

MINUTES
of the
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With
ROCKY GROVE CHURCH

Jackson Co., Fla., Thursday, Oct. 10, 1929

Officers

J. W. D. Stephens, Moderator	-----	Bascom, Fla.
C. B. Green, Clerk	-----	Bascom, Fla.
R. B. Robinson, Treasurer	-----	Gordon, Ala.

Executive Committee

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

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, Fla.

The next session meets with Union Springs Church, Houston Co.,
Ala., on Thursday at 11:00 o'clock, before the second Sunday in
October, 1930, about 2½ miles north of Pansy, Ala.

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PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Rocky Grove Church, Jackson county, Fla., in its Forty-Fourth Annual Session, Thursday, October 10, 1929.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. K. V. Shutes, followed by A. H. Godfrey.

Recessed for dinner 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by singing a hymn. The Moderator read the Twenty-Third Psalm for an opening lesson. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Knobles.

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

The Moderator appointed C. B. Green and J. C. Howell to read the letters.

Names of Churches and Delegates

1. Hickory Grove.—James Parmer, C. B. Green, R. B. Robinson, Walter Baxter, Joe W. Ditty, Winston Ditty, Audry Green, Neta Ditty, Gertrude Hatcher, Flora Conrad, Miranda Ditty, Ella Danford and J. W. D. Stephens.
2. New Hope.—G. W. Shehane and Daniel Best.
3. East Pittman.—J. M. Retherford, D. W. Retherford, W. H. Crutchfield.
4. Springfield.—J. F. Nowell.
5. Happy Hour.—Sidney Strickland and Annie Grace Burkett.
6. Spring Hill.—H. E. Peterson, G. W. Jeffcoat, and Sister A. H. Godfrey.
7. Shiloh.—Nick Edmonson.
8. Howards Grove.—E. S. Jones, R. O. Johnson, A. C. Womack, A. Dickerson, Mandy Jones, Cora Johnson, Rubie Collins and Nellie Womack.
9. Green Grove.—I. C. Kennington, Will Harris and W. M. Strickland.
10. New Pilgrim.—J. S. Conner, Tom Cravy and R. R. McGriff.
11. Magnolia.—G. R. Dunlap, L. R. Dasinger, Lela Dunlap and Nancy Weede.
12. Prospect.—J. W. Conner, Arch Cherry, Allen Cherry, Cora Allen, Sister Arch Cherry, Sister Allen Cherry, J. M. Braddock, E. W. King.
13. Happy Home.—Represented by pastor, J. M. Murdock.
14. Long Branch.—Represented by letter.
15. Union Springs.—Flora Anglin, S. E. Anglin, T. E. Riley, J. J. Anglin, and Sister J. J. Anglin.
16. Corinth.—A. J. Benefield.
17. Rocky Grove.—Addis Robinson, Robert Elmore and Charlotte Baxter.
18. New Harmony.—A. J. Granger, J. J. Granger, J. F. Capps, and J. A. Calloway.

19. Pleasant Home.—D. R. Hicks, Noah W. Driggers, Dora Driggers and Sister Jessie Hicks.

20. Free Will Rest.—Curtis Mercer, R. B. Jackson, and Alie Mercer.

On motion by G. W. Cherry, the letters were received and adopted.

Called for Petitionary Letters. None received.

On motion by G. W. Cherry, we elect the Moderator and Clerk by ballot. Bros. G. W. Knobles and K. V. Shutes counted the ballots.

On motion we excused the delegation from Green Grove Church. At this juncture, we had three musical selections.

The ballots were counted and the following officers declared elected: J. W. D. Stephens, Moderator and C. B. Green, Clerk.

Called for Correspondence from sister Associations. O. H. Perry was received as an honorary member from the Midway Association and Bro. J. C. Eldridge from the Salem Association.

Appointment of Committees

✓ Divine Services.—Robert Elmore, A. C. Womack and J. C. Howell.

✓ Documents.—A. H. Godfrey, Arch Cherry, R. B. Robinson, and J. F. Nowell.

✓ Education.—K. V. Shutes, G. W. Knobles, R. L. Hunter, J. S. Conner and J. J. Berdeshaw.

✓ Home Missions.—J. C. Howell, G. W. Cherry, J. F. Capps, G. R. Dunlap and Nita Ditty.

✓ Nominations.—D. T. Guy, A. M. Kirkland, John Conner and H. E. Peterson.

✓ Suggestion.—W. T. Hutto, A. J. Benefield, J. N. Edmonson, Odis Robertson, and A. J. Granger.

✓ Sunday Schools.—Miranda Ditty, Flora Anglin, Ruby Collins, Nellie Womack, Gertrude Hatcher and Nancy Weede.

✓ Temperance.—M. M. Hicks, J. C. Eldridge, Audry Green, Ella Danford and Beulah Godfrey.

✓ Finance.—J. R. Adams.

✓ Obituaries.—J. S. Jones, Curtis Mercer and D. R. Hicks.

✓ State of Churches and Character of Ministers.—Lewis Dasinger, N. W. Driggers, James Parmer and G. W. Shehane.

On motion Bro. W. S. Cook was excused for the day.

On motion Bro. J. J. Berdeshaw was excused.

On motion we adjourn until 8:30 Friday A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

After singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," we were called to order and the Moderator read a portion of the 8th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Hutto.

Called for Corresponding letters. None received.

Called for Petitionary letters. None received.

On motion members were substituted to fill vacancies on delegations.

Called the roll and read the Decorum.

The following brethren were received from Sister Associations:

Salem. J. C. Eldridge, and Midway, O. H. Perry.

On motion the visitors from Midway and Salem Associations were given honorary seats. The representatives from sister Associations and the above visitors were given the right hand of fellowship.

Corresponding Delegates to Sister Associations

Midway.—A. H. Godfrey, G. W. Cherry and Sisters A. H. Godfrey and Emma Hair.

Southeastern.—W. F. Hutto, A. J. Benefield and R. L. Hunter.

Salem.—J. M. Murdock, A. H. Godfrey and G. W. Knobles.

Liberty.—J. J. Berdeshaw, John W. Conner, J. M. Braddock and G. W. Cherry.

Martin.—R. L. Hunter and G. W. Cherry.

Chattahoochee.—E. W. King.

General Conference.—M. M. Hicks, G. W. Knobles, John Barnes and G. W. Cherry.

On motion we send Bro. R. L. Hunter as delegate to the State Convention and the Association pay his expenses.

At this juncture a collection was taken, amounting to \$11.10 for the expenses of R. L. Hunter.

An intermission of 10 minutes was given before preaching. Rev. J. J. Berdeshaw preached the eleven o'clock sermon. Rev. J. C. Eldridge closed.

Dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator called the body to order and read the 133 Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Pearce.

Report on Documents read and adopted. (See reports).

Report on Education read and adopted. (See reports).

At this point a collection was taken for Eureka College amounting to \$13.06.

Report on Home Mission read and adopted. (See reports).

Report on Nominations read and adopted. (See reports).

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted with amendment to add latter clause of last year's report. (See reports).

Report on Suggestions read and adopted. (See reports).

Report on Temperance read and adopted. (See reports).

Report on Obituaries read and adopted. (See reports).

Report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers read and adopted. (See reports).

Report on Finance read and adopted. (See reports).

Treasurer's Report read and adopted. (See reports).

Miscellaneous

By motion the Moderator is instructed to appoint a committee of one

delegate from each church, this delegate to be empowered to appoint a committee of three members of his church to create and build a real live and enthusiastic Sunday School.

On motion by W. S. Cook, we retain our same Executive Committee.

On motion by John Barnes, we retain our same Treasurer.

Sister Miranda Ditty reported organizing five Leagues this year. The report was read and adopted.

On motion by Bro. G. W. Cherry, Sisters Dollie Conner and Neta Ditty be appointed to assist Sister Miranda Ditty in the League work.

On motion by John Barnes, \$20.00 be paid out of the Home Mission funds for entrance fees.

On motion we tender heartfelt thanks to Rocky Grove church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during this session.

On motion we pay our clerk \$12.00 for his services.

On motion the clerk have the minutes printed by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

On motion of G. W. Cherry we adjourned. The Association came to a close by singing a hymn and benediction by G. W. Cherry.

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Moderator.

C. B. GREEN, Clerk.

Reports of Committees

Divine Services.—We, your committee on Divine Services, appoint Bro. G. W. Knobles to preach at 7:30 P. M., and Bro. W. T. Hutto to close. Bro. J. J. Berdeshaw tomorrow at 11:00 A. M. and Bro. J. C. Eldridge to close.

R. J. ELMORE, Chairman.

Documents.—We, your committee on Documents, submit the following report to-wit: We urge our ministers to use their best efforts for the promotion of the cause of Christ's Kingdom. We further ask our ministers to introduce our Denominational Paper, The Free Will Baptist, to our membership, also we further recommend that our denomination as a whole use our Free Will Baptist Literature. We further urge and earnestly insist that we as a Free Will Baptist Denomination support the cause of the same.

A. H. GODFREY, Chairman.

Education.—We, your committee on Education, submit the following: Seeing the need of an educated ministry in our field, we urge our ministers to seek an education at our school at Ayden, N. C., if possible, if not, to get one wherever they can. If we are to cope with the questions of the day as other denominations, we must stand for the support of our institutions our Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., our Press and School at Ayden, N. C., as these will greatly help to supply the right kind of an education.

We find that operations at Eureka College have been suspended on account of our Free Will Baptist people not supporting it adequately, there-

fore we urge a special offering at this session for Eureka and that it be sent directly to them.

For the past four years they have been having from fifteen to twenty ministerial students there and today they are having no school. Let us hear the cry, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Let us help our boys who wish to attend school, with dollars rather than with hot air and compliments as we have done before.

If we intend to hold our own, we must stand for a consecrated, educated ministry. We know that Eureka College is fundamentally sound and that your boy and girl would be safe there from modernism and evolution.

K. V. SHUTES, Chairman.

Home Missions.—We, your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the Association comply with the report of the committee of last session with respect to the needs of Home Mission work in our bounds.

J. F. CAPPS, Chairman.

Nominations.—We, your committee on Nominations, make the following report: We nominate Union Springs for the next session of the Association. We nominate Bro. A. H. Godfrey to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. J. J. Berdeshaw to close.

H. E. PETERSON, Chairman.

Suggestions.—We, your committee on Suggestions, submit the following report: We suggest that each pastor sees to the collection of the per capita tax for the education of the ministry and the support of Eureka College. Also that we hold a thanksgiving service at each church to help support our Orphanage. We insist that the deacons look after the donations for the pastor, monthly, and to use their influence to allay strife and to have peace and harmony in the church. We specially urge that our people be more punctual in observance of our ordinances, especially the sacrament and foot-washing. We suggest that each church conduct a Sunday School.

W. T. HUTTO, Chairman.

Sunday Schools.—We, your committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: We urge all our churches have a twelve months Sunday School each year and that the people show more interest in the Sunday School in the future than they have in the past. We further insist that the parents set the right example by going with the children to the Sunday School and not merely sending them. How can we expect the children to be interested in the work, if the older people are not. In Proverbs 22:6, you will find these words, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We ask that each pastor continually use his influence to build up the Sunday School work and that the teachers visit the homes and urge the parents to come and bring the children to Sunday School. We ask that our

Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist Literature, only, which may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

We suggest that we organize a Sunday School Convention in this Association. Further, we recommend that the Association appoint one delegate from each church and empower him to appoint a committee of three members of his church to create a real, live, enthusiastic Sunday School.

MIRANDA DITTY, Chairman.

Temperance.—We, your committee on Temperance, advise that we be temperate in all things, that we speak the things that becometh a christian, that we totally abstain from all intoxicating drinks, for, the good Book says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." We further advise that we, the State Line Association, go on record now that we will not support any wet candidate for office and pledge ourselves to help catch the bootleggers, or at least, report them to the officers. If any of our members become deceived and partake of this evil, we advise that they be dealt with immediately by the church. We want to thank the officers for their skill and protection, especiall C. J. Rollins, the sheriff of Houston Co., Ala., and force of officers.

M. M. HICKS, Chairman.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers.—So far as we know, all churches and ministers are in good standing.

Respectfully your Committee,

L. R. DASINGER, Chairman.

Obituaries.—We, your committee, report the following deaths:

Hickory Grove.—Sisters Nazie Dickens, Ollie Helms, Mary Conrad, Bros. J. P. Helms, Van Gray Conrad, and Charley Brasill.

East Pittman.—Bro. J. L. French and Sister May Helms.

Union Springs.—Bros. Bob Stewart and Rollie D. Henderson, Sisters Pearl Chandler, Samantha Anglin, Marie Williams and Othell Henderson.

Spring Hill.—Bros. Henry Bevil and C. D. Whitaker.

Howards Grove.—Bros. Perry Monday, J. W. Branford and W. H. Hays.

New Pilgrim.—Rev. J. S. Hunter.

Prospect.—Bros. M. E. Smith, Gus Brittles and Sister Frances Hays.

Long Branch.—Bro. H. P. Bostic.

Springfield.—Bros. Arthur Roney, J. W. Roney and J. D. McClendon.

New Harmony.—Bro. S. J. Granger.

Pleasant Home.—Bro. William F. Mosely, Sisters Berta Mixon and Prudie Odom.

We suggest the obituaries be printed in the minutes.

E. S. JONES, Chairman.

Finance.—We, your committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received for Associational Purposes	\$33.81
Received for Minutes	27.90

Received for Home Missions	16.11
Received for Education	9.45

Total	\$87.27
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J. R. ADAMS, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report for 1929

Amount brought forward:

For Home Missions	\$81.27	
For Education	18.08	
For Associational Purposes	14.90	\$114.25

Amount received 1928:

For Associational Purposes	\$28.25	
For Minutes	32.00	
For Home Missions	31.37	
For Education	15.90	107.52

Total on hand	\$221.77
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Amount paid out:

To J. M. Murdock	\$25.00	
To Clerk	12.00	
To L. C. Mixon	10.00	
To Minutes and Postage	47.50	
To G. W. Knobles	33.08	\$127.58

Balance on Hand:

For Home Missions	\$77.64
For Education	.90
For Associational Purposes	15.65

To balance on Hand	\$ 94.19
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Respectfully submitted,

R. B. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

Obituaries

In memory of our beloved sister, Nazie Dickens, who was a member with us at Hickory Grove. She had been a member with us at Hickory Grove for several years and was faithful to her church. She leaves brothers and sisters, friends and relatives who wish to strike hands with her in that beyond.

Sacred to the memory of Sister Odie Helms who was a member with us at Hickory Grove. She leaves a husband, father, mother, brothers, sisters and other relatives to mourn her departure. Peace be to her sleeping dust. May her loved ones strive to meet her in heaven.

Sacred to the memory of Sister Mary Conrad who was a member with us at Hickory Grove for a good many years and was faithful to her church. She leaves children, friends and relatives to mourn her departure. Peace be to her.

Sacred to the memory of Bro. J. P. Helms who has been a member with us at Hickory Grove for several years. He was faithful to his church. Peace be to him.

Sacred to the memory of Van Gray Conrad who was a member with us at Hickory Grove for just a few years. He leaves father, mother, brothers, sisters, friends and relatives to mourn his departure. Peace be to him.

Sacred to the memory of Bro. Charlie Brasiel who was a member with us at Hickory Grove. He is gone but not forgotten. Peace be to his dust.

In memory of beloved sister, Othell Henderson, who departed this life on September 25, 1929. She had been a member with us at Union Springs since July of this year. She was a young sister between 12 and 13 years old. She is sleeping with mother and sister in that blessed sleep. She leaves a father, stepmother, brothers and sisters, grandmother, friends and other relatives who are longing to meet her in the great beyond.

In memory of our dear brother, Rollie D. Henderson, who departed this life August 26, 1929. He was a member with us at Union Springs. He left a father, mother, sisters, wife, friends and relatives to weep for themselves. not for him.

In memory of our beloved sister, Marie Williams, who departed this life June 6, 1929. She had been a member with us at Union Springs for five or six years and was always faithful to her church. She leaves father, mother, brother, sisters, friends and relatives who wish to strike hands with her in that heavenly kingdom.

In memory of our beloved sister, Pearlie Chandler, who departed this life March 3, 1929. She had been a member with us at Union Springs for several years and was a faithful sister. She leaves a husband and children who wish to meet her where there will be no sad good-bys.

In memory of our beloved brother, Bob Stewart, who departed this life December 28, 1928. He was a member with us at Union Springs just a short time as he was a young brother. He left father, mother, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends to whom he is beckoning to come.

In memory of our beloved sister, Samantha Anglin, who departed this life about Nov. 10, 1928. She had been a faithful member with us at Union Springs for a long time. She left some children, relatives and lots of friends, whom she is waiting for in the sweet beyond.

In sacred memory of our beloved sister, May Helms, who departed this life August the 19, 1929. She was a faithful member with us at East Pittman for several years. She leaves a husband, 4 children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. Sister Helms was a true Christian. She always spoke kind words and cheer to each and every one in pointing them to the upward way. We feel that a "precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in her home which never can be filled," but we feel that May is a sleeping that blessed sleep that when

Christ comes again that May will rise to meet him in peace, sweet peace. It is so sad to part with those we love so well but when we feel assured our loved ones die in Christ we can feel that our loss is their eternal gain. May her loved ones and friends strive to meet her in heaven where there will be peace, joy, love and happiness forever and we will never part, no never.—Written by Renner Paul.

In sacred memory of our beloved brother, J. L. French, who departed this life July 16, 1929. He was a faithful member with us at East Pittman for many years. He always met his friends with a smile. He was always kind to each and every one. He leaves a wife and seven children and other relatives and a host of friends to mourn his departure. "He is gone but not forgotten, never will his loving memory be forgotten in the hearts of his loved ones and friends. 'Tis sad to part with our loved ones but when we feel assured they died in Christ, we can feel that all is well and feel that our loss is their eternal gain and strive to meet them in heaven where there will be no more sad farewells and no more parting there.—Written by the clerk, Renner Paul.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates sent annually from the churches upon which it is based.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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 this Association, and such receptions shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 2. Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the 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.

Art. 3. Every motion receiving a second shall be submitted to the body unless withdrawn.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him, showing the balance, if any on hand. He shall only pay out money on the order of the Association or the Executive Committee.

Art. 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 the government, provided such rules are not repugnant to the Constitution or Decorum of the Association.

Art. 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.

Art. 9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 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.

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 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 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.

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 for 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.

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 Scripture 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 Re-prover, 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 whomsoever will may come and partake

of the waters of life.—I Cor. 1:7; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 2:9; Rom. 5:5; Rev. 22:17.

8. OF ELECTION.—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of men by any unconditional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of salvation.—John 8:31; Luke 11:28; Acts 10:35; Duet. 11:26-28.

9. OF 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: John 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 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 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. Adpournment.

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	Grangerburg, 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 Hormony	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.
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, Lowweed	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	444
1894—R. M. Gray, J. D. Stephens, Spring Hill	444
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
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
1929—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Rocky Grove	2875

STATISTICAL TABLE 1929

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Post Offices	Increased by Baptism	Increased by Confession	Increased by Letter	Increased by Restoration	Decreased by Letter	Decreased by Expulsion	Decreased by Death	Male Members	Female Members	Meeting Days	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Buildings	Value of Other Property	No. in S. School	Sunday School Supt. and Post Office
Long Branch	W. A. Davis	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.	1	--	--	--	--	1	1	17	17	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$25.00	\$175.00	\$ 40.00	66	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.
East Pittman	T. W. Woodard	Rena Paul, Black, Ala.	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	50	97	1	1.50	1.50	---	---	---	125.00	50.00	49	Rena Paul, Black, Ala.
Hickory Grove	J. S. Hunter and A. H. Godfrey	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	8	1	--	--	1	1	6	132	162	1	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	119.37	1500.00	500.00	59	Walter Baxter, Bascom, Fla.
New Hope	W. T. Hutto	Lincie Cook, Midland City, Ala.	11	--	4	--	3	--	--	21	25	2	1.00	1.15	---	---	28.38	600.00	75.00	50	Calvin Newsome, Midland City, Ala.
Shiloh	M. M. Hicks	O. S. Ragan, Columbia, Ala.	5	--	--	--	1	1	--	30	24	3	1.00	1.25	1.00	---	---	1000.00	200.00	--	---
New Harmony	G. W. Cherry	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	2	4	--	--	2	1	1	80	101	2	2.00	2.00	---	---	50.00	600.00	200.00	--	---
Spring Hill	J. C. Eldridge	Beulah Godfrey, Gordon, Ala.	6	3	2	--	--	--	2	25	31	4	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.20	100.00	1500.00	300.00	45	Reuben Jackson, Gordon, Ala.
Happy Hour	A. H. Godfrey	A. W. Pelham, Crosby, Ala.	5	--	1	1	3	--	--	17	13	3	1.00	1.00	.75	1.25	22.50	---	56.00	--	---
Corinth	W. T. Hutto	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala.	27	1	2	--	1	--	--	42	52	3	2.00	1.00	1.00	---	71.50	700.00	300.00	73	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala.
Union Springs	J. S. Hunter and A. H. Godfrey	O. Z. Henderson, Pansy, Ala.	17	2	2	--	3	3	6	90	129	2	2.50	2.50	3.46	---	100.00	1500.00	300.00	78	W. S. Cook, Pansy, Ala.
Springfield	J. C. Eldridge	B. F. Keel, Ashford, Ala.	5	--	4	--	--	--	3	45	62	1	1.00	2.00	2.00	---	75.00	---	---	50	J. D. Mulkey, Ashford, Ala.
Rocky Grove	M. M. Hicks	S. L. Baxter, Marianna, Fla.	7	2	4	2	--	2	--	28	51	2	1.50	1.00	1.00	---	44.50	500.00	150.00	30	Robert Elmore, Greenwood, Fla.
Free Will Rest	A. H. Godfrey	Charlie Mercer, Grand Ridge, Fla.	3	1	2	2	1	4	--	36	61	4	2.00	1.50	---	---	68.00	300.00	150.00	--	---
Howards Grove	J. S. Hunter and G. W. Knobles	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala.	13	--	1	--	3	2	3	89	261	2	3.00	3.00	---	---	160.00	1000.00	500.00	50	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon	Harold E. Dennis, Geneva, Ala.	11	2	--	--	--	--	3	100	123	3	1.50	1.21	---	5.00	---	500.00	100.00	47	E. U. Bents, Geneva, Ala.
Green Grove	L. C. Mixon	W. F. Spriggs, Caryville, Fla.	14	--	8	--	2	--	--	20	12	2	2.00	2.00	.50	---	40.15	1000.00	500.00	30	W. M. Strickland, Caryville, Fla.
Happy Home	J. M. Murdock	W. E. Dempsey, Crosby, Ala.	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	99	--	1	.50	2.50	---	---	16.25	---	---	--	---
Prospect	T. B. Mellette	Dollie Conner, Dothan, Ala.	4	--	--	--	2	--	3	71	126	3	2.00	2.00	---	---	112.51	800.00	1500.00	62	Cora Allen, Dothan, Ala.
Magnolia	T. B. Mellette	L. R. Dasinger, Midland City, Ala.	--	--	--	--	2	9	--	28	46	1	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	70.00	1000.00	400.00	84	A. J. Hardy, Midland City, Ala.
New Pilgrim	J. S. Hunter and M. M. Hicks	J. S. Conner, Columbia, Ala.	6	2	1	--	--	8	1	29	35	4	1.00	1.00	1.00	---	---	700.00	50.00	--	---
			145	18	27	5	24	34	31	1047	1828	--	\$32.00	\$33.61	\$15.71	\$11.45	---	---	---	---	---