

MINUTES OF THE

Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

of the

State Line Free Will Baptist Association

met with

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH

Geneva County, Alabama, Oct. 5-6, 1922

OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.; A. M. Kirkland, Midland City, Ala.; D. T. Guy, L. C. Mixon, Geneva, Ala.; J. J. Hatcher Bascom, Fla.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Jefferson D. Stephens, Marianna, Fla.; J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala.; R. G. Hatcher, Bascom Fla.; W. S. Cook, Pansy, Ala.; G. W. Cherry, Dothan Ala.

The next session meets with New Harmony church, Houston County Ala., on Thursday at 11 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, 1923, located about 3 miles from Granger, Ala., on Granger and Cottonwood road.

PROCEEDINGS

October 5, 1922.

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Home Church, Geneva, County Ala., in its Thirty-Seventh Annual Session Thursday October 5, 1922.

Introductory services by Rev. G. W. Cherry. Concluded by Rev. L. C. Mixon. Text Matt, 3rd chapter, 14th verse.

Dismissed one hour and 15 minutes for dinner..

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The body joined in singing "Looking to Thee." The Moderator read for a lesson 118th Psalm

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Howell.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different churches. The Moderator appointed Jefferson D. Stephens and J. C. Howell to read the letters.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Shiloh—By Letter.

New Harmony—J. C. Howell, J. T. Hall and sister J. C. Howell.

Rocky Grove—By letter.

Hickory Grove—R.G. Hatcher, C. B. Green, J.W. D. Stephens, R. B. Robinson, J. J. Hatcher, L. A. Ditty.

Springfield—S. G. Carter, J. J. Brackin, E. D. Clemmons, I. A. Dickerson.

Spring Hill—By letter.

New Pilgrim—By letter.

Happy Hour—Sidney Strickland.

Long Branch—G. L. Thurstan, Jessie Spears, and sisters Jessie Spears and R. E. Evans.

Magnolia—G. R. Dunlap, sister E. Dunlap and sister Harris.

East Pittman—J. M. Rethford, J. L. French, A. H. Helms, Joe Sowell.

Prospect—J. W. Conner, J. M. Davis, Arch Cherry, and sisters Arch Cherry and Georgia Conner.

New Life—Travis Evans, Casey Taylor, Curtis Harrison.

New Hope—C. R. G. Kirkland, Brink Barnes, G. W. Shehane.

Howards Grove—E. S. Jones, J. F. Capps, J. B. Williams,

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C. A. Love, Rufus Williams, J. R. Adams and sisters Anna Williams and Rachel Harper.

Pleasant Home—E. W. Dixon, Dave Mixon, J. W. Brakin.

Pleasant Ridge—J. A. Moss.

Union Springs—W. T. Henderson, Z. E. Henderson.

Corinth—A. J. Benefield.

By motion the letters were received and adopted.

Call for Petitionary letters. One received from Corinth.

It was received and delegate given the right hand of fellowship.

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

Moderator appointed Divine Service Committee.

Call for correspondence from sister Associations.

The following brethren and sisters were received:

Southeastern—D. M. Hicks and sister D. M. Hicks and sister I. L. Hicks.

Midway—Revs. E. C. Williams and S. Eley.

Liberty—C. I. Wells.

Union Hill—S. E. Carroll.

The body extended the right hand of fellowship.

On motion accepted report of committee on Divine services.

By motion Bro. J. A. Moss was seated as a delegate from Pleasant Ridge Church.

The Moderator appointed sisters D. M. Hicks, Georgia Conner, and J. C. Howell as a subscription committee for the Free Will Baptist published at Ayden N. C..

On motion hear list of names of the people, that will take company.

Song—"Blest be the Tie."

By motion adjourned until 8 o'clock Friday morning
Benediction by Bro. D. M. Hicks.

FRIDAY MORNING

Called to order by the Moderator, Read Gal. 6th chapter.

Prayer by D. M. Hicks.

The following Committees were appointed:

Divine services—J. F. Capps, Walter Brackin, David Mixon, E. W. Dixon.

State of Churches and character of ministers—Ed. Jones, Arch Cherry, G. R. Dunlap, A. H. Helms.

Documents—R. B. Robinson, J. J. Hatcher, J. W. Conner, J. L. French.

Education—Jefferson D. Stephens, S. Eley, Jessie Spears, J. L. Tedder.

Home Missions—E. C. Williams, J. B. Williams, C. B.

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Green, A. M. Kirkland.

Nominations—G. L. Thurstan, J. T. Hall, C. A. Love.

Suggestions—J. C. Howell, D. M. Hicks, J. J. Brackin, J. D. Calloway.

Sunday School—W. S. Cook, L. C. Mixon, J. W. Brackin, L. A. Ditty, DeWitt Guy and sister D. M. Hicks.

Temperance—R. G. Hatcher, J. M. Davis and sisters G. L. Dunlap, Georgia Conner, J. C. Howell, Rachel Harper.

Finance—J. R. Adams.

Obituaries—I. A. Dickerson, C. R. G. Kirkland, A. J. Benefield, J. A. Moss, Sidney Strickland.

Call for report on Documents. Read and adopted.

Called Roll and read Decorum.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Bros. W. T. Henderson and Z. E. Henderson were seated as delegates from Union Springs Church.

Dismissed for 11 o'clock preaching and dinner.

Rev. L. Eley Preached.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by the Moderator.

Report on state of churches and character of ministers read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted.

Appointed correspondents to sister Associations.

To Southeastern—G. W. Cherry, A. M. Kirkland.

To Midway—J. L. Tedder, W. S. Cook.

To Union Hill—L. C. Mixon, W. W. Tremontana,

To Liberty—J. D. Calloway, J. W. Brackin.

To Salem—Jefferson D. Stephens, R. G. Hatcher.

To Marten—J. C. Ingram, R. L. Hunter.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

The Chairman of Home Mission Board reported no work done.

The Chairman of Executive Committee reported no work had been done by the Committee.

By motion the regular order of business was suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Home Mission Board—Jefferson D. Stephens, J. C. Howell,

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R. G. Hatcher, W. S. Cook, G. W. Cherry.

Executive Committee—J. R. Adams, A. M. Kirkland, D. T. Guy, L. C. Mixon, J. J. Hatcher.

Treasurer—R. B. Robinson, re-elected.

MISCELLANEOUS

By motion defray expenses of Rev. L. Eley and Rev. E. C. Williams from Midway Association.

A collection of \$4.80, was insufficient and by motion of R. G. Hatcher finished amount out of Associational funds in treasury.

Rev. S. Eley received \$4.10

Rev. E. C. Williams received \$4.50.

Drew out of treasury \$3.80.

The following pledges and cash were subscribed for Missions:

R. G. Hatcher, pd.....	\$ 5.00
J. D. Stephens,	5.00
J. W. D. Stephens	5.00
J. J. Hatcher	5.00
G. W. Cherry	5.00
J. C. Howell	25.00
L. C. Mixon	5.00
A. M. Kirkland	1.00

By motion R. B. Robinson pay Clerk \$12.00.

On motion of R. B. Robinson tender thanks to Pleasant Home community for their kind hospitality shown during our session.

On motion of J. D. Stephens adjourn and take parting hand.

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Prayer by Jefferson D. Stephens.

J. W. D. Stephens, Clerk Rev. G. W. Cherry., Mod.

DIVINE SERVICES.

We your committee on Divine Services make the following report, to-wit: Brother E. C. Williams to preach Thursday night; Rev. S. Eley, Friday at 11 o'clock.

J. F. CAPPS, Chairman.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We your committee beg leave to make the following report, to-wit: We find that the Churches are in very 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

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they go to the churches that have no regular pastor and hold services once a month. And if they are not called to the charge of a church to go to work and possibly they will be called to the charge of some church. We find that Free Will rest has not been represented.

E. S. JONES, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS

We your committee on Documents beg to make the following report, to-wit: We suggest that all of 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. B. ROBINSON, Chairman.

EDUCATION

We your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit: We consider one of the greatest needs of our denomination, to be a consecrated, educated ministry, but it is a matter of deep regret that so little effort is being made by us to attain this kind of ministry: and we suggest that our entire membership enter into a covenant of prayer to Almighty God, to continue through the ensuing Associational year, imploring Divine guidance in this matter, that some plan pleasing to Him may be developed whereby such ministry may be obtained.

JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, Chairman.

REV. S. ELEY

J. L. TEDDER,

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 and 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. That we also suggest that the delegates of each church insist, or make a strong effort to raise, at least 5c per member.

REV. E. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman,

NOMINATIONS

We your committee on Nominations submit the following report: We nominate New Harmony for the next session and Rev. J. D. Stephens to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. L. C. Mixon to close.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. THURSTAN, Chairman.

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SUGGESTIONS

We your committee on Suggestions make the following report, to-wit: 1st That each member of their respective church take an active part in supporting their churches and minister, and that each member pay at least \$1.00 per year for the support of the church and minister.

2nd We suggest that the 31st and 33rd Articles of our Decorum be consolidated, and printed in our minutes as follows: No. 31 It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and feet washing at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HOWELL, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report, we find only 6 Sunday Schools reported; teachers 41, pupils 401, we find only one, Evergreen, Sunday School; we find 8 churches with out Sunday Schools. We urge that each pastor and superintendent make every effort possible to have a Sunday School in every church, we urge that the Free Will Baptist literature be used; we also urge that each pastor organize a Sunday School in each church of, which he is pastor. We also urge that each church have a training school. We find our Sunday School at a low ebb.

W. S. COOK, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report, to-wit: That all the members totally abstain from all strong drink, and be temperate in speech and walks of life, for intemperance is detrimental to the progress of Christian life and all humanity. Therefore, be temperate in all things as is commanded by the Master, we suggest that each member of this Association put forth their best efforts in their respective committees to see that all laws pertaining to temperance be rigidly enforced.

R. G. HATCHER, Chairman

OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make our report, there has been 14 deaths in our Association this year and we recommend that their obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Respectfully,

I. A. DICKERSON, Chairman

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FINANCE

We your committee on finance, beg leave to report, to-wit:

For minutes	\$26.75
For Associational purposes	22.50
For Home Missions	4.78
For Education	2.00

Total \$56.03

J. R. ADAMS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount brought forward:

For Missions	\$ 43.41
For Associtional purposes	19.27
For Education	1.00

Total amount brought forward \$ 63.68

Amount received 1921:

For Associational purposes	25.25
For minutes	23.90
For Missions	2.90

Total amount received \$ 52.05

Total amount on hand \$115.73

Amount paid out for 1921:

For Clerk Service	12.00
Paid S. Eley	5.00
Paid Bro. Williams	5.00
For minutes and postage	39.34

Total amount paid out \$50.34

Which leaves a balance on hand:

For Missions	43.41
For Associational purposes	20.98
For Education	1.00

Total amount on hand \$ 65.00

Gordon, Ala., Star Rt. Box 8. R. B. ROBINSON, Chairman.

OBITUARIES

Sacred to the memory of our sister, Laura Holland, who departed this life December 25, 1921. She had been a member

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with us at Hickory Grove for a number of years. She leaves a husband, who is blind and feeble, to mourn his great loss. She also leaves a son with a wife and one child. Peace be to her.

Sister Mandy Dyson, departed this life July, 13, 1922, age 28-years. She was a member with us at Shilo in good standing husband, who is blind and feeble, to mourn his great loss. She leaves a husband, three children, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her absence. "Gone but not forgotten." We hope to meet her in the great beyond where all is peace and love.

In Sacred memory of our beloved Brother D. L. Chandler, who departed this life in January 1922. He leaves a wife, baby and a host of friends to mourn his death. He was a minister of the Gospel for many years. He lived faithful to the end. And was a member of the church at old Springfield, where he served the year before he died. He was carried to the hospital and the Doctor said head heart trouble, and asked him not to pray in public, he said if he died in the hand of the Lord he was ready to go. Let us all strive to meet him in Glory where there will be no night, no sickness, no dying there.

—Written by Deacon J. A. Dickerson

(Columbus, Ga. Ledger, September 15th.)

Mrs. Kitty Foxworth

Mrs. Kitty Foxworth, 67-years-old died at the home of her son, J. J. Foxworth, 514 Sixth avenue,, Phenix City, after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Foxworth was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Granger, Ala., for 23 years. Mrs. Foxworth is survived by two sons, J. J. Foxworth of Phenix City and J. W. Foxworth of Greensboro, Ala., and two foster sons, L. L. Steed and W. E. Petway, both of Cottonwood. Rev. J. M. Glenn will conduct the funeral services from the home, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and burial will follow in Pine Grove cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kitty Foxworth were conducted by Dr. J. M. Glynn at 4 o'clock, Saturday afternoon from the home, 514 Sixth Avenue, Phenix City. Burial followed in Pine Grove cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Otis Chadwick, J. D. Patterson, M. G. Barfield, J. H. Chappell, Clanton Gibson and D. E. Wood.

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In loving memory of our beloved sister, Effie Henderson, who departed this life December, 10, 1921. She was a member at Union Springs; was faithful to her church and to her home. We long to meet her with unnumerable host, around the throne of God.
—Written by the Clerk.

In loving memory of Bro. S. J. Raley, who departed this life in February, 1922. He was a member at Union Springs 2 or 3 years and was a licensed minister, We hope to meet him in the sweet beyond.
—Written by the Clerk.

Sacred to the memory of our Sister, Ann Sims, who departed this life Januady 24, 1922. She had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for several years. She lost her eye sight some time before her death. She leaves a husband, several children to mourn their loss. Peace be to her.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be compised of delegates sent annually from the churches upon whit 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

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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. The 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 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

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various churches for the necessary funds when the Association is not in session. The Board makes 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 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 the moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator being present suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. The pastor of each church shall have the 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.

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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 case of dealing, etc., with the church.

10. The church shall hold a two-day 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 reference 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 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.

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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 acknowledgement 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.

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

31. It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and feet washing, at least once a year.

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

34. 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 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

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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 men 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; Duet. 11:26-28.

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

10. GOSPEL ORDINANCES—We believe that baptism or the burial of believers in water and the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saints feet are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation, and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for Baptism: John 3:5 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 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.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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 the 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.
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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, Dothan, 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.; J. L. Tedder, Prospect, Dothan, Ala.

LICENTIATES—A. B. Radney, Prospect, Webb, Ala.; Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony, Cottonwood, Ala.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was organized at
Howard Grove Church, November 20, 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	448
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	1402
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	Howard Grove	2004
1922—	G. W. Cherry..	J.W.D.Stephens	Pleasant Home	2043

STATISTICAL TABLE 1922

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Incre's'd by				Decr'sd by			Membership	Meeting Day	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Missions	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Property	Education	No. in S. S.	Sunday School Superintendents and Post Offices.
			Baptism	Confession	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Deaths											
Corinth	J. C. Ingram, (Organizer)	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala.	2	2	4					12		\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.50						
East Pittman	L. C. Mixon,	Joe Sowell, Black, Ala.	2	1			2			121	1	\$1.50	\$1.50		\$25.	\$100.	\$50.			
Free Will's Rest		Not Represented.																		
Hickory Grove	J. C. Eldridge	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	11	5	2		2	1	2	215	4	\$1.50	\$2.50		\$105.94	\$500.	\$100.		56	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.
Howard's Grove	G. W. Cherry,	J. R. Adams, Ashford Ala.	24	7	3	2	3	5	4	311	3	\$2.00	\$3.00		\$105.40	\$1500.	\$200.		60	J. R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.
Long Branch	L. C. Mixon, R. A. Matthews	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.	6	2	3			1		83	4	\$2.00	\$2.00		\$ 26.80	\$300.	\$ 75.		67	T. C. Hinson, Coffee Springs, Ala.
Magnolia	J. G. Harris.	W. T. Weed, Midland City, Ala.	33		12		3			115	2	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.03	\$150.	\$1000.	\$150.	\$2.00		
New Harmony	G. W. Knobles.	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	18		1		1		1	187	2	\$2.00	\$2.00		\$ 45.00	\$500.	\$100.		65	Johnnie Strickland, Cottonwood, Ala.
New Hope	J. C. Ingram	C. R. G. Kirkland, Midland City, Ala.					5			36	3	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$.65						
New Life	J. M. Murdock.	A. L. Granger, Grangeburg, Ala.	12	2	2		2		3	138	2	\$.50	\$1.50		\$ 40.	\$250.			40	Casey Taylor, Crosby. Ala.
New Pilgrim	G. W. Cherry.	J. S. Hunter, Columbia, Ala.			1					33	4	\$1.00	\$1.00		\$ 13.30	\$500.	\$ 10.		50	J. S. Hunter, Columbia, Ala.
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon,	J. W. Brackin, Geneva, Ala.	12		2	3	5	3		179	3	\$1.50	\$1.50		\$ 50.	\$500.	\$150.			
Pleasant Ridge	S. M. Tindel,		5	1	3		3			50	4	\$.50	\$1.00			\$ 50.	\$ 20.			
Prospect	J. M. Murdock.	Chester G. Allen, Dothan, Ala.		1	2		4		3	171	3	\$1.50	\$1.50		\$ 43.	\$1500.	\$200.			
Rocky Grove	J. M. Murdock.	J. I. Daniels, Bascom, Fla.	2		1		1			68	1	\$.50	\$1.00		\$ 14.40	\$1000.	\$500.			
Shiloh	J. L. Parker,	W. G. Odom, Columbia, Ala.	1	2	1		7	2	1	51	3	\$.75	\$.75		\$ 13.	\$ 75.	\$ 50.			
Springfield	J. C. Eldridge,	S. G. Carter, Webb, Ala.	5		3		1	1	1	57	2	\$1.00	\$2.00		\$ 95.	\$600.	\$125.		67	W. L. Tedder, Webb, Ala.
Spring Hill	R. L. Hunter.	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.								59	1	\$1.00	\$.75			\$400.	\$ 50.			
Union Springs	S. Eley,	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala.	9	4	1		4	1	2	147	2	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$100.25	\$1000.	\$300.			
Happy Hour	No Regular Pastor	A. W. Pelham, Crosby, Ala.	3			2	3			10	2	\$.75	\$.75		\$ 17.		\$ 53.			
Total			145	27	41	7	46	14	17	2043		24.00	28.25	\$8.18				\$2.00	405	