

MINUTES
OF THE
Thirty-Sixth Annual Session
OF THE
State Line Free Will Baptist
Association
CONVENED WITH
Howard's Grove Church

Houston County, Alabama, October 6-7, 1921.

OFFICERS

Rev. G. W. Cherry, ModeratorDothan, Ala.
J. W. D. Stephens, ClerkBascom, Fla.
R. B. Robinson, Treasurer.....Gordon, Ala.

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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 Pleasant Home Church, Geneva County, Ala., on Thursday at 11 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, 1922, located 1 mile from Thurston, Ala. Southbound trains will be met at 11 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. Thursday.

Proceedings

October 6, 1921.

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Howard's Grove church, Houston County, Ala., in its Thirty-Sixth Annual Session, Thursday at 11 o'clock, Oct. 7, 1921.

Introductory services by Rev. R. L. Hunter. Concluded by Rev. G. W. Cherry. Text: Matt., 25th chapter, 23rd verse.

Dismissed one hour and half for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The body joined in singing "There is a Fountain." The Moderator read for a lesson second chapter of 2nd Timothy.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Oliff.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different churches. The Moderator appointed Bros. J. C. Howell and Rev. R. L. Hunter to read the letters.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Howard's Grove—W. H. Hays, J. W. Branford, J. T. Hodge, C. A. Love, E. A. Williams, E. S. Jones, A. P. Lingo, J. W. Sowell, Eugene Terry, Jeff Hodge.

Rocky Grove—T. Z. Evans.

Spring Hill—G. W. Jeffcoat, H. D. Robinson, J. B. Whitaker, Ross Whitaker.

Freewill's Rest—Johnnie Mooneyham, Allen Baxter.

New Life—Travis Evans, A. C. Stephens, Casey Taylor, H. H. McNeel.

East Pittman—By letter.

New Harmony—J. J. Granger, Joe Bradberry, J. C. McLendon, Curtis Noblin, C. C. Howell, James Calloway, A. J. Granger.

Hickory Grove—J. R. Long, C. B. Green, J. W. Ditty, R. B. Robinson, A. Z. Hatcher, L. A. Ditty, Willie Hatcher, J. W. D. Stephens, Geo. Long, Jr., T. J. Miller, Herman Ditty.

Magnolia—W. A. Lee, T. R. Dassinger, J. R. Dunlap.

Pleasant Ridge—Frank Smith, Elige Smith.

Prospect—C. L. Hays, Frank Cherry, J. E. Cherry, Houston Cherry, J. L. Battle, Arch Cherry, Clifford Cherry.

Long Branch—J. L. Seymour, R. E. Evans, O. O. Powell.

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Springfield—W. H. Johnson, E. Rabon, S. G. Carter, W. B. Hardy, R. B. Ingram.

Union Springs—W. E. Glass, O. Z. Henderson, Z. E. Henderson.

Shiloh—J. L. Sanders, W. G. Odom.

Pleasant Home—D. W. Owens, W. A. Clark, J. D. Marlow, J. W. Brackin.

New Pilgrim—By letter.

By motion the letters were received and adopted.

Call for Petitionary letters.

By motion Bro. J. C. Howell was excused for the remainder of the day.

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

Call for correspondents from sister Associations.

Rev. J. C. Eldridge and Bro. J. L. Fillingim were received from the Salem; Bros. C. I. Wells and W. A. Davis from Union Hill; Revs. E. C. Williams and S. Eley from Midway.

The body extended the right hand of fellowship while singing "Old Time Religion."

Called roll. By motion adjourned till 8:30 Friday morning. Benediction by Rev. S. Eley.

FRIDAY MORNING

Re-assembled. Rev. J. C. Eldridge read for a morning's lesson, Ephesians, 2nd Chapter, 10th to 22nd verses.

Prayer by W. A. Davis.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Services—W. H. Hays, T. Z. Evans, J. W. Branford.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. T. Hodge, A. J. Granger, Frank Cherry.

Documents—R. B. Robinson, J. L. Seymour, J. D. Marlow.

Education—R. L. Hunter, D. W. Owens, Willie Hatcher.

Home Missions—J. M. Murdock, E. A. Williams, C. I. Wells, James Calloway.

Nominations—E. S. Jones, W. B. Hardy, W. A. Clark.

Suggestions—A. P. Lingo, H. D. Robinson, W. G. Odom, J. D. Berry.

Sunday Schools—L. C. Mixon, Curtis Hays, C. A. Love, W. A. Davis, J. W. Bracken.

Temperance—J. D. Pearce, A. Z. Hatcher, Arch Cheryr, J. W. Ditty, R. B. Ingram.

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Finance—T. J. Miller, Clifford Cherry, O. O. Powell, E. A. Williams.

Obituaries—J. R. Long, Geo. Dunlap, J. D. Calloway.

Read Decorum and Called Roll.

Appointed correspondents to sister Associations.

To Union Hill—J. D. Marlow, L. C. Mixon, R. E. Evans.

To Salem—T. Z. Evans, W. E. Glass, J. M. Murdock.

To Liberty—O. O. Powell, J. D. Berry, L. C. Mixon.

To Midway—Joseph Whitaker, O. Z. Henderson, G. W. Oliff.

To Marten—G. W. Cherry, W. S. Cook.

To Liberty of Ga.—By letter.

To Southeastern—E. Rabon, G. W. Cherry, R. L. Hunter.

Called for reports of Committees:

Report on Documents read and adopted with the amendment that we recommend to use the Free Will Baptist S. S. Literature.

Recess for 11 o'clock preaching and dinner. Rev. S. Eley preached from 13th chapter of 1st Cor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The body was called to order. Rev. W. S. Cook offered prayer.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Education read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted.

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

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted with the amendment to recommend that the obituaries be published in minute and also for the clerk to condense the report.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Union meeting was changed from every 5th Sunday to meet once annually.

The next Union meeting convenes with Long Branch church on fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June, 1922.

At this juncture some of the ministers made a report of their year's work.

The regular order of business was suspended and the following officers elected:

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Home Mission Board—Present Board re-elected.
Executive Committee—Present Board re-elected.
Treasurer—R. B. Robinson re-elected.
On motion pay Revs. S. Eley and E. A. Williams \$5.00 each out of Treasury. They were from Midway Association.
By motion pay Clerk \$12.00.
By motion Table church Ordinance question.
On motion of R. L. Hunter tender our heartfelt thanks to Howard's Grove church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during our session.
On motion adjourned to meet with Pleasant Home church on Thursday at 11 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, 1922.
Took parting hand.
Benediction by Bro. C. I. Wells.

REV. G. W. CHERRY, Moderator.

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk.

DIVINE SERVICES.

We, the committee on Divine Services, beg lieve to make the following report, to-wit: Brother E. C. Williams to preach Thursday night; S. Eley Friday at eleven o'clock.

W. H. HAYS, Chairman.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your committee, beg lieve 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 they go to the churches that have no regular pastor and hold service once a month, and if they are not called to the charge of a church to get busy and go to work and possibly they will be called to the charge of some church.

We find that Happy Hour has not been represented in this body. Also Silver Run has not been represented for some time.

J. T. HODGES, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg lief to make the following report: We find that out of 16 churches, 10 Sabbath Schools, one Evergreen Sabbath School at Long Branch church is

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without school at all.

We recommend that each church make greater efforts to do more in days to come for the advancement of the cause of Christ and His gospel. The Lord said for us to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We pray God's blessings on you all.

REV. L. C. MIXON, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance report as follows: That all the members totally abstain from strong drink and be temperate in speech and walks of life, for intemperance is detrimental to the progress of the Christian life. Therefore, be temperate in all things.

J. D. PEARCE, Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS.

We your committee beg to report 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 the 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,

A. P. LINGO, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on Nominations beg lief to make the following report:

We suggest the next Association convene with Pleasant Home Church, located one mile from Thurston, Ala. South bound trains will be met at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

We nominate Rev. G. W. Cherry to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. C. Ingram to close.

E. S. JONES, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions beg lief to report that we ask this body to appoint or elect a man to visit each church and

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also those destitute places for the purpose of organizing churches.

We insist that each pastor put forth a great effort to raise a sufficient fund to take care of this home mission work. We insist effort be put forth immediately as we feel the need of it.

J.M. MURDOCK, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We your committee on Education submit the following report: As the age demands an educated talent for leadership in the Free Will Baptist denomination far more than of any age in the past, we urge upon our ministers of our association to encourage the spirit of education that it may aspire us to that Standard of Gospel teaching that is high and lifted up, and that will rank our cause or our church up with or among other denominations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HUNTER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS

We your committee on Documents beg lief to make the following report to-wit:

We suggest that all our churches have a Sunday School and recommend that they use the Free Will Baptist Literature. We also urge the superintendent to introduce the Free Will Baptist paper, which is printed at Ayden, N. C.

R. R. ROBINSON, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We your Committee on Obituaries beg lief to make our report:

There have been 21 deaths in our association this year and we recommend that their obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Respectfully,

J. R. LONG, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your committee on Finance beg lief to make the following report, to-wi:

For Associational purposes	\$24.00
For Minutes	\$23.90
For Missions	\$ 2.90

Total\$50.80

Respectfully submitted,

O. O. POWELL, Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 7th, 1921.

Amount brought forward:

For Missions	\$31.41
For Associational purposes	29.57

Total amount brought forward.....	60.98
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Amount received 1920:

For Associational purposes	24.50
For minutes	25.60
For Missions	12.00
For Education	1.00

Total amount	124.08
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Amount paid out:

For minutes and postage	43.40
For Clerk Service	12.00
Paid S. Eley	5.00

Total amount paid out	60.40
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Which leaves a balance on hand:

For Missions	43.41
For Associational purposes	19.27
For Education	1.00

Total amount on hand	63.68
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R. B. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

Gordon, Ala., Star Route, Box 8.

OBITUARIES.

Brother Myers Conrad was a member with us at Hickory Grove. Departed this life Oct. 23, 1920. He leaves a father, mother, brothers and sisters and other relatives and friends to mourn his departure. Peace be to him.

Bro. F. M. Wetherington was a member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist church. He departed this life Nov. 22, 1920. He was 88 years of age and was a faithful old soldier and had continued the battle by fighting for Christ until He said: "It is enough; come up higher." He leaves a wife and a host of friends to mourn for him. Gone but not forgotten. —by R. B. R.

OBITUARY OF WILLIE C. WILKERSON

In sacred memory of Brother Willie C. Wilkerson, born May

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5, 1898 in Barbour County. Was married January 13, 1915 to Miss Minnie Gibson, to whom was born 4 children, Vernell, Rex, Aubrie and Willie Dell, who, with their mother, survive him.

Brother Willie was a member of the Free Will faith and order at Magnolia church for five years and was a true and faithful member to his church and was a loving husband and father to his home and loved ones, and made many friends during his short stay on this earth with us. He departed this life April 10, 1921 after a long standing illness of 8 or 10 weeks that he bore murmurless till the end came. He leaves besides his family and related loved ones a host of friends to mourn his untimely end.

Weep not, loved ones, for those that are gone, but feel sure that our loss is his eternal gain beyond this veil of tears.

—Written by A. W. Hickman, Church's Clerk.

In loving memory of our beloved sister, Etta Henderson, who departed this life Nov. 20, 1920. She left a husband and a little son, a mother and father and 3 brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss, but our loss is her gain. Let us strive to meet her in the sweet beyond. She was a faithful member with us at Union Springs for about 10 years.

—Written by the Clerk.

In loving memory of our beloved sister Alma Henderson, who departed this life January 7, 1921, and our little 16 months old baby went with her. She joined the church at Union Springs in July, 1915, and was faithful to her church and home till God caller to come up higher. She left her husband and 14-year-old girl, father and mother, 2 sisters and 2 brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss, but some day we hope to meet them in that beautiful city where Jesus is.

—Written by her husband, O. Y. Henderson

Sacred to the memory of our beloved brother, H. E. Mathis, who departed this life December 9th, 1920. He leaves a wife and 2 children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. Our loss is Heaven's gain. He was a faithful member of the church and had been for a number of years. Let us all strive to meet him in Heaven, where there is no sickness, pain nor death.—J. R. Adams.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,

From which none ever wake to weep;

A calm and undisturbed repose,

Unbroken by the last of foes.

—Written by the Clerk, J. R. Adams.

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Sacred to the memory of Sister J. H. Bateman, who departed this life June 24, 1921. She leaves a broken hearted husband and two daughters and a host of friends to mourn her death. She has been a member with us at Howard's Grove for several years and was faithful to the church. Let us all try to live in such a way that when we depart from this life our influence will still live and do good to the rising generation.

One precious to our hearts has gone,

The voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

—Written by the Clerk, J. R. Adams.

In memory of our beloved sister, Beulah Evans. She departed this life on Oct. 27th, 1920. She leaves a broken-hearted husband and 4 children and a host of friends to mourn her death. May God help us meet her in Heaven for we believe there is peace for ever and ever. Let us all strive to meet her in glory.

—Written by the Clerk, J. I. Daniels.

Brother Tolbert Wriley departed this life August 19, 1921. He was a member with us at Springfield church, where his membership had been for a number of years. He was a faithful Free Will Baptist worker. He leaves a wife, 1 son, 2 daughters, and mother and father and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He is gone but not forgotten.

—Written by the Clerk of the church, R. B. Ingram.

In memory of our beloved Bro. J. A. Given, who departed this life, April 14, 1921. He was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church at Springfield, where his membership was. He worked faithful and was an ordained minister of the gospel. He was always at his conference when he was able to go to church. He leaves some boys and girls and a host of friends to mourn his death. We feel like their loss is his eternal gain. Let us all strive to meet him in Heaven, where there will be no sorrows and no more good-bys and where we can worship as one in Christ Jesus.

—Written by the Deacon, J. A. Dickerson.

Webb, Ala., Route 1, Box 76.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Miles traveled	1,885
Sermons preached	129
Burial Services Attended	5
Couples married	5

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Received	\$123.00
Expenses	73.00
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J. M. MURDOCK.

7 weeks spent in Revival Meetings.

October 1, 1921.

Dear Brethren:—I submit the following as my annual report for services rendered during this Association year. I have served 5 churches this year.

Members received in the church this year	110
Money Received	\$218.51
Money paid out	\$57.26
Number of times preached	112

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. CHERRY.

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

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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 to 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 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 makes rules and regulations for their own

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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 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 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 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 breth-

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ren who apply to them relative to case 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 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) Acknowledgements. (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 other 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.

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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 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

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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; Isiaah 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 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.

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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 takes place the soul and the body will reunite and form 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 Association.
7. Appoint Committees.
8. Call roll and read Decorum.

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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, Hickory Grove, Crosby, Ala.; G. W. Nobles, New Harmony, Cottonwood, Ala.; A. M. Kirkland, New Hope, Midland City, 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.; W. H. Banks, Sneads, Fla.

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

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STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was organized at
Howard Grove Church, November 20th, 1886.

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
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	Free Will 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	786
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	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	Rocky Grove	1611
1917—	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	Long Branch	1715
1918—	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	Magnolia	1456
1919—	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	New Hope	1646
1920—	G. W. Cherry	J. W. D. Stephens	Prospect	1804
1921—	G. W. Cherry	J. W. D. Stephens	Howards Grove	2004



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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Increased by				Decreased by			Membership	Meeting Day	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Missions	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.	8	3	1	...	1	...	...	104	4	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	...	\$58.60	\$ 500.00	\$100.00	40	H. W. Lawrence, Grandridge, Fla. ..
Hickory Grove .	J. Houston, S. Eley, G. W.	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	10	...	5	...	7	4	1	205	4	2.50	1.50	...	56.25	500.00	100.00	76	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. ...
Howard's Grove.	G. W. Cherry .....(Knowles	J. R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.	44	1	4	1	6	6	3	277	3	2.00	3.00	...	...	1,000.00	250.00	45	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.
Long Branch ...	G. W. Cherry	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala..	14	3	5	...	...	...	...	74	1	2.00	2.00	...	43.75	500.00	75.00	78	J. T. Spears, Geneva, Ala.
Magnolia	R. L. Hunter	A. W. Hickman, Dothan, Ala.	4	...	2	...	2	...	1	62	3	1.50	.50	...	35.00	1,000.00	250.00	...	.....
New Harmony ..	J. M. Murdock	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	2	...	3	...	3	...	...	173	2	2.00	2.00	...	28.00	500.00	100.00	40	Preston Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. ..
New Hope	J. C. Ingram	C. R. G, Kirkland, Midland City, Ala.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	3	.50	.50	.25	...	...	...	...	.....
New Life	J. M. Murdock	A. L. Granger, Grangeburg, Ala. ...	12	6	...	...	2	...	...	142	2	.50	1.00	...	20.00	150.00	...	30	.....
New Pilgrim ...	G. W. Cherry	J. S. Hunter, Columbia, Ala.	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	32	4	1.00	1.00	...	...	300.00	150.00	60	J. M. Brackin, Ashford, Ala.
Pleasant Home..	L. C. Mixon	M. M. Hicks, Geneva, Ala.	11	1	2	6	2	...	1	158	3	1.50	1.50	...	15 20	500.00	150.00	36	J. A. Jordan, Geneva, Ala.
Pleasant Ridge..	A. M. Kirkland	B. F. Smith, Cottonwood, Ala.	2	...	...	...	...	...	5	34	4	.75	.75	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Prospect	J. C. Eldridge .....	.....	12	2	...	...	1	...	1	176	3	1.50	1.50	...	85.65	1,500.00	200.00	...	.....
Rocky Grove	J. M. Murdock	J. I. Daniels, Bascom, Fla.	3	3	...	2	...	...	1	68	1	.50	1.00	...	25.00	1,000.00	500.00	...	M. D. Robinson, Greenwood, Fla. ...
Shiloh	J. L. Parker	W. G. Odom, Columbia, Ala. ....	...	2	...	...	5	...	1	56	3	.75	1.00	...	30.00	100.00	50.00	...	.....
Springfield	D. L. Chandler	R. B. Ingram, Webb, Ala.	3	...	6	4	2	...	3	69	2	2.00	1.65	...	...	700.00	...	46	John Prevatt, Webb, Ala.
Spring Hill	R. L. Hunter	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	61	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	23.85	400.00	100.00	...	.....
Union Springs .	S. Eley	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala.	6	2	...	...	2	1	4	152	2	1.50	1.50	...	50.00	1,500.00	400.00	...	.....
East Pittman ...	L. C. Mixon	Joe Sowell, Black, Ala.	23	3	...	4	...	...	...	115	1	1.50	1.50	1.25	35.00	150.00	50.00	...	.....
TOTAL			167	26	31	17	33	11	23	2004	...	24.50	24.40	2.50	...	...	...	481	