

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**STATE LINE ASSOCIATION**  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With  
**SPRING HILL CHURCH**

Houston County, Ala., Oct. 5, 1933.

**OFFICERS**

Rev. A. H. Godfery, *Moderator* ----- Crosby, Ala.  
C. B. Green, *Clerk* ----- Bascom, Fla.  
A. J. Granger, *Treasurer* ----- Cottonwood, Ala.

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A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala., J. J. Burdeshaw, Dothan, Ala.,  
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Hutto, Midland City, Ala.

The next Session meets with Shiloh Church on Thursday at  
11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in Oct. 1934 located 2½  
miles north of Sigma Station on Central of Georgia Railroad.

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# PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Spring Hill Church, Houston Co., in its Forty Eighth Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 5th, 1933. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Hutto, Text; Exodus 14th Chapter, latter clause of 15th verse, "Go Forward." He was followed by Rev. A. H. Godfrey. Dismissed till 1:15 o'clock for dinner.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services by Bro. S. T. Shutes, Prayer by Bro. Chester Pelt.

The body was called to order by J. W. D. Stephens. The Moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 5th. chapter of St. Matthew, Prayer by W. S. Cook.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different churches. The Moderator appointed Bro. R. L. Hunter and Bro. S. T. Shutes to read the letters.

## NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Union Spring.—W. H. Jenkins, I. A. Tolar, S. E. Anglin and O. Z. Henderson.

Corinth.—Owen Matthews, Crawford Bright, C. G. Baxley, J. T. Roberson and Mrs. Ruby Roberson.

Rocky Grove.—W. N. Murdock.

Spring Field.—J. F. Nowell, J. C. Brown, J. A. Dickerson, W. J. Griffin, C. C. Hicks and Sister Willie Hicks.

Pleasant Home.—D. W. Owens, D. R. Hicks, L. M. Morris and Charlie Mixon.

Prospect.—J. W. Conner, Luther Howell, E. T. Ingram, J. W. Grice and Irell Ingram.

Free Will Rest.—Represented by letter.

Howards Grove.—E. S. Jones, A. L. McDonald, A. C. Womack, Mrs. J. R. Adams, Mrs Ella Cobb, Mrs Othel Jordan, Mrs Cora Johnson and Monroe Jordan.

New Hope.—Effie Whittle.

Long Branch —C. G. Aycock, L. M. Skipper, Kate Hinson, Marjorie Wesley, Lula Nichols, G. L. Thurston and J. F. Thurston.

Shiloh.—R. R. McGriff, Mack Odams, Nick Edmondson, George Jones, Fanny Gamble and Mary Ellerner Love.

Magnolia.—O. F. Ott and W. T. Weed.

Happy Home.—H. H. Clark, H. H. McNeal, B. F. Harrison, A. C. Chumney and Willie Noah Moore.

Hickory Grove.—J. R. Long, C. B. Green, R. G. Hatcher, Jack Hatcher,

George Hatcher, Miranda Ditty, Gertrude Hatcher and Flora Conrad.

New Pilgrim.—E. L. Hunter.

Happy Hour.—J. L. Nichols and Mrs. J. L. Nichols.

New Harmony.—A. J. Granger, J. A. Callaway, Donnie Callaway, J. C. Howell, Preston Granger and J. F. Capps.

Pleasant Ridge.—G. L. Hall.

Granger.—Jim Granger and Arthur West.

Spring Hill.—H. E. Peterson, Tom Brunson, G. W. Jeffcoat and Gray-nella Godfrey.

By motion the letters were read and adopted. •

By motion the clerks make the necessary changes in the association letters.

By motion we elect Moderator and Clerk by ballot.

By motion to recind motion to elect by ballot and elect by nomination and ballot.

By motion A. H. Godfrey, G. W. Nobles, M. M. Hicks were nominated for Moderator.

By motion A. C. Womack, C. B. Green was nominated for Clerk.

Rev. A. H. Godfrey was elected Moderator, and C. B. Green was reelected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters, none received.

Called for correspondents from Sister Associations, the following were received:

Midway.—James Chesire, W. T. Wiley, T. B. Mellette, T. G. Mimms, J. A. Mercer and Anna Mercer.

Liberty.—W. A. Clark.

Union Hill.—S. E. Carroll.

South Eastern.—J. S. Vickers and D. F. Pelt.

Salem.—K. V. Shutes and Rufus Hyman.

Zion Bible School.—Chester Pelt.

S. T. Shutes was an honorary member from the Progressive Association, and Mrs. K. V. Shutes a visitor from the Progressive Association of Western Ala.

On motion these brethren were seated in the body.

#### THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED.

Divine Services.—H. E. Peterson, J. N. Edmondson and R. G. Hatcher.

Documents.—R. G. Hatcher, A. C. Womack and J. C. Brown.

Education.—Floyd Cherry, Chester Pelt, K. V. Shutes and T. B. Mellette.

Home Missions.—Rufus Hyman, E. S. Jones and W. T. Hutto.

Nominations.—Miranda Ditty, E. T. Ingram, J. C. Ethridge and Mrs. E. T. Ingram.

Suggestions.—S. T. Shutes, D. T. Guy and D. W. Pool.



Sunday School.—C. C. Hicks, Flora Conrad and Gertrude Hatcher.  
Temperance.—J. W. D. Stephens, H. E. Peterson, J. N. Edmondson  
and Mrs C. C. Hicks.

Finance.—R. L. Hunter, R. B. Robinson, and Graynella Godfrey.

Obituaries.—Joe Whitaker, J. T. Roberson and Mrs J. T. Roberson.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers.—J. F. Capps, Joe Nowell, J. A. Mercer and I. A. Dickerson.

On motion we adjourn until 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Benediction by Bro. W. T. Wiley.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Reassembled with A. H. Godfrey, the Moderator, presiding. Prayer  
by the Moderator, after which he read the 1st. Psalm for our morning lesson.

Called for corresponding letters, none received.

Called the roll, read the decorum.

Called for petitionary letters, none received.

On motion we call for volunteers to visit Sister Associations, the following responded:

Salem.—Floyd Cherry, J. L. Nichols and A. H. Godfrey.

Union Hill.—Floyd Cherry, E. T. Ingram and Mrs E. T. Ingram.

By motion Bro. A. H. Godfrey and Bro. A. C. Womack were appointed  
as delegates to the General Conference.

Midway.—A. C. Womack, Emma Hare, Beulah Godfrey.

South Eastern.—W. T. Hutto, Floyd Cherry and D. T. Guy.

Martin.—J. N. Barnes.

Chattahoochee.—By motion to correspond by letter.

Liberty.—E. S. Jones, A. C. Womack, J. F. Capps and A. F. Ott.

By motion we correspond with South Carolina Conference by letter.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Bro. J. M. Murdock, an aged minister, received \$5.00 as a gift from  
Hickory Grove.

By motion an intermission of five minutes was given before preaching.

• Bro. W. T. Wiley preached the 11 o'clock sermon.

Dismissed for dinner.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a five minute devotional service conducted by J. J. Burdeshaw, the  
body was called to order by the moderator.

Renewed the call for corresponding letters, none received.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

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

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

By motion a collection of \$2.75 was raised for Home Missions.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Miscellaneous business:

By motion Bro R. B. Roberson's resignation as treasurer be accepted.

By motion we suspend the regular order of business and elect treasurer by acclamation.

Bro. A. J. Granger was elected treasurer.

On motion we retain our same Executive Committee and Home Mission Board.

On motion we lay over acceptance of the church discipline of General Conference until the next session of the Conference.

On motion we publish the dates of our Union Meetings in minutes.

By motion we tender our heart felt thanks to Spring Hill Church and community for their hospitality shown us during this session of the Association.

By motion we pay our Clerk \$10.00 for His service.

The next Union Meeting will be held at Spring Field Church, three miles north of Ashford Ala. on the second fifth Saturday and Sunday, 1934.

On motion we pay Bro. J. M. Murdock \$10.00 out of Home Mission funds.

On motion this Association adjourn.

Benediction by Bro. Floyd Cherry.

A. H. GODFREY, Moderator.

C. B. GREEN, Clerk.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Divine Services.—We your committee on Divine Service, ask that Bro. T. B. Mellette preach tonight at 7:00 o'clock and Bro. S. T. Shutes to conduct the song service. Bro. W. T. Wiley to preach 11:00 o'clock tomorrow.

H. E. PETERSON, Chm.

Documents.—We, your Committee, submit the following report: 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, Sun. School Literature and League Literature, all published by the F.W. B. Press at Ayden, N. C. For church treatise and discipline as endorsed by the General Conference, as it is orthodox in the faith and the practice of the original F. W. B. of North America. We also recommend the F. W. B. paper be read by all the church members and placed in all the homes of all the Free Will Baptist people everywhere. For these we do contend and earnestly pray.

R. G. HATCHER, Chm.

Education.—We, your committee on Education, submit the following for your consideration. Education in America has been progressing steadily since the establishment of the first public school by Horace Mann, however it seems as though this progress has declined in these strenuous times. We, as a church and as Christians, should strive to keep this progress in steady motion through the education of our youth. We ask that all churches think seriously over this matter. May God bless your every effort in this direction.

FLOYD CHERRY.  
CHESTER PELT.  
K. V. SHUTES.  
T. B. MELLETTTE.

Mission Report.—We, your committee on Missions, offer the following report:

1. We find no effort being put forth in the interest of Home Mission work in the bounds of the State Line F. W. B. Association.

2. We recommend that this Association assist pastors who are serving weak run down churches in this Association, that are unable to pay pastoral expenses, allowing them to draw on the Home Mission Board for said funds.

3. That we also offer the sum of ten dollars to any pastor organizing a good substantial church within the bounds of this Association, and said amount to be paid from Home Mission funds.

4. And we further ask our churches to raise a special offering at least once per year for Home Missions to be sent in to the Association annually to be used by the Home Mission Board.

5. We earnestly solicit the adoption of this report for we realize that if we do not continue to go forward with our work, it is evident that we are going backward. God says for his people to "Go forward." Exodus 14;15. Shall we go forward or not?

Respectfully Submitted,

RUFUS HYMAN, Chm.  
E. S. JONES.  
W. T. HUTTO.

Nominations.—We, your committee on nominations, submit the following report; We nominate Shilo Church, Houston County, to entertain the next session of the Association which will convene on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October 1934. We also nominate Rev. John Barnes to preach the Introductory sermon and Rev. George Nobles to close.

MIRANDA DITTY.  
E. T. INGRAM.  
J. C. ELDRIDGE.  
MRS. E. T. INGRAM.

Suggestions.—We beg to submit the following report; We urge each pastor to strive to carry out the report of the 1932 committee on suggestions, and that they strive for nothing short of a L. A. S., a Sunday School and League organized in every church. We further suggest that each pastor preach two sermons in each church on Missions: Also that each church strive to make necessary repairs on their church building while materials are cheap.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. T. SHUTES.

D. T. GUY.

D. W. POOL.

Sunday School.—We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following, We are glad indeed to see as many churches with ever-green Sunday Schools as there are, but regret that there are so many that hasn't any at all. We earnestly pray that our pastors will push forward and organize a twelve months Sunday School in every church. We earnestly pray that fathers and mothers will go with their children to Sunday School, pray with them and teach them to serve the Lord.

C. C. HICKS.

MRS. FLORA CONRAD.

MRS. GERTRUDE HATCHER.

Temperance.—We your committee on Temperance, make the following report; The temperance question is always a question that confronts us, and considering the gains that the wet forces are making, it is very imperative that we marshal all our forces of the Association to defeat intemperance and its evil influences. If the legalized sale of whiskey becomes a fact let each of us do our part and let it alone. If we are right with God then we will live right. We ask that our pastors and churches use all their influence against intemperance.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. D. STEPHENS.

H. E. PETERSON.

J. N. EDMONDSON.

MRS. C. C. HICKS.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers.—We beg lief to make the following report; we find by the reading of the letters that all churches and ministers are in fairly good standing as far as we know. We recommend that all Ministers in care of churches use parliamentary uses and discipline more fully in the future.

J. F. CAPPS.

J. F. NOWELL.

J. A. MERCER.

I. A. DICKERSON.



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

Hickory Grove.—Sister Lizzie Ditty and Bro. Elieston Yarborough.

Pleasant Home.—Sister Lexie Helms.

Prospect.—Sister Martha Davis, Sister Merinthy Cherry, Sister Hazle Cherry and Bro. Monroe Brown.

Pleasant Ridge.—Sister Mary Hall.

Springfield.—Brother A. J. Helms and Sister R. T. Culner.

We know that God doeth all things well so we point the bereaved families of these deceased brothers and sisters to Him, who is able to heal broken hearts, and may we as members of the State Line Association extend our sympathy.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. T. ROBERSON.

MRS. J. T. ROBERSON.

JOE WHITAKER, Chm.

Finance.—We your Committee on Finances make the following report:

	Association	Missions	Minutes	Education
Spring Field -----	\$ .55	\$ ----	\$ 1.50	\$ ----
Happy Hour -----	1.50	.50	-----	-----
Prospect -----	1.50	-----	1.50	-----
Magnolia -----	1.00	.50	.50	-----
Pleasant Home -----	1.50	-----	1.00	-----
Corinth -----	1.00	-----	1.15	-----
Hickory Grove -----	2.00	-----	3.00	-----
Pleasant Ridge -----	1.00	.50	1.00	-----
Shiloh -----	.50	-----	1.00	-----
Free Wills Rest -----	1.00	-----	1.50	-----
Howards Grove -----	2.00	-----	3.00	-----
Long Branch -----	1.50	-----	1.50	-----
New Harmony -----	2.00	-----	1.00	-----
Granger -----	.75	.75	.75	-----
Happy Hours -----	1.00	-----	1.50	-----
Spring Hill -----	1.00	-----	1.00	.61
New Hope -----	.20	-----	.50	-----
Union Spring -----	.75	-----	1.00	-----
New Pilgrim -----	.75	-----	.75	-----
Rockey Grove -----	1.00	-----	1.00	-----
Total -----	\$22.40	\$ 1.75	\$22.50	\$ .61



Grand Total -----\$47.26

Treasurer's Report for 1933.

Home Missions -----	\$25.06
Education -----	17.10
Total amount brought forward -----	\$ 42.16
Amount received 1932:	
Associational purpose -----	\$19.93
Minutes -----	22.25
Missions -----	1.50
Education -----	1.00
Amount received -----	\$ 44.68
Total -----	\$ 86.84
Amount paid out:	
Minutes and postage -----	\$34.79
J. N. Barnes -----	17.10
Clerk Service -----	6.00
A. H. Godfrey -----	5.00
Amount paid out -----	\$ 62.89
Amount borrowed from the mission Funds -----	\$ 3.62
Amount on hand for mission Funds -----	22.95
Education -----	1.00
Total on hand -----	\$ 23.95

Respectfully Submitted,

R. B. ROBERSON.

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REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES

Howard Grove League Report.—We have on roll a total of 70 members of which 44 are Seniors, 10 Juniors and 16 are Intermediates. We have had a League for twelve months of this Associational year. The League also conducts a prayer meeting every Saturday night. Our League undertook and successfully completed a church census this year. We organized one League at Grangers Church on September 24th 1933. Our League prays the blessings of God on every effort of the Association for the Cause of Christ.

A. C. WOMACK,

MRS. A. C. WOMACK, Cor. Sec.

Report of Prospect League from Sept. 1st 1932 to Sept 1st 1933. We have a number of 45 on roll with an average attendance of 30. Amount spent for local church \$10.00. The League has been organized for two years. Its membership has grown from 18 to 45. During this year, a Junior League:

has been organized. Much interest has been shown by the young people of the community.

GRADY SCOTT, Pres.

SARAH J. CONNER, Sec & Treas.

Report of League of the Hickory Grove Church, Oct 1932 to Oct 1933:

Number of members on roll -----	60
Number of Departments -----	2
Seniors on Roll -----	50
Juniors on roll -----	10
Amount of dues raised during year -----	\$15.60
Amount spent for Mission -----	6.00

One tenth of dues paid to the Gen Sect.

ESTHER HATCHER, *Pres.*, Bascom, Fla.

HUGH YARBOUROUGH, *Sec.*, Bascom, Fla.

Report of the F. W. B. League of Springfield Church. We have had a good League at Springfield this year. We have several who are interested in League work. We have four groups, two Senior groups, one Intermediate and one Junior group. We have (11) eleven Officers.

We have thirty-eight (38) now on roll.

Amount spent for Literature -----	\$3.50
Amount spent for Church -----	.75
Amount paid Preacher -----	5.42
Amount now in Treasury -----	1.10

Our Motto:

"The Kingdom of God First."

FRED LAMB, Pres.

Ladies' Aid of Howards Grove; We are glad to report to this Honorable Body that we have a prosperous Ladies Aid of 19 members. We hope to see a Ladies Aid in every Church that is in our state Line Association. There is much the Ladies can do to help the progress of their churches. Ladies, we earnestly beseech you to go forward, organize an Aid in each church, that each one may themselves be workers that needeth not to be ashamed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SAM WOMACK, Pres.

MRS ELLA COBB, Vice Pres.

MRS. JOHNIE B. PARSON, Sect.

MISS LILLIAN WOMACK, Treas.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Springfield makes this report to the State Line Association. We hereby present to your Honorable Body a report of our Ladies' Aid Society work. Members on roll 20, money raised by Society \$42.00. Amount paid the pastor \$1.00. Amount spent for improvement of

church \$55.00. Amount paid on the church debt \$35.52. Total in Treasury \$ .85.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGE WINDSOR, Pres.

MRS. S. G. CARTER, Sect. and Treas.

We, the F. W. B. Sunday School of Springfield, wish to make this report to the State Line Association, beginning at the close of the convention. Members enrolled 36, classes 4, collection \$8.23, for literature \$2.98, paid to pastor \$5.43, amount in treasury .82, officers 11. Our Motto is, "Christ the Head of Our Sunday School."

C. C. HICKS, Supt.

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#### OBITUARIES

In loving memory of our beloved friend, Sister Merinthy Cherry. On February 8th 1933, Sister Merinthy Cherry left a vacant place in her home, Prospect Church and numerous other places that no substitute can fill. Sister Cherry leaves sisters, brothers, relatives and a host of friends to mourn her departure. May they all strive to meet her in that beautiful land above, where there will be no more sad good-byes. She is not gone, but sleeping that blessed sleep and will rise to meet us on that great Judgment Day. Sister Cherry was a true blue friend, one that never failed. She was always genial and filled all the dark spots in our hearts with sunshine. Sister Cherry has been a very staunch and faithful member with us, at Prospect F. W. B. Church, since her childhood. Her greatest theme was to help struggling people on the right road to the kingdom of Heaven.

Rest, perfect rest to her sleeping dust.

Written by,

FOY LEE GODFREY.

BEATRICE HOWELL.

BROWN.—In sacred memory to Bro. Monroe Brown who departed from this earth in the year 1933. He left sons, daughters, grand-children, great-grand-children and many friends to mourn his departure.

He was a faithful member with us at Prospect Church. Although he rests in the land of eternity, his presence hovers around us still. "Peace be to thy silent slumbers, and may we all meet you in that blessed land above, where there will be peace and happiness forever.

Written by,

FOY LEE GODFREY.

BEATRICE HOWELL.

DITTY.—In loving memory of Sister Lizzie Ditty who was a member with us at Hickory Grove Church for several years. She leaves a husband and four children besides a host of friends to mourn her loss.

YARBOUROUGH.—In loving memory of Bro. Ellieston Yarborough who was a member with us at Hickory Grove Church. He leaves a father, mother, brothers and sisters, besides a host of friends to mourn his departure.

DAVIS.—It is with profound reverence that I express this tribute to memory of a dear friend, Sister Martha Davis, whom I have known from birth.

On the morning of November 10, 1932, God saw fit to claim his own again and give her a home up higher. Often we are called upon by the Grim Reaper to give up some loved one who is dear to us, to surrender that sweet smiling face, those kind words of love that mean so much to us towards helping us along the pathway of this earthly life.

Sister Martha Davis made a public profession of Faith in Christ, and became a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in her early life. She was a loyal and consistent member until death.

Now, friends and relatives, let us place our feet on higher grounds, that we may meet.

In that land of sweet flowers  
On the happy Golden Shore.  
We pray to meet beyond the River  
Where we'll never part no more.

Written by a friend:



## 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 numbed 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 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.

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## 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.

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## 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-days 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) Acknowledgements. (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 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 Testament were given by 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 fallen nature and all who come to years of accountability will sin and come short of the glory of God except that they receive Salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ—Gen. 3:6; 1:26; 5:1 and 9:6; Rom. 3:23; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:43.

7. ATONEMENT.—We believe that Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead; Therefore God desires the salvation of all and the gospel invites all, and whomsoever will may come and partake of the waters of life.—I Cor. 1:7; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 2:9; Rom. 5:5; Rev. 22:17.

8. OF ELECTION.—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of men by any unconditional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of 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 who 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 Saints' 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 represent 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. THE RESURRECTION.—We believe when 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 will be driven into everlasting darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5:29; Acts 14:16; Isa. 17; Heb. 9:27.

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## 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. Adjournment.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Floyd Cherry, Prospect	Dothan, Ala.
W. T. Henderson, Union Springs	Webb, Ala.
W. S. Cook, Union Springs	Pansey, Ala.
S. V. Elmore, Pleasant Home	Geneva, Ala.
A. L. Williams, Prospect	Dothan, 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 Whitaker, 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.
M. M. Hicks, Shiloh	Blakely, Ga.
W. T. Hutto, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.
J. J. Burdeshaw, Prospect	Dothan, Ala.
A. H. Godfrey, Spring Hill	Gordan, Ala.
J. L. Nichols,	Crosby, Ala.
W. H. Keel, Free Will Rest	Grand Ridge, Fla.
John Barnes, Hickory Grove	Bascom, Fla.
H. J. Mercer, Free Will Rest	Sneads, Fla.
J. A. Webb, Shiloh	Columbia, Ala.

## LICENTIATES

D. W. Poole	Marianna, Fla.
E. W. Burts	Geneva, Ala.
O. O. Adams, Corinth	Midland City, Fla.
Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony	Cottonwood, Ala.
C. A. Lewis, Magnolia	Dothan, Ala.
E. C. Mims, Pleasant Homes	Black, Ala.
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove	Red Level, Ala.
C. E. Shumaker, Howard Grove	Cottonwood, Ala.
W. P. Merrette, Union Springs	Pansey, Ala.

## STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was Organized  
At Howard Grove Church, Nov. 20, 1886

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Mem.
1886—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard Grove	449



1887—D. L. Chandler, Calvin Dykes, Beulah	577
1888—R. M. Gray, Calvin Dykes, Macedonia	403
1889—R. M. Gray, Calvin Dykes, Friendship	516
1890—R. M. Gray, Calvin Dykes, 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
1931—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Howard Grove	2323
1932—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Free Will Rest	2374
1933—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, Spring Hill	



# STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

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
Hickory Grove	Rufus Hyman	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	1				1	1	2	122	158	1	\$ 2.00
Howard Grove	A. H. Godfrey	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.	20	6	6	4	8	1		101	288	3	2.00
Spring Hill	J. C. Eldridge		9		3					62	81	4	1.00
Springfield	A. H. Godfrey	B. F. Keel, Ashford, Ala.	13	2	5		3	1	2	45	76	1	.55
Corinth	W. T. Hutto	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala.	2	2			1			61	71	3	1.00
Pleasant Home	T. E. Ross	Charlie Mixon, Geneva, Ala.	9		2	3	4	4	1	64	104	3	1.50
Prospect	T. B. Mellette	M. L. Howell, Dothan, Ala.	3						4	71	116	2	1.50
New Harmony	T. B. Mellette	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	4							80	98	2	2.00
Union Spring	W. T. Henderson	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala.	12		2	4	3	5		49	130	2	.75
Rocky Grove	Rufus Hyman	W. N. Murdock, Greenwood, Fla.					1			31	58	3	1.00
Long Branch	J. W. Posey	S. A. Brown, Coffee Springs, Ala.	5	2	1					27	41	3	1.50
Granger	A. H. Godfrey	Branon West, Gordon, Ala.	2	1	12	1				14	22	2	.75
Magnolia	D. F. Peet	W. T. Weed, Midland City, Ala.	4							48	55	2	1.00
Happy Hour	W. T. Carter	A. W. Pelham, Gordon, Ala.								24	19	3	1.00
New Pilgrim	J. J. Burdeshaw	Nina Joe Hunter, Columbia, Ala.											.75
Pleasant Ridge	A. H. Godfrey	E. W. Granger, Marianna, Fla.	3	2	2	2	2		1	23	33	4	1.00
Happy Home	J. L. Nickols	H. H. Clark, Gordon, Ala., R1.	2		2	2	1					1	.50
Free Will Rest	H. W. Keel	Error Pool, Bascom, Fla.	10		2		6	1		44	71		1.00
New Hope	W. T. Hutto	Lincie Cook, Midland City, Ala., R1.											.20
Shiloh	M. M. Hicks	J. L. Jones, Columbus, Ala.	3		7	1	1	1	1	36	28	3	.50

Churches	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Buildings	Value of Other Property	No. in S. School	Sunday School Supt. and Post Office
Hickory Grove -----	\$ 2.00	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$112.56	\$1500.00	\$ 500.00	64	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. -----
Howard Grove -----	3.00	-----	-----	61.00	1000.00	500.00	56	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala. -----
Spring Hill -----	1 00	-----	.61	68.45	1000.00	100.00	-----	-----
Springfield -----	1 50	-----	-----	73.87	1000.00	500.00	-----	-----
Corinth -----	1.15	-----	-----	38.10	700.00	50.00	81	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. -----
Pleasant Home -----	1.50	-----	-----	15.00	150.00	100.00	95	Wilson Newman, Geneva, Ala. -----
Prospect -----	1.50	-----	-----	50.00	1000.00	1000.00	54	J. J. Burdeshaw, Dothan, Ala. -----
New Harmony -----	1.00	-----	-----	67.00	600.00	150.00	35	O. Sellers & P. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. -----
Union Spring -----	1.00	-----	-----	15.50	1300.00	300.00	80	V. S. Cook, Pansey, Ala. -----
Rocky Grove -----	1.00	-----	-----	15.00	500.00	150.00	-----	-----
Long Branch -----	1.50	-----	-----	25.42	75.00	75.00	39	F. L. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala. --
Granger -----	.75	.75	-----	25.00	-----	125.00	50	Jim Granger, Marianna, Fla. -----
Magnolia -----	.50	.50	-----	25.00	800.00	250.00	40	W. E. Kirkland, Midland City, Ala. -----
Happy Hour -----	.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	56.00	-----	-----
New Pilgrim -----	.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pleasant Ridge -----	1 00	.50	-----	42.00	100.00	50.00	25	D. W. Pool, Marianna, Fla. -----
Happy Home -----	1 50	.50	-----	15.00	-----	30.00	-----	-----
Free Will Rest -----	1.50	-----	-----	-----	150.00	50.00	38	Curtis Granger, Sneads, Fla. -----
New Hope -----	.50	-----	-----	19.40	-----	-----	-----	-----
Shiloh -----	1.00	-----	-----	21.15	1500.00	500.00	50	Idus Killingsworth, Columbia, Ala. -----
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