

MINUTES

Of The

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

State Line Association

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With

PROSPECT CHURCH

Houston County, Ala., Oct. 6th, 1938

OFFICERS

G. W. NOBLES, Moderator Cottonwood, Ala.
C. B. GREEN, Clerk Bascom, Fla.
J. W. D. STEPHENS, Treasurer Bascom, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala., E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala., A. C.
Womack, Cottonwood, Ala., J. J. Burdeshaw, Dothan,
Ala., G. W. Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.

HOME MISSION BOARD

A. H. Godfrey, Crosby, Ala., E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala., S. G.
Carter, Mrs. May McAllister, Ashford, Ala.,
D. W. Pool, Marianna, Fla.

The next Session meets with Pleasant Ridge Church on
Thursday at 11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in Oct.
1939, located six miles west of Malone, Fla.

Proceedings

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Prospect Church, Houston County, Ala., in its Fifty-Third Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1938. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Eldridge. Text, Galatians 2nd chapter, 6th verse. Rev. Eldridge handled his message in an able manner to the enjoyment of all as a spiritual feast.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. W. Nobles. The Moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 11th chapter of Luke.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Called for letters from different churches. By motion the letters were read. The Moderator appointed Bro. D. W. Pool and Bro. Fred Lamb to read the letters.

Names of churches and delegates were as follows:

Howards Grove—Colvin Jordan, A. J. Dickerson, E. S. Jones, Coley Fohan, Sister E. S. Jones and Sister Cora Johnson.

Magnolia—W. T. Weed, John Paramore and Mrs. John Paramore.

Long Branch—C. G. Aycock.

Rocky Grove—W. N. Murdock.

Spring Field—Joe Barrette, Otho Raban, B. F. Keel, Foy Livingston, Sister C. C. Hicks.

New Harmony—Leona Granger, J. A. Calloway, Donnie Calloway.

Pleasant Home—D. R. Hicks, Harold Dixon, Sister Jessie Hicks, Fannie Lou Dixon, Messie Mixon.

Grangeburg—B. W. West, Lewis Granger.

Corinth—Dave Ornard, Charlie Baxley, Synthie Jackson, Tullious Robertson, Ruby Robertson, Minnie Jackson.

Prospect—J. C. McLendon, C. G. Scott, Edd Battle, Dollie Scott, Netta Cherry.

Pleasant Ridge—H. C. Smith, Elmer Monday, L. C. Hart, Sisters Donnie Tindell, Agness Monday, Jessie West.

Union Springs—Huie Knight.

Hickory Grove—Joe W. Ditty, John W. Ditty, Gertrude Hatcher, Maranda Ditty, Audrey Green, Lillie Maud Vaughn, J. W. Stephens, A. Z. Hatcher.

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

Call for petitionary letters. There was one letter received from New Hope Church. The letter was read and adopted and delegates seated in the body.

Church and delegates, namely:

New Hope—Willie Weed, Harvey Sowell, Rolie Kirkland, Sister Effie Whittle.

Call for correspondents from Sister Associations:

Midway—J. L. Tedder.

Salem—Franklin Fillingim

Southeastern—Daniel Pelt.

By motion these brethren from Sister Associations were seated in the body.

On motion Bro. A. H. Godfrey was excused from the body.

At this time the letter from Spring Hill was presented, namely: Spring Hill—J. S. Conner, L. A. Tolar, H. E. Peterson.

On motion the Moderator appointed the different committees. They were as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools: Howards Grove.

Report on Nominations: New Harmony.

Report on Obituaries: Pleasant Ridge.

Report on Education: Prospect.

Report on Suggestions: Union Springs.

Report on Documents: Spring Field.

Report on Temperance: Magnolia.

Report on Home Missions: Spring Hill.

Report on Finance: Hickory Grove.

On motion Moderator appointed a committee of five on state of churches and character of ministers. Committee: W. T. Weed, Tullious Robertson, John W. Ditty, J. A. Callaway, C. G. Baxley.

Report on Divine Service was read and adopted.

By motion postpone calling roll and reading decorum until Friday morning.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

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

Benediction by Bro. J. D. Stephens.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with G. W. Nobles, the Moderator, presiding. Prayer by Bro. J. W. D. Stephens. The Moderator read the 13th chapter of Corinthians for our morning lesson. Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. G. W. Nobles.

Renewed the call for corresponding letters. There were two received, namely:

New Pilgrim—E. L. Hunter, Mrs. A. I. Hunter, J. Sexton.

Shiloh—J. N. Edmondson, Mack Odom, Viola Edmondson.

These letters were read and adopted.

Renewed call for petitionary letters. None received.

Called for correspondents from the different associations. They were as follows:

Martin—Bro. Bill Ely as a visitor.

By motion the brethren from New Hope Church be given the right hand of fellowship.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

On motion a copy of this session be printed in the Free Will Baptist paper also in the Gospel Herald.

Shiloh Church furnished their deceased members' names.

Report on Divine Service was read and adopted.

Finance Committee: C. C. Hicks, J. S. Conner, A. J. Granger.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

By motion a committee of five be appointed to nominate a Home Missionary and draft the rules under which he is to work. Committee as follows: J. C. Howell, Mrs. Mae McAllister, Maranda Ditty, Floyd Cherry, Daniel Pelt.

By motion we adjourn until 1:30 o'clock for preaching service. Sermon by Bro. J. D. Stephens, St. Petersburg, Fla. Text, 23rd Psalm. Bro. Stephens delivered a very inspiring message to a well-filled house.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by G. W. Nobles, the Moderator. Devotions by Bro. T. B. Mellette. Scripture lesson from 1st chapter of First John.

Renewed call for correspondents from Sister Associations. They were as follows: Bro. T. B. Mellette, Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Mr. and Mrs. McDuffie from Midway Association.

By motion these brethren and sisters were seated in the body.

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

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

On motion proceed with business and accept Finance Report under miscellaneous business.

By motion Moderator appoint a committee of three to draw up a church covenant to be presented at the next session of this Association. Committee as follows: J. W. D. Stephens, Maranda Ditty, Floyd Cherry.

By motion Moderator appoint corresponding delegates to Sister Associations. They were as follows:

Southeastern—A. H. Godfrey, J. N. Edmondson, J. T. Robertson.

Midway—Floyd Cherry, G. W. Nobles.

Salem—L. C. Mixon, E. R. Hicks.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Called the roll. Read the Decorum.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted with amendment.

Union Hill—Floyd Cherry.

Martin—W. S. Cook, A. H. Godfrey.

Liberty—Floyd Cherry, J. I. Barrette, A. H. Godfrey, Mrs. C. C. Hicks, Mrs. L. Hamrick.

South Georgia—Floyd Cherry.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Report on Finance was read and adopted.

By motion the church entertaining the Association act as Divine Service Committee.

By motion public collection be taken to defray expenses of last year's minutes. The collection was \$9.51.

By motion Bro. A. J. Granger was relieved as treasurer of the Association.

On motion rescind regular order of business and elect treasurer by nomination and acclamation. Bro. J. W. D. Stephens was elected treasurer.

On motion rescind regular order of business and elect Moderator and Clerk by nomination and acclamation. Rev. G. W. Nobles was re-elected Moderator and C. B. Green was re-elected Clerk.

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

By motion Bros. W. T. Hutto, R. L. Hunter and L. C. Mixon were relieved as members of the Home Mission Board and the ones appointed in their place were as follows: Mrs. Mae McAllister, S. G. Carter and D. W. Pool. Bros. A. H. Godfrey and E. S. Jones were retained.

By motion the Treasurer and Clerk be empowered to draw on the associational funds if necessary.

On motion the Clerk have sufficient blank associational letters printed.

On motion pay our Clerk \$10.00 for his services.

By motion we tender our heartfelt thanks to Prospect Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the sitting of this association.

At this juncture a public collection of \$9.36 was taken up for the Zion Bible School.

By motion this association adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

REV. G. W. NOBLES, Moderator
C. B. GREEN, Clerk.

REPORTS

SUGGESTIONS: We your committee on suggestions submit the following report: We urge that the clerk send a copy of this session to the Free Will Baptist paper at Ayden, N. C. We further suggest and urge the parents in our ranks to be more attentive to our Sunday Schools.

We further suggest that we all use the F. W. B. literature.

Respectfully submitted,
Spring Hill Church.

TEMPERANCE: We your committee on temperance beg to submit the following report: We find that the evils of intemperance are still doing great damage to the health and morals of our young people. We earnestly desire that all Christian parents and leaders put forth every effort to save them from this great evil, by our own temperate living, by seeing to it that they are taught the dangers of intemperance in our homes, churches and schools, and by our earnest prayers in their behalf.

We also suggest that each church in our association sponsor a

Christian temperance union.

Calie Fohan, Amanda Jones, Cora
Johnson, E. S. Jones, Nellie Womack

EDUCATION: We your committee on education make the following report. We believe education is essential to the understanding of God's word. We believe an educated ministry is essential for the advancement of the denomination and God's Kingdom.

We ask all the churches in the association to contribute as much as possible to this cause. We find \$24.75 sent for education and we suggest this be given to Zion Bible School.

Respectfully submitted,
New Harmony Church.

HOME MISSIONS: We your committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

Paul said "now it is high time that we awake out of sleep". Brethren, we have certainly slept away many precious hours that we might have been working profitably in bringing hungry souls to God's bountiful table. Their need is desperate! Time is passing! And we are faring sumptuously every day, both spiritually and physically, while souls are dropping into eternity without even a crumb that might be dropped from our Master's table. Is it not high time that we awoke out of sleep?

Now in view of the fact that for several years we have talked Home Missions, elected boards, and appointed committees, and still accomplished absolutely nothing in their field, we suggest that this association, at this present session, elect a capable, worthy man, that is willing to make sacrifices, and put into his hands all available Home Mission funds, giving him authority to solicit funds from any church, or church auxiliary at any time. Let us require from him a full and complete report of funds collected and expended and work accomplished, through the year at each successive association. We further suggest that every pastor, Sunday School superintendent, Ladies Aid Society, League officers and all other church leaders train their people and practice themselves to the hearty support of and cooperation with this missionary.

After a careful and prayerful study of the situation, this is the only solution we can see for the distressing need of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Delegates of Pleasant Ridge Church.

We your committee on Home Missions reports as follows: After carefully studying the mission possibilities in our rank, taking into consideration the lack of interest among our people and the lack of funds in our Home Mission treasury, we deem it impractical to nominate a Home Missionary at this time. But we recommend that the report of last year's Mission committee be put into execution.

J. C. Howell, Chr.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We your committee on Sunday Schools

make the following report.

We find something like 2500 members in the churches, represented. A very small per cent of these are found in Sunday School.

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 convention and bring a donation sufficient to help in establishing more efficient Sunday Schools.

5. We know many souls are born into the Kingdom of God through the Sunday Schools and we urge this convention to give children this great opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Shiloh Church.

Your committee on Nominations reports as follows: Inasmuch as Pleasant Ridge Church has never entertained the Association, we nominate Pleasant Ridge Church as the place of meeting for the Association.

We nominate Bro. D. W. Poole to preach the introductory sermon.
Prospect Church and Pastor.

DOCUMENTS: We your committee on Documents submit the following report: We recommend that the auxiliary bodies of our churches use the literature published by the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C. Also read the Free Will Baptist published by the same press. Also read the Gospel Herald edited by Rev. Floyd Cherry, Ashford, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,
Hickory Grove Church and Pastor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Associational Purposes	\$20.50
Minutes	\$26.50
Home Mission	\$11.65
Education	\$25.50
TOTAL	\$84.15

Your Committee,
C. C. Hicks, Chr.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1938: Received 1937 as follows:

For Education	\$ 7.75
For Minutes	24.00
By Public Collection:	
For Minutes	2.27
For Home Missions	6.25
For Associational Purposes	20.00
By Public Collection	16.00

TOTAL RECEIVED **\$77.17**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid C. B. Green, Clerk Fee	\$10.00
Paid C. B. Green for Postage	2.06
Paid T. B. Mellette for Education	7.75
Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.	26.27
Paid J. C. Howell (Feb. 14, 1938, on 1937 Minute Debt)	16.00

TOTAL PAID OUT\$62.08
BALANCE on Hand, All Purposes\$43.57

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Granger, Treasurer of
State Line Association.

OBITUARIES: To the State Line Association, Greetings:

We, your committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report. We find within the bounds of this Association there have occurred 21 deaths in the last associational year.

Spring Hill—Sister Ida Hicks.

Union Springs—Bro. T. E. Riley.

Pleasant Ridge—Bro. Ralph Askew.

Prospect—Sister Eliza Conner, Sister Mary Cherry, J. H. Hughes, Sister Nicie Hughes, Sister Laney Rogers, Bro. R. E. Hayes.

New Harmony—Bro. J. J. Granger, Sister Sallie Granger, Bro. C. C. Sellers.

Springfield—Bro. J. C. Brown.

Magnolia—Sister Thelma Champion.

Howards Grove—Sister Ella Walls, Bro. Oscar Hamrick, Sister Anna Frith, Bro. Berry Spurlock, Bro. Jeff Herrington.

Shiloh—Coy Adams.

Hickory Grove—Sister Mahanie Hatcher, Bro. J. D. Standland.

We are deeply grieved at the passing of these, our brethren and sisters, but bow in humble submission to Him Who doeth all things well and pray that when the sun of our lives has gone down that we may meet with these departed loved ones on the banks of that Beautiful River and ever be with Him Who died on Calvary's rugged Cross and said He would go and prepare a place that where He is we might be also.

Peace to their ashes.

Respectfully submitted,

Magnolia Church by W. T. Weed.

LADIES' AID SOCIETIES

To the State Line Association, Greetings:

We have a good Ladies Aid Society and wish that every church in the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination would see the need of organizing a Ladies Aid Society for there is so much that can be accomplished through the work of the ladies.

We ask the prayers of all praying people.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sam Womack, President.

In May 1938 a group of members of New Harmony Church decided to build a new house.

"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." (Hebrews 3:4)

Calling a conference, a building committee, finance committee, and treasurer was appointed.

We had the best of cooperation and in about a month the building was completed, a house any community should be proud of. "And art built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief corner stone." (Ephesians 2:20) The dedication service was held the second Sunday in July, conducted by the pastor, G. W. Nobles and the church deacons.

Mrs. Donnie Calloway, Mrs. Leona Granger.

OBITUARIES

RILEY—In memory of our beloved Bro. J. E. Riley, who departed this life some time in May, 1938. He had been a member of Union Springs about 15 years and a faithful brother. His talent was to help those who could not help themselves. May we meet him where there will be no sad goodbys.

HATCHER—In loving memory of our beloved friend and sister, Hanie Hatcher. She was a member of Hickory Krove church for several years. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her passing. We feel that since the troubles of this life are over, she is now resting in that eternal haven of rest. May we strive to meet her in heaven, where there will be no more death, pain, nor tears.

STANDLAND—In loving memory of our beloved freind and Bro. J. D. Standland. He was a faithful member of Hickory Grove for a number of years. He is gone but not forgotten. Peace be to his silent slumber.

CONNER—On December 19, 1937, Mrs. Eliza Mohala Conner, age 66, was called from this world. She had been in declining health for several months, but was very patient with her afflictions and always trusting God. She was a faithful member of the Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, always filling her seat and doing whatever she could for God's Kingdom. Mrs. Conner was married Nov. 16, 1902 to Mr. John Wilson Conner, who proved to be a faithful companion. Besides him, she leaves to mourn her loss one son, T. N. Conner, three daughters, Mrs. Georgie Trawick, Mrs. Dollie Scott and Miss Sarah Jane Conner, and one step-son, J. S. Conner, and four stepdaughters, Mrs. Rosara Prevatte, Mrs. Docia Allen, Miss Victoria Prevatte, Mrs. Margie Fowler and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from Prospect Church Dec. 21, 1937 by her pastor, Rev. Floyd Cherry, assisted by Rev. A. H. Godfrey.

There is a vacancy in her home, in her church and in her community that can not be filled. But may we not spend our time mourning but preparing to meet her when we shall sail into the Port of the Blessed.

Written by her son-in-law, Grady Scott.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 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 baptised, 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 depart from the subject under debate, provided however, any brother may address the Moderator to apoint of order.

Art. 5. The clerk shall record the proceedings of the body when in session and superintend the publication of the same and all other writ-

ing pertaining to business of the Association. He shall also preserve a file of the minutes of this 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 is necessary.

7. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk, and it shall be his duty to all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

8. When a new Clerk is appointed, all books, etc., belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

9. When a church deems it necessary a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to case of dealing, etc., with the church.

10. The church shall hold a two-day meeting monthly embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female to 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 until 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 acknowledgement 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 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 anyone 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 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 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 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 feet are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for Baptism: John 3:5 and Rom. 6:4. Reference for the Lord's Supper: Matt. 26:26-28. Reference for washing the Saint's feet: John 13:5-17 inclusive.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER.—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine 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.

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
Pleasant Ridge....	L. C. Mixon	Sidney Tindell, Marianna, Fla.	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	40	43	1	\$ 1.00
Shiloh	J. B. Lovering	Bentley Smith, Columbia, Ala.	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	51	42	3	1.50
Corinth	A. H. Godfrey	Inez Herndon, Midland City, Ala.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	74	3	1.50
Prospect	Floyd Cherry ...	C. G. Scott, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 4	4	1	1	.....	3	.....	6	83	139	4	2.00
New Harmony	G. W. Nobles ...	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	78	112	2	2.00
Pleasant Home ..	L. C. Mixon	Malcolm Coleman, Geneva, Ala.	20	4	.....	1	2	2	.....	95	157	3	1.50
Springfield	W. F. McDuffie ..	B. F. Keel, Ashford, Ala.	10	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	50	98	4	1.50
Long Branch	L. C. Mixon	J. F. Thurston, Coffee Springs, Rt. 2.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	26	33	4	1.50
Rocky Grove	J. L. Tedder ...	W. N. Murdock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1.00
Spring Hill	J. C. Eldridge ..	Eudelle, Tolar, Gordan, Ala.	6	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	1	89	113	4	1.00
Hickory Grove....	Floyd Cherry ..	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	5	1	.....	.....	4	.....	2	121	170	1	1.50
Howards Grove..	Floyd Cherry ..	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala.	7	.....	7	.....	2	.....	5	137	324	4	2.00
Magnolia	A. H. Godfrey ..	Lois Anderson, Midland City, Ala.	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	52	92	1	.....
New Hope	A. H. Godfrey ..	Z. A. Ammons, Midland City, Rt. 1..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	3	1.00
Union Springs	W. H. Ely	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala., Rt. 1	4	.....	.....	3	4	.....	1	42	142	2	1.50
Grangeburg	J. C. Eldridge ..	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	22	1	.....
New Pilgrim .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50
TOTALS			75	8	21	4	17	2	23	975	1561		\$21.00

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

15

Churches	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Property	No. in S. School	Sunday School Superintendents And Post Offices
Pleasant Ridge	\$ 1.00	.....	\$ 1.00	\$ 60.80	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00	50	Estelle Tindell, Marianna, Fla.
Shiloh	2.00	.....	.....	42.00	500.00	250.00	40	J. N. Edmondson, Columbia, Ala.
Corinth	1.00	1.00	1.50	87.00	700.00	300.00	59	A. J. Benefield, Midland City, Ala.
Prospect	2.00	.....	5.25	75.22	750.00	1000.00	.....	.....
New Harmony	1.50	.....	1.00	55.36	1000.00	200.00	46	Ora West, Cottonwood, Ala.
Pleasant Home	1.25	1.05	.....	50.00	1000.00	150.00	79	E. W. Burks, Geneva, Ala.
Springfield	2.00	2.00	1.00	75.30	1000.00	350.00	47	C. C. Hicks, Ashford, Ala.
Long Branch	1.00	.50	.50	22.60	375.00	75.00	36	T. E. Shirah, Coffee Springs, Ala.
Rocky Grove	1.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	33	.....
Spring Hill	1.00	1.00	1.00	60.00	1000.00	150.00	83	H. B. Ethridge, Gordon, Ala.
Hickory Grove	3.50	2.35	10.00	138.00	1000.00	500.00	51	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.
Howards Grove	4.00	2.00	2.00	142.00	1000.00	500.00	67	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.
Magnolia	1.50	.50	1.00	46.00	500.00	300.00	64	Summers Paramore, Midland City, Ala.
New Hope	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Springs	1.50	.....	.....	53.25	1500.00	300.00	91	W. S. Cook, Pansey, Ala. Rt. 1
Grangeburg .....	.25	.25	.25	33.50	300.00	150.00	.....	.....
New Pilgrim	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$25.50	\$11.65	\$25.50	.....	.....	.....	746	

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, Phospect	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.
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.
W. H. Keel, Free Will Rest	Grand Ridge, Fla.
H. J. Mercer, Free Will Rest	Sneads, Fla.
D. W. Pool, Pleasant Ridge	Marianna, Fla.

LICENTIATES

E. W. Burts	Geneva, Ala.
O. O. Adams, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.
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.

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association Was Organized

At Howard Grove Church, Nov. 20, 1866

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,	Rockey Grove	1099
1908—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. 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. 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
1938—	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Prospect	2536