

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**39th Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**The State Line Free Will  
Baptist Association**  
HELD WITH  
**Corinth Church, Dale County**  
**October 9 and 10, 1924**

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**OFFICERS**

J. C. HOWELL, Dothan, Ala.-----Moderator  
J. W. D. STEPHENS, Bascom, Fla. -----Clerk  
R. B. ROBINSON, Gordan, Ala. -----Treasurer

**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**

R. L. Hunter, Columbia, Ala; 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 Magnolia Church,  
Dale county, Alabama, on Thursday at 11 o'clock be-  
fore second Sunday in October, 1925. Located 3 miles  
south of Midland City, Ala.

# PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Corinth Church, Dale County, Ala., in its thirty-ninth Annual session, Thursday, October 9th, 1924.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. L. Tedder, Text Neh. 4 ch. 6 verse.

Dismissed one hour and 15 minutes for dinner.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator being absent the clerk called the body to order. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Cherry.

The clerk read 123rd and 133rd psalm. Prayer by Rev. W. S. Cook. On motion Bro. J. C. Howell act as Moderator protem.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from different churches.

The Moderator appointed C. B. Green and Andrew Granger to read the letters.

## NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Hickory Grove—R. G. Hatcher, R. B. Robinson, C. B. Green, T. J. Miller.

Rocky Grove—By letter.

Spring Hill—By letter.

Long Branch—G. L. Thurstan, J. L. Seymour, C. C. Harris.

Happy Hour—Lolan Carter, A. W. Pelham, D. F. Shiver.

Union Springs—J. W. Burnette, E. J. Henderson, S. E. Anglin, O. Z. Henderson, Sister Flora Anglin.

New Harmony—A. J. Granger, James Calloway, J. C. Howell, Sisters A. J. Granger and James Calloway.

Cornith—A. J. Benefield, W. O. Baxley, H. J. Herndon.

New Hope—F. M. Kirkland, Daniel Bess, C. R. G. Kirkland, W. J. Stevens, Charlie Deal.

Magnolia—J. C. Jones, R. E. Moore, W. T. Weed,

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A. W. Hickman, T. M. Dasinger, O. F. Matthews,  
John Paramore.

Prospect—Arch Cherry, D. E. Ellis, W. D. Allen,  
A. L. Williams, C. L. Hayes, R. A. Fowler, C. G. Prevatt  
T. E. Cherry, J. W. Davis, L. M. Brown, Bennie Cherry,  
Sisters Nancy Cherry and Nannie Cherry.

Springfield—J. G. Chandler, S. G. Carter, W. J.  
Griffin.

Shiloh—W. G. Odom.

East Pittman—A. H. Helms, J. D. Berry.

New Pilgrim—R. R. McGriff.

Howards Grove—J. B. Williams, E. S. Jones, J. E.  
Terry, R. O. Johnson, Sisters Cora Johnson and Molly  
Cameron.

Pleasant Ridge—Johnnie Jenkins, Beacham Steven-  
son.

Happy Home—B. S. Harrison, Z. C. Baxter, J. C.  
Harrison, Sister Annie Harrison.

Pleasant Home—D. W. Owens, W. L. Brackin,  
sisters Corinna Brackin, Francis Owens, Jane Hicks.

On motion the letters were received and adopted.

Free Will Rest—By letter. (This letter was re-  
ceived by the clerk after the body adjourned.)

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Received one from Happy Home.

On motion it was received and delegates given  
right hand of fellowship.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Cherry suspend regular  
order of business and elect Moderator and Clerk by  
acclamation.

J. C. Howell was elected Moderator and J. W. D.  
Stephens re-elected Clerk. After which the body hum-  
bled in prayer with R. L. Hunter.

Called for Correspondents from Sister Associa-  
tions. The following Brethren were received:

Salem—J. A. Hudson, W. M. Brooms.

Liberty—C. I. Wells, S. E. Carrell.

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Union Hill—S. M. Tindell.

Midway—S. Eley, honorary member.

South Eastern—L. W. Parker, honorary member.

The body extended right hand of fellowship. The moderator appointed Divine Service Committee, A. J. Benefield, Harvey Hurington, E. E. Cherry, E. S. Jones.

Recess for 10 minutes.

Resumed business and the following committees were appointed.

State of Churiches and Character of Ministers—R. G. Hatcher, J. L. Seymour, J. B. Williams.

Documents—J. M. Murdock, C. G. Prevatt, G. L. Thurstan.

Education—O. F. Matthews, Eugene Terry, J. A. Howell, C. I. Wells.

Home Missions—R. B. Robinson, R. E. Moore, W. J. Burnett.

Nominations—R. L. Hunter, C. R. G. Kirkland, D. W. Owens.

Suggestions—B. Stevens, A. H. Helms, J. G. Chandler, Arch Cherry, J. M. Davis.

Sunday Schools—C. B. Green, W. S. Cook, C. C. Harris, John Paramore.

Temperance—G. W. Cherry, E. J. Henderson, James Calloway, L. C. Mixon.

Finance—A. J. Granger, J. D. Calloway, Curtis Harrison.

Obituaries—S. G. Carter, C. L. Hays, Tom Dasinger, J. D. Pearce.

The delegates were assigned homes. On motion adjourned till 8:30 Friday morning.

Benediction by Rev. J. D. Calloway. Rev. G. W. Cherry preached Thursday night, Text John 14:6.

### **FRIDAY MORNING.**

The body was called to order and the Moderator read a lesson from the 4th chapter Mark. Prayer by



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The Moderator. Song: "All Hail The Power of Jesus  
Come." Prayer by Rev. A. M. Kirkland.

Called Roll and read Decorum.

On motion of G. W. Cherry that we give visiting  
brethren and honorary seats in the body.

Appointed correspondents to sister Associations:

To Midway—G. W. Cherry, J. C. Ingram.

To South Eastern—J. D. Pearce, A. M. Kirkland.

To Union Hill—C. C. Harris.

To Liberty—James Calloway, J. D. Calloway, J.  
Howell, C. G. Prevatt.

To Salem—C. C. Harris, J. L. Seymour, E. S. Jones  
E. Terry, A. W. Hickman, W. T. Weed.

### **CALL FOR REPORTS**

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

Report on Education read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted.

Dismissed for 11 o'clock preaching. Rev. S. Eley  
preached. Text, part of 4 v. of 112 Ps.

Dismissed for dinner.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

The Moderator called the body to order. Prayer  
by J. W. D. Stephens.

Report on Documents read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted with an  
amendment to condense report and recommend Obituaries  
appear in minutes.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Treasurers Report read and adopted.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

On motion pay intrance fee of \$10.00 to General  
Conference last year, out of Treasury.

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Tok up collection to pay Rev. G. W. Cherry's expenses as delegate last year to General Conference. Collection was about \$10.00.

On motion send delegate to General Conference which convenes with Howards Grove Church on Wednesday before last Sunday in May, 1925.

By motion of G. W. Cherry, Bros. J. C. Howell was made the delegate.

By motion the following officers were selected:

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

HOME MISSION BOARD—R. L. Hunter, J. C. Howell, R. G. Hatcher, W. S. Cook, G. W. Cherry.

TREASURER—R. B. Robinson.

Report of Rev. J. M. Murdock's years work was read received and ordered published.

On motion of R. B. Robinson pay Rev. J. C. Ingram \$10.00 out of mission fund for organizing Corinth Church.

By motion pay Clerk \$12.00.

By motion of C. H. Prevatt pay Rev. J. M. Murdock \$10.00 out of mission fund for organizing Happy Home Church.

On motion of W. S. Cook tender thanks to Corinth Church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during our session.

On motion pay New Hope church \$10.00 to help rebuild, out of mission fund. A collection was also made for them.

On motion adjourned. Took parting hand.

The next session meets with Magnolia Church on Thursday at 11 o'clock before second Sunday in October, 1925.

J. C. HOWELL, Moderator.

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk.

### **DIVINE SERVICES**

We your committee on Divine Service make the following report:

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We appoint Rev. G. W. Cherry to preach at 7:30 o'clock Thursday and Rev. S. Eley at 11 o'clock, Friday.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. J. BENEFIELD, Chr.

## **STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTERS OF MINISTERS**

We your committee submit the following report to-wit:

We find all the churches in the Association in very good standing so far as we can ascertain. We find the ministers in good standing so far as we can learn.

Submitted,  
R. G. HATCHER.

## **DOCUMENTS**

We your committee on Documents beg leave to submit the following report to-wit:

We your committee urge that all of our ministers and churches use the best interest for the promotion of the cause of Christ and to the best interest of each other and the community in which they are located, and we recommend that our pastors introduce our paper published at Ayden, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. M. MURDOCK, Chr.  
C. G. PREVATT,  
G. L. THURSTON.

## **EDUCATION**

We your committee on Education submit the following report to-wit:

We urge that our Ministers and Deacons of each church raise a reasonable amount for the purpose of educating our young ministers coming into our association as we see the need of an educated ministry, we farther recommend a general education among our people by cooperating with our general educational body.

Respectfully submitted.

## **REPORT ON MISSION**

We your committee on Home Mission submit the following report, We see the great need of a mission-

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ary in the field. We see many places in the bounds of this and other association where good churches might be built and many souls brought to Christ. If we as a Freewill denomination would but only give a little of what God has so wonderfully blessed us with, it is more blessed to give than to receive, blessed is the cheerful giver, so says the word, so let us rally to the cause of Christ. We urge that every member of this Association male and female give something for the mission cause the incoming year. We also ask this body to put a missionary in the field as early as possible. We also ask this body to make a rule that each church appoint a Home Mission Committee, and the chairman of the committee be the Treasurer. The purpose of this committee will be to raise the needed funds for each church to support the Home Mission Board. We also urge the Pastors of the several churches to see that these mission committees are organized in each church at once. Also that the chairman of these committees keep in touch with the chairman of The Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. B. ROBINSON, Chr.

### **NOMINATIONS**

We your committee on Nominations. We nominate Magnolia Church for the next session, 3 miles South of Midland City. We nominate Rev. J. C. Ingram to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. G. W. Cherry to close.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. L. HUNTER, Chr.

### **COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS**

We your committee on suggestions, beg leave to make the following report to-wit:

We suggest that all the churches see that their pastors are cared for, we suggest that each church make every effort possible to have a Sunday School, We further suggest that each pastor preach more repentance than they have before, because the world needs repentance. We suggest that each pastor make a lecture at least twice a year on missions. Brethren if we believe in home missions lets practice what we believe. We suggest that each church read and ex-



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plain the articles of faith at least twice a year. We suggest that each member of each church pay 10 cts. to the home mission board, that our young ministry may be educated and for the cause of Christ. We suggest that each church appoint a committee to see after this home mission fund.

B. STEVENSON, Chr.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report to-wit:

We find that some of our churches are neglecting their Sunday School and thereby neglecting the most needed cause of Christ, for each child should be interested in the way of life each sabbath, so we urge each church to be particular in whom they get for officers, By getting good officers you will find it is the life and prosperity of any Sunday School. We also urge that each parent go to Sunday School and help their children in the good work. We further insist that each pastor of the several different churches insist that there be a Sunday School at the churches of which they serve. By this we will lead our children away from the envirements of today of which are so great.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. Green.

### **TEMPERANCE**

We the committee on Temperance submit the following report to-wit:

That we be temperate in all things, that God has given us to enjoy. But we as deligates from the different churches will pledge our self together as a band of christian workers to abstain from intoxicating drink ourselves but will do all in our power against the use of it in any way, and when our members indulge in the sale of it we will see that they are waited on by the church.

G. W. CHERRY, Chr.

### **OBITUARIES**

We your committee on Obituaries make the following report:

We find 17 deaths reported since our last session.  
We recommend that their obituaries appear in our minutes.

Respectfully,  
S. G. CARTER, Chr.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee beg leave to make the following report to-wit as follows:

We find for Associational Purposes -----	\$25.20
We find for Minutes -----	26.10
Home Missions -----	24.05
Education -----	6.50
For College -----	5.00
Total -----	\$86.85

### TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1924

Amount brought forward for Mission -----	\$38.19
For minutes and Associational purposes -----	9.43
For Education -----	3.00
Total amount brought forward -----	\$50.62

### Amount Received 1923

For Associational Purposes -----	\$26.80
For Minutes -----	28.44
For Missions -----	20.01
For Education -----	5.25
Total amount received -----	80.50
Making a Total of -----	\$131.12

### Amount Paid Out

Paid Clerk -----	\$12.00
Paid J. G. Harris -----	5.00
Paid S. Ely -----	2.31
Paid for Minutes and Postage -----	48.57
Total Paid Out -----	\$67.88
of which \$32 was borrowed from the mission funds, as the minutes and associational money was overdrawn that amount which leaves a balance on hand for Mis- sions -----	\$54.99
For Education -----	8.25
For Minutes and Associational purposes -----	00.00
Total amount on hand -----	\$63.24

Respectfully submitted,  
R. B. ROBINSON, Treas.  
Gordon, Ala.

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## REPORT ON WORK FOR THE YEAR 1924

Traveled miles	723
Preached Sermons	96
Received members	94
Baptized	37
Preached Burial Sermons	5
Married Couples	6
Constituted 1 Church.	
Expenses	\$7.00
Received	\$44.00

J. M. MURDOCK.

### MRS. A. A. PARAMORE OBITUARY

In loving memory of our sister Mrs. A. A. Paramore who departed this life June 10, 1924. Mrs. Paramore had been confined to her bed for seven months before her death. She has been a member of Magnolia Church for nine years. She was a good and faithful member. She leaves one son and a number of Grandchildren. Her remains was placed at Magnolia Church.

We hope our loss is her eternal gain. Gone but not forgotten.

Written by Clerk J. C. Jones.

### OBITUARY OF SISTER POLLY BAXTER

In sacred remembrance of our beloved sister, Polly Baxter who departed this life may, 1924.

She leaves a husband and 5 children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. She has been a member with us at Rocky Grove Church for a number of years. Let us all strive to meet her in glory where there will be no night, no sickness, no dieing and no more sad parting.

Written by Clerk,  
W. C. ROBINSON.

Sacred to the memry of our Vander Shiver, who departed this life November 25, 1923, he had been a member with us 3 years, he left a father, a mother and brother and sister, and a host of friends to mourn his lost and said before he departed this life he was prepared to meet his God.

Writtn by Ex-Clerk,  
A. W. PELHAM.

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In loving memory of our beloved sister Joe Marlow who departed this life August 1924. She has been a member with us at Pittman Creek for a number of years. She was faithful to her church. We long to meet her with the unnumberable host around the throne of God.

Sacred to the memory of sister W. M. Helms, who departed this life November 19, 1923. She had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for a number of years. She leaves a husband, children and other relatives to mourn their loss. Peace be to her.

Sacred to the memory of sister Ida J. Hatcher, who departed this life December 25, 1923. She had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for several years. Sister Hatcher was a devoted christian wife and mother. She leaves a husband, seven children and other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. Peace be to her.

Sacred to the memory of sister Nancy P. Tindell, who departed this life in February of this year. She had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for a number of years. Sister Tindell had been a widow for some years. She leaves several relatives to mourn her departure. Peace be to her.

Sacred to the memory of sister Martha Conrad, who departed this life last December. She joined Hickory Grove church several years ago. She leaves several relatives to mourn her death. Peace be to her.

## 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



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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 receptions 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. 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

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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 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 10. 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.

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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 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) Acknowledgments. (6) For reference or deferred business. (7) For new matters of dealing

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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.

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 walks 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.



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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 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

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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 condemnation. All his posterity inherited this fall 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 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 preserve 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 universall savation, and to be observed by all true be-

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lievers. Refernce 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 commenorative 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 takes place the soul and the body will re-unite and form an immortal being that the righteous will be received into everlasting happiness and that the wicked driven into everlasting darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5:29; Act 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 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.

### 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, -----	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove -----	Miama, Fla.
J. A. Widner, New Pilgrim, -----	Hilton, 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, -----	Grand Ridge, Fla.
J. L. Tedder, Prospect, -----	Hilton, Ga.

### LICENTIATES

Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony, -----	Cottonwood. Ala.
C. A. Lewis, Magnolia, -----	Dothan, Ala.
J. S. Hunter, New Pilgrim -----	Columbia, Ala.
E. C. Mims, Pleasant Home -----	Black, Ala.
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove, -----	Red Level, Ala.
M. M. Hicks, Shiloh, -----	Cedar Springs, Ga.

### STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

**The State Line Free Will Baptist Association Was Organized at Howard Grove Church, Nov. 20, 1886**

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Mem.
1886—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard Grove-----	449
1887—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Baulah -----	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. Stesphens,	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



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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, Howard Grove	2004
1922—G. W. Cherry, J. W. D. Stephens, Pleasant Home	2043
1923—J. D. Stephens, J. W. D. Stephens, New Harmony	2039
1924—J. C. Howell, J. W. D. Stephens, Corinth	2094

# STATISTICAL TABLE 1924

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Increased by				Decreased by			Membership	For Ayden College	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	Letters	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death												
Corinth-----	J. C. Ingram-----	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala.-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	---	---	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 700.00	\$100.00	\$ 1.50	73	Lullious Roberson, Midland City, Ala.-----
East Pittman-----	L. C. Mixon-----	G. H. Crutchfield, Black, Ala.-----	3	---	---	---	1	---	1	135	---	1	1.00	1.00	---	30.00	100.00	75.00	---	---	-----
Free Will's Rest-----	G. B. Martin-----	Johnnie Mooneyham, Grand Ridge, Fla.-----	---	1	4	---	---	---	2	70	---	4	1.50	1.50	---	---	500.00	150.00	---	---	-----
Happy Hour-----	W.S. Cook, S.E. Carroll-----	J. W. Pelham, Crosby, Ala.-----	2	---	3	3	---	4	1	26	---	1	.50	.55	---	12.03	---	57.75	---	---	-----
Happy Home-----	J. M. Murdock-----	Z. E. Baxter, Crosby, Ala.-----	7	5	37	2	---	---	---	51	---	---	.50	.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----
Hickory Grove-----	S. Eley-----	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.-----	9	1	2	---	1	---	4	254	---	4	1.00	2.00	4.75	121.11	1,000.00	300.00	---	88	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.-----
Howards Grove-----	G. W. Cherry-----	R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.-----	1	2	3	---	4	15	2	284	---	3	2.00	3.00	---	118.60	1,000.00	200.00	---	85	J. R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.-----
Long Branch-----	G. W. Cherry-----	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.-----	---	1	---	---	---	2	---	74	5.00	1	2.00	2.00	---	54.97	300.00	75.00	---	31	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.-----
Magnolia-----	J. C. Eldridge-----	J. C. Jones, Midland, City, Ala.-----	14	---	1	---	---	---	1	124	---	2	2.00	2.00	3.85	118.20	1,000.00	400.00	5.00	90	R. E. Moore, Midland City, Ala.-----
New Harmony-----	C. I. Wells-----	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.-----	5	2	---	---	6	---	---	180	---	2	2.00	2.00	---	60.00	700.00	100.00	---	55	J. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.-----
New Hope-----	R. L. Hunter-----	C. R. G. Kirkland, Midland City, Ala.-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	---	1	1.00	1.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----
New Pilgrim-----	J. M. Murdock-----	Roy Conner, Columbia, Ala.-----	4	---	1	---	1	---	---	43	---	4	.75	.75	---	---	400.00	25.00	---	---	-----
Pleasant Home-----	L. C. Mixon-----	J. H. Numan, Samson, Ala.-----	2	---	---	---	17	7	2	112	---	4	1.50	1.50	---	24.75	500.00	150.00	---	---	-----
Pleasant Ridge-----	C. I. Wells-----	J. T. Hall, Marianna, Fla.-----	16	1	4	1	2	---	---	56	---	2	1.00	.50	---	12.92	100.00	25.00	---	---	-----
Prospect-----	J. M. Murdock-----	Chester G. Allen, Dothan, Ala.-----	21	11	5	2	---	5	1	197	---	3	1.50	1.50	1.75	---	1,500.00	200.00	---	---	-----
Rocky Grove-----	J. L. Tedder-----	W. C. Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.-----	7	---	---	4	---	5	1	87	---	4	.50	1.00	---	55.75	500.00	300.00	---	---	-----
Shiloh-----	J. L. Tedder-----	Mack Odom, Columbia, Ala.-----	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	53	---	2	1.00	.75	1.00	23.10	100.00	100.00	---	---	-----
Springfield-----	E. C. Williams-----	W. L. Culver, Ashford, Ala.-----	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	78	---	2	.70	2.10	7.70	77.99	700.00	25.00	---	---	-----
Spring Hill-----	S. E. Carroll-----	H. D. Robinson, Gordan, Ala.-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	27	---	1	1.00	1.25	---	9.25	400.00	50.00	---	---	-----
Union Springs-----	S. Eley-----	O. Z. Henderson, Pansy, Ala.-----	20	1	4	5	2	3	2	187	---	2	1.50	1.50	---	103.00	1,500.00	150.00	---	---	-----
			112	25	67	17	34	41	17	2094	\$ 00		\$24.45	\$27.90	\$24.05				\$6.50	422	