

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

State Line Association

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

UNION SPRINGS CHURCH

Houston County, Ala., Oct. 9, 1930

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, Bascom, 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 Howards Grove Church, Houston County, Alabama, on Thursday at 11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in October, about 5 miles South of Ashford, Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Union Springs church, Houston County, Alabama, in its Forty-fifth Annual Session Thursday, October 9, 1930.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. H. Godfrey, followed by Bro. J. J. Burdeshaw. Recessed for dinner until 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by singing a hymn. The moderator read the 13th chapter of Cor., for an opening lesson. Prayer by Bro. T. B. Mellette. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us and called for letters from the different churches. The moderator appointed Bro. John Barnes and Bro. Willie Hutto to read the letters.

DELEGATES FROM THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES

Freewills Rest—R. R. Jackson, Odis Baxter, George Keels,

Long Branch—A. O. Thurston, G. A. Thurston.

Springfield—J. C. Brown, Myrtle Ingram, Mrs. Vernell Bell, Mrs. Mary Roney, S. G. Carter.

New Harmony—J. F. Capps, A. J. Granger, Jule West, Lucy West, J. A. Callaway, Donie Callaway.

East Pittman—D. W. Retherford, S. C. Justice.

Corinth—Clayton Baxley, Wirt Baxley, W. O. Baxley, Sister Clayton Baxley, Crawford Bright.

Hickory Grove—Crawford Helms, Walter Baxter, J. J. Hatcher, R. B. Robinson, Arthur Helms, A. G. Hatcher, Maranda Ditty, Gertrude Hatcher.

Magnolia—Keel Robinson, O. F. Mathews, J. R. Dunlap, Pat Lid, A. W. Hickman, L. R. Dassinger, W. E. Kirkland, Lela Dunlap, Mary Hickman.

Prospect—J. W. Conner, C. T. Hayes, Arch Cherry, W. D. Allen, L. E. Cherry, Jimmie Cherry, Cora Allen, Nannie Cherry.

Spring Hill—G. W. Jeffcoat, J. M. Braddock, H. E. Peterson, Tom Brunson, Elizabeth Brunson, E. W. King.

Pleasant Home—W. L. Brackin, E. C. Ellis, T. R. Conner, W. T. Brackin, E. C. Ellis, Charlie Mixon, T. M. Peacock.

Shiloh—J. A. Webb, J. N. Edmonson, Lillie Edmonson, Kenneth Odom, W. G. Odom.

Happy Home—Will Brackin, W. M. Williams.

Howards Grove—Harvey Lord, A. C. Womack, E. S. Jones, Henry

Jordan, Wesley Toler, Walter Capps, Nellie Womack, Jessie Miller, Maggie Adams, Lincey Tolar.

Union Springs—W. P. Merritt, B. F. Anglin, I. T. Cook, John Harrell, W. H. Jenkins, Ruthie Morris, Flora Anglin, Erie Godfrey, Odell Anglin, Vera Henderson.

New Pilgrim—R. R. McGriff, Tom Cravy, J. S. Conner, Elma Hunter, Roy Conner.

On motion Bro. J. W. Conner, the letters were received and adopted. Called for Petitionary Letters, none received.

On motion Bro. R. B. Robinson, we suspend regular order of business and elect moderator and clerk by talley.

On motion Bro. John Barne, that Bro. T. B. Mellette and Bro. K. V. Shutes, keep talley.

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 ASS'N.

Salem—J. C. Eldridge, Rufus Hyman, K. V. Shutes, E. S. Haddock.

Union Hill—Rev. J. W. Postum.

Midway—W. T. Wiley, E. C. Williams, J. T. Tedder, were received as honorary members.

Western Conference—Maynard Woodlief was received as honorary member.

South Carolina Conference—T. B. Mellette, Principal of the Zion Bible School was received as an honorary member. Appointment of Committees.

On motion Bro. J. F. Capps that Bro. J. C. Howell be elected to a delegate and placed on committee.

On motion R. B. Robinson, we adjourn until 8:30 Friday A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

After singing "Draw Me Nearer" we were called to order and the Moderator read the 1st Psalm for a morning lesson. Prayer by Rev. W. S. Cook, after which the class sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Called for Corresponding letters, none received. Called for Petitionary letters, none received.

Called the Roll and read the Decorum.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Midway—M. M. Hicks, J. N. Barnes, E. W. King, W. S. Cook.

Southeastern—W. T. Hutto, M. M. Hicks.

Salem—L. C. Mixon, W. T. Brackin, G. W. Knobles, W. T. Hutto.

Liberty—L. C. Mixon, W. L. Brackin.

Martin—E. W. King, J. M. Braddock, Sister J. M. Braddock.

Chattahoochee—E. W. King

Union Hill—W. S. Cook, J. J. Burdeshaw, J. W. Conner.

General Conference—J. C. Howell, M. M. Hicks.

On motion J. N. Barnes, we send Bro. J. C. Howell, Bro. M. M. Hicks to General Conference. And Association pay \$10.00 to them for entrance fee.

On motion Bro. W. T. Hutto that we send a delegation to the State Convention, M. M. Hicks, J. J. Burdeshaw were selected.

On motion Bro. M. M. Hicks that the Treasury pay Bro. M. M. Hicks and Bro. J. J. Burdeshaw \$3.00 for entrance fees to State Convention. At this juncture a collection of \$4.45 was taken up to pay on deferred entrance fee to General Conference.

On motion to recind the act of paying \$20.00 out of last years Home Missions fund. Renewed call for Corresponding letters one received. Rocky Grove—Robert Elmore, Ulee Robinson, Sharlet Baxter.

New Hope—Represented by proxy by Bro. L. C. Mixon.

Green Grove—Represented by proxy by Bro. L. C. Mixon.

Report on Home Mission—Read and adopted.

On motion an intermission of 10 minutes was given before preaching. Rev. T. B. Miller preached the eleven o'clock sermon. Dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing "I want to be a Worker", we were called to order and the Moderator read the 23rd Psalm for an evening lesson.

At this juncture a memorial service was held in behalf of our dear beloved Bro. Rev. G. W. Cherry, by reading obituaries written by several different ones and singing songs in memory of him, after which had prayer by Bro. J. J. Burdeshaw. Renewed call for corresponding letters, received one.

Happy Home—Lee Chumney, Jack Bush, Zin Baxter, Ben Harrison

Report on Education read and adopted.

At this point a Freewill offering of \$11.52 was taken up for the Zion Bible School.

Report on Documents read and adopted

Report on Nominations, read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions, read and adopted.

Report on Sunday School read and adopted.

Report on Temperance, read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries, read and adopted

Report on State of Churches and Characters of Ministers, read and adopted.

Treasurers report read and adopted.

Report on Finance, read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. T. B. Mellette that the Association pay Bro. J. N. Barnes \$30.00 from the Home Mission Funds.

MISCELLANEOUS

On motion J. N. Barnes that the Association pay Bro. R. B. Robinson \$12.00 for his services as Treasurer.

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

On motion we retain same Executive Committee

On motion we retain same Home Mission Board

On motion we retain our same Treasurer.

Sister Miranda Ditty reported organizing one League and her expenses was about \$5.00, which is to be paid out of the Treasury. Report was adopted.

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

On motion of W. S. Cook, we adjourn.

The Association came to a close by singing a hymn. Benediction by J. D. Pearce.

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Moderator

C. B. GREEN, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

LEAGUE REPORT

We have a very progressive Free Will Baptist League. All the Young People seem to be very interested and eager to take a part in whatever they can.

The League is in its third year. It was organized in June of 1928, by the Leaguers of Open Pond Church, one mile north of Jakin, Ga.

During this time it's membership has continued to grow and we have on roll now, 37 Seniors, 7 Juniors and 12 Primaries, making a total of 56.

During the past year we have donated to several causes. We sent fifteen dollars (\$15) to Zion Bible School at Hilton, Ga. Nine Dollars

(\$9) to the orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. Eight dollars and thirty-five cents (\$8.35) for Home Missions.

MIRANDA DITTY, Chairman

✓ DIVINE SERVICES

W. P. Merritt, J. S. Conner, John Harrell, Flora Anglin.

We your committee on Divene Services appoint: Rev. K. V. Shutes to preach at 7:30 P. M. and Rev. T. B. Mellette, Direct music. Bro. T. B. Mellete preach at 11:00 o'clock A. M. and Bro. K. V. Shutes, Direct Music.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. MERRITT, Chairman

✓ NOMINATIONS

A. C. Womack, J. N. Edmonson, Will Brackin, Charlie Mixon

We your committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report: We nominate Howards Grove for the next session of this Association. We also nominate Rev. L. C. Mixon to preach the Introductory sermon and Rev. G. W. Nobles to close.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WOMACK, Chairman

✓ STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

E. S. Jones, C. L. Hayes, H. E. Peterson.

We your committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers beg leave to make the following report to-wit: So far as we can learn, the churches and ministers of the State Line Association is in good standing.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee.

✓ OBITUARIES

Crawford Helms, J. F. Capps, Odis Baxter.

We your committee report the following deaths:

From Union Springs—F. F. Stephens.

From New Pilgrim—Rev. J. A. Widner.

From Prospect—Rev. G. W. Cherry, Sister Lucindie Moore, Bro. Herbert Cobb, Sister Elizabeth Holly.

From Spring Hill—Sister Alice Brunson.

From Howard Grove—Etta Sellers, Bro. J. W. Johnson, Bro. E. R. Williams.

From Happy Hour—Sister Agnes Williams.

From Long Branch—Bro. John C. Thurston.

From Springfield—W. L. Enfinger and E. Rabon.

From East Pittman—Bro. J. A. Marlowe, Sister Hailey Justice.

We also recommend that their names appear in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAWFORD HELMS, Chairman

✓ FINANCE

M. M. Hicks, George Keels, J. D. Pearce, W. T. Hutto.

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

For Associational Purposes -----	\$29.81
For Minutes -----	\$27.25
For Home Missions -----	\$ 3.55
For Education -----	\$ 5.25
TOTAL -----	\$65.86

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. HICKS, Chairman

✓ EDUCATION

T. B. Mellette, G. W. Nobles, J. N. Barnes, W. T. Hutto

Education—The Educational Committee submit the following: We recommend a real Holy Ghost Ministry thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We further ask all ministers to follow Paul's injunction to Timothy "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

We ask this honorable body to endorse the activities of Bro. J. N. Barnes in persuing a Bible education as a student at Zion Bible School Blakley, Ga., also, we endorse Zion Bible School as a fundamental Bible Institution as a training school for ministers and all church workers seeking Christian Education. We further ask our young people to support same by training for public citizenship, church workers, in order that the pastors and churches can and will find ready prepared material for our auxiliary activities. We also ask this association to make a special donation from the treasurer for the said school and that a freewill offering be taken at this session for same. Be it also resolved that we ask the pastors to raise a freewill offering during the Associational year for the support of Zion Bible School, and that said offering be sent to the treasurer of the school by the pastors of the respective churches. For these we sincerely pray your body and the almighty who ruleth above.

T. B. MELLETTE

G. W. NOBLES

J. N. BARNES

W. T. HUTTO

✓ DOCUMENTS

J. C. Eldridge, J. J. Burdeshaw, A. J. Granger, J. J. Hatcher

Documentary—We the committee on Documentary, submit the following report, namely: We ask the pastors and ministers of the

State Line Association to use all Divine means possible for the advancement and progress of the Free Will Baptist Church. We contend that our churches use our own Song books, namely: Songs for Service; Sunday School Literature and Free Will Baptist League Literature, all published by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. For Discipline and Church Treatise as endorsed by the General Conference as it is orthodox in the faith and practice of the Original Free Will Baptist of North America. Also we recommend the Free Will Baptist paper be read by all loyal Church members and placed in the homes of all Free Will Baptist everywhere. We do not feel that any Free Will Baptist is loyal to his or her denomination that does not take our church organ, the Free Will Baptist. For these we shall contend and earnestly pray.

J. J. BURDESHAW

SUGGESTIONS

A. H. Godfrey, G. W. Jeffcoat, J. W. Conner, J. R. Dunlap, Walter Baxter

We your committee on Suggestions submit the following report: We suggest that each Pastor see to a collection for the education of our ministers at Zion also a collection for the orphanage at least once a year. We insist that the deacons look after the donations for the Pastor monthly. We suggest each church say what they will pay their Pastor in the beginning of each associational year and work to that end. And we further suggest pastors and deacons use their influence to allay strife and have peace and harmony in the church. We especially urge that our people be more punctual in observance of our ordinances. We further suggest that each church conduct a 12 month Sunday School and League. Also prayer services once a week.

A. H. GODFREY

MISSIONS

We your committee on Missions submit the following report: Seeing the "White Harvest Field" that stares us in the face, the great need of gleaners let us hear the call, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," that is coming from every corner of the earth

Let us have a spirit to fulfill Acts 4:8; Math. 28:19, that we may take our stand in christianizing the world and standnig abreast with other denominations. We noticed the slackness for mission money in the Associational letters; therefore we urge every church, to at least, send some amount for mission money.

We need a home Evangelist to organize churches in our towns, and this money would help to carry our faith in the towns as well as country. "Where there is no vision, the people perish". And we are perishing for lack of this.

K. V. SHUTES, Chairman

OTIS SELLERS

W. H. JENKINS

✓ TEMPERANCE REPORT

G. L. Thurston, J. C. Howell, Miranda Ditty, Nellie Womack, Cora Allen.

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: First, we ask that our people be temperate in all things as the Scripture has said. Second, we totally abstain from intoxicating drinks, for Proverbs 20:1, says "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise". And if any of our people become deceived and partake of this evil, we recommend that they be dealt with according to the decorum of our church. Third, we therefore ask also that our people vote for dry candidates who will enforce the laws of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. THURSTON, Chairman

✓ SUNDAY SCHOOL

J. L. Tedder, W. O. Baxley, D. W. Rethford, J. C. Brown

We, your committee on Sunday Schools make the following report. We find several churches that is without Sunday School. We urge that each Pastor do his best to encourage the adults that they might maintain more Sunday Schools that our young people might be better trained in the future than we have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. TEDDER, Chairman

✓ TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1930

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD—

For Home Missions	-----	\$77.64	
For Education	-----	.90	
For Educational Purposes	-----	\$15.65	
Public Collection	-----	\$11.10	\$98.37

TOTAL AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD ----- \$94.19

AMOUNT RECEIVED 1929—

For Associational Purposes	-----	\$33.81
For Minutes	-----	\$27.90
For Education	-----	\$ 9.45
For Home Missions	-----	\$16.11

MAKING A TOTAL OF ----- \$192.56

AMOUNT PAID OUT—

Paid Clerk	-----	\$12.00
For Minutes and Postage	-----	\$46.21
Paid R. L. Hunter	-----	\$22.00

TOTAL PAID OUT ----- \$ 80.21

WHICH LEAVES A BALANCE ON HAND—

For Home Missions -----	\$93.75
For Associational Purposes -----	\$ 8.25
For Education -----	\$10.35

TOTAL AMOUNT ON HAND ----- \$112.35

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. ROBINSON, Treasurer

OBITUARIES

In sacred memory of our beloved Sister Agnes Williams. Departed this life August 4, 1930. She was a member with us at Happy Hour. She left a husband, baby, sisters, relatives and friends. Though she be sleeping in Christ Jesus till the resurrection morning when we all hope to meet her in that great beyond. Written by A. W. Pelham.

In Sacred Remembrance of our beloved brother, Herbert Cobb, who departed this life, January 26, 1930. He was 26 years old. He had been a member with our church at Prospect, since a small boy. He leaves a mother, 5 brothers and one sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Peaceful be thy silent slumber, Peaceful in thy grave so low, Thou no more will join our number, Thou no more our sorrow know, Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled, And in heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell tears are shed.—Written by his mother.

In loving memory of Sister Moore, who was a member with us at Prospect for several years and was faithful to her church. Sister Moore leaves loved ones and friends to mourn her departure. Her husband has preceeded her several years. May her loved ones strive to meet her in heaven. Rest, perfect rest, to her sleeping dust.—Written by Mesdames Docia and Cora Allen.

In loving memory of Sister Francis Hays, who departed this life July 15, 1929. She was a member with us at Prospect for several years. She leaves a husband, five children, three grand children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. May her loved ones strive to meet her in Heaven. Asleep in Jesus, Blessed sleep.—Written by Mesdames Docia and Cora Allen.

In loving memory of Sister Holley. She was a member with us at Prospect for several years. She was a faithful member. Sister Holley leaves loved ones and friends to mourn her departure. We wish to meet her where there will be no sad good byes. Gone but not forgotten.—Written by Mesdames Docia and Cora Allen.

Sacred to the memory of Bro. John C. Thurston, who departed this life September 11, 1930. He had been a member with us at Long Branch for several years. He was faithful to his home and to his church. He leaves to mourn him, his companion, five sons and one daughter, and the entire community where he was known. He was always at

his countries and churches service. His presence from us is gone, but the memory of him will remain. Let us strive and hope to meet him on heavens golden shore.—Written by L. M. Skipper, Clerk.

In Memory of our beloved Sister Lanie Kennington, who was a member with us at Green Grove Church and departed this life February 21st, 1930. Sister Kennington was a true christian and a loving mother. She always spoke kind words of cheer to each and everyone in pointing them in the upward way and by her christian life. We feel that all saints will meet her in the sweet beyond.—Written by her Pastor, L. C. Mixon.

OBITUARY OF REV. G. W. CHERRY

We bow ourselves in submission to God for calling this soldier home. Rev. G. W. Cherry was borned in 1862. He joined the church in his early twenties, and was ordained in 1888, or 1889 by Rev. Dan L. C. Chandler and Rev. B. Duncan. He was buried on Easter Sunday, 1930 in Dothan City Cemetery. He made his stay 68 years among his friends and relatives. He was ever a faithful minister; loyal to his church and the cause of Christ. He was one of pioneer men who had many struggles in the ministry, but he was a "true blue" man in every respect. He demanded the respect of other denominations and ministers. He also had the respect of some of the best men of the business world. He is to be praised for his untiring efforts and stability as manifested in his church.

He Licensed the writer on July 9, 1925 and was ever a staunch friend to him. His memory shall be cherished for many years by his friends and loved ones. We can now fully realize the responsible place he held in our church. Sleep on until we shall meet you in the Resurrection. Written at request of Clifford Cherry.— Lovingly K. V. Shutes.

PROSPECT CHURCH'S PASTOR

In memory of Rev. G. W. Cherry.—Brother G. W. Cherry was born November 20, 1861, Died April 18, 1930. G. W. Cherry and Miss N. M. Harris married on February 24th, 1881 at the Brides residence by Rev. Alec Daughtry. Brother Cherry was ordained to preach in June 1887. By the following brethren: Rev. Dan L. Chandler and Rev. B. Dunkin. Brother Cherry was a most loyal witness for God. He was a faithful christian, was never called a quitter by his fellow brothers. His greatest theme was to win souls for the Kingdom of Heaven and Glory of God. He gave his life and time and earnings to the cause of Christ. Where there is no sadness. He is resting now in Jesus arms. In that heavenly place, where all the witnesses for God will be in that great judgment day. He leaves a wife and nine children and grand children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Brother Cherry was a true christian. He always spoke kind words and cheer to each and everyone in pointing them to the upward way.

His life will be a living monument for us all. We feel that a precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in his home, which never can be filled, but we feel that he is sleeping that blessed sleep that when Christ comes again that our dear Brother will rise to meet him in peace, blessed sweet peace. It's so sad to part with our loved ones. Especially when its your dear Father and Pastor of our Home Church. But when we feel assured our loved ones die in Christ, we can all feel that our loss is their gain. Let us all live to meet this beloved brother and Pastor. "Happy is He", Proverbs 29-18.—Written by his son, H. Clifford Cherry

IN MEMORY OF REV. G. W. CHERRY

In the death of Rev. G. W. Cherry at his home in Dothan, Alabama on April 18, 1930. The Free Will Baptist Church has lost a great man and an able preacher. His passing was felt most in his home church where he has been a familiar and beloved figure for the past number of years. Especially is he missed from his community and his church at large. The Masonic Lodge has lost a devoted and faithful member. The family has lost a kind and affectionate father, the wife a true and loving husband.

Brother Cherry was borned on November 20, 1861, he was married to Miss N. M. Harris on February 20, 1881, by Rev. Alex Daughety, to this happy union was borned 11 children, 9 of whom survive him.

Bro. Cherry was ordained to preach in June, 1887, by Rev. Dan L. Chandler and Rev. B. Duncan. He served as a faithful minister in his church for 43 years, he served as pastor of many churches over this country, baptised and received into the church hundreds of people, his life proved a blessing to his church and his country, may God bless his dear wife and children. May they so live that one day they may be an unbroken family around God's throne.— Written by a friend. Just another witness for our God.

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 letter, excluded or died within last associational year, amount of all contributions, the time of the monthly meeting, the membership, ordained and licentiated ministers with their postoffice, and signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their postoffice.

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 reception 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.

Art. 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 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 at-

tend 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 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 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 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 1:18-21

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 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 Saint's 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 Treasurers Report
12. Call for miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. S. Cook, Union Springs	Pansey, 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 Harmosy	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 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.
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, Howard Grove	Cottonwood, Ala.
John Barnes, 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,	Loveweed	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	456
1894—	R. M. Gray,	J. D. Stephens,	Spring Hill	422
1895—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek	503
1896—	Calvin Dykes,	J. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove	568
1897—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	New Hope	653
1898—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove	633
1899—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Prospect	671
1900—	G. W. Cherry,	J. D. Stephens,	Free Will Rest	803
1901—	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Antioch	916
1902—	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Union Springs	947
1903—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove	786
1904—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove	786
1905—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Pilgrim	745
1906—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Springfield	958
1907—	R. L. Hunter,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove	1099
1908—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pleasant Home	1199
1909—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Free Will Rest	1315
1910—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Silver Run	1365
1911—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Life	1442
1912—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek	1477
1913—	J. M. Murdock,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Spring Hill	1462
1914—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Union Springs	1553
1915—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove	1721
1916—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove	1611
1917—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Long Branch	1715
1918—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Magnolia	1456
1919—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Hope	1646
1920—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Prospect	1804
1921—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove	2004
1922—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pleasant Home	2043
1923—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Harmony	2039
1924—	J. C. Howell,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Corinth	2094
1925—	J. C. Ingram,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Magnolia	2042
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
1930—	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	Union Springs	2450

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CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	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 Building	Value of Other Property	No. In S. School	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT. AND POSTOFFICES
Prospect-----	J. J. Burdeshaw ---	G. A. Scott, Dothan, Ala. ---	---	---	---	4	4	---	4	68	123	3	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$1.00	---	\$-----	\$1200.00	\$200.00	50	Cora Allen, Dothan, Ala.
Freewills Rest-----	A. H. Godfrey ----	Mrs. Charlie Mercer, Sneads, Fla. ---	---	---	1	---	4	6	---	26	52	4	2.00	1.50	---	---	50.55	300.00	200.00	52	R. B. Jackson, Grandridge, Fla.
Pleasant Home-----	L. C. Mixon -----	C. T. Wood, Geneva, Ala. -----	5	2	---	---	---	---	---	55	97	3	1.50	1.50	---	---	---	500.00	100.00	75	E. W. Burtt, Geneva, Ala.
New Pilgrim-----	M. M. Hicks -----	Nina Joe Hunter, Columbia, Ala. ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	28	34	4	1.00	1.00	---	---	22.30	700.00	50.00	---	---
Hickory Grove-----	A. H. Godfrey ----	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. ---	3	1	---	---	4	---	---	130	158	1	3.00	3.00	---	---	100.00	1500.00	500.00	73	Walter Baxter, Bascom, Fla.
Union Springs-----	A. H. Godfrey ----	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala. ---	9	---	---	---	5	1	1	95	129	2	1.50	1.50	---	---	65.25	1400.00	300.00	75	E. J. Henderson, Pansey, Ala.
Happy Hour-----	A. H. Godfrey ----	A. W. Pelham, Crosby, Ala. -----	12	3	1	3	---	2	1	26	22	3	1.00	1.50	.75	1.25	17.40	---	56.00	30	A. W. Pelham, Crosby, Ala.
Happy Home-----	J. M. Murdock -----	W. E. Dempsey, Crosby, Ala. -----	4	---	---	10	---	---	---	44	45	1	1.50	---	---	---	---	500.00	50.00	---	---
Magnolia-----	M. M. Hicks -----	L. R. Dassinger, Midland City, Ala. ---	4	---	3	---	2	3	---	47	55	1	1.50	1.50	---	2.00	50.00	1000.00	400.00	78	W. E. Kirkland, Mid. City, Ala.
Howards Grove-----	J. C. Eldridge ----	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala. ---	30	3	4	1	---	---	3	94	276	3	3.00	3.00	---	---	132.50	1000.00	500.00	---	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.
Corinth-----	W. T. Hutto -----	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. ---	1	1	---	---	---	2	---	41	53	3	1.00	.50	---	---	17.00	700.00	250.00	77	A. J. Benefield, Mid. City, Ala.
East Pittman-----	T. W. Woodward ---	Rener Paul, Black, Ala. -----	---	1	---	---	---	---	2	45	90	1	1.50	1.50	---	---	---	100.00	50.00	---	---
New Harmony-----	G. W. Nobles -----	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. ---	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	73	99	2	2.00	2.00	---	---	78.45	600.00	200.00	---	---
Spring Field-----	I. C. Eldridge ----	B. F. Keel, Ashford, Ala. -----	4	2	---	---	---	1	2	41	65	1	2.06	1.50	.80	1.00	115.75	1200.00	350.00	45	J. B. Mulky, Ashford, Ala.
Long Branch-----	G. L. Thurston ---	L. M. Skipper, Coffee Spgs. Ala. ---	8	---	---	---	3	1	1	18	20	3	1.00	1.00	---	---	36.21	200.00	50.00	31	G. L. Thurston, Coffee Spgs.
Shiloh-----	M. M. Hicks -----	Kenneth Odom, Columbia, Ala. ---	3	2	---	---	1	---	---	31	24	3	1.25	1.25	---	---	34.55	1500.00	500.00	112	G. G. Jones, Columbia, Ala.
Rocky Grove-----	M. M. Hicks -----	A. J. Harrison, Malone, Fla. -----	9	---	1	---	1	---	---	33	56	2	2.00	1.00	---	---	42.00	500.00	150.00	30	J. H. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla.
Spring Hill-----	I. C. Eldridge ----	Quillin Peterson, Gordon, Ala. ---	23	16	7	1	---	---	1	53	62	4	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	100.00	1000.00	50.00	40	G. W. Jeffcoat, Crosby, Ala.
Green Grove-----	L. C. Mixon -----	L. C. Kennington, Caryville, Fla. ---	3	2	---	---	1	---	1	15	27	2	1.00	1.00	---	---	50.00	---	---	---	Pink Henson
			121	36	17	9	35	16	17	963	1487	---	\$30.81	\$28.25	3.55	5.25	---	---	---	768	