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Of The  
State Line Association  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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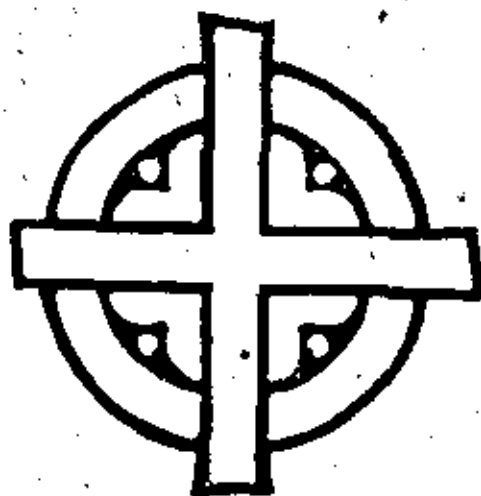
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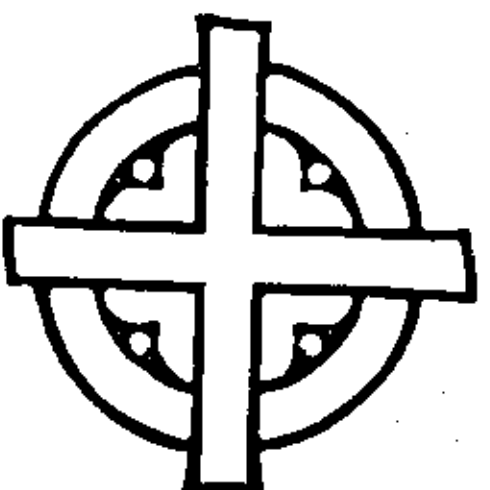
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## Proceedings

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with New Harmony Church in its 51st Annual session on Thursday Oct. 8th, 1936.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Bill Ely. Text: Matt. 23-27. Subject: "Jerusalem how often would I have gathered thy children even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing and ye would not." Rev. Ely handled his message in an able manner to the enjoyment of all as a spiritual feast. He was followed by Rev. L. C. Mixon.

Dismissed until 1:15 o'clock for dinner.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. W. S. Cook. The Moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 15th chapter of Corinthians. Prayer by Rev. A. H. Godfrey.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Called for letters from different churches. The moderator appointed Bro. A. J. Granger and Bro. Floyd Cherry to read the letters.

Names of churches and delegates were as follows:

*Granger*—Arthur West.

*Free Wills Rest*—R. A. Gray, Whitt Fowler, Rev. H. W. Keels.

*Magnolia*—L. E. Hicks, W. T. Weed, Z. R. Weed and Sister Irene Spurlock.

*Spring Hill*—H. E. Peterson, I. A. Tolor, Cliff Ingram, J. S. Conner and Sister Beulah Godfrey.

*Union Springs*—E. C. Drinkwater, Bodford Cherry, Flora Anglin.

*Long Branch*—Represented by letter.

*Spring Field*—Joe Barnette, Doc Hamrick, B. F. Keel, Sister C. C. Hicks and Sister Doc Hamrick.

*Hickory Grove*—C. B. Green, J. J. Hatcher, J. D. King, Walter Baxter, James Johnson, Joe W. Ditty, Esther Hatcher, Gertrude Hatcher, Miranda Ditty and Audrey Green.

*Corinth*—C. G. Baxley, Luther Stephens, A. J. Benefield, Mrs. A. J. Benefield, Synthia Jackson and W. P. Herndon.

*Prospect*—J. C. McClendon, Mrs. J. C. McClendon and Frank Cobb.

*New Harmony*—E. E. Vann, Stella Vann, Cora West, Curtiss West, J. A. Callaway, Donnie Callaway, J. F. Capps and J. C. Howell.

*Pleasant Home*—A. L. Moon, M. Coleman, J. T. Pollard and H. G. Pollard.

*Howard's Grove*—A. J. Dickinson, E. S. Jones, L. C. Gilispie, J. R. Adams and Sister L. C. Gilispie.

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

Called for petitionary letters, none received.

By motion that we recind regular order of business and elect a moderator and clerk by nomination and acclamation. Rev. A. H. Godfrey was elected moderator and C. B. Green was re-elected clerk. Bro. J. W. D. Stephens was re-elected Assistant moderator.



Called for correspondents from Sister Associations.

*Martin Association*—Rev. Bill Ely.

*Salem Association*—P. F. Holley, T. E. Parish, Mrs. Eva Bryant and Mrs L. J. Sexton.

*Union Hill Association*—J. A. Pettis, visitor.

By motion the brethren and sisters were seated in the body and given right hand of fellowship. On motion the visitors from Salem Association were excused from the body.

Report on Divine Service was read and adopted.

On motion we adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning. Benediction by Bro. E. S. Jones.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with A. H. Godfrey, the moderator, presiding. He read a portion of the 5th chapter of St. Matthews for a morning lesson. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Burdeshaw.

Called for corresponding letters. Four were received.

*Rocky Grove*—Represented by letter.

*Pleasant Ridge*—Lee Gronden, Sidney Tindell, Robt. Tindell and H. C. Smith.

*New Pilgrim*—Abbie Hunter, Willis Hinson.

*Shiloh*—J. N. Edmondson, Wyatt Edmondson and Mrs. J. N. Edmondson.

By motion the letters be read. The letters were read and adopted.

Renewed call for petitionary letters, none received.

Called the roll. Read the decorum. Called for volunteers to Sister Association. The following responded:

*South Eastern*—W. T. Hutto, R. L. Hunter.

*Midway*—M. M. Hicks, H. E. Peterson, Beulah Godfrey.

*Liberty*—Floyd Cherry, L. C. Mixon, D. W. Pool.

*Salem*—A. H. Godfrey, Beulah Godfrey.

*Union Hill*—L. C. Mixon, M. M. Hicks.

*Martin*—M. M. Hicks, Floyd Cherry.

By motion the matter be tabled concerning the money to be paid to the delegates of the General Conference, to be taken up later in general business.

By motion this Association elect delegates to the General Conference. Bro. W. T. Hutto and Bro. A. H. Godfrey were elected.

Report on Documents were read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Home Mission was read and adopted.

By motion a recess of ten minutes was given before preaching hour.

Rev. W. T. Hutto preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon. Text: Psalm 87: 6-7. Rev. Hutto ably defended his subject and rendered a discourse well deserving in his chosen field of thought.

The moderator appointed a committee to arrange a memorial service for the afternoon session. Dismissed for dinner.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. A. H. Godfrey, the moderator. Praise and prayer by the congregation. Memorial services in memory of our deceased ministers, J. M. Murdock and J. C. Ingram with talks by Bros. J. J. Burdeshaw and Floyd Cherry. Some beautiful quartets were rendered well fitting for the occasion. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Nobles.

At this juncture a collection of \$6.88 was taken up for Sister J. C. Ingram.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Educations was read and adopted.

Report on Sugestions was read and adopted.

At this time a public collection of \$79.41 was taken for the Zion Bible School.

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

Report of Finance was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Miscellaneous Business:

A public collection of \$4.50 was taken to defray Bro. Floyd Cherry's expense to the General Conference.

By motion the money paid in at this session of the Association be used for the specific purpose paid in for.

By moton we retain our same Treasurer, Bro. A. J. Granger.

By motion we retain our same Home Mission Board, namely, A. H. Godfrey, E. S. Jones, W. T. Hutto, R. L. Hunter and L. O. Mixon.

By motion the delegation from Pleasant Home Church was excused.

By motion the visitors from Salem Association were excused.

On motion we retain same Executive Committee, namely, J. C. Howell, E. S. Jones, A. C. Womack, J. J. Burdeshaw and G. W. Jeffcoat.

By motion the time and place of the Union Meeting be printed in the minutes. It convenes the second 5th Sunday and Saturday before at Spring Hill Church, located 4 miles south of Gordon, Ala.

By motion we pay Bro. Floyd Cherry \$10.00 out of the Associational funds for entrance fee to the General Conference in 1935.

On motion we pay our clerk \$10.00 for his services.

By motion the different committees be appointed by the Moderator at this session to make report at the 1937 session. Appointments were as follows:

Report on Temperance—Spring Hill Church.

Report on Documents—Spring Field Church.

Report on Sunday Schools—New Harmony Church.

Report on Finance—Corinth Church.

Report on Home Missions—Howard's Grove Church.

Report on Nominations—Pleasant Ridge Church.

Report on Obituaries—Prospect Church.

Report on Suggestions—Free Wills Rest Church.

By motion the committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers be appointed at the next session.

Report on Divine Service—Union Springs Church.

By motion the Moderator and Clerk be elected at this session for 1937 session. By motion they be elected by nomination and acclamation, Rev. G. W. Nobles was elected Moderator for 1937 session, C. B. Green was re-elected clerk for the 1937 session. By motion Bro. J. W. D. Stephens be retained as assistant Moderator.

By motion a Committee be appointed to draft a new blank Church letter containing space for the different Auxiliaries of the Churches. Bros. J. W. D. Stephens, Floyd Cherry and Sister Maranda Ditty were appointed.

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

On motion this Association adjourn. Benediction by the Moderator, Rev. A. H. Godfrey.

A. H. Godfrey, *Moderator*.

C. B. Green, *Clerk*.

Bascom, Fla.

P. S. We the Executive Committee of the State Line Association called to session by the clerk of the Association for the purpose of raising funds to finish paying for the printing of the minutes. We, your committee, find \$22.45 in the Treasury for printing minutes. We therefore are loaning \$16.00 to the Association to finish paying balance on printing and mailing of minutes.

Signed,

J. C. Howell,

G. W. Jeffcoat,

E. S. Jones,

A. C. Womack, Jr.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

*Divine Service*—We, your committee on Divine services omit preaching tonight on account of bad weather. We appoint Rev. W. T. Hutto to preach tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Hatcher,

J. C. Howell,

A. J. Benefield.

*Documents*—We, your committee on Documents, make this following



report. We recommend that the report of last year be readopted and beseech the pastors and all Church leaders to insist upon this report being carried out in all various churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. W. Nobles, Chm.

Below is 1935 report on Documents:

We your committee on Documents, make the following report: We feel that every member of the Free Will Baptist Church should keep himself informed as to the activities of the Free Will Baptist denomination. The Free Will Baptist paper is the organ of our church and we recommend that each member read our paper regularly so that he may keep in touch with the church activities and denominational programs. We recommend that each pastor of our denomination stress the importance and value of reading the Free Will Baptist to the members of his churches. We believe that every Sunday School in our denomination should use the Sunday school literature published by our publishing house at Ayden, N. C.

We should be loyal to every agency of our church. This literature is prepared by people well qualified to present the lesson to our children and our grownups. We recommend its use by all Sunday Schools in our denomination. Also each church should have a F. W. B. League, and use our League literature published by the Press at Ayden, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. W. Nobles, Chm.

*Education*—We, your committee on Education make the following report: We believe that Education is fundamental to the spiritual understanding and interpretation of the Bible. We believe that the Free Will Baptist Church should encourage and support more generously the Zion Bible School. We believe that God can use an individual to better advantage when he is prepared through a liberal education to read and apply the principles of his kingdom. We recommend that a public collection be taken for the benefit of Zion Bible School. We suggest that the parents keep the best literature before their children in their homes, schools and churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. L. J. Sexton,  
Mrs. Eva Bryant.  
Floyd Cherry,  
G. H. Jordan.

*Home Missions*—We, your committee on Home Missions, wish to submit the following report: We ask that each pastor preach at least one or more mission sermons during the year and stress God's plan of financing His Kingdom. We still insist that each church subscribe to a budget for the maintenance of Home Missions. We urge that what money is sent to the Assoc-



iation for Home Missions be used for missions and not for something else, so that we as an organized body may help bring the lost to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Maranda Ditty,  
W. T. Weed,  
E. S. Jones,  
H. W. Keels.

*Nominations*—We, your committee on Nominations submit the following report: We nominate the next session to convene with Corinth Church, Dale County, located six miles north of Midland City, on Thursday and Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1937. We nominate Bro. G. H. Jordan to preach the Introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Adams,  
Sister Doc Hambrick.

*Suggestions*—We, your committee on Suggestions submit the following report: We suggest that the Clerk or some suitable Brother be appointed to send a report of this session of the Association to the F. W. Baptist paper at Ayden, N. C., and that a correspondent be appointed annually for this purpose in the future. We further suggest the parents in our ranks over the entire Association be more attentive to our Sunday Schools in attendance and finance.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Keel,  
Mrs. D. W. Poole,  
L. C. Mixon.

*Report on Sunday Schools*—We your committee on Sunday Schools recommend we retain the same suggestions adopted in last year's minute. We further urge these suggestions be carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James Callaway,  
Mrs. Ora West,  
Mrs. Beulah Godfrey,  
James Johnson.

*1935 Report*: We submit the following for your consideration: Realizing the need for more and better Sunday Schools we urge the follownig; 1st—That each pastor see to the organization of a Sunday School in his churches. 2nd—That the church be careful to elect as officers and teachers Christian men and women who have the quality of leadership. 3rd—That our

own F. W. B. Literature be used. 4th—That the adult membership of our churches show a better spirit of co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Cherry, Chm.

*Temperance*—We recommend that we be temperate in all things. Temperance in all things that can be carried to an excess should always be given serious thought and dealt properly with by the church. The liquor question is now thrown entirely upon the church and we must meet it correctly. If the church is to ever 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 its problems which grow from this terrible enemy of righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Hatcher,  
Arthur West,  
A. L. Moon,  
A. J. Benefield.

*State of Churches and Character of Ministers*—We your Committee beg leave to submit the following report: We find so far as we can that the state of Churches is in fair condition, and the character of the ministers is good with the exception of J. D. Galloway, Marianna, Fla. We recommend his name be dropped from the list of ordained ministers of the State-Line Association, on account of his unchristian conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Edmondson,  
J. S. Connor,  
J. J. Hatcher,  
Doc Hambrick,  
J. C. Howell.

*Obituaries*—We your committee on Obituaries find the following deaths reported: Rocky Grove—Sister M. L. Lawrence. Spring Field—J. C. Ingram. Shiloh Church—Bro. Richard McGriff. Hickory Grove—Bro. Edgar Conrad, Sister Mattie Conrad, Ruth Ditty, Paul Tidewell, Fanny Peacock, Fanny Robinson and Alice Bradshaw. Magnolia—Ruby Dykes. Howard's Grove—Bro. Norman Bruner, Rev. J. M. Murdock, Sister P. M. Murdock, Bro. Andrew Jordan, Sister Salath Devones, Bro. D. H. Sowell. New Harmony—Sister Jessie Calloway, Sister Lottie Granger. Prospect—Bro. G. A. Scott. Union Springs—Bro. W. A. Hart. Spring Hill—Bro. F. M. Robinson, Bro. Samuel Spurlock. Free Will Rest—Sister Laura Keels. We miss

their presence here, may we look to God for consolation for He doth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella Vann,  
Audrey Green,  
Esther Hatcher.

### REPORT ON FINANCE

	Ass.	Edu.	Min.	Home Mis.
\$ 1.75	\$ 1.00	\$ .50	\$ .75	\$ .50
1.50	1.00	1.50	.50	1.00
5.00	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.00
3.00	2.00	1.30	1.50	1.00
3.50	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.50
2.50	1.00	2.50	1.25	2.50
4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
4.30	1.25	2.00	1.00	.50
2.00	1.50	\$11.30	.75	\$10.00
6.00	.50		1.50	
1.20	2.50		.70	
10.00	1.50		2.50	
4.00	1.50		1.50	
3.00	2.00		1.50	
8.00	1.00		2.00	
2.50	1.00		1.50	
			1.50	
Total	\$62.25	\$21.50	\$22.55	

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

For Min. ----- \$ 22.55  
For Home Mis. ----- 10.00  
For Ass. ----- 21.50  
For Edu. ----- 11.30

Frank Cobb, Chairman.

#### Treasurer's Report—

Balance from last Association 1935 ----- \$ 8.16

Turned over to the Treasury by the Clerk, C. B. Green as follows:

For missions ----- 10.87  
Associational purposes ----- 19.25  
Minutes ----- 20.75  
Public collection ----- 6.40

Sent by C. B. Green -----	2.00
Turned in by Union Meeting -----	2.20
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Total -----	\$ 69.63
Disbursement:	
Paid Bro. G. W. Nobles -----	\$ 3.60
Paid Bro. D. F. Pelt as field man for Bible Sch. -----	7.50
Paid C. B. Green for postages -----	2.23
Paid Clerk's fees -----	10.00
Paid Bro. J. M. Murdock and Bro. Ingram -----	10.87
Paid for min. to F. W. B. Press (Feb 1, 1936) -----	32.50
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Total paid out -----	\$ 66.70
Balance left in treasury -----	\$2.93

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Granger, Treas.

Report of Spring Field's Ladies Aid Society—To the State-Line Association we send greetings. We have a good Ladies Aid Society with only 15 members. We pray that each one of our members will try to keep our Society up. We paid our Pastor, Bro. Floyd Cherry \$12.00, for floral offerings \$4.45, paid on Bro. Murdock's monument \$3.00, also paid for Home Missions \$1.00. Balance in treasury \$17.07.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Wesley Tolar, Pres.

Mrs. R. E. Rabon, Vice-Pres.

Mrs. D. B. Bell, Sect.

Mrs. S. G. Carter, Treas.

*Obituaries*—DYKES—Sister Ruby Dykes joined the Magnolia Church in early childhood and remained a member until death on May 16th, 1936. She was 36 years old. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her passing. She was a good woman, a faithful wife and a loving mother. We feel that since the troubles of this life are over, she is now basking in the beautiful sunlight of that eternal haven of rest. She has gone where Jesus said that He would go to prepare a place for us, that where He was we might be also. In the hours of darkness to the family we pray that God may sustain them. Truly a good woman has fallen, peace to her ashes.

W. T. Weed.

CALLOWAY—Jessie Calloway departed this life April 21st 1936. She was a member of New Harmony Church, connecting herself with it at about 17 years of age. She requested that her funeral be held at this church, and the Pastor, Rev. G. W. Nobles officiated. She leaves mother, 4 brothers, 4



sisters and a large circle of friends to mourn her going. May we strive to meet her in heaven, where there will be no more death, pain not tears, and where there will never be any more obituaries.

Mrs. James Calloway .

SCOTT—It is with a sad heart that we write the death of our dear father, Gus A. Scott, who was born December 14th, 1860, and died June 2nd 1936, making his stay on earth 75 years, five months and 19 days. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, five sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren, one sister and many other relatives and friends. We mourn the loss of a loving father, but do not mourn as those without hope, for it was so comforting to hear his last testimony, "I no longer dread death." He was sick about two years. He bore his sufferings with a smile. He was a member of Prospect Church for several years and served as Clerk for a number of years. He loved his church, he loved his neighbors and found loving comradeship with them as friends. He was a devoted husband and father, and delighted in the fellowship of an unbroken circle. His body was laid to rest in Mt. Pleasant cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers. The funeral services were conducted by his Pastor Rev. A. H. Godfrey and Rev. Floyd Cherry.

A happy home was once enjoyed,  
How sweet that memory still,  
But death has left a vacant chair,  
That no one else can fill.

We will miss you, oh so sadly,  
Until the resurrection morn  
When we will meet again in Heaven;  
On that bright and eternal shore.  
Written by his loving son,

Clifton Grady Scott.

KEELS—Sister Laura Keels departed this life Jan. 4th, 1936. She was a member of Free Wills Rest Church for a long time. Her trials are over her victory is won, she kept the faith. She has gone but not forgotten. She has gone to be with her loved ones who are resting in the sweet beyond. She has many loving friends who mourn at her going. She leaves a husband and nine children to mourn her loss but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. Sleep on dear mother and wife and take your rest, if we will all live the life and keep the faith that you did we will meet again in that sweet home where we will never say goodbye. A voice we love is still, a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.

Written by her husband and children,  
Rev. H. W. Keels.

CONRAD—In memory of Edgar Conrad who was a member of Hickory Grove Church for several years. Peace be unto him.

TIDEWELL—In loving memory of our beloved friend and brother Paul Tidewell. He was a member of Hickory Grove Church a few years. He was a faithful Christian boy. He leaves a mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn his departure. Peace be unto him.

CONRAD—In loving memory of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Mattie Conrad. She was a faithful member of Hickory Grove Church for a good many years. She is gone but not forgotten. Peace be to thy silent slumbers.

BRADSHAW—In loving memory of Sister Alice Bradshaw who was a member of Hickory Grove Church. She is not dead but sleeping in Christ and will awaken on the last day. We all hope to meet in Heaven on the great day of our Lord.

DITTY—In loving memory of our beloved friend and sister, Ruth Ditty. She was a member of Hickory Grove Church for several years. God saw fit to call her up higher. Sister Ruth was a Christian lady and was always spoken well of. Let us strive to meet her in the sweet bye and bye.

ROBINSON—In memory of Mrs. Fannie Robinson who was a member at Hickory Grove Church for many years. It is sad to be called upon by the Grim-reaper to part with those we love and have known so long and have to give up their sweet smiling face. Peace be to her.

PEACOCK—In memory of Mrs. Fanny Peacock who was a member of Hickory Grove Church for a number of years. Though she was afflicted for many years, she bore her afflictions with patience and smiles. Peace be to her dust.

## 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.

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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.
A. L. Williams, Prospect -----	Dothan, Ala.
G. W. Nobles, New Harmony -----	Dothan, Ala.
A. M. Kirkland, New Hope -----	Midland City, Ala.
R. L. Hunter, New Pilgrim -----	Columbia, Ala.
J. D. Pearce, New Harmony -----	Cottonwood, Ala.
J. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove -----	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove -----	Ashford, Ala.
L. 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.

## 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, Prospect -----	Dothan, Ala.
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove -----	Red Level, 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
1935—W. S. Cook, C. B. Green, Pleasant Home .....	2495
1936—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, New Harmony .....	2479

# 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
New Harmony	G. W. Nobles	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	3						2	77	106	2	\$ 2.00
Magnolia	A. H. Godfrey	W. T. Weed, Midland City, Ala.	8						1	58	56	1	1.00
Granger	A. H. Godfrey	B. W. West, Gordon, Ala.	3							19	21	4	
Free Will Rest	J. C. Eldridge	Doris Mercer, Bascom, Fla.							1	14	40	4	1.00
Long Branch	L. C. Mixon	J. F. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala.					4			27	39	4	1 25
Spring Hill	Floyd Cherry	T. L. Tolar, Gordon, Ala.	4	1	1		3		2	78	109	4	1 00
Rocky Grove	D. W. Pool	Ed Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.	2				1		1	30	49	3	1.25
Pleasant Ridge	A. H. Godfrey	Sidney Tindell, Marianna, Fla.	1		1					32	42	4	1.00
Springfield	Floyd Cherry	B. F. Keel, Ashford, Ala.	11		2		2			42	90	4	1.50
Howard Grove	A. H. Godfrey	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala.	18	7	3	4	1		6	88	320	3	2.50
Hickory Grove	W. T. Wiley	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	6	2	1		4		7	125	171	1	2.00
New Pilgram	W. T. Henderson	E. L. Hunter, Columbia, Ala.	4	3								4	50
Prospect	A. H. Godfrey	W. B. F. Cobb, Dothan, Ala.	5	2				1	1	86	138	2	1 50
Pleasant Home	H. A. Pettis	J. T. Pollard, Geneva, Ala.				3	6	5		77	115	3	1.50
Corinth	W. T. Hutto	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala.			3					59	68	3	1.00
Shiloh	M. M. Hicks	Leland Hayes, Columbia, Ala.	7	1			1		1	54	41	3	1.00
Union Spring	Floyd Cherry	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala.	9		1		3	4	1	52	156	2	1.50
			81	16	12	7	25	10	23	918	1561	--	\$21.50



# 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
New Harmony -----	\$ 1.50	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$100.15	\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00	47	Jra West, Cottonwood, Ala. -----
Magnolia -----	1.50	.50	-----	57.00	300.00	150.00	30	W. T. Weed, Midland City, Ala. -----
Granger -----	.50	.50	.50	30.00	500.00	150.00	21	Arthur West, Marianna, Fla. -----
Free Will Rest -----	.75	-----	-----	-----	125.00	150.00	-----	-----
Long Branch -----	1.25	-----	-----	33.46	400.00	100.00	36	T. E. Shirah, Coffee Springs, Ala. -----
Spring Hill -----	1.50	1.00	1.50	69.25	1000.00	150.00	66	H. B. Ethridge, Gordon, Ala. -----
Rocky Grove -----	.75	-----	-----	17.65	500.00	150.00	28	Chas. Robinson, Greenwood, Fla. -----
Pleasant Ridge -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	41.16	650.00	150.00	53	Sidney Tindell, Marianna, Fla. -----
Springfield -----	1.50	1.50	1.50	77.50	1000.00	300.00	39	Dock Hamrick, Ashford, Ala. -----
Howard Grove -----	2.50	2.50	2.50	110.92	1000.00	500.00	66	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala. -----
Hickory Grove -----	2.00	2.00	2.00	131.10	1000.00	500.00	41	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. -----
New Pilgram -----	.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Prospect -----	1.50	-----	1.00	71.95	750.00	1000.00	25	W. B. F. Cobb, Dothan, Ala. -----
Pleasant Home -----	1.50	-----	-----	-----	1000.00	500.00	54	J. T. Pollard, Geneva, Ala. -----
Corinth -----	1.00	1.00	1.30	42.45	700.00	200.00	26	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. -----
Shiloh -----	1.50	-----	-----	45.00	1000.00	500.00	49	Vess Vinson, Columbia, Ala. -----
Union Spring -----	1.50	-----	-----	89.50	500.00	300.00	75	W. S. Cook, Pansey, Ala. -----
-----	22.45	10.00	11.30	-----	-----	-----	656	-----