. B. Green, Meyers Conrad, Willie Hatcher, J. W. D. Stephens, Eulee Hatcher, L. A. Ditty.

Prospect—Thomas Cherry, Arch Cherry, W. K. Barber, J. W. Conner, Frank Cherry, J. B. Prevatt, Harvy Cherry, H. Clifford Cherry.

Rocky Grove—T. Z. Evans, Sister M. S. Evans.

Spring Hill—F. M. Robinson.

Springfield—I. A. Dickerson, W. H. Johnson, W. J. Griffin, E. Rabon.

Happy Hour—W. C. Strickland.

Howards Grove—J. R. Adams, J. T. Hodge, W. H. Hays, Westley Toler, S. P. Adams..

Long Branch—R. E. Evans, G. L. Thurstan.

Union Springs—W. A. Hart, W. H. Jenkins, Sister R. G. Jenkins.

Pleasant Home—J. W. Bracken, D. C. Mixon, W. L. Bracken, D. W. Owens.

Shiloh—W. G. Odom.

Freewill's Rest—J. J. Thompson.

Magnolia—W. T. Weed, J. A. Weed, H. S. Paremore, Sister J. A. Weed.

East Pittman—Joe Sowell, A. H. Helms.

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New Life—A. C. Stephens.

New Harmony—J. A. Galloway, A. J. Granger, Johnny Strickland, Lonnie Granger.

New Hope—B. E. Kirkland.

The letters were received and adopted as read.

Called for Petitionary letters.

A letter from East Pittman Church was received.

This Church had been a member of our body before. By motion it was restored.

By motion of G. W. Cherry the delegates were given a welcome handshake while the body sang "Holy Manna."

The body was permanently organized by electing Moderator and Clerk. Rev. G. W. Cherry was elected Moderator and J. W. D. Stephens was re-elected Clerk.

By motion Bro. W. C. Strickland was excused.

Called for correspondents from sister Associations.

Rev. J. C. Eldridge and Bro. Frank Filimgim were received from Salem; Rev. S. Ely from Midway.

The body extended the right hand of fellowship while singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

By motion Revs. W. S. Cook and D. L. Chander were excused.

By motion adjourned till 8:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

Re-assembled and joined in singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The Moderator read for a morning's lesson the 1st Chapt. of James.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

Called roll and read Decorum.

Renewed call for correspondents from Sister Associations. Brethren J. L. Parker and Dan Shirly were received from Southeastern.

They were given right hand of fellowship.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Services—J. W. Conner, J. T. Hodge, Arch Cherry, W. A. Hart.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. R. Adams, Frank Cherry, R. B. Robinson, A. J. Granger.

Documents—D. L. Chandler, D. W. Owens, R. E. Evans.

Education—Joseph Whitaker, S. Ely, C. B. Green.

Home Missions—G. W. Oliff, W. H. Hays, J. D. Pearce, C. A. Lewis.

Nominations—G. L. Thurston, Willie Hatcher, Westly Toler.

Suggestions—R. L. Hunter, Joe Sowell, J. D. Berry.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Murdock, J. C. Eldridge, J. W. Brack

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Temperance—L. C. Mixon, J. D. Calloway, J. A. Weed, Sister J. A. Weed, Sister F. M. Evans.

Finance—W. G. Odom, Meyers Conrad, H. Clifford Cherry, J. A. Calloway.

Obituaries—I. A. Dickerson, T. Z. Evans, A. C. Stephens, W. H. Jenkins.

On motion of G. W. Oliff, dismissed for 15 minutes.

Called for reports of committees.

Report on Documents read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Education read and adopted.

Recess for 11 o'clock preaching and dinner. Rev. J. C. Eldridge preached from Dan. 5:27.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Re-assembled and resumed business. Report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted by striking out the first clause.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

Bro. W. H. Ducker was excused.

Appointed correspondents to Sister Associations.

To Southeastern—Revs. G. W. Cherry and D. L. Chandler.

To Marten—G. W. Oliff.

To Midway—J. M. Murdock, J. T. Hodge, G. W. Nobles.

To Salem—J. D. Berry, L. C. Mixon.

Treasurers Report read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

By motion the regular order of business was suspended and the following officials of the Association were elected by acclamation. Treasurer, R. B. Robinson.

Home Mission Board—J. J. Hatcher, J. M. Murdock, M. J. Mercer, L. C. Mixon, C. A. Lewis.

Executive Committee—R. G. Hatcher, W. H. Jenkins, A. J. Granger, E. Rabon, G. R. Dunlap.

By motion that we have our minutes printed at Ayden, N. C. provided we can get the work within ninety days.

By motion of Bro. R. B. Robinson we tender a vote of thanks to Prospects church and community for their kind hospitality

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shown us during our session.

By motion pay Clerk \$12.00.

By motion pay Rev. S. Ely from Midway \$5.00 out of treasury.

By motion of W. S. Cook, adjourned to meet with Howards Grove Church on Thursday at 11 o'clock before the Second Sunday in October 1921.

Took parting hand. Prayer by Rev. S. Ely.

Rev. G. W. Cherry, Mod.

J. W. D. Stephens, Clerk

DIVINE SERVICES

We, your committee on Divine Services, report as follows: Friday at 11 o'clock Rev. J. C. Eldridge followed by Rev. S. Ely.

J. W. Conner, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS

We, your committee on Documents beg leave to report. We urge our churches to Free Will Baptist Literature and also urge them to support our home press.

D. L. Chandler, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations submit the following report. We nominate Howard's Grove for the next session and nominate Rev. R. L. Hunter to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. G. W. Cherry to close.

G. L. Thurston, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education beg leave to make the following report to wit: We are still calling to our churches for a better educated ministry. The spirit of the Gospel age is demanding it. The competition of other denominations is pressing our Institutions. Will you not rally to the cause with a small contribution and save our much loved cause or will you stand idle and see your ministry sink at the feet of others.

Brethren pray that the Lord may send more laborers in the Vineyard.

Joseph Whitaker, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that we ask this body to appoint or elect a man to visit each church in the Association at least one time during the Associa-

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tional year on the churches regular meeting time and preach and instruct the people on the need of Home Missions and to do what Mission work he can in spare time.

G. W. Oliff, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report:

We find 17 churches represented and find only 8 that have had a Sunday School 1 to 9 months since our last session with 481 teachers and pupils.

Brethren its getting time to move up to this part of the work Approximately 425 children and teachers that are not in Sunday School in the other 7 churches that have no Sunday School. We urge this important part of the work.

J. M. MURDOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report to wit: That all members of the church abstain from all alcoholic bitters and be temperate in all things.

L. C. Mixon, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTERS

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report to wit:

We find that the churches and ministers are in good standing so far as we can ascertain. We find that some of the ministers are not working as they should and we suggest that these go to the run down churches and try to build them up. Silver Run especially, as it has not been represented for some time.

J. R. Adams, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

The Committee reports as follows:

That the State Line Association appoint a Missionary and put him in the field and that said Association provide means for his support, and that minister visit each church in the State Line Association and that said minister make a written report of his work done, the success he had. We further suggest that more of our members subscribe and read the Freewill Baptist published at Ayden.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Hunter, Chairman.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries find that we have 23 deaths in our Association in the past year. We recommend that the Clerk of each church furnish the Clerk of the Association with the Obituaries that they may be printed in our minutes as there are so many of our members that do not take the Freewill Baptist paper.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Z. Evans, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from former Treasurer	\$ 33.02
Received for Associational Purposes	21.30
Received for Minutes	22.95
Received for Mission	35.87
Total Amount Received	\$113.14

AMOUNT PAID OUT

For Minutes	\$35.70
For Clerks Service	12.00
Paid S. Ely	5.46
Total Amount Paid Out	\$53.16
Balance on Hand for Mission	\$31.41
Balance on Hand for Associational Purposes	29.57
Total amount on hand	\$60.98

R. B. Robinson Treasurer.

Gordon, Ala.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Finance make the following report:

Received for Associational Purposes	\$24.50
Received for Minutes	25.60
Received for Missions	12.00
Received for Education	1.00
TOTAL	\$63.10

Respectfully submitted,

H. Clifford Cherry. Ch'm.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

In sacred memory of Sister Margaret Davis, wife of Brother J. C. Davis, who departed this life July 15, 1920. Sister Carpenter as her girl name was, was born Feb. 3rd, 1852 and was married to Brother J. C. Davis Feb. 28th, 1884. To them was born three children, Neal Davis who passed this life 16 years ago; and Wilburn Davis and Susie Davis who yet survive her. Sister

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Davis was a member of Magnolia Church of the Free Will Faith and order and was a devout Christian and spent the greatest part of her life to the cause of Christ and making friends of all whom met her path way. Weep not bereaved ones nor wish her back, but prepare to meet her beyond this vale of tears where parting is felt no more only wishing that our loss is her eternal gain.

God needed one angel child to dwell with Him who gave
Another angel mother lies sheltered neath this grave,
Tis hard, so hard to break the chord which Love has bound the
heart,

Tie so hard to speak the word must we forever part.
Where we feel she's basking in the sweet sun shine in that city
that over the valley of death and its glories can never be told
Where the sun never sets and the tears never fade in that beautiful city of Gold.

Written by Bro. A. W. Hickman, Church Clerk.

Elizabeth Nafles age 25 years, eight months, sixteen days, died April the 1st, 1920 and has been a member of the church for 10 years and has never brought reproach upon herself or the church and she and her brother George, have been keeping house for about ten years and was always in love together and I was with her when she was called away and several others and she was a lovely girl and was loved by all and we hated to give her up when the Lord called her to go but we could not keep her any longer when the Lord called her to her blessed home above and she leaves one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Lorna Sellers

Bro. J. W. Golden, Deacon, departed this life Dec. 16 1919. Age 74 years and been a member of Freewill Baptist Church thirty years and ready worker. Our loss I feel like is his eternal gain.

Sister Tempy Douglas departed this life Sept. 24 1920. Age 56 years, been with us in Freewill Baptist Church 39 years. She leaves husband and 10 children to mourn her absence. Gone but not forgotten.

Sister Lona Jordan was a member with us at Hickory Grove Departed this life Sept. 8, 1920. She leaves a husband, children and other relatives to mourn her departure.

Sister Eunice Tidwell was a member with us at Hickory Grove. Departed this life July 21, 1920. She leaves a husband, children and other relatives and friends to mourn for her.

Sister Minnie I. Simmons was a member with us at Hickory Grove. Departed this life Dec. 28, 1919. She leaves a husband, three children, relatives and friends to mourn for her.

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Bro. W. L. Talley, was a member with us at Hickory Grove. Departed this life April 8, 1920. He leaves a wife, children and other relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

CONSTITUTION

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 last Associational year, amount of all contributions, the time of the monthly meeting, the membership, ordained and licentiated ministers with their postoffice, and signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their postoffice.

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 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

Article 1. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and Home Mission Board shall be elected by ballot annually.

Article 2. Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of 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 right of speech.

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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 a 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 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 make rules and regulations for their own government that are not in conflict 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 or ministers 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 connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at

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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, 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, the 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 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 (Art. 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

13. Conference after prayer and divine service shall be

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opened and conducted as follows: (1) Inviting brethren to seats. (2) Opening door of church for the reception of members. (3) Calling for the reading of the minutes of the last conference. (4) Calling for Absentees. (5) Acknowledgments. (6) For new matters of dealing which are to come before the body. (8) For miscellaneous business.

14. Visiting Brethren, as helps called from sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions 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 the 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

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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 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 wish to 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 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 the inspiration of God and are binding on all as our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16; Rom. 16:4 and 4:23-24; 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

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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. 3:23; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:43.

7. 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 whomsoever will may come and partake of the waters of life.—I Cor. 1:7; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 2:9; Rom. 5:5; Rev. 22:17.

8. OF ELECTION—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconditional 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 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: 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, 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 take place the soul and the body will reunite and form

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an immortal being, that the righteous will be received into everlasting happiness and the wicked driven into everlasting darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5:29; Acts 14:16; Isa. 17; Heb. 9:27.

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 correspondence 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

D. L. Chandler, Springfield, Ashford, Ala; G. W. Cherry, Prospect, Dothan, Ala; W. S. Cook, Union Springs, Pansy Ala; W. T. Carter, Happy Hour, Crosby, Ala; G. W. Nobles, New Harmony, Cottonwood, Ala; A. M. Kirkland, New Hope, Midland City Ala; J. A. Givens, Springfield, Webb, Ala; A. L. Granger, New Life, Grangeburg, Ala; R. L. Hunter, New Pilgrim, Columbia, Ala; J. C. Ingram, Pleasant Home, Ashford, Ala; J. M. Murdock, Howard Grove, Ashford, Ala; G. W. Oliff, Howard Grove, Ashford, Ala; J. D. Pearce, New Harmony, Cottonwood, Ala; C. G. Ray, New Harmony, Cottonwood, Ala; J. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove, Marianna, Fla; Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove, Ashford Ala; J. A. Widner, Springfield, Cedar Springs, Ga; J. D. Calloway, New Harmony, Marianna, Fla; L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home, Geneva, Ala; J. D. Berry, East Pittman, Black Ala; W. W. Tremontana, East Pittman, Graceville, Fla.

LICENTIATES—A. B. Radney, Prospect, Webb, Ala; Otis A. Selers, New Harmony, Cottonwood, Ala; S. J. Raley, Union Springs.

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STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was Organized at
Howard Grive Church, November 20th, 1836.

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	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
1891—	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Lovewood	443
1892—	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Prospect	339
1893—	D. L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Silver Run	44
1894—	R. M. Gray	J. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	450
1895—	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Spring Hill	522
1896—	Calvin Dykes	J. D. Stephens	Pittman Creek	503
1897—	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Howard Grove	568
1898—	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	New Hope	653
1899—	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	633
1900—	G. W. Cherry	J. D. Stephens	Prospect	671
1901—	Calvin Dykes	J. D. Stephens	Free Will Rest	803
1902—	Calvin Dykes	J. W. D. Stephens	Antioch	916
1903—	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Union Springs	947
1904—	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	827
1905—	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	Free Will 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
1913—	J. M. Murdock	J. W. D. Stephens	Spring Hill	1462
1914—	G. W. Cherry	J. W. D. Stephens	Union Springs	1553
1915—	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	1721
1916—	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	Rock Grove	1611
1817—	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	Magnolia	1456
1918—	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	Long Branch	1715
1919—	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	New Hope	1646
1920—	G. W. Galloway	J. W. D. Stephens	Prospect	1804

STATISTICAL TABLE 1920

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Increased by				Decreased by			Membership	Meeting day	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Buildings	Value of other Property	No. in S. S.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES
			Baptism	Confession	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Deaths											
Freewill's Rest	J. M. Murdock	J. A. Baxter, Sneads, Fla.	7	5	2	1	9			101	4	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00			\$ 56.57	\$ 500.00	\$150.00		
Hickory Grove	J. Houston	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	5			1		3	4	202	4	1.50	2.50	1.00		110.00	500.00	100.00	58	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.
Howard's Grove	J. C. Eldridge	J. R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.	13	4	5	1	2	3	4	252	3	2.00	3.00			103.16	500.00	100.00	40	J. R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.
Happy Hour	J. D. Galloway	W. C. Strickland, Crosby, Ala.				1	1			9	2	1.00	.75	.50				50.00		
Long Branch	G. W. Cherry	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.	1						1	49	1	2.00	2.00			43.45	500.00	75.00	63	J. T. Spears, Geneva, Ala.
Magnolia	R. L. Hunter	A. W. Hickman, Midland City, Ala.			3				1	64	4	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.00	40.00	1000.00	250.00		
New Harmony	G. W. Nobles. J. M. Murdock	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	4	1	1		1		1	170	2	2.00	3.00			35.00	600.00	200.00	55	Johnie Strickland, Cottonwood, Ala.
New Hope	Represented by delegates only																			
New Life	J. M. Murdock	A. L. Granger, Grangeburg, Ala.	8				3		2	125	3	1.00	1.00				150.00			
New Pilgrim																				
Pleasant Home	T. E. Ross	D. C. Mixon, Geneva, Ala.	13	2	6	4	2	1	1	191	3	2.00	2.00	2.00		40.50	800.00	150.00	60	D. W. Owens, Geneva, Ala.
Pleasant Ridge																				
Prospect	J. Houston	W. D. Allen, Dothan, Ala.	5						2	167	3	2.00	2.00			152.00	1500.00	200.00		
Rocky Grove	J. M. Murdock	W. C. Robinson, Malone, Fla.	2			1				77	1	.75	.75			18.00	1000.00	500.00		
Shiloh	R. L. Hunter	W. G. Odom, Columbia, Ala.			3		3		2	58	1	.50	1.00				50.00	50.00	60	Tom Clark, Columbia, Ala.
Silver Run																				
Springfield	A. M. Kirkland	I. A. Dickerson, Webb, Ala.					1			55	2	1.25	1.05	.25			200.00	100.00		
Spring Hill	W. T. Carter	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.								52	1	1.00	1.00	1.00		14.50	1000.00	100.00		
Union Springs	E. Ely	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala.	9	3	1		2	3	4	148	2	1.50	1.05	2.25		63.50	1500.00	450.00	61	E. J. Henderson, Ashford, Ala.
East Pittman		Joe Sowell, Black, Ala.	15			9			1	84	1	1.50	1.50	3.50						
TOTAL			82	15	21	18	24	10	23	1804		\$24.50	\$25.60	\$12.00	\$1.00				397	