

**MINUTES**  
OF  
**The 41st Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**State Line Free Will Baptist**  
**Association**  
HELD WITH  
**Springfield Church**  
HOUSTON COUNTY, ALA.  
October, 7th and 8th, 1926

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**OFFICERS**

REV. G. W. CHERRY, Dothan, Ala. ----- Moderator  
C. B. GREEN, Bascom, Fla. ----- Clerk  
R. B. ROBINSON, Gordon, Ala. ----- Treasurer

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Hatcher, Bascom, Fla.

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A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. J. C. Howell, Dothan,  
Ala. R. G. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla. R. L. Hunter, Colum-  
bia, Ala. G. W. Cherry, Dothan, Ala.

The next session meets with Hickory Grove Church  
Jackson, County, Florida, on Thursday at 11:00 o'clock  
before the second Sunday in October 1927. Located  
3 miles Northeast of Malone, Fla.

# PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Springfield Church, Houston County, Ala., in its Forty-First Annual Session, Thursday October 7, 1926.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. G. W. Cherry, Text: "Wherefore Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset and let us run with patience, the race that is set before us."

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Howell. Dismissed untill 2:00 o'clock for dinner.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order by the Moderator. After singing, "I Need the Prayers". Prayer by W. T. Wiley.

C. B. Green elected Clerk Pro Tem. Invited visiting Brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from different Churches.

The Moderator appointed G. W. Nobles and A. J. Granger to read the letters.

Names of churches and delegates:

Happy Home—Sidney Strickland.

Magnolia—G. R. Dunlap, L. R. Dasinger.

Pleasant Ridge—

East Pitman—Rena Paul, Alice Adams.

Springfield—W. L. Culver, J. A. Carner, E. Rabon.

Prospect—J. B. Prevatt, Arch Cherry, E. W. King, W. D. Allen, C. T. Hayes, Sisters Dollie Conner, Voncile Deese, Alla Searcy.

Howards Grove—E. S. Jones, R. O. Johnson, Wesley Toller.

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

Union Springs—W. H. Jenkins, E. B. White.

Free Will Rest—M. O. Mercer, Bob Gray.

Shiloh—W. M. Farmer, W. G. Odom, J. G. Odom.

Long Branch—G. I. Thurston, J. F. Thurston.

Rocky Grove—W. C. Robinson.

Pleasant Home—D. R. Hicks, J. T. Eubanks, Harold Dixon.

Spring Hill—Edgar Peterson.

New Harmony—J. A. Callaway, J. C. Howell, H. A. Granger, J. F. Capps, J. C. Moblin.

New Pilgrim—R. P. McGriff, Tom Cravey.

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New Hope—Received the church through Bro. A. M. Kirkland.

Piney Groge—

Happy Home—H. H. Clark.

Corinth—A. J. Benefield, C. G. Baxley, W. O. Baxley.

On motion of J. D. Pearce, letters were received and adopted.

Called for petitionary letters.—Received one petitionary letter from Piney Grove.

On motion, J. T. Eubanks letter was received and delegates given right hand of fellowship.

On motion Moderator and Clerk elected by ballot. Rev. G. W. Cherry was elected Moderator and C. B. Green was elected Clerk.

On request of Bro. G. W. Cherry, prayer was offered for Bro. J. W. D. Stephens and mother.

Called for correspondents from sister associations, the following Brethren were received:

Marten—E. A. Drake.

Salem—Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

Liberty—M. L. Hall.

Midway—T. J. Wiley, honorary.

Southeastern—Cannie Jackson, Sister Hartzog, Sister Paulk, honorary.

On motion the corresponding delegates were seated in the body. The delegates were assigned homes. On motion of W. C. Robinson, adjourned until Friday morning 8:30 o'clock.

### FRIDAY MORNING

The body was called to order and the Moderator read the third chapter of the 1st Epistles of St. John for a morning lesson.

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Drake. Prayer by Bro. W. S. Cook.

Read Decorum and called the roll.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Divine Services—E. Rabon, Green Carter, Will Jenkins.

Documents—G. L. Thurston, M. J. Mercer, D. R. Hicks, Archie Cherry.

Education—I. M. Brackins, J. S. Hunter, A. J. Granger, E. E. White, J. S. Conner, H. E. Dixon.

Home Mission—E. S. Jones, C. A. Lewis, J. J. Hatcher, J. F. Capps, E. W. King, G. W. Nobles, A. J. Benefield.

Nominations—J. R. Adams, Rena Paul, Alice Adams, Willie Ingram, W. Toller.

Suggestions—W. L. Culver, Jordan Murdock, Sister A. J. Searcy, C. L. Hayes, Dollie Conner.

Sunday Schools—J. C. Eldridge, E. A. Drake, J. C. Ingram, John Prevatt, Tom Carter.

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Temperance—M. C. Conner, J. A. Carnes, W. M. Farmer, W. D. Allen, J. D. Pearce, M. L. Hall.

Finance—R. L. Hunter, G. R. Dunlap.

Obituaries—W. C. Robinson, Wm. Matthews, Odie Conner,

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. T. Eubanks, Cora Allen.

Edgar Peterson, R. R. McGriff.

Bro. M. E. Tomblin, corresponding delegate from the Chattahoochee Association in Ga., one of the mother associations of that State, was seated in the body. This association is now in its 91st year.

On motion, letters from Corinth and Happy Home churches were read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

On motion of J. J. Hatcher, adjourned for preaching.

Rev. E. A. Drake preached the eleven o'clock sermon, Bro. J. C. Eldridge, closing.

Dismissed one hour and a half for dinner.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order. A talk from Bro. J. J. Burdeshaw, on Sunday Schools. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Burdeshaw.

Corresponding delegates to Sister Associations appointed—

Salem—G. W. Cherry, Marion Mercer.

Martin—E. W. King, J. M. Murdock.

Southeastern—J. S. Hunter, G. W. Nobles.

Midway—J. C. Ingram, R. L. Hunter.

Chattahoochee—G. W. Cherry, W. S. Cook. Convenes at Phenix City, Ala., next October.

Corresponding delegates to the General Conference which convenes at Salem church next June. R. G. Hatcher, G. W. Cherry.

Appointed representatives to the State Convention—J. S. Hunter, R. L. Hunter.

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

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted by amendment of striking out latter clause.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted. Reported \$76.95.

Report of the treasurer was read and adopted.



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**DIVINE SERVICE**

We your committee report as follows—Preaching Friday 11:00 A. M. by E. A. Drake, closed by J. C. Eldridge.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

On motion, retain same Home Missions Board by striking out W. S. Cook's name and put A. J. Granger in his place.

On motion suspend regular order of business, elect Executive Committee and Home Mission board. On motion, retain same Executive Committee.

On motion re-elect R. B. Robinson Treasurer.

Bro. J. D. Pearce gives \$15.00 for associational funds.

On motion, paid Bro. E. A. Drake, \$3.50 to defray his expenses. A public collection was taken up at this juncture. Proceeds \$7.65. On motion, gave it all to Bro. E. A. Drake instead of \$3.50.

On motion of Marion Mercer, tender heartfelt thanks to Springfield church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during our session.

On motion paid Clerk \$12.00.

On motion treasurers report was received.

On motion of J. D. Pearce we adjourned.

Song "Stand Up for Jesus". Prayer by Rev. R. L. Hunter.

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REV. G. W. CHERRY, Moderator.  
C. B. GREEN, Clerk.

We your committee on Obituaries make the following report. We find 16 deaths reported in the letters and 3 that wasn't since our last session. We recommend that their obituaries appear in our minute.

Respectfully Submitted

W. C. ROBERSON, Chm.

We your Committee on Nominations beg lief to report—  
We nominate Hickory Grove for the next session and we nominate Bro. R. L. Hunter to preach the introductory sermon.

J. R. ADAMS

W. TOLAR

W. J. INGRAM

RENA PAUL

ALICE ADAMS

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We your committee on Home Missions urge that the pastors of each church organize a Home Mission Board in every church and we also urge that the Deacon's of each church help said board raise five dollars (\$5.00) for Home Mission funds.

And we urge that this be done if we are going to retain a Home Mission Board.

G. W. NOBLES, Chm.

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 all in good standing so far as we can learn.

Respectively Submitted

J. T. EUBANKS

We your committee on Documents beg leave to submit the following report to-wit: We urge all of our ministers to use all their efforts for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom. We further urge that our pastors introduce our denominational paper, the Free Will Baptist and that we use our own Sunday School literature.

Respectfully Submitted

G. L. THURSTON, Chm.

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.

We your committee already have three churches pledged so we ask the delegation and the pastors to get their churches to pledge at least \$25.00 per year for Seminary movement, namely: Union Springs, Prospect, New Pilgrim.

Your Committee

I. M. BRACKIN

J. S. HUNTER

A. J. GRANGER

E. B. WHITE

J. S. CONNER

H. E. DIXON

We your committee on Suggestions beg leave to make the following report to-wit—We suggest that each pastor of churches

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instruct the deacons of their churches to look after the contributions of each church in our association. We further suggest that each church should have at least six months of Sunday School a year.

W. L. CULVER, Chairman.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg to make the following report—Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it, and as the Sabbath School is the ideal place to gather them and train them together, we urge that each pastor and church make an earnest effort to maintain a Sabbath School for at least twelve months, and to use the Freewill Literature and also the Freewill Baptist Paper.

J. C. ELDRIDGE, Chairman

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 a christian. That we subdue our passions and keep our desires in due bounds. That we totally abstain from intoxicating drinks. Pro. 20th Chapter, 1st verse—Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, whosoever is deceived thereby 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 intoxicating drinks. Instruct in prayer and pray always without ceasing and we should always give prayer and supplication to God.

M. C. CONNER.

We your committee on Finance submit the following report.

Assn. Minutes. Hime M. Eow.

Piney Grove	-----	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		
Happy Home	-----	.50	\$ 1.50		
Corinth Church	-----	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.00	\$3.50	
Springfield	-----	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.00	\$7.20	
New Hope	-----	.75	.75		
Prospect	-----	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50		
Howard Grove	-----	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00		
Hickory Grove	-----	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00		
Union Springs	-----	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.20		
Pleasant Ridge	-----	.50	\$ 1.00		
East Pittman	-----	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50		
Magnolia	-----	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	.60	.60
Happy Hour	-----	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		
New Pilgrim	-----	.75	.75		

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New Harmony	-----	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	
Spring Hill	-----	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$1.00
Pleasant Home	-----	\$ 2.30	\$ 3.00	
Rocky Grove	-----	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25	
Long Branch	-----	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	
Shilch	-----	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	
Free Will Rest	-----	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.80	
Total	-----	\$39.55	\$31.75	\$9.80 .60

We your committee on Divine Services beg leave to report—  
Elder Drake to preach 11:00 A. M., and J. C. Eldredge to close.  
E. RABON, Chm.

## TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1926

### Amount Brought Forward:

For Missions	-----	\$49.04	
For Education	-----	\$14.75	
For Associational Purposes	-----	\$ 3.08	
Total Amount Brought Forward	-----		\$ 66.87

### Amount Received 1925:

For Associational Purposes	-----	\$34.15	
For Minutes	-----	\$33.90	
For Home Mission	-----	\$27.78	
For Education	-----	\$ 2.20	
For Public Collection	-----	\$28.24	
Total Amount Received for 1925	-----		\$126.27
Making a Total of	-----		\$193.14

### Amount Paid Out:

Paid Clerk	-----	\$12.00	
To G. W. Cherry E. and L. Gen. C. 1924	-----	\$10.00	
To J. C. Howell, E. and L. to Gen. C. 1925	-----	\$10.00	
To G. W. Cherry E. and L. to Gen. C. 1926	-----	\$18.14	
To J. C. Howell E. and L. to Gen. C. 1926	-----	\$10.00	
For Minutes and Postage	-----	\$42.10	
Total Amount Paid out	-----		\$102.24

Of which \$2.87 was borrowed from the Educational funds as the Minute and Associational money was overdrawn. That amount which leaves a balance on hand:

For Education	-----	\$14.08	
For Home Mission	-----	\$76.82	
Total on Hand	-----		\$ 90.90

Respectfully Submitted

R. B. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

Gordon, Alabama



### OBITUARIES

In memory of Bro. H. D. Robinson departed this life in March 1926. He was a member of Spring Hill Church for a good many years. Was clerk of the Church when he died. Gone but not forgotten.

Written by Clerk of Church,

HARVEY COOK

In sacred memory of our beloved Brother A. D. Harrison, who departed this life Sept. 19, 1926. He leaves to mourn his death, 5 children, and a host of friends. He was a member of Free Will Rest church and had been for a number of years, but the death Angel came and took him at Miami in that mighty storm. We learned to love him and hope to meet him in the great beyond where all is peace and love.

Written by H. W. Keels, Clerk.

### WILLIE HELMS

Sacred to the memory of Sister Willie Helms, who departed from this life in the early part of this year. She had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for several years. She leaves a husband, Mother, children and other relatives to mourn her departure.

### SYLVESTA ROBINSON

Sacred to the memory of Sister Sylvesta Robinson who departed this life May 24, 1926. She had been a member of Hickory Grove for many years. She leaves a husband several children and grand children to mourn her departure.

### ROBT. PEACOCK

In sacred memory to Bro. Robt. Peacock, who died June 9, 1926. He had been a member of Hickory Grove for several years. He leaves a mother and several other relatives to mourn his departure.

### J. M. CONRAD

Sacred to the memory of Bro. J. M. Conrad. He had been a member with us at Hickory Grove since July of last year. Died in November 1925. He leaves an afflicted wife and several relatives to mourn his departure. Peace be to him.

### PRISCILLA GREEN

Sacred to the memory of Sister Priscilla Green who departed this life January 18, 1925. She had been a member with us at

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Hickory Grove for several years. She just liked a few days being 75 years old, and was a faithful member of the church and had taken a great interest in Sunday School. She was a teacher of a class for a number of years.

### 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 letters, 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.

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Article 2. Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of Associations 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 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

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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 a 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 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



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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 whatsoever 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 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.

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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.

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 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

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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 Saint's feet are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation, and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for Baptism: John 3:5 and Rom. 6:4. Reference for the Lord's Supper: Matt. 26:26-28. Reference for washing the Saint's feet: 13:5-17, inclusive.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our 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 RESSURECTION—We believe in the resurrection takes place the soul and 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 Treasurers report.
12. Call for miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. W. Cherry, Prospect ----- Dothan, Ala.  
W. S. Cook, Union Springs ----- Pansy, Ala.



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W. A. 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	Marianna, 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 Will 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.
Mrs. Sarah Sowell,	Black, Ala.

### 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,	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

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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. 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
1926—G. W. Cherry, C. B. Green, Springfield	

# STATISTICAL TABLE 1926

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Increase				Decrease			Membership	Meeting Day	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Missions	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of other church property	Education	No. in S. S.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES
			Baptisms	Confessions	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death											
Corinth -----	J. C. Ingram -----	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. -	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	60	3	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.00	\$3.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 700.00	\$100.00	-	89	T. A. Payne, Midland City, Ala. -
East Pittman ---	R. W. Pettis -----	Alice Adams, Black, Ala. -----	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	124	1	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	-	-	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.00	-	-	-
Free Wills Rest	M. M. Hicks -----	H. W. Keels, Grand Ridge, Fla. ---	4	1	-	-	1	2	1	96	4	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.80	-	\$ 40.40	\$ 500.00	\$250.00	-	50	H. W. Keels, Grand Ridge, Fla. -
Happy Hour -----	S. M. Tindell -----	V. C. Shiver, Crosby, Ala. -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	1	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	-	\$ 63.60	-	\$ 56.00	-	-	-
Happy Home -----	J. M. Murdock -----	H. H. Clark, Crosby, Ala. -----	4	-	-	10	-	-	-	67	2	\$ .50	\$ 1.50	-	\$ 12.00	\$1500.00	\$100.00	-	-	-
Hickory Grove ---	J. C. Eldridge -----	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. ---	18	4	2	3	5	-	4	283	1	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	-	\$101.25	\$1800.00	\$500.00	-	-	J. W. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. ----
Howards Grove ---	J. C. Eldridge -----	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala. -----	13	2	5	1	5	3	3	299	3	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	-	\$115.00	\$1000.00	\$100.00	-	-	-
Long Branch -----	W. A. Davis -----	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala. -	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	77	3	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	-	\$ 39.90	\$ 200.00	\$ 40.00	-	44	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs Ala. -
Magnolia -----	J. C. Eldridge -----	J. C. Jones, Midland City, Ala. -----	7	-	3	-	-	-	2	127	2	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ .60	\$ 70.85	\$1000.00	\$400.00	.60	-	-
New Harmony -----	E. C. Williams -----	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	185	2	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	-	\$ 66.00	\$ 600.00	\$150.00	-	-	-
New Pilgrim -----	J. M. Murdock -----	R. W. Conner, Columbia, Ala. -----	8	2	4	-	-	-	-	53	4	\$ .75	\$ .75	-	-	\$ 750.00	\$ 75.00	-	-	-
Pleasant Home ---	L. C. Mixon -----	H. G. Brown, Black, Ala. -----	35	13	2	1	-	-	3	160	3	\$ 2.30	\$ 3.00	-	\$ 66.00	\$ 500.00	\$100.00	-	85	D. R. Hicks, Geneva, Ala. -----
Pleasant Ridge ---	J. M. Murdock -----	J. T. Hall, Cottonwood, Ala. -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	60	1	\$ .50	\$ 1.00	-	-	\$ 250.00	\$300.00	-	-	-
Prospect -----	J. S. Hunter -----	Dollie Conner, Dothan, Ala. -----	12	5	1	1	5	-	-	215	-	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	-	-	\$1500.00	\$ -	-	-	-
Recky Grove -----	J. L. Tedder, J. M. Murdock	W. C. Robinson, Greenwood, Fla. ---	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	86	3	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25	-	\$ 26.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00	-	-	-
Shiloh -----	J. L. Tedder -----	A. S. Rogers, Columbia, Ala. -----	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	52	4	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	-	\$ 17.50	\$ 500.00	\$200.00	-	-	-
Springfield -----	J. C. Ingram -----	W. L. Culver, Ashford, Ala. -----	4	4	3	2	7	-	-	86	2	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.00	\$2.20	\$ 34.75	\$ 750.00	\$ 50.00	-	-	-
Springhill -----	J. C. Ingram, S. M. Tindell	Harvey Cook, Crosby, Ala. -----	5	3	-	19	-	-	1	27	1	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$1.00	\$ 15.00	\$1000.00	\$ 50.00	-	45	H. E. Peaterson, Crosby, Ala. ---
Union Springs ---	J. S. Hunter -----	O. Z. Henderson, Ashford, Ala. ---	23	6	7	1	-	-	-	218	2	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.20	-	-	\$1500.00	\$300.00	-	78	W. S. Cook, Pansey, Ala. -----
Piney Grove -----	-	E. G. Collins, Newton, Ala. -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-
New Hope -----	-	Not Represented -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			140	45	26	38	27	10	16	2302	-	\$32.80	\$35.50	\$7.30	-	-	-	.60	391	-