

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

Held With
SHILOH CHURCH
Houston County, Ala., Oct. 11, 1934.

OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala., T. A. Payne, Midland City, Ala.,
A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala., J. J. Burdeshaw, Dothan, Ala.,
G. W. Jeffcoat, Gordan, Ala.

HOME MISSION BOARD

A. H. Godfery, Crosby, Ala., E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala., W. T.
Hutto, Midland City, Ala., R. L. Hunter, Columbia, Ala., L. C.
Mixon, Geneva, Ala.

The next Session meets with Pleasant Home Church on Thurs-
day at 11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in Oct. 1935 locat-
ed 6 miles east of Geneva, Ala. on L. N. Railroad and on
Black-Geneva Highway.

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PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Shiloh Church, Houston Co. Alabama in its 49th Annual Session, on Thursday October 11th, 1934

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. N. Barnes. Text: a portion of the 4th—13th chapter of Ephesians (Church Unity). He was followed by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

Dismissed untill 1:15 o'clock for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. A. H. Godfrey. The moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 25th chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Rev. D. F. Pelt.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Called for different letters from the different churches.

The moderator appointed Bro. Floyd Cherry and Bro. J. C. Howell to read the letters.

Names of churches and delegates:

Rocky Grove:—Scharlet Baxter.

Pleasant Home:—W. E. Ogburn, Sister J. C. Mixon.

Long Branch:—G. L. Thurston, Alcus Aycock, Wilburn Aycock and T. E. Shirah.

Hickory Grove:—R. G. Hatcher, Walter Baxter and Gertrude Hatcher.

Audrey Green:—Maranda Ditty, J. W. D. Stephens and J. J. Hatcher.

Free Will Rest:—H. T. Fowler and Rev. H. W. Keel.

Union Springs:—W. H. Jenkins, S. E. Anglin and O. Z. Henderson, P. R. Knight, Sisters Ida Jenkins and Irene Huff.

Corinth:—C. G. Baxley, Fred Baxley, Luther Stephens and J. T. Roberson.

New Harmony:—A. J. Granger, Preston Granger, Leona Granger and Stella Granger.

Prospect:—David Allen, J. W. Conner, Luther Howell, Archie Cherry, Mrs. C. R. Carr and Mrs. Archie Cherry.

Happy Hour:—D. T. Shivers, Press Shivers, Al Tonney.

Spring Hill:—G. W. Jeffcoat, H. E. Peterson, Beulah Godfrey and J. S. Conner.

Spring Field:—S. G. Carter, Lendon Hamrick and Walter Capps.

Howards Grove:—E. S. Jones, Calvin Jordan, Tiff Trawick and A. J. Dickerson.

New Pilgrim:—Represented by Proxy by Bro. J. J. Burdeshaw.

Magnolia:—L. R. Dassinger, Mrs. L. R. Dassinger.

Happy Home:—H. H. Clark, T. E. Evans, H. C. Evans and Cora Clark.

Granger:—Arthur West.

Plesant Ridge:—J. T. Hall, W. M. Ross, D. W. West, Sidney Tindell and Mrs. D. W. West.

By motion the letters were read and adopted also that the delegates be seated in the body.

On motion we elect a moderator and clerk by nomination and acclamation. Rev. A. H. Godfrey was elected moderator, and C. B. Green was re-elected clerk.

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

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

Midway:—L. A. Morris.

Zion Bible School:—T. B. Mellette.

Liberty:—W. A. Clark, A. Fowler.

South Eastern:—D. F. Pelt.

On motion these brethren be seated as corresponding delegates and given the right hand of fellowship.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Service:—J. N. Edmondson, Fanny Gamble and Etta Odom.

Documents:—R. G. Hatcher, G. W. Nobles and E. S. Jones.

Education:—Walter Baxter, J. C. Howell, H. W. Keel and J. W. D. Stephens.

Home Missions:—J. T. Roberson, A. J. Granger, G. L. Thurston and Gertrude Hatcher.

Nominations:—Arch Cherry, D. T. Shivers, H. E. Peterson, S. G. Carter and Henry Jordan.

Suggestions:—M. M. Hicks, W. G. Odom, J. J. Hatcher, Wilburn Aycock and W. T. Henderson.

Sunday Schools:—Floyd Cherry, W. S. Cook, R. L. Hunter, Audrey Green and Stella Granger.

Temperance:—D. F. Pelt, L. C. Mixon, Luther Howell, Lindon Hamrick, and Beulah Godfrey.

Finance:—Calvin Jordan, Mrs. C. R. Carr and W. H. Jenkins.

Obituaries:—Miranda Ditty, J. W. Conner, Preston Granger and Mrs. Arch Cherry.

On motion we drop the report of state of churches and character of ministers.

Report on Divine Services was read and adopted.

On motion Bro. D. T. Shivers be excused from the body and that he turn over the funds from Happy Hour Church to the clerk. 50 cents Association, 50 cents minutes, and 50 cents for old aged ministers.

By motion we adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

Benediction by Bro. W. S. Cook.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Reassembled with A. H. Godfrey the moderator presiding. He read a portion of the 2nd chapter of Phil. for the morning lesson. Prayer by the moderator.

Called for corresponding letters. None received.

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

Called the roll. Read the decorum.

On motion we call for volunteers to visit Sister Associations. The following responded;

Liberty:—Floyd Cherry.

Midway:—M. M. Hicks, G. W. Nobles.

Salem:—G. W. Nobles.

Union Hill:—Floyd Cherry.

Southeastern:—M. M. Hicks and Arch Cherry.

Martin:—Correspond by letter.

Chattahoochee:—A. H. Godfrey, Floyd Cherry.

South Carolina Conference:—Correspond by letter.

General Conference:—G. W. Nobles, J. C. Howell.

On motion the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference be paid out of the Treasure.

By motion we rescind the act of paying the delegates expenses to the General Conference from the Treasure.

At this juncture a public collection of \$10.60 was taken up and turned over to the Treasure.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

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

Bro. L. C. Mixon preached the 11 o'clock sermon.

Dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a Devotional service conducted by Bro. D. F. Pelt, the body was called to order by the moderator.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

A public collection of \$10.91 was taken to pay Bro. A. H. Godfrey and Bro. Floyd Cherry's entrance fee to the General Conference.

On motion the delegation from Corinth Church be excused.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

Miscellaneous Business—On motion we table the matter of taking up the question of the Church Discipline of the General Conference at this session.

On motion we set aside \$10.00 to pay delegates entrance fee to the General Conference.

On motion we rescind regular order of business and retain our same treasurer.

On motion we print the report of the Sunday School Convention in the minutes.

On motion we rescind the regular order of business and retain same Executive Committee.

On motion we accept Bro. R. G. Hatcher's resignation as a member of the Home Mission Board.

By motion we suspend regular order of business and retain same Home Mission Board with exception of R. G. Hatcher and J. N. Barnes.

On motion Bro. R. G. Hatcher was excused from the body.

On motion we pay the clerk \$10.00 for his services

On motion we pay Bro. Floyd Cherry all the educational funds on hand.

By motion L. C. Mixon and J. J. Burdeshaw was excused from the body:

A collection of \$3.60 was received for the Orphanage Home by the body to be turned over to the Treasurer.

On motion we tender our heart felt thanks to Shiloh Church and community for their hospitality shown us during the sitting of the Association.

On motion this Association adjourn.

Benediction by Bro. W. T. Henderson.

A. H. GODFREY, Moderator.

C. B. GREEN, Clerk.

Report on Divine Service:—We your committee on Divine Service ask that Bro. Floyd Cherry preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock, and Rev. L. C. Mixon preach at 11:00 o'clock tomorrow. Bro. Pue Kelly conduct the song service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. EDMONSON.

FANNY GAMBLE.

ETTA ODOM.

Report on Documents:—We your committee on Documents beg leave to submit the following report, we recommend that we use the same report as was made by the committee in last session.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. HATCHER.

G. W. NOBLES.

E. S. JONES.

Report on Education:—We your committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report. We urge the parents in the State Line Association to patronize our public schools of our State and County, and give their children the advantage of a common school education.

We believe that there are ministers that are divinely called that has been deprived of a common school education, and we urge the Association to make every possible effort to assist them to prepare for the ministry.

We urge each church to send funds for education, annually to the Association as outlined on the Associational letter.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER BAXTER.

J. C. HOWELL.

H. W. KEEL.

J. W. D. STEPHENS.

Report on Home Missions:—We your committee on Home Missions offer the following report: That each church in the State Line Association organize a Home Mission Board for the purpose of raising funds for Home Missions and insist on the pastors of each church insisting on each member to donate something for Home Missions. We also ask each church to send some funds to the State Line Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROBERSON.

A. J. GRANGER.

GERTRUDE HATCHER.

G. T. THURSTON.

Report on Nomination:—We your committee on Nomination submit the following report: We nominate the next session to convene with Pleasant Home church, Geneva County on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October 1935. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. Floyd Cherry, and Rev. M. M. Hicks to close.

S. G. CARTER.

ARCH CHERRY.

H. E. PETERSON.

HENRY JORDAN.

D. F. SHIVERS.

Report on Suggestion:—We your committee make the following report: We suggest that each pastor see to the collection for the Education of our ministers, also for the Orphanage at least once a year. We insist on the deacons helping the pastor to look after the same. We further suggest that each church pay the expenses monthly to their pastors. We further suggest that 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 and if possible a prayer meeting once a week, because without these helps it makes it hard for the pastor of your church.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. HICKS.

W. G. ODOM.

J. J. HATCHER.

WILBURN AYCOCK.

W. T. HENDERSON.

Report on Sunday Schools:—We submit the following report: We find that 10 of our churches have evergreen Sunday Schools. This is an improvement, yet there is much work to be done and we urge that every church strive to organize an evergreen Sunday School. Ladies' Aid Society, and a

F. W. B. League. We feel that these are an essential part of every church and no church can be complete without them.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD CHERRY.

W. S. COOK.

R. G. HATCHER.

AUDREY GREEN.

STELLA GRANGER.

Report on Temperance—We recommend that we be temperate in all things. Temperance in all things that can be carried to an excess should be always given serious thought and dealt with properly by the church. The liquor question is now thrown entirely upon the church and we must meet it correctly. It is useless for us to state that liquor consumption has been greatly increased since the repeal of the 18th amendment. If the church is to even hold its own something must be done and that quickly. We recommend that all preachers and pastors condemn this evil traffic with all the power and fervor that God will give them. We also recommend that each church deal wisely and properly with all of its problems which grow from this terrible enemy of righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. PELT.

L. C. MIXON.

LUTHER HOWELL

LONDON HAMRICK.

BEULAH GODFREY.

Report on Obituaries—We your committee on Obituaries find the following deaths reported; Rocky Grove, Sister Caroline Robinson, Bro. Willie Evans, and Bro. Neal Butler. Pleasant Home—Bros. Hamey Riley, Richard Conner, Albert Strickland, Eugene Congroe, and A. L. Brown. Prospect—Sister Sarah Conner. New Harmony—Sisters Neally Lockhart, and Ollie Paulk. Union Springs—Sister Lottie McKinnon. Spring Hill—Bro. Henry Fields. Happy Hour—Sister Callie Williams. Spring Field—Bro. N. H. Johnson. Howards Grove—Sister Fannie Rhodes Benton. Shilo—Sisters Annie Mae Cosley and Annie Hick. Happy Home—Sister Mary Jane Grice and Bro. B. S. Harrison. Pleasant Ridge—Bro. J. L. West and Sister Emma Taylor.

We miss their presence here but God doeth all things well and we must ever look up to Him to heal our broken hearts and fill their vacant places.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRANDA DITTY,

J. N. CONNER.

PRESTON GRANGER.

MRS. ARCH CHERRY.

Report of Finance:—We your committee on Finance make this report.

Churches	Missions	Association	Minutes	Education	Aged Ministers
Happy Home -----	\$.75	\$.50	\$ 1.50	-----	-----
Granger -----	-----	.75	.75	-----	-----
Magnolia -----	-----	1.70	1.00	-----	-----
Shiloh -----	-----	.75	1.25	-----	-----
Howards Grove -----	1.00	2.00	2.00	-----	-----
Springs Field -----	.75	-----	1.50	.25	-----
Happy Hour -----	-----	-----	.50	-----	.50
Spring Hill -----	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	-----
Union Springs -----	-----	1.50	1.50	-----	-----
Corinth -----	-----	1.05	1.05	-----	-----
New Harmony -----	-----	2.00	2.00	-----	-----
Prospect -----	-----	1.50	1.50	-----	-----
Pleasant Home -----	-----	1.25	1.00	-----	-----
Long Branch -----	-----	1.50	1.50	-----	-----
Hickory Grove -----	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.50
Free Will Rest -----	-----	.75	1.25	-----	-----
Rocky Grove -----	-----	1.00	1.00	-----	-----
Pleasant Ridge -----	-----	1.00	1.00	-----	-----
Total -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	\$4.75	\$20.25	\$23.80	\$3.25	\$1.00

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN JORDAN.

MRS. C. R. CARR.

W. H. JENKINS

J. S. CONNER.

Treasurer's Report 1934:—

Turned over to A. J. Granger at last Association 1933 all told \$51.26.

Disbursements:—

Paid Clerk C. B. Green for his services ----- \$10.00

Paid J. M. Murdock ----- 10.00

Paid C. B. Green for postage ----- .60

Dec. 23. 1933, Paid C. B. Green for minutes and postage ----- 30.66

These were all the funds that were in the treasure and totaled ---- \$51.26

Feb. 2nd, 1934, received by Money Order paid by C. B. Green and R. B. Robinson 7.86.

Feb. 3rd., 1934, by Money Order to C. B. Green for balance on minutes and postage 4.16.

Paid for postage and money order ----- .17.

Balance on hand in Treasure	\$3.53
By Bro. Brown	.50

Total	\$4.03
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Respectfully submitted,
A. J. GRANGER

Long Branch League report:—Our League was organized Sunday night August 26th with 44 members. We now have 49 members and very much hopes of its progressing in the future. We have Senior, Intermediate and Junior departments. Our Field Secretary, Rev. E. L. Hughes taught a League Training School and there were 23 students, 19 graduating and receiving diplomas. Our League prays that the blessings of God may rest on every effort of the Association for the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
NELLIE SPEARS, President.
Coffee Springs, Ala.

Report of Howards Grove Ladies' Aid Society:—The Ladies' Aid of Howards Grove send their greetings and reports as follows to your honorable body:

Senior members on roll	24
Junior members on roll	10
Money raised	\$95.27

Improvements on the church \$60.34. Paid Bro. Murdock \$6.25. Paid Bro. Eddie Hughes \$4.58. Paid Bro. Godfrey \$1.25. Paid Zion Bible School \$2.00. Paid Mrs. Polston \$2.00. Leaving a balance in Treasure of \$17.89.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. SAM WOMACK, President.
MISS LILLIAN WOMACK, Sect. and Treas.

Report of Spring Field Ladies' Aid Society:—To the State Line Association we are glad to report to this honorable body that we have a prosperous Ladies' Aid consisting of 28 members. We hope to see a Ladies' Aid Society in every church that is in the State Line Association. There is much the ladies can do to help their church. We hope that each one of you will go forward and be workers that will not be ashamed.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. DOVIE KAY, President
MRS. B. F. KEEL, Vice President.
MRS. C. C. HICKS, Secretary.
MRS. S. G. CARTER, Treasurer.

Report of Long Branch Sunday School:—To the State Line Association we send Christian greetings: We have a very good Sunday School which has been organized three years. We have been meeting with the Union Hill Convention, for convenience, for the past two years. At our last session an offering was taken for the Orphanage Home amounting to \$3.60 which is

very small, but we hope it will be of some help, and with it we send our love and best wishes for the promotion of the kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS AUDRICE WESLEY, Secretary.

IN MEMORIUM

COSLEY:—In memory of Miss Annie May Cosley who departed from this life April 2nd, 1933. She was a member at Shilo Church. Sister Annie May was a Christian girl and was always spoken well of. She spoke words of cheer to each and everyone she came in contact with. She leaves a mother, father and brothers and relatives and friends to mourn her going. But God's will be done. May the family be reunited in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

BY HER PASTOR.

CONNER:—In loving memory of our beloved friend and Sister, Sarah Conner. She was a member at Prospect Church for many years. On the night of Feb 20th, 1934, God saw fit to call her up higher. It is sad to be called upon by the Grim Reaper, to part with those we love and have known so long, and to have to give up their sweet and smiling face. Kind words of love mean so much to us toward helping us along this earthly life. Though she was afflicted for many years she bore her afflictions with patience and smiles. Her last breath brought the sweet words of the poet, that Jesus can make a dying bed feel soft as downy pillows are. Now friends and relatives let us strive to meet her in the sweet home beyond where parting is no more.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SCOTT.

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 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-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.

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.
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	2360
1934—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, Shiloh	2539

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
Howard Grove --	A. H. Godfrey --	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala. ---	22	11	4	--	6	1	1	111	311	3	\$2.00
Hickory Grove --	W. T. Wiley ---	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. ---	11	2	2	--	2	--	--	121	171	1	2.00
Prospect -----	A. H. Godfrey --	M. L. Howell, Dothan, Ala. -----	13	1	1	--	1	--	1	76	130	2	1.50
Pleasant Home --	L. C. Mixon ---	Charlie Mixon, Geneva, Ala. -----	18	7	3	1	2	--	5	78	118	3	1.25
Long Branch ---	J. W. Posey ---	L. M. Skipper, Coffee Springs Ala. ---	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	29	41	4	1.50
Free Will Rest --	M. M. Hicks ---	H. T. Fouler, Bascom, Fla. -----	3	--	--	--	2	--	--	25	65	4	.75
Rocky Grove ---	Rufus Hyman --	W. N. Murdock, Greenwood, Fla. ---	--	--	--	--	3	2	3	28	54	3	1.00
Pleasant Ridge --	A. H. Godfrey --	E. W. Granger, Marianna, Fla. ---	12	--	--	3	--	--	2	24	37	4	1.00
Happy Hour ---	W. T. Carter --	D. E. Kimbell, Gordon, Ala. -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	24	18	2	.50
Spring Hill -----	Floyd Cherry --	Beulah Godfrey, Pansey, Ala. -----	23	7	4	1	2	--	1	74	104	4	1.00
Union Spring --	Floyd Cherry --	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala. -----	5	2	1	4	4	16	1	43	132	2	1.50
Corinth -----	W. T. Hutto ---	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	57	68	3	1.05
New Harmony ---	D. F. Peet ---	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. ---	12	2	--	--	7	--	2	74	108	2	2.00
Happy Home ---	J. L. Nickols --	H. H. Clark, Gordon, Ala. -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	35	40	1	.50
Springfield -----	A. H. Godfrey --	R. F. Keel, Ashford, Ala. -----	--	--	1	--	2	--	1	55	77	1	----
Shiloh -----	M. M. Hicks ---	Henry Jones, Columbia, Ala. Rt. 3 ---	7	2	--	--	7	--	2	40	22	3	.75
Magnolia -----	M. M. Hicks ---	W. T. Weed, Midland City, Ala. ---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	55	52	2	1.70
Granger	A. H. Godfrey --	B. W. West, Gordon, Ala. -----	5	--	--	--	1	--	--	19	23	--	.75
			131	35	16	10	39	19	22	968	1571	44	20.75

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2.

Churches	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Buildings	Value of Other Property	No. in S. School	Sunday School Supt. and Post Office
Howard Grove -----	\$ 2.00	\$1.00	\$.--	\$ 93.93	\$1000.00	\$ 500.00	81	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala. -----
Hickory Grove -----	2.00	2.00	2.00	94.61	1000.00	500.00	70	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. -----
Prospect -----	1.50	----	----	-----	750.00	1000.00	48	J. J. Burdeshaw, Dothan, Ala. -----
Pleasant Home -----	1.00	----	----	-----	1000.00	230.00	69	J. M. Braddock, Geneva, Ala. -----
Long Branch -----	1.50	----	----	17.00	400.00	50.00	60	T. E. Shirah, Coffee Springs, Ala. -----
Free Will Rest -----	1.25	----	----	8.00	250.00	75.00	56	Curtis Granger, Sneads, Fla. -----
Rocky Grove -----	1.00	----	----	18.25	500.00	150.00	---	-----
Pleasant Ridge -----	1.00	----	----	39.35	500.00	250.00	155	-----
Happy Hour -----	.50	----	----	5.00	-----	56.00	---	-----
Spring Hill -----	1.50	1.00	1.00	60.22	1000.00	250.00	---	Bunion Ethridge, Gordon Ala. -----
Union Spring -----	1.50	----	----	55.00	1500.00	300.00	59	W. S. Cook. Pansey, Ala. -----
Corinth -----	1.05	----	----	45.00	700.00	150.00	79	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. -----
New Harmony -----	2.00	----	----	49.00	600.00	200.00	46	Ulas Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. -----
Happy Home -----	1.50	----	----	2.50	-----	30.00	---	-----
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Springfield -----	1.50	.75	.25	56.00	750.00	350.00	57	Lendon Hamrick, Ashford, Ala. -----
Shiloh -----	1.25	----	----	25.00	1000.00	500.00	41	Geo. Jones, Columbia, Ala. -----
Magnolia -----	1.00	----	----	-----	500.00	200.00	---	-----
Granger -----	.75	----	----	32.86	200.00	125.00	50	Jim Granger, Marianna, Fla. -----
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-----	\$23.80	\$4.75	\$3.25	-----	-----	-----	---	-----