

PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Magnolia Church, Dale County, Ala., in its Fortieth Annual Session, Thursday, October 8th, 1925.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. C. Ingram, Text, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Rev. G. W. Cherry concluding. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Knobles.

Dismissed till 1:30 P. M. for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Bro. J. J. Burdeshaw read 2nd chapter of Phil., for a lesson. Prayer by J. J. Burdeshaw.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from different churches.

The Moderator appointed G. W. Knobles and C. B. Green to read the letters.

Names of churches and delegates:

HICKORY GROVE—C. B. Green, J. J. Hatcher, J. W. Ditty, Jno. W. Rodgers, Walter Baxter, Wm. Matthews, Jack Hatcher, Hermon Ditty and Sisters Molly Rodgers and Eldest Ditty.

CORINTH—J. T. Robinson, C. G. Baxley, A. J. Benefield, W. O. Baxley.

NEW HARMONY—J. J. Granger, A. J. Granger, J. A. Calloway, Lonnie Granger, J. C. Howell, Dewitt Guy.

NEW PILGRIM—R. R. McGriff, R. W. Conner.

PLEASANT RIDGE—B. H. Windom.

MAGNOLIA—T. M. Dasinger, O. F. Matthews, G. R. Dunlap, John Paramore, J. C. Jones.

HOWARDS—Wesley Toler, L. C. Gilispie, E. S. Jones, R. L. Frith, Wm. Frith.

ROCKY GROVE—W. C. Robinson.

FREE WILL REST—H. W. Keals.

PROSPECT—J. W. Conner, David Allen, C. L. Hays, W. M. Brown, J. S. Conner, Arch Cherry, A. L. Williams.

HAPPY HOUR—A. W. Pelham.

EAST PITTMAN—M. T. Busby, J. D. Berry.

PLEASANT HOME—D. R. Hicks, H. G. Brown, H. C. Forshee, Buddy Williams, Lee Williams and Sister L. C. Mixon.

HAPPY HOME—B. S. Harrison, J. C. Harrison.

SPRINGFIELD—W. J. Griffin, S. G. Carter, I. A. Dickerson, W. L. Culver.

UNION SPRINGS—W. J. Burnett, S. E. Anglin, Henry

Anglin and sister Flora Anglin.

LONG BRANCH—G. L. Thurstan, J. D. Thustan.

NEW HOPE—G. W. Shehen.

On motion the letters were received and adopted.

○ SHILOH—By letter (This letter was received by the clerk after the body adjourned.)

Call for Petitionary Letters.

On motion of W. T. Carter, suspended regular order of business and elect Moderator and Clerk by acclamation. Rev. J. C. Ingram was elected Moderator, J. W. D. Stephens, re-elected clerk. After singing "Tis' so sweet to Trust in Jesus," the body humbled in prayer with Bro. Joe Brookin.

Called for correspondents from sister associations. The following Brethren were received:

Salem—J. C. Eldridge.

Union Hill—J. R. Bolin, W. H. Tool, Olive Tool.

Southeastern—C. A. Arnold, John Calloway.

Marten—E. W. King.

Midway—J. G. Harris.

Liberty—C. I. Wells, S. E. Carrol, W. G. Spurlock, J. W. Barfoot.

On motion of G. W. Cherry the corresponding delegates were seated in the body.

On motion of G. W. Cherry give every orthordox preacher and layaty a seat of welcome with us.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

DIVINE SERVICES—A. J. Benefield, G. R. Dunlap, Wesley Toler, T. M. Dasinger.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—C. B. Green, S. G. Carter, D. R. Brown.

DOCUMENTS—G. L. Thurston, J. W. Conner, W. O. Baxley.

EDUCATION—J. S. Hunter, J. G. Harris, G. W. Cherry.

HOME MISSIONS—A. J. Granger, C. I. Wells, Tullis Robinson.

NOMINATIONS—J. J. Hatcher, W. L. Culver, S. E. Anglin.

SUGGESTIONS—H. G. Brown, G. W. Shehen, B. H. Windom, Henry Brown, D. R. Hicks.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. C. Howell, W. C. Robnson, L. C. Mixon.

TEMPERANCE—J. C. Eldridge, J. D. Pearce, H. W. Keals.

FINANCE—A. J. Benefield, J. S. Conner, J. A. Marlow.

OBITUARIES—I. A. Dickerson, B. S. Harrison, A. R. Shiloh, J. W. Ditty.

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

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Cherry. Rev. A. L. Williams preached and Rev. J. C. Eldridge closed Thursday night.

FRIDAY MORNING

The body was called to order and the Moderator read the 8th Psalm for a morning lesson. Prayer by Bro A. L. Williams.

Called roll and read Decorum. Appointed Correspondents to sister associations.

To Midway—J. L. Tedder.

To Marten—A. J. Benefield, J. C. Ingram.

To Southeastern—G. W. Cherry.

To Salem—J. L. Tedder.

To Liberty—J. D. Calloway.

To Union Hill—A. M. Kirkland, L. C. Mixon.

CALL FOR REPORTS

Report on Temperance read and adopted. Report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers read and adopted. Report on Nominations read and adopted. Report on Education read and ably discussed by several brethren.

Dismissed for 11 o'clock preaching. Rev. J. C. Eldridge preached. Text from Dan. 5 c. and 27 v.

Dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Tedder. The report on Education was again taken up and it was adopted with the amendment that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to meet with delegates from sister associations of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama and formulate some plan to establish a school.

The following brethren were appointed: J. W. D. Stephens, J. C. Howell, G. W. Cherry. Report on Documents read and adopted. The corresponding delegates from the Southeastern Association were received at this juncture. Report on Home Missions received and adopted.

Report on Suggestions received and adopted by striking out clause that suggested the use of any Sunday School literature that the churches saw fit to use.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted. Report on

Obituaries read and adopted. Report on Finance read and adopted. Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

On motion of G. W. Cherry appoint a representative and defray his expenses to the State Convention of Alabama. Rev. G. W. Cherry was appointed on motion J. C. Howell.

On motion appoint a delegate to General Conference which convenes at Nashville Tenn., next May. The following delegation was appointed: J. C. Howell, G. W. Knobles, G. W. Cherry.

On motion retain same Executive Committee. On motion elect same Home Mission Board, but making Rev. W. S. Cook the chairman. On motion re-elect R. B. Robinson, Treasurer. On motion of G. W. Cherry tender heartfelt thanks to Magnolia Church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during our session.

On motion R. B. Robinson pay clerk \$12.00. On motion pay G. W. Cherry \$10.00 and J. C. Howell \$10.00 refunding the money paid by them as admission fees for two years to the General Conference. At this juncture a public collection was taken for Associational funds.

J. D. Pearce -----	\$10.00
Prospect Church -----	6.00
Others Contributed -----	12.24
Total -----	\$28.24

On motion of J. C. Howell, adjourned. Song "God be with you Till we Meet Again." Prayer by A. M. Kirkland.

The next session meets with Springfield church on Thursday at 11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in October, 1926.

REV. J. C. INGRAM, Moderator.

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk.

DIVINE SERVICES

We your committee report as follows: Thursday night, preaching at 7:30 by A. M. Williams, closed by J. C. Eldridge. Friday at 11 A. M. by J. C. Eldridge.

A. J. BENEFIELD, Chairman.

We your committee submit the following report to-wit: We find all of the churches in the Association in very good standing so far as we can ascertain. We find the ministers all in good standing so far as we can learn.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. B. GREEN, Chairman.

OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries make the following report: We find 15 deaths reported since our last Session. We recommend that their Obituaries appear in our minute.

Respectfully,

I. A. DICKERSON, Chairman.

We your committee on Documents beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit: We urge that all of our ministers and churches use the best efforts in their power for the promotion of the cause of Christ and of each other and the communities in which they are located. We further urge that our Pastors introduce our paper the Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. THURSTON,

J. W. CONNER, Committee.

We your committee on Temperance submit the following report to-wit: That we be Temperate in all things, that we speak the things that becomes Christians that we subdue our passion and keep our desire in due bound. That we totally abstain from intoxicated drinks. Pro. 20th chapter 1st verse wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, (who so ever is deceived there by is not wise. So Brethren we see that wise men will not be deceived by strong drink. We recommend that the churches of this Association deal with any member that makes, sells or drinks intoxicated drinks.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. J. B. ELDRIDGE, Chr.

We your committee on Sunday School beg leave the following report to-wit:

We find only nine churches with only 499 pupils which leaves about 1600 members of this Association with their children which at a low estimate will be at least 3000 not attending Sunday School.

Knowing that Sunday School is one of the greatest help to the churches and building up Christs Kingdom on earth, we beg and urge the delegates of each church of this Association to organize a Sunday School in the churches that has no Sunday School and to build up the attendance of those already organized. We find only one church with a Sunday School 12 months in

the year the balance from one to nine months. We ask each Sunday School to try to lengthen their School, realizing that the Lord is looking for us to do our best for Him and is not pleased with slowness and requests us to bring our children up in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We again ask you to try to report on Evergreen Sunday School from each church.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. HOWELL.

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

We suggest that each Pastor of churches instruct the Deacons of their churches to look after the contributions of each church in our association. We further suggest that each church go to work and build a good Sunday School.

We further suggest that each church in our association commune and wash feet at least once a year, and any church failing to keep up this ordinance shall be dealt with by the association. We suggest that each church read and explain the articles of faith every quarter.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. G. BROWN, Chairman.

We your committee on Nominations: We nominate Springfield church for the next session, 3 miles north of Ashford, on Ashford and Abbeville road.

We nominate Rev. L. C. Mixon to preach introductory sermon, Rev. J. S. Hunter to close.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. J. HATCHER, Chr.

We your committee on Home Mission suggest that the last report be carried out as we don't see any room for amendments and think it is good.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. J. GRANGER.

We your Committee on Education make the following report to-wit:

We deem it necessary for all of our churches to put forth a greater effort to raise more money for Education, seeing the great need of our boys and girls to work in our churches, Sunday Schools and other places in our denomination.

We urge mightily upon this Association to put forth some plan for educating our young preachers, in order that they may be able to compete with the times and talents of today.

Yours for Education,

J. S. HUNTER,

J. G. HARRIS,

G. W. CHERRY.

Committee.

We your committee on Finance report as follows:

We find for Associational Purposes -----\$34.15

We find for Minutes ----- 33.90

We find for Home Missions ----- 27.78

We find for Education ----- 2.20

Total ----- \$98.03

A. J. BENEFIELD, Chairman.

TREASURERS REPORT

Amount brought forward for Missions ---- \$54.99

For Minutes and Associational purposes -- -- --

For Education ----- 8.25

Total Amount brought forward \$ 63.24

Amt. received 1924 for Assn. purposes --- 25.20

For Minutes ----- 26.10

For Missions ----- 24.05

For Education ----- 6.50

For College ----- 5.00

Total amount received ----- \$ 86.85

Making a Total of ----- \$150.09

Amount Paid Out:

Paid Clerk ----- 12.00

J. M. Murdock ----- 10.00

J. C. Ingram ----- 10.00

New Hope Church ----- 10.00

Minutes ----- 36.00

College ----- 5.00

Postage for Clerk Notice ----- .18

Postage To Ayden ----- .02

Postage To J. M. Murdock ----- .02

Total amount payed out ----- \$ 83.22

Which leaves a balance on hand -----

For Missions ----- 49.04

For minutes and Assn. Purposes ----- 3.08

For Education ----- 14.75
 College -----
 Total amount on Hand ----- \$ 66.87
 Respectfully Submitted,
 R. B. ROBINSON, Treas.
 Gordon, Alabama.

REPORT OF YEAR ENDING OCT. 3, 1925

Churches in Charge ----- 3
 Salom Church, Fla.
 Evergreen Church, Ala.
 Lureal Church, Ga.
 Sermons Preached ----- 82
 Received into the Church ----- 23
 Baptised ----- 11
 Funerals ----- 4
 Marriages ----- 3
 Miles traveled ----- 1310
 Revival Meetings ----- 4
 Received for Service ----- \$332.66
 Respectfully,
 G. W. CHERRY,
 Dothan, Alabama.

OBITUARIES

In sacred memory of Brother John Hall, who departed this life July 19, 1925. He leaves loving wife and a good many Sons and Daughters, the exact number unknown to the writer and a host of friends to mourn his untimely end. He was a member of Mount Pleasant Church of the Missionary Baptist faith and order for a good many years, and had been a member with us at Magnolia church of the Free Will Baptist faith and order, a little better than 2 years, where we learned to love him, and we hope to meet in the great beyond, where all is peace and love.

Written by a Brother,
 A. W. HICKMAN.

SISTER HUTTO

In sacred memory of our beloved Sister E. E. Hutto, who departed this life April, 1925. She was a member of Mag-

nolia Church for a number of years. She leaves a husband and children and a host of loved ones to mourn. We hope to meet her around the throne with the unnumberable host at the throne of God.

Written by a Brother in Christ,
A. W. HICKMAN.

MARTHA S. HARRINGTON

In sacred memory of our beloved Sister Martha S. Harrington, who departed this life February the 16, 1925. She leaves 5 sisters and one brother and a host of loved ones to mourn her loss. Was a member with us at New Hope Church. Age 77 years. Let us all live to meet in that beautiful city not made with hands eternal and on high, where all is peace and love.

Written by her neice.
N. A. BEST.

H. G. GREEN

Sacred to the memory of Bro. H. G. Green who departed this life January 2, 1925. He had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for several years. He lived to a ripe old age, and was a faithful member of our Church. A widow and children and other relatives are left to mourn his departure.

JESSIE PEACOCK

Sacred to the memory of Bro. Jessie Peacock who departed this life September 13, 1925. He had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for several years. He leaves a widow and several relatives to mourn his departure.

L. A. DITTY

In sacred remembrance of our Bro. L. A. Ditty, who departed this life, May 9, 1925. He leaves a widow and four children and other relatives to mourn his departure. He was a member with us at Hickory Grove. Peace be to him.

GEORGIAN HELMS

In loving memory of our Sister Georgian Helms, who departed this life September 26, 1925. She was a member with

us at Hickory Grove. She leaves an aged husband and children and grand children and friends to mourn her death.

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 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 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.

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 accord-

ing 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 last conference. (4) Calling for Absentees. (5) Acknowledgments. (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.

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.

24. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

who come to years of accountability will sin and come short of

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 unreasonable 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 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.—1: 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 PRESERVANCE—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 peretuated 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 Saviour 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 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	Midland City, 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	Ashford, Ala.
J. A. Widner, New Pilgrim	Hilton, Ga.

J. D. Calloway, Pleasant Ridge	Marrianna, Fla.
L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home	Geneva, Ala.
J. D. Berry, East Pittman	Black, Ala.
W. W. Termontana, East Pittman	Graceville, Fla.
W. H. Banks, Free Wills Rest	Grand Ridge, Fla.
J. L. Tedder, Prospect,	Hilton, Ga.
M. M. Hicks, Shiloh	Hilton, Ga.
J. S. Hunter, New Pilgrim	Columbia, Ala.

LICENTIATES

Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony	Cottonwood, Ala.
C. A. Lewis, Magnolia	Dothan, Ala.
E. C. Mims, Pleasant Home	Black, Ala.
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove	Red Level, Ala.
A. L. Williams, Prospect,	Dothan, Ala.

STATISTIC 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,	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, 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
1925—J. C. Ingram, J. W. D. Stephens, Magnolia	2042

STATISTICAL TABLE 1925

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Increased				Decrease			Membership	Meeting Day	Associational Purpose	Minutes	Missions	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Church Property	Education	No. in S. S.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES
			Baptism	Confession	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death											
Corinth -----	J. C. Ingram-----	A. J. Benefield, Mdland City, Ala.---	11	11	2	--	--	--	--	53	3	\$ 4.80	\$ 2.50	\$ 4.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 75.00	----	70	J. T. Roberson, Midland City, Ala.---
East Pittman --	L. C. Mixon-----	J. D. Sowell, Black, Ala., Rt. 1----	2	--	--	1	--	2	--	129	1	2.25	1.50	-----	-----	100.00	75.00	-----	-----	-----
Free Wills Rest	M. M. Hicks-----	Johnnie Mooneyham, Grandridge,---	2	1	1	--	1	--	--	70	4	2.00	1.50	-----	35.00	300.00	150.00	-----	-----	-----
Happy Hour ---	S. M. Carroll, S. M. Tindell	B. B. Shiver, Crosby, Ala.-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	29.40	-----	56.00	-----	-----	-----
Happy Home ---	J. M. Murdock-----	C. A. Taylor, Crosby, Ala.-----	1	2	7	--	--	--	--	60	1	1.00	1.50	-----	26.00	-----	-----	-----	20	J. L. Taylor, Crosby, Ala.-----
Hickory Grove -	J. C. Eldridge-----	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.---	11	1	1	3	--	1	4	266	4	2.00	3.00	2.65	145.00	1500.00	200.00	-----	60	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.---
Howard's Grove	J. C. Eldridge-----	J. R. Adams, Ashford, Ala.-----	21	7	--	4	4	--	2	298	3	3.00	3.05	3.15	150.00	1000.00	100.00	-----	-----	-----
Long Branch --	W. A. Davis -----	G. L. Thurstan, Coffee Springs, Ala.	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	75	3	2.00	2.00	1.25	60.00	200.00	50.00	-----	40	G. L. Thurstan, Coffee Springs, Ala.
Magnolia -----	J. G. Harris-----	J. C. Jones, Midland, City, Ala.---	3	--	--	--	--	--	2	127	2	2.50	2.50	2.20	188.00	1000.00	400.00	2.20	50	R. E. More, Midland, City, Ala.---
New Harmony---	C. I. Wells-----	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.---	7	2	1	--	--	--	1	177	2	3.00	2.00	1.05	65.00	600.00	150.00	-----	40	J. B. Strickland, Cottonwood, Ala.---
New Hope -----	R. L. Hunter-----	C. R. G. Kirkland, Midland City,---	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	32	1	.75	.75	.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Pilgrim---	J. M. Murdock-----	R. W. Conner, Columbia, Ala.-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	43	4	1.00	1.00	-----	18.06	500.00	25.00	-----	-----	-----
Pleasant Home..	L. C. Mixon-----	H. G. Brown, Geneva, Ala.-----	11	1	1	--	1	--	1	146	3	2.00	2.00	2.00	32.50	500.00	300.00	-----	85	D. W. Owens, Geneva, Ala.-----
Pleasant Ridge..	C. I. Wells-----	J. T. Hall, Marianna, Fla.-----	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	60	2	.50	1.00	-----	-----	50.00	25.00	-----	-----	-----
Prospect -----	J. M. Murdock-----	A. L. Williams, Dothan, Ala.-----	--	--	2	--	1	3	2	177	3	2.00	4.00	2.23	70.30	1300.00	75.00	-----	-----	-----
Rocky Grove---	J. L. Tedder-----	W. C. Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.---	1	--	3	--	--	2	--	90	2	1.50	1.25	-----	65.40	500.00	300.00	-----	-----	-----
Shiloh -----	J. L. Tedder-----	Mack Odom, Columbia, Ala.-----	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	49	4	1.00	1.00	1.00	34.20	250.00	100.00	-----	-----	-----
Springfield---	J. M. Murdock-----	W. L. Culver, Ashford, Ala.-----	--	11	2	--	1	2	--	78	2	1.45	2.50	7.50	53.00	700.00	25.00	-----	54	H. R. Redding, Ashford, Ala.-----
Spring Hill ---	-----	Not Represented.-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Union Springs -	S. Eley-----	O. E. Henderson, Asford, Ala.-----	6	1	--	2	1	1	--	184	2	1.90	1.85	-----	-----	1400.00	200.00	-----	80	W. S. Cook, Pansey, Ala.-----
			78	38	20	10	10	13	15	2042		\$35.65	\$35.90	\$28.78				2.20	499	