

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Third Annual Session

—OF THE—

State Line Free Will Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Prospect Baptist Church

Houston County Ala.

Thursday, Oct. the 11, 1928

OFFICERS

REV. W. S. COOK, Pansy, Ala. ----- Moderator
J. W. D. STEPHENS, Bascom, Fla. ----- Clerk
R. B. ROBINSON, Gordon, Ala. ----- Treasurer

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

HOME MISSION BOARD

A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.; J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala.; R. G. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla.; R. L. Hunter, Columbia, Ala.; John Barnes, Bascom, Florida.

The next session meets with Rocky Grove Church, Jackson County, Florida, on Thursday at 11:00 o'clock, before the second Sunday in October 1929. Located about Two and one half miles South of Malone, Florida.

PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Prospect church, Houston County, Alabama, in its 43rd Annual session Thursday, October 11, 1928.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. W. T. Wiley, Text: I Cor. 2 chapter, 2 verse.

Dismissed until 1:30 for dinner.

THURSDAY P. M.

The body was called to order by Rev. J. J. Burdeshaw, the Moderator reading for a lesson Matthew 5th, chapter. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Cherry.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Called for letters from the different churches.

The Moderator appointed A. J. Granger and R. L. Hunter to read the letters. Names of Churches and delegates:

Prospect—W. D. Allen, J. W. Conner, J. B. Prevatt, Arch Cherry, Luther Battle, J. M. Braddock, Monroe Brown, C. L. Hays, G. A. Scott.

Pleasant Home—G. W. Helms, D. W. Owens, D. R. Hicks, J. T. Eubanks, L. C. Mixon.

Springfield—J. G. Chandler, S. H. Carter, W. L. Culver.

New Hope—G. W. Sheehan, J. A. Cook, Sister J. A. Cook.

New Harmony—A. J. Granger, J. F. Capps, J. A. Calloway, J. J. Granger, Callie Granger.

Howards Grove—E. S. Jones, L. C. Gilispie, R. O. Johnson, Aily Dickerson, A. C. Womack, sister Cobb, Gillispie, Sister Collins, sister Womack.

Union Springs—G. W. White, W. F. Simms, Penny Knight, Pearly Anglin, Jewell Cook.

Hickory Grove, R. G. Hatcher, G. W. Long, R. B. Robinson, Leslie Conrad, John Barnes, J. J. Hatcher, Joe W. Ditty, J. W. D. Stephens, Ida Ditty, Emma Hare, Cynthia Ditty.

Magnolia—Lela Dunlap, Sister J. A. Weed, L. R. Dasinger, G. R. Dunlap.

Rocky Grove—Addis Robinson, Robt. Elmore.

Corinth—Oscar Baxley, Crawford Bright, S. Jackson.

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Freewill's Rest—R. A. Grays, M. J. Mercer,

Long Branch—J. T. Aycock, W. T. Aycock.

New Pilgrim—J. S. Conner, R. R. McGriff, Tom Crary, sister Odie Conner, sister Pearl Crary.

Shiloh—J. N. Edmonson, Richard Smith.

Happy Hour—Sidney Strickland.

Spring Hill—H. E. Peterson, G. W. Jeffcoat, H. A. Anderson

Piney Grove—J. W. Drew, Sister J. W. Drew, E. G. Collins, W. R. Collins.

East Pittman—By Proxy, by L. C. Mixon.

Happy Home—by Proxy, by J. M. Murdock.

Green Grove—W. F. Spriggs, Pink Henderson, W. M. Strickland, Lena Kennington.

By motion the letters were received and adopted. Called for Petitionary Letters. One received from Green Grove. By motion received, and delegates given right hand of fellowship.

By motion of M. J. Mercer, dispensed with regular order of business and elected Moderator and Clerk by talley.

Rev. W. S. Cook was elected Moderator and J. W. D. Stephens, re-elected clerk.

Call for correspondents from sister associations.

Rev. W. T. Wiley was received as an honorary member from the Midway Association.

The following committees were appointed: Divine Services: J. C. Howell, J. W. Cenner, J. F. Capps.

Documents—C. G. Prevatt, J. J. Burdeshaw, C. J. Baxley.

Education—J. S. Hunter, W. T. Wiley, Sister J. A. Weed, Cynthia Ditty.

Home Missions—J. T. Eubanks, G. A. Scott, A. H. Godfrey, R. G. Hatcher.

Nominations—W. M. Strickland, R. G. Hatcher, R. L. Hunter, G. W. Long.

Suggestions—D. T. Guy, M. M. Hicks, G. W. White, A. J. Granger, G. W. Sheehan, W. F. Spriggs.

Sunday Schools—W. T. Hutto, W. F. Spriggs, John Barnes, G. W. Helms, A. C. Womack.

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Temperance—G. W. Cherry, L. C. Mixon, J. N. Edmonson, Sister L. C. Gillispie, G. L. Dunlap

Finance—G. W. Jeffcoat, J. J. Hatcher, R. L. Hunter.

Obituaries—D. W. Owens, E. S. Jones, R. A. Gray, Sister Lincie Cook, Sister J. R. Adams.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. G. Chandler J. B. Prevatt, Pink Hinson, J. J. Granger, R. B. Robinson, Odie Conner, Pennie Knight.

Brcs. R. G. Hatcher and G. W. Long were excused for the day. On motion adjourned till 9:00 A. M. Friday. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Cherry.

FRIDAY MORNING

Reassembled with Rev. W. S. Cook the Moderator presiding. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Parker. The Moderator read 3rd chapter and a part of the 4th chapter of James. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

Called Roll and read Decorum. On motion substitute delegates to Union Springs delegation.

Piney Grove, East Pittman and Happy Home churches were represented at this juncture.

The following brethren were received from sister associations: From Salem—J. C. Eldridge, honorary member, from Southeastern J. L. Parker.

By motion the visitors from the Southeastern Association were given an honorary seat. The representatives from sister Associations and the above visitors were given right hand of fellowship. Appointed committee on Education.

Corresponding delegates to sister Associations:

Midway—J. S. Hunter, Emma Hare, Penny Knight.

Southeastern—G. W. Cherry.

Salem—L. C. Mixon, W. T. Hutto.

Ten minutes intermission before preaching.

Rev. L. C. Mixon preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon. Text Isa. 9:16. Dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled and the Moderator resumed appointing correspondents.

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To Liberty—J. B. Prevatt, J. J. Braddock, J. F. Capps.
To State Convention—R. G. Hatcher, G. W. Cherry.

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

On motion of J. C. Howell, appointed committee to investigate New Hope Church.

Committee as follows: J. S. Hunter, Wesley Toler, R. G. Hatcher, H. E. Peterson, M. M. Hicks.

Report on Documents read and adopted with the amendment to urge subscribing for the Free Will Baptist.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted with the following amendments: by erasing the word morning in the last clause, and adding the following clause: The purpose of the General Conference in getting out this Treatise is to help our people come together in unity and to have one discipline for church government.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted by striking out Morning clause.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted.

Report on Education read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted with the amendment that the Obituaries appear in the minutes.

The Committee appointed to investigate New Hope Church reported that the trouble between brethren had been settled.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

The same Executive Committee was retained by motion of J. C. Howell.

The same Home Mission Board was retained except Bro. G. W. Cherry who was released and Bro. John Barnes placed in his stead by motion of J. W. D. Stephens.

On motion pay Rev. L. C. Mixon \$10.00 for organizing Green Grove Church.

On motion R. G. Hatcher appointed a Free Will Baptist League organizer.

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On motion, J. S. Hunter, appointed Sister Maranda Ditty.

On motion J. S. Hunter, Home Mission Board pay expenses of Organizer.

The Clerk read Rev. J. M. Murdock's report of his years work as a minister.

On motion J. S. Hunter, pay Rev. J. M. Murdock \$25.00 out of Mission Funds. On motion pay clerk \$12.00.

On motion W. T. Wiley, return heartfelt thanks to Prospect Church for their kind hospitality shown us during our session.

Bro. R. B. Robinson was retained as Treasurer on motion of John Barnes.

On motion send Rev. G. W. Knobles, the money on hand for Education including that collected at this session which totaled \$33.08.

On motion adjourned.

Sang "Where He leads me I will Follow." Benediction by Rev. W. T. Wiley.

REV. W. S. COOK, Moderator.
J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

We your committee on Divine Service, appoint Bro. W. T. Wiley to preach 7:30 P. M. and Bro. L. C. Mixon tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock.

J. C. Howell.

We your committee on Documents submit the following report, to-wit: We urge our ministers to use their best efforts for the promotion of Christs Kingdom. We furthermore urge that our churches use our Free Will Baptist Literature in our Sabbath Schools.

J. J. BURDESHAW
C. J. BAXLEY
C. G. PREVATT, Chairman

We your Committee on Education, make the following report. We know we must have an educated Ministry. We therefore urge each pastor and delegate from each church to pledge now for the support Bro. G. W. Nobles, who is now attending the school at Ayden, N. C. We therefore urge this Association to

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pledge to some worthy minister each Associational year a scholarship in some Free Will Baptist Seminary.

J. S. HUNTER, Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions—Realizing the greater urgent need of Home Missions work being carried on, on a more competent and comprehensive plan than we as a church that stands for and urge that we the Churches of the State Line Association, seek out such leadership that shall be able to promulgate and bring into our hearts and lives a greater active spirit complying with every demand that is brought on us by the findings of the Home Mission Board be composed of such talent as shall be able to look over the mission fields that lay out before the spiritual minded man or woman and that their findings be brought to the attention of the several churches of the association. We further urge the ministers and pastors to be more alert to the greater needs in the home mission works of our churches and association. And we further insist that the poundings and thunderings of the preachers and pastors shall have not ceased until every needed cause and subject has been complied with and the righteous spirit of God which dwells in us has been pleased. Well do we remember that in the 5th chapter of Mat., that Christ said, "Ye Are the salt of the earth," but if the salt has lost its saviour where with shall it be salted. So then my brother, if the causes of Home Missions be neglected by us and ignored by the churches of our faith, wherewith shall those causes be saved. Then it is that we have become as salt without its saving power. Oh, we pray that the righteous spirit of Christ shall so possess and dominate in our lives until we shall merit the attention of others to the extent that they shall be constrained to glorify our Father which art in Heaven through the perfectness of our lives brought about by the faithful performance of our every duty. May the members of the different churches become so enthused over home mission work until it shall have been borned anew in the hearts of our people with such love for its accomplishments that no duties shall go unperformed in its business. We further insist that our people put forth a better effort in the performance of the Home Mission work, realizing that Home Mission grows out of the private home and goes to the borders of the land. May we become as equal in the discharge of our Home Mission duties as the persistent demand comes upon us.

J. T. EUBANKS, Chairman.

We your committee on Nomination, make the following report: We nominate Rocky Grove for the next Association. We nominate Bro. L. C. Mixon to preach the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. STRICKLAND, Chm.

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Committee on Suggestions—We your committee on Suggestions beg leave to make the following report: We urge that the pastor of each church insist we have more fireside services in each home, prayer service, and we also urge that Deacons of the church look after the contribution and donation to pastors monthly. We also urge that the pastors of each church look after the preservation of our church property.

We suggest that our Deacons use their influence to allay strife in our churches and preserve peace and harmony. We further suggest that our people be more punctual in observance of our ordinances, especially the sacrament and feet washing. We suggest that the churches commune and wash feet twice a year.

We also recommend that each church in the State Line Association to conduct a Sunday School in each church every Sunday.

Respectfully
D. T. GUY, Chairman.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report. We urge that all our churches have a twelve months school for each year. Further we insist that the parent "Carry," not send their children. We ask that our people attend their Sunday School and use F. W. B. Literature. Further we insist that each pastor continually use his influence to the furtherance of the Sunday School work. Further, we recommend that the Association appoint one delegate from each church and empower him to appoint a committee of 3 members of his church to create a real live enthusiastic Sunday School.

W. T. HUTTO, Chairman.

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: That we be Temperate in all things. That we speak the things that becometh a Christian. That we subdue our passions and keep our desires in due bounds. That we totally abstain from intoxicating drinks. Prov. 20-1 "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." And as we have a state wide prohibition, that we as Freewill Baptist refuse to support any wet candidate that may come out for any office. If any of our members become deceived and partake of this evil, we advise that he be dealt with immediately by the church.

G. W. CHERRY, Chairman.

We your committee on State of Churches and Charactor of Ministers find all churches and ministers in good standing so far

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as we can learn except New Hope. From what we haer they have had some trouble and are yet somewhat divided.

Respectfully your Committee
L. B. PREVATT.

We your committee on Obituaries submit the following report to-wit: We find the following deaths: Long Branch—Bro. C. C. Harris; Shiloh—Sister Rachel Bowen, Free Will Rest—Mary A. Braswell; Corinth—Sister C. R. Benefield, Rocky Grove—Rev. W. H. Banks, Hickory Grove—Sister Lizzie Price, Sister Jennie Hatcher, Brother Henry Peet, Union Springs—Sister Clyde Drinkwater—Sister Hettie Chandler, Howards Grove—Brother W. D. Collins, Sister Mollie Rhodes, Sister Mary Hodges; New Harmony—Bro. Walker Hall, Sister Hattie Granger, Sister Matilda Guy, Sister Anna Pinkney; Pleasant Home—Roxie Thurston, Prospect—Sister Mary Robinson, Happy Home—Bro. Suggs, John Brown.

D. W. OWENS, Chairman.

We your committee on Finance report as follows:

Received for Associational Purposes -----	\$ 29.00
Received for Minutes -----	31.00
Received for Home Missions -----	31.42
Received for Education -----	15.00
	\$106.42

J. W. JEFFCOAT, Chairman.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1928

Amt. brought forward	
For Home Missions -----	\$84.12
For Education -----	14.08
For Associational Purposes -----	16.00
Total amount brought forward -----	\$114.20
Amount received in 1927	
Received for Associational Purposes -----	\$33.75
Received for Minutes -----	34.40
Received for Home Missions -----	7.15
Received for Education -----	4.00
Total amount received -----	79.30
Making a Total of -----	\$193.50
Amount Paid Out	
Paid Clerk -----	\$12.00
Paid for Minutes and Postage -----	47.25
J. C. Howell, Admittance in Conference -----	10.00
W. C. Deal for New Hope Church -----	10.00
Total amount paid out -----	\$79.25

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Which leaves a balance on hand	
For Home Missions -----	\$81.27
For Education -----	18.08
For Associational Purposes -----	14.90
Total amount on hand -----	\$114.25

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

Church work of Rev. J. M. Murdock—

Served churches -----	2
Monthly appointments -----	1
Burial Services -----	6
Married Couples -----	5
Preached Sermons -----	64
Received Members -----	37
Baptised -----	26
Miles Traveled -----	830
Money Received -----	\$46.75
Expenses -----	\$8.00

Yours for Christ,
J. M. MURDOCK

OBITUARIES

In loving remembrance of Mrs. G. M. Roberson who died September 12, 1928. And was a conscientious member of Prospect Church and had been for 20 years. She was loved by everybody. To know her was to love her. She leaves many friends and six children and six grand children to mourn. May their loss be her eternal gain. In the midst of life we are in death. No man knoweth the day or hour when we shall be called away.

Dear children and grand children, strive to meet your loving mother in heaven.

A precious one from you has gone, A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled,
Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep.

She died in her fifty-second year.

Written by a loving friend.

G. W. CHERRY

REV. W. H. BANKS

In sacred memory of our beloved Bro. W. H. Banks, who departed this life July 30, 1928. He was a faithful member with us at Rocky Grove, for a short time. He leaves a wife and four children and a host of friends to mourn his departure, a faithful

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one from us has gone, a vacant place is in our church which never can be filled. We hope to meet him in the great beyond where there will be peace, joy, love and happiness forever.

Written by

W. C. ROBINSON, C. P.

In sacred memory of our beloved Sister Rachael Bowen who departed this life, October 21, 1927, age 74 years.

She was a member with us at Shiloh, had been in God's service since in her early teens. She leaves to mourn her departure, one sister, one brother, and a host of relatives and friends. We hope to meet her in the great beyond where all is peace and love. Gone but not forgotten. Written by a friend,

EMMA P. ODOM.

Sacred to the memory of Mary A. Braswell. She had been a member for about 25 years. She was very old. She leaves two sons, one daughter, a lot of grand children and a host of friends to mourn her departure. May our loss be Heavens eternal gain. Written by clerk,

M. J. MERCER.

Sacred to the memory of Sister Lizzie Price, who was a member with us at Hickory Grove. She leaves a husband, one son, and other relatives to mourn her departure. Peace be to her.

In memory of Sister Jenny Hatcher, widow of Rev. J. I. Hatcher, who was a member with us at Hickory Grove. She leaves many relatives to mourn her departure. Peace be to her.

Sacred to the memory of Bro. Henry Pelt, who was a member with us at Hickory Grove. He leaves a wife, children and many relatives to mourn his departure. Peace be to his sleeping dust.

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 delegate 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,

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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

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 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

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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 others 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 this 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, 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.

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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 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 whos 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 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 afer prayer and divine service shall be opened as follows: and conducted (1) Inviting brethren to seats. (2) Opening door of church for 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.

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14. Visiting brethren as helps called from Sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions but not 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 objection shall not be valid and unless withdrawn by 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 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.

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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 Scripturee 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 came 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 whosoever 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 PERSEVERANCE—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 Saints 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, denomina-

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tion 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 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; Acts 14:16; Isa. 17; Heb. 9:27.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organize.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for letters from the different churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Elect Officers.
6. Call for correspondence from Sister 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.
S. V. Elmore, Pleasant Home	Geneva, Ala.
A. L. Williams, Prospect	Dothan, 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.
J. D. Pearce, New Harmony	Cottonwood, Ala.
J. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Joseph Whittaker, Howard Grove	Ashford, Ala.
J. A. Widner, New Pilgrim	Hilton, Ga.
J. D. Calloway, Pleasant Ridge	Marianna, Fla.
J. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home	Geneva, Ala.
W. W. Termontana, East Pittman	Graceville, Fla.
J. L. Tedder, Prospect	Hilton, Ga.
M. M. Hicks, Shiloh	Blakely, Ga.

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J. S. Hunter, New Pilgrim	Columbia, Ala.
W. T. Hutto, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.
J. J. Burdeshaw, Prospect	Dothan, Ala.
A. H. Godfrey, Spring Hill	Gordon, Ala.

LICENTIATES

W. H. Keel, Free Will Rest	Grand Ridge, Fla.
O. O. Adams, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.
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.
C. E. Shumaker, Howards Grove	Cottonwood, Ala.
John Brown, Hickory Grove	Bascom, Fla.

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. M. 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	563
1897—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	New Hope	653
1898—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove	333
1899—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Prospect	371
1900—	G. W. Cherry,	J. D. Stephens,	Free Will Rest	303
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

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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, Roiky 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	2302
1927—J. J. Burdeshaw, J. W. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	2344
1928—W. S. Cook, J. W. D. Stephens, Prospect	2229

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1928

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Baptism and Confession						Male Members	Female Members	Meeting Day	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value Other Property	No. in S. S.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O.
			Increased by Baptism	Increased by Confession	Increased by Letter	Increased by Restoration	Decreased by Expulsion	Decreased by Letter												
Corinth	J. C. Ingram	O. O. Adams, Midland City, Ala.	1			1	1	29	36	3	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00		\$ 32.95	\$ 700.00	\$ 100.00	70	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.	
East Pittman		Represented by Proxy.																		
Free Will's Rest	A. H. Godfrey	M. J. Mercer, Greenwood, Fla.	6		5	4	1	28	62	4	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.50			\$ 21.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00			
Happy Hour	S. M. Tindell	B. B. Shiver, Crosby, Ala.				2		15	11	3	\$.25	\$.50			\$ 5.00		\$ 56.00			
Happy Home		Represented by Proxy.																		
Hickory Grove	J. S. Hunter	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	2		1			134	162	1	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 13.10	\$.60	\$ 107.88	\$ 1500.00	\$ 500.00	83	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	
Howard's Grove	J. S. Hunter	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala.	33	4		5	1	90	260	3	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 7.60	\$ 8.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 1000.00	\$ 100.00	50	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.	
Long Branch	W. A. Davis	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.					1	38	39	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50			\$ 20.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 75.00			
Magnolia	J. J. Burdeshaw	J. C. Jones, Midland City, Ala.	5				2	63	51	2	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1000.00	\$ 400.00			
New Harmony	G. W. Cherry	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	3		2		2	67	110	2	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$.70		\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	80	O. A. Sellers, Cottonwood, Ala.	
New Hope	J. C. Ingram	Lincie Cook, Midland City, Ala.			1	1	1	14	21	2	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00			\$ 49.04	\$ 600.00	\$ 75.00	60	Irvin Sewell, Midland City, Ala.	
New Pilgrim	M. M. Hicks	R. W. Conner, Columbia, Ala.						29	33	4	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.40			\$ 700.00	\$ 50.00	35	J. S. Conner, Columbia, Ala.	
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon	H. E. Dixon, Geneva, Ala.	19	2		2	1	90	114	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	75	S. V. Elmore, Geneva, Ala.	
Prospect	E. A. Drake	Dollie Conner, Dothan, Ala.	2	2	5		1	71	145	3	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00			\$ 147.15	\$ 1200.00	\$ 1500.00	87	Cora Allen, Dothan, Ala.	
Piney Grove		Represented by Proxy, and delegates																		
Pleasant Ridge		Not Represented																		
Rocky Grove	M. M. Hicks	A. J. Harrison, Malone, Fla.	3		4		1	23	50	2	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50			\$ 62.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00			
Shiloh	J. L. Parker	O. S. Ragan, Columbia, Ala.	7	4	1	2	1	24	22	3	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 20.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00			
Springfield	J. C. Eldridge	W. L. Culver, Ashford, Ala.	14	3	3		2	40	57	2	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.07	\$.50	\$ 70.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00	60	E. B. White, Ashford, Ala.	
Spring Hill	W. T. Hutto	Beulah Godfrey, Gordon, Ala.	6			3		20	23	4	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 4.30	\$ 85.00	\$ 1500.00		37	A. H. Godfrey, Gordon, Ala.	
Union Springs	J. S. Hunter	O. Z. Henderson, Pansy, Ala.	12	1			3	87	139	2	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50			\$ 100.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 300.00	80	W. S. Cook, Pansy, Ala.	
Green Grove	L. C. Mixon	Dewey Keith, Caryville, Fla.	15	17				20	12		\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50								
			128	33	22	14	7	12	19	882	1347		\$ 28.25	\$ 32.00	\$ 31.37	\$ 15.90			717	