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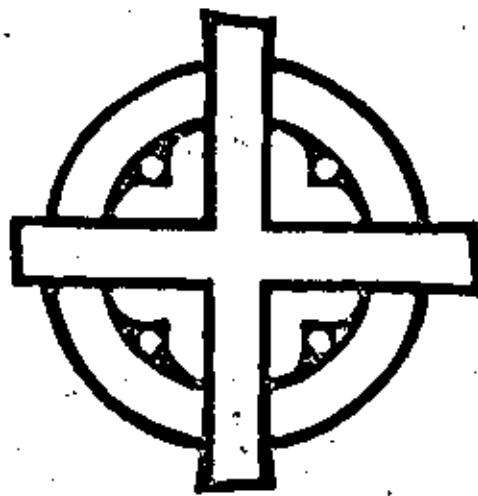
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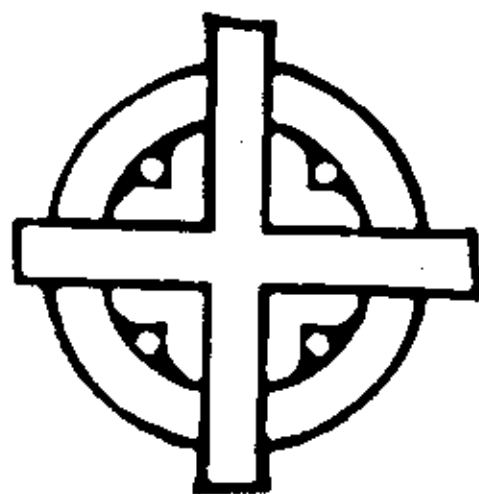
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Proceedings

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Corinth Church in its Fifty-Second Annual Session on Thursday, October 7th, 1937. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. H. Jordan.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. W. Nobles. The moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 6th chapter of St. John.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different churches. By motion the letters be read. The moderator appointed Bro. G. H. Jordan and Bro. Floyd Cherry to read the letters.

Names of churches and delegates were as follows:

Howards Grove: S. C. Eubanks, Colvin Jordan, E. S. Jones, Sisters Mary McAlister, Nellie Womack and Ruby Nobles.

Spring Hill: H. E. Peterson, J. S. Conner, Sisters Beulah Godfrey and Rosa Godfrey.

Long Branch: Alcus Aycock, William Aycock, A. O. Thurston.

Rocky Grove: Geo. Elmore and Forester Robinson.

Spring Field: Doc Hamrick, Virginia Lamb, Joe Barrette and Frances Barrette.

Magnolia: John Paramore and Lewis Dasinger.

Pleasant Home: D. R. Hicks, Jim Williams, Sol Price and Sister Jessie Hicks.

Corinth: Dave Orndal, Harvey Herndon, Tullious Robertson, Sisters Minnie Jackson, Stella Benefield and Ruby Robertson.

Prospect: C. G. Scott, J. W. Conner, Dallie Scott and Lucile Green.

Pleasant Ridge: Elmer Monday, Tom Hall, Robert Tindell and Sidney Tindell.

Hickory Grove: Gertrude Hatcher, Dorothy Conrad and J. W. D. Stephens.

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

Called for petitionary letters, None received.

Called for correspondents from Sister Associations. They were as follows:

Salem: P. F. Holley, T. E. Parrish, Mary Holley, Nettie Holley, and J. C. Eldridge.

Midway: J. L. Tedder, visitor.

By motion these brethren were seated in the body.

By motion the moderator appoint a committee on Divine Service and also a committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers.

By motion the moderator appoint all committees for the next session.

The appointments were as follows:

Report on Sunday School: Shiloh.

Report on Nominations: Prospect.

Report on Obituaries: Magnolia.

Report on Education: New Harmony.
Report on Suggestions: Spring Hill.
Report on Documents: Hickory Grove.
Report on Temperance: Howards Grove.
Report on Home Missions: Pleasant Ridge.
Report on Finance: Granger.
 Report on Temperance was read and adopted.
 Report on Divine Service was read and adopted.
 Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.
 By motion we adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.
 Benediction by Rev. G. H. Jordan.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with G. W. Nobles, the moderator, presiding. He read the 133rd Psalm for our morning lesson. Prayer by Rev. T. B. Mellette. Renewed the call for corresponding letters. Four were received as follows:

New Harmony: J. A. Callaway, Donnie Callaway and A. J. Granger.

New Pilgrim: Sister E. L. Hunter and O'Neil Kirkland.

Union Spring: Sister Croomes, Sister Brown and W. S. Cook.

Shiloh: J. N. Edmondson, Mack Odom, S. T. Edmondson and Sister Odom.

By motion the letters were read and adopted.

On motion Sister Croomes, Sister Brown and Bro. Cook be seated in the body as delegates from Union Springs.

On Motion O'Neil Kirkland be seated in the body as a delegate from New Pilgrim.

Called for correspondents from Sister Associations. They were as follows:

Midway: T. B. Mellette, W. F. McDuffie and J. P. Lovering.

South Eastern: J. H. Gilford.

By motion S. T. Edmondson and Sister Odom be seated as delegates from Shiloh.

By motion that we omit the roll call and reading of the Decorum.

By motion we rescind motion on omitting the roll call and that the roll be called.

Called for volunteers to correspond with Sister Associations.

South Eastern: R. L. Hunter.

Midway: Floyd Cherry.

Salem: G. W. Nobles and Sister Ruby Nobles.

Union Hill: Floyd Cherry.

Martin: R. L. Hunter.

Liberty: Floyd Cherry and J. J. Burdeshaw.

South Georgia: Floyd Cherry.

By motion J. W. Conner, Dollie Scott and Lucile Green be added to the delegation from Prospect.

By motion we send Bro. Floyd Cherry to the South Georgia Association.

By motion we adjourn until 1:30 o'clock for preaching services.

Bro. T. B. Mellette preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon. Rev. Mellette used as his text the latter clause of the first verse of the third chapter of Titus. He entertained the congregation in a very impressive manner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by G. W. Nobles, the moderator. Devotions were conducted by Bro. W. F. McDuffie. He read the 17th chapter of St. John. Bro. J. P. Lovering made a very interesting talk. Prayer by Bro. W. F. McDuffie.

By motion the moderator appoint a committee on suggestions.

Eastern Association: G. W. Nobles and J. C. Howell.

Report on Sunday School was read and adopted.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

By motion the report on State of Churches and Character on Ministers be tabled at this time.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The committee on drafting new church letters made the following report:

That we retain the same form of church letter with additional spaces for the different auxiliaries of the church.

By motion the report was accepted.

Miscellaneous Business: By motion a public collection be taken to defray the expenses on last years minutes. The collection amounted to \$11.77.

By motion the delegates from Salem Association be excused from the body.

By motion rescind the regular order of business and accept the same officers by acclamation. G. W. Nobles was elected as Moderator, C. B. Green was re-elected Clerk, A. J. Granger was re-elected as Treasurer.

By motion the delegates from Union Springs be excused from the body.

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

By motion this Association grant the Home Mission Board the authority to appoint all committees that are needed to carry on the work.

By motion all funds on hand for education be given to Zion Bible School.

By motion we tender our heartfelt thanks to Corinth Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the setting of this Association.

By motion this Association adjourn.

G. W. NOBLES, *Moderator*

C. B. GREEN, *Clerk*

REPORTS

Document: As your committee on Documents, we urge that each Sunday School, Ladies Aid and League use literature printed at the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, N. C. That we become better versed in Church Doctrine, thereby becoming more efficient workers in His cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Springfield Church and Pastor

Sunday School: We your committee on Sunday School makes this report: We find 2453 members in the 15 churches represented, only 584 are found in Sunday School in these churches, of which a large percent of these are not members but children being trained for the church. 1. We believe that the lack of experienced leadership is one great cause of this condition. 2. We believe some of our pastors are not giving as much time and thought to Sunday School as they should. 3. Many parents do not attend Sunday School with their children as they should. 4. We beg each church to attend the next Convention and bring a donation sufficient to help in establishing more efficient Sunday School workers. 5. We know many souls are born into the kingdom of God through the Sunday School and we urge this Convention to give children this great opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

New Harmony Church

Education: We your committee on Education make the following report: We believe that education is essential to the understanding of God's word, and we insist that parents educate their children in the public schools of our State. We feel that an educated ministry is needed for the advancement of the denomination and God's kingdom amongst men. We ask and insist that parents see that their children have good literature to study that they may qualify themselves to be useful in any of the church activities that may come before them. We ask the churches to contribute freely to the educational fund and to be more generous in their support of Zion Bible School.

Respectfully submitted,

Hickory Grove Church and Pastor

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: We your committee beg to submit the following report: We find so far as we can that the State of churches is in fair condition. The character of ministers is good as far as we find, with the exception of A. L. Williams of Prospect Church, Dothan, Alabama. We find him to be disloyal to his church and inactive. And we recommend that his name be dropped from the list of ordained ministers of the State Line Association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. Jones

J. A. Callaway

J. T. Barnette

Obituaries: We your committee on Obituaries find the following deaths reported:

Hickory Grove: Sisters Amelia Hatcher and Cora Hatcher.

Prospect: Bros. Dewey and J. P. Messer, and Sister Emma Mock.

Pleasant Home: D. W. Owens and Sister E. W. Burts.

Springfield: Bro. J. T. Keel.

Long Branch: A. P. Powell.

Spring Hill: Sisters M. A. Robinson, Winnie Lee Sanders and Ilene Wade Bedsole.

Union Spring: Sisters Eliza Jordan and Panina Williams.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Prospect Church, C. G. Scott, *Chr.*

Divine Service: We your committee on Divine Service beg leave to make the following report to wit: We nominate Bro. Floyd Cherry to preach to-night at 8:00 o'clock and Bro. T. B. Mellette to preach tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Howell, *Chr.*

Nominations: We your committee on Nominations beg to nominate Prospect Church for the next session of the Association and Bro. J. C. Eldridge to preach the Introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

Pleasant Ridge,

Robert Tindell

Elmer Monday

J. T. Hall

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand at last Association (1936)	\$ 2.93
Paid in for minutes	22.55
For Associational purposes	21.50
Education	11.30
Home Missions	10.00
Oct. 27th received from C. B. Green for Magnolia Church	
the following:	
For associational purposes	1.00
For minutes	1.50
For Home Missions	.50
Jan. 3rd received from J. C. Howell	16.00
Total	\$87.28

Disbursements:

General Conference fee	\$10.00
C. B. Green for Clerk fee	10.00

C. B. Green for postage -----	1.50
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Balance on expense to Gen. Conf. to Floyd Cherry -----	3.95
Feb. 27th (1937) by check for minutes -----	32.50

Total -----	\$58.80, 58.80

Balance on hand for all purposes -----	\$28.48

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Granger, *Treas.*

Suggestions: We your committee on Suggestions submit the following report: We suggest that a report on the present session of this Association be sent to the Free Will Baptist paper at Ayden, N. C. We further suggest that each and every parent in our church attend Sunday School and study their lessons along with their children. Also that they encourage the young people in the League work by their presence, and further that they encourage the children in Christian giving.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Edmondson

Gertrude Hatcher

Mrs. Mae McAllister

Temperance: We your committee on Temperance submit the following report: We find that strong drink is still doing a bad part among our people. We feel a great need for us, as Christian people, to take into our daily lives God's word, Prov. 23-35. We insist that our Pastors not only take a firm stand against strong drink, but anything that would be an offense to anyone, especially anything that would cut down the youth of our land. We feel that Christian people should set the example by being temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

Spring Hill Church and Pastor

Finance Committee:

Prospect \$1.00 on last year's minute debt.

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	Association	Education	Minutes	Home Mission
Prospect	\$ 1.50		\$ 2.50	
Hickory Grove	2.00	1.25	3.00	1.25
Magnolia	1.00		2.00	
Corinth	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Pleasant Ridge	1.00		1.00	

Pleasant Home	.90		1.50	
Springfield	1.50	1.00	2.00	
Long Branch	1.75		1.00	
Howard Grove	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Spring Hill	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Rocky Grove	1.00		.50	
New Pilgrim	.75		.75	
New Harmony	2.00	1.00	1.50	
Shiloh	.50		1.25	.50
Union Springs	1.50		1.50	

Total	\$20.90	\$ 7.75	\$24.00	\$ 6.25
Old minute debt				\$2.00
Associational purposes				\$20.90
Minutes				\$24.00
Home Missions				\$6.25
Education				\$7.75
Total				\$60.90

Respectfully submitted,
Corinth Church

Home Missions: We, your committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report: Realizing the deplorable number of non-Christian people in our state and nation, we recommend that each and every church in our Association accept the challenge as set forth by Bro. Jordan in his introductory sermon and that we the Christian people of this Association put forth every effort to lead our unsaved neighbors to Christ. We further recommend that our Home Mission Board set aside a season for a Home Mission drive, during which time every effort be put forth to interest people in Home Missions and raising all funds possible for this purpose during this time. We further recommend that our Association, through some capable committee, select some certain or special branch of Home Missions and that we put all our financial support to this one selection, since continuous concerted prayerful co-operation alone will accomplish anything for God's kingdom in this modern age.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. E. S. Jones
Sister Ruby Nobles
Sister Nellie Womack
Sister Mae McAllister
Sister S. S. Eubanks
Sister Colvin Jordan
Sister A. C. Womack

SPRING FIELD LADIES AID SOCIETY

To the State Line Association we send greetings to each and every F. W.

B. Church, that the Sisters may have a Ladies Aid Society. As we all know there is Christian work for us to do. We have a good society with 21 members. We paid our Pastor, Rev. Floyd Cherry \$18.00 and for floral offerings \$4.50. We now have a balance in the treasure of \$22.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. Hamrick, *Pres.*

Mrs. S. G. Carter, *Vice-Pres.*

Mrs. B. F. Keel, *Sect.*

Mrs. R. E. Rabon, *Treas.*

HOWARDS GROVE F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORT

Howards Grove was re-organized in April of 1937. We have 50 members on roll. Our average attendance is 40 members. Amount of money spent for local church improvement \$12.00 for pulpit chairs. We are at this time helping the church to buy a set of church song books and we feel sure we will contribute \$10.00 for this cause. We have on hand \$2.60. Our League is in good condition and doing splendid work. We earnestly solicit your prayers that we may be able to continue in the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mae McAllister, *Pres.*

Miss Eula Mae Jones, *Sect.-Treas.*

HOWARDS GROVE AID

Howards Grove Ladies Aid was re-organized in August of this year. We have 15 members on roll. Attendance is very good. We have money in our treasure amounting to \$2.00. Our aim for the coming year is the improvement of our Church grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Nellie Womack, *Pres.*

Eunice Jones, *Sect.-Treas.*

OBITUARIES

Hatcher: In memory of our loving mother, sister and friend, Amelia Hatcher. She was a member of Hickory Grove for a number of years. She is gone but not forgotten. Peace be to her silent slumber.

Hatcher: In loving memory of our beloved friend and sister, Cora Hatcher. She was a member of Hickory Grove Church for several years. God saw fit to call her up higher. Peace be to her.

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 bap-

tized, 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.
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
1937—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Corinth	2447

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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
Shiloh -----	M. M. Hicks ---	Leland Hayes, Columbia, Ala. -----	16	--	--	1	--	--	--	51	42	3	\$.50
Prospect -----	A. H. Godfrey ---	C. G. Scott, R. F. D. 4, Dothan, Ala. -----	3	--	3	2	1	--	3	83	145	4	1.50
Pleasant Ridge ---	L. C. Mixon -----	Sidney Tindell, Marianna, Fla. -----	6	4	--	--	--	--	--	40	43	1	1.00
Hickory Grove ---	Floyd Cherry ---	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. -----	5	--	--	--	4	1	2	122	168	1	2.00
Corinth -----	A. H. Godfrey ---	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. ---	5	--	--	--	3	--	--	60	67	3	2.00
Magnolia -----	A. H. Godfrey ---	Lois Anderson, Midland City, Ala. ---	6	2	1	2	--	--	--	40	57	2	1.00
New Harmony ---	G. W. Nobles ---	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala. -----	5	2	--	--	1	--	--	78	111	2	2.00
New Pilgram ---	W. T. Henderson ---	E. L. Hunter, Columbia, Ala. -----	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	26	4	.75
Rocky Grove ---	D. W. Pool -----	Ed Robinson, Greenwood, Fla. -----	3	--	--	--	1	--	--	31	50	3	1.00
Howard Grove ---	J. C. Eldridge ---	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala. -----	15	1	4	1	8	--	--	99	315	3	2.50
Long Branch ---	L. C. Mixon -----	J. F. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Ala. ---	--	--	--	--	1	3	1	26	37	4	1.75
Springfield ---	Floyd Cherry ---	B. F. Keel, Ashford, Ala. -----	5	--	3	--	--	--	1	45	95	4	1.50
Union Spring ---	D. F. Pelt -----	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala. -----	1	--	--	--	1	--	2	44	146	2	1.50
Spring Hill ---	D. F. Pelt -----	Eudelle Tolar, Gordan, Ala. -----	3	--	2	--	--	--	3	81	108	1	1.00
Pleasant Home ---	L. C. Mixon -----	Malcom Coleman, Geneva, Ala. -----	7	--	--	2	3	--	2	78	128	3	.90
Totals -----			81	9	13	8	23	4	14	909	1538	--	\$20.90

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
Shiloh -----	\$ 1.25	\$.50	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	36	Leland Hayes, Columbia, Ala. -----
Prospect -----	2.50	---	---	75.00	750.00	1000.00	29	Mrs. Vassie Creamer, Dothan, Ala. -----
Pleasant Ridge -----	1.00	---	---	37.45	750.00	250.00	36	Elmer Monday, Marianna, Fla. -----
Hickory Grove -----	3.00	1.25	1.25	101.56	1000.00	500.00	45	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. -----
Corinth -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	65.00	700.00	200.00	68	A J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala. -----
Magnolia -----	2.00	---	---	60.07	300.00	300.00	67	S. M. Paramore, Midland City, Ala -----
New Harmony -----	1.50	---	1.00	64.00	600.00	100.00	47	Ora West, Cottonwood, Ala. -----
New Pilgram -----	.75	---	---	---	---	---	46	E. L. Hunter, Columbia, Ala. -----
Rocky Grove -----	.50	---	---	9.00	500.00	150.00	---	-----
Howard Grove -----	2.50	2.50	2.50	132.15	1000.00	500.00	50	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala. -----
Long Branch -----	1.00	---	---	---	400.00	100.00	70	T. E. Shirah, Coffee Springs, Ala. -----
Springfield -----	2.00	---	1.00	72.50	1000.00	300.00	36	Odelle Reddie, Ashford, Ala. -----
Union Spring -----	1.50	---	---	66.90	1500.00	300.00	102	W. S. Cook. Pansey, Ala. -----
Spring Hill -----	2.00	1.00	1.00	83.38	1000.00	150.00	---	-----
Pleasant Home -----	1.50	---	---	---	1000.00	500.00	50	E. W. Burts, Gevena, Ala. -----
Totals -----	\$24.00	\$ 6.25	\$7.75	---	---	---	690	-----