

MINUTES

of the

Fifty-Seventh Annual Session

of the

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With

Pleasant Home Church

Geneva County, Ala., Oct. 8th, 1942

Officers

J. C. Howell, <i>Moderator</i>	Dothan, Ala.
C. B. Green, <i>Clerk</i>	Bascom, Fla.
J. W. D. Stephens, <i>Treasurer</i>	Bascom, Fla.

Executive Committee

J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala., E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.,
C. B. Green, Bascom, Fla., J. J. Burdeshaw, Dothan,
Ala., G. W. Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.

Home Mission Board

Walter Baxter, Bascom, Fla., Grady Scott, Dothan, Ala.,
S. G. Carter, Webb, Ala., P. A. Brackin, Blakely,
Ga., Mrs. Rubie Nobles, Cottonwood, Ala.

The next Session meets with Pittman Creek Church on Thurs-
day at 11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in October, 1943,
located seven miles South West of Black, Ala.



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PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Pleasant Home Church, Geneva Co., Ala., in its Fifty-Seventh Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 8th, 1942. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. L. C. Mixon, Text: 5th verse of the 5th chapter of 2nd John. It was a spiritual feast to all that were present.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Bro. J. C. Howell, Assistant Moderator. The Moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 5th chapter of St. Luke.

By motion, Bro. J. C. Howell was elected Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Howell.

A fifteen minute devotional service conducted by Rev. A. B. Burns was very inspiring.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different churches.

By motion the letters were read.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Ulas Granger and Sister Ulas Granger to read the letters.

Names of Churches and Delegates

Magnolia—Eli Hicks.

Hickory Grove—C. B. Green.

Pleasant Home—Mac Coleman, Wyatt Golson, Charlie Mixon, A. D. Hawthorn, Sis. Mac Coleman, Sis. Wyatt Golson, Sis. L. C. Mixon.

Cedar Grove—A. S. Weston.

Howards Grove—H. C. Jones, A. C. Womack, Colie Fohan, Nellie Womack, Rubie Nobles, A. J. Dickerson, G. H. Jordan, Dewey Jones.

Rocky Grove—Seab Robinson, Sara Robinson.

Union Springs—O. Z. Henderson.

Prospect—Beatrice Enfinger, Georgia Trawick, T. E. Cherry, Junior Cherry.

Pleasant Ridge—Elmer Monday, Alvie Hart, Sis. Agnes Monday, Sis. Pauline West, Sis. Virginia West.

Pittman Creek—O. H. Helms, T. V. Crutchfield, D. W. Retherford, Rena Paul, Lonnie Trench, Alice Crutchfield, Bonnie Retherford.

Spring Field—Lendon Hamrick, Vera Mae Hamrick.

New Harmony—A. J. Granger, J. A. Callaway, J. C. Howell, Donnie Callaway, Leona Granger, Ulas Granger.

Moved and carried, the letters were read and adopted and the delegates seated in the body.

Called for petitionary letters—none were received.

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

Union Hill—W. W. Cremantana, W. A. Clark, Sister W. A. Clark.

By motion these Brethren were given the right hand of fellowship and seated in the body.

It was moved and carried that we go back to the old custom of the Decorum in the election of officers and committees of this The State Line Association.

Volunteer Correspondents were called for to Sister Associations; they were as follows:

Union Hill—D. R. Hicks, T. E. Cherry.

By motion we adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Friday Morning.

Song by choir.

Benediction by Bro J. H. Hawthorn.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with Bro. J. C. Howell the Moderator presiding.

Song by choir.

Prayer by Bro. J. H. Hawthorn.

Renewed call for corresponding letters; one received namely:

Spring Hill—G. W. Jeffcoat.

By motion the letter was read and adopted.

New Pilgrim—By Proxy.

The roll was called and Decorum read.

Renewed call for petitionary letters, none received.

Moved and carried C. B. Green was elected Treasurer Pro-tem.

Renewed call for correspondents from the different associations; none received.

Appointment of committees by the Moderator.

Finance—J. A. Callaway, Oneal Kirkland, A. D. Hawthorn.

Temperance—Mrs. J. C. Howell, T. V. Crutchfield, Rena Paul, Elmer Monday.

Obituaries—O. Z. Henderson, T. E. Cherry, Sis. Ulas Granger.

Nominations—J. H. Hawthorn, Alvie Hart, Sis. Georgie Trawick.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

Report on Auxiliaries was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

By motion we recessed until 1:00 o'clock for preaching service. Rev. L. C. Mixon preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon which was enjoyed by a well filled house.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Bro. J. C. Howell, the Moderator.

Song by choir.

Fifteen minute devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Clark.

By motion the report on state of churches and character of Ministers was omitted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

It was moved and carried that the time and place of which the Sunday School Convention convenes be printed in the Minutes.

It convenes with New Harmony Church the 3rd fifth Sunday in 1943.

By motion we have 500 minutes printed.

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

By motion pay Sister J. C. Ingram \$15.00 out of the Home Mission fund.

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

On motion we tender a vote of thanks to Pleasant Home Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the sitting of this association.

On motion this association adjourns.

Benediction by Bro. A. D. Hawthorn.

J. C. Howell, *Moderator*

C. B. Green, *Clerk*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Minutes	Missions	Education	Association
Spring Hill	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
New Harmony	1.50		2.00	1.00
Spring Field	1.00		3.00	1.00
Pleasant Ridge	1.00			1.00
Pittman Creek	1.50	1.15		1.50
Prospect	1.00	1.00	3.50	1.50
Union Spring	1.50			1.50
Pleasant Home	2.00	2.00		2.00
Rocky Grove	.75		.50	2.00
Cedar Grove	.75	1.00	.85	1.50
Hickory Grove	3.00	9.60	7.75	3.00
Magnolia	1.00	1.00		1.00
New Pilgrim	.75			.75
Total	\$17.75	\$16.75	\$18.60	\$18.75
Received after the Session:				
Corinth	1.50	2.25	2.25	1.00
Shiloh	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Howards Grove	2.00		5.00	3.00
	\$22.25	\$21.00	\$27.85	\$23.75
Total Received	-----			\$94.85

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS

We, your Committee on Documents, submit the following report.

We feel that every member of the Free Will Baptist Church should be loyal to every agency of our church. Every home in our denomination should be a subscriber to our church papers. We also ask the pastors to stress the importance of these papers. The Free Will Baptist is a weekly paper and only costs \$1.50 per year. While the Free Will Baptist Gem is a monthly paper and costs only 75c per year. These are very small sums compared with the valuable information you may receive from these papers.

We believe that every Sunday School, League, and Woman's Auxiliary should use literature published by our own denominational publishers. Paul

teaches us in Second Timothy 2: 15 to Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. What better way do we have of showing ourselves approved unto God, than by studying His word, The Holy Bible, in addition to all other literature.

Respectfully submitted by,
Prospect Church

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report and realize the deplorable condition existing in the field on Home Missions.

We wish to suggest that the Home Mission funds be paid the retired ministers and widowed ladies left with responsibilities and unfortunate. We believe that it is the duty of every christian to see that this is looked after.

Respectfully submitted,
Pleasant Home Church

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report. We nominate Pittman Creek Church for our next association and nominate Brother J. C. Watson to preach the Introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Hawthorne
A. Hart
T. V. Crutchfield
Georgia Trawick

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

This is not a day for challenge but a day of preparedness. Preparedness for the right living is much more important than preparedness for war. Free Will Baptist need a place and money to educate Free Will Baptist soldiers for the Christian warfare.

We realize if America was educated to the pleasure of kneeling before the cross our present government would be having peace.

We ask that our churches give freely to the educational fund and in such way help our people to realize, "The Lord has Complete Controlling Power."

Respectfully submitted,
Springhill Church

REPORT ON AUXILIARIES

Knowing how much the different organizations of the church means to the life and spiritual growth of it we urge that our folks wake up and if you don't have a Sunday School and League, also ladies missionary society, lets get busy and get our church organized in these different channels of training. We ask that our pastors see to the organization of a Sunday School and League in each church that he serves and then encourage the life and growth of it. We must train our youth and see that they have an active place in the service of the Lord if we want our church to live and grow. If we don't

keep them in the fold and feed them on the sincere milk of the gospel we aren't doing our duty.. A consecrated Christian wants to be busy for the Lord and lets see that they have a place where they can serve and to have that we must have the different auxiliaries in our church. We cannot have these organizations successful without the cooperation of the adult membership. We hope that in the near future each church will get a new vision of just what the Sunday School and League means to its spiritual life and growth. There is a great work that can be done in our churches through the Ladies Missionary Society.. Lets think on these things and get the different auxiliaries organized in our churches that do not have them because we are interested in growth and progress.

Your Committee on Auxiliaries
Hickory Grove Church

REPORT ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your Committee on Suggestions, submit the following report.

1. That all pastors encourage the organization of Sunday Schools, and insist that the parents and members of the church attend with the children.

2. We further urge each church in this association to hold Holy Communion at least once a year.

3. We suggest that each church send a delegation of more than one with the associational letter to the association.

4. We suggest that the pastor of our churches attend the Association.

5. We also suggest that we as a body be governed by the Decorum laid down in the Minute.

Respectfully submitted,
New Harmony Church

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, hereby submit the following report:

We regret that we have names on our church books who will indulge in the sinful habit of strong drink and urge the other members to talk with them and pray for them and try to draw them nearer to Jesus Christ. We also ask the pastors of each church to preach at least one sermon during the associational year on Temperance. May the Holy Spirit guide these wayward ones and help them to shun the evil of strong drink.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. C. Howell
T. V. Crutchfield
Rener Paul
Elmer Monday

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report.

Within the bounds of this association there have occurred 14 deaths in the last associational year.

New Harmony—Sister Callie Granger.

Springhill—Remons Harlow, Brady Lawrence.

Pleasant Ridge—J. L. West, C. F. Hart.

Prospect—Sister Betsy Butler.

Pleasant Home—E. C. Burch, H. P. Whitehead.

Rocky Grove—Sister Nancy Evans, Bro. Jack Wheelus.

Cedar Grove—Bro. John Hicks.

Hickory Grove—John W. Ditty, H. A. Ditty, Wm. Mathews.

It makes us feel so sad to give up our good Christian workers in time of need as we are today but we realize our loss is heaven's gain. We pray God's blessing upon the bereaved.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. Cherry

O. Z. Henderson

Mrs. Ulas Granger

REPORT ON DIVINE SERVICE

We, your Committee on Divine Service, nominate Rev. A. M. Kirkland to preach at 11:00 o'clock Friday A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hawthorn, Chm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 8, 1942

Amount on hand Oct. 9, 1941 for Missions ----- \$ 65.28

Amount on hand for Associational purposes ----- 5.77

Amount on hand for Education ----- 1.25

Total amount on hand ----- \$ 72.30

Received for 1941 Session

For Associational purposes ----- \$ 22.35

For Minutes ----- 23.00

For Missions ----- 19.60

For Education ----- 19.85

Total Receipts ----- 84.80

Total for Treasury ----- \$157.10

Disbursements

Paid C. B. Green, Clerk salary ----- \$ 10.00

Paid Rev. T. B. Mellette for Zion Bible School ----- 21.10

Paid C. B. Green for postage ----- 2.00

Paid F. W. B. Press for Minutes ----- 32.50

Total Disbursements ----- 65.60

Balance in Treasury for Missions ----- \$ 84.88

Balance in Treasury for Associational purposes ----- 6.62

Total in Treasury ----- \$ 91.50

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. D. Stephens, Treasurer

OBITUARIES

EVANS—In memory of our beloved Sister Nancy who has departed this life. She leaves several children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Peace be to her.—Written by a friend, Lizzie Robinson.

WEST—This is in loving memory of our brother, son, and friend, J. L. West, who departed this life on May 21st, 1942. We feel it a great loss here but we know it's heaven's gain. Because we find in "God's blessed book these words, "Blessed is the peace maker for they shall be called the children of God," we know that Bro. West had this promise and now is in that happy home. For four years ago he gave his life to God in our revival meeting at "Pleasant Ridge Church," and his life was a shining light unto all those who knew him. Although our loved one is gone his kind deeds and acts are still living here with us.

Bro. West left his mother, three sisters, a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.—Written by his mother, three sisters, and a friend, Mrs. Jessie West, Annie Lee West, Agnes Monday, Louise Gray, (Friend) Mrs. Lee Grondin.

BUTLER—In memory of our beloved Sister Betsey Butler who departed this life July 8, 1942, making her stay on earth 56 years. She was a member of Prospect Church connecting herself with the church in her early days. She left a husband and three sons, two daughters and four brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She was in feeble health for several years but was very patient with her afflictions. Now, relatives and friends let us strive to meet her in the sweet beyond. She kept the faith and has gone to be with her loved ones who are resting in the sweet beyond. Her trials are over, her victory won; peace be to her.—Written by her cousin, Rosana Prevatt.

GRANGER—In loving memory of Sister Callie Granger who departed this life Sept. 8, 1942. She was a faithful member with us at New Harmony Church. We miss her very much but our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.—Written by the members of Harmony Church.

BURCH—It is with profound sorrow we report the death of our friend and Bro. E. C. Burch who departed this life August 2nd. He leaves two daughters and one son and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He has been a faithful member and a great worker in Pleasant Home Church for several years. We all regret his departure but his loss to us is gain to them in the world beyond.—Written by the Body of Pleasant Home Church.

DITTY—In loving memory of our beloved friend and Bro. John W. Ditty who departed this life in 1942. He left a vacant place in his home, church and community. Bro. Ditty leaves his wife and 7 children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his departure. Peace be to him.—Written by Clerk.

DITTY—It is with profound sorrow we report the death of our friend and Bro. H. A. Ditty who departed this life in 1942. He leaves three sons and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his departure. Peace be to him.—Written by Clerk.

MATTHEWS—Bro. Wm. Matthews departed this life in 1942. He leaves a wife and several children and a host of friends to mourn his departure. Peace be to him.—Written by Clerk.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We therefore enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love sharing together each others joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church, that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we ever enjoy the blessing and presence of the great Head of the Church.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 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 25 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 post office.

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 the 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 season.

DECORUM

Art. 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 speakers 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 appoint 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 writing 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 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 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 as pastor for an indefinite length of time, to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the 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 presby-

tery 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-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, disciplines 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 or absentees. (5) Acknowledgments. (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 confer-

ences, 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 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 good reasons shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

2. 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 permission.

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 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 Testaments 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. —Genesis 3: 6; 1: 26; 5: 1 and 9: 6; Mark 16: 16; Acts 10: 43.

7. ATTONEMENT—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 FLECTION—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; Deut. 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. T. Henderson, Union Springs	Webb, Ala.
J. B. Lovering, New Pilgrim	Colquitt Ga.
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.
M. M. Hicks, Shiloh	Blakely, Ga.
W. T. Hutto, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.
J. J. Burdeshaw, Prospect	Dothan, Ala.
A. H. Godfrey, Spring Hill	Gordon, Ala.
P. A. Brackin, Shiloh	Blakely, Ga.
D. W. Poole, Pleasant Ridge	Columbus, Ga.

LICENTIATES

E. W. Burch	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.
A. C. Tolar, Union Springs	Center Hill, Fla.

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. Call for correspondence from Sister Associations.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Call the roll and read Decorum.
8. Appoint correspondents to Sister Associations.
9. Call for report of committees.
10. Call for Treasurers report.
11. Call for miscellaneous business.
12. Elect officers.
13. Adjournment.

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. 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
1939—	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Pleasant Ridge	2661
1940—	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Hickory Grove	2619
1941—	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Rocky Grove	2853
1942—	J. C. Howell,	C. B. Green,	Pleasant Home	2672

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	Asso'al. Purposes	F. W. B. L. Presidents and Post Offices
Shiloh	J. B. Lovering	Bently Smith, Columbia, Ala., Rt. 2	7	2				2	1	69	74	1&3	\$ 1.00	Howard Clements, Columbia, Ala.
Corinth	W. T. Hutto	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.	5							56	72	3	1.00	
Hickory Grove	J. C. Eldridge	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	1				2		3	114	160	1	3.00	G. W. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla.
Magnolia	P. A. Brakins									49	55	2	1.00	
Cedar Grove	J. C. Eldridge	W. F. Ditty, Greenwood, Fla.	7	7					1	12	16	3	1.50	W. F. Ditty, Greenwood, Fla.
Rocky Grove	J. W. Roberts	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.		1					2	31	47	3	2.00	
Pleasant Grove	L. C. Mixon	Malcolm Coleman, Geneva, Ala.	3				3		2	121	123	3	2.00	
Union Springs	J. C. Eldridge	E. J. Henderson, Columbia, Ala. Rt. 2	2		2					51	157	2	1.50	
Prospect	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Scott, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 3				3	2		1	76	133	3	1.50	E. T. Engram, Dothan, Ala.
Pleasant Ridge	J. C. Watson	Sidney Tindell, Marianna, Fla., Rt.	6						2	50	53	4	1.00	
Pittman Creek	L. C. Mixon	G. H. Crutchfield, Black, Ala.	18	5						40	73	1	1.50	
Spring Hill	Floyd Cherry	Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.	5	1			5		2	91	124	3	1.00	
Springfield	Floyd Cherry	Vera Mae Hamrick, Ashford, Ala.								44	90	4	1.00	
New Harmony	T. B. Mellette	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	1						1	78	138	2	1.00	
Howards Grove	Floyd Cherry and G. W. Nobles	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala.	6						4	140	335	4	3.00	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.
			61	8	10	3	12	2	19	1,022	1,650		\$23.00	

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

Churches	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Property	No. in Sunday School	No. in F. W. B. L.	No. in Ladies Aid	Sunday School Superintendents and Post Offices	Ladies Aid Presidents and Post Offices
Shiloh	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.25	\$157.00	\$ 750	\$ 200	59	32		Gordon Odom, Columbia, Ala., Rt. 2	
Corinth	1.00	2.00	2.00	80.00	700	200	45			Connie Herndon, Midland City, Ala.	
Hickory Grove	3.00	9.60	7.75	129.28	1,200	1,000	53	26		J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	
Magnolia	1.00	1.00		59.50	200	150					
Cedar Grove	.75	1.00	.85	96.00	600	150	39	23		A. S. Weston, Greenwood, Fla.	
Rocky Grove	.75	.50		12.56	1,000	100	33			T. R. Bryan, Bascom, Fla.	
Pleasant Grove	2.00	2.00		78.00	1,000	500	86			Malcolm Coleman, Geneva, Ala.	
Union Springs	1.50			87.90	1,500	300	35			W. P. Merritte, Pansey, Ala.	
Prospect	1.00	1.00	3.50	86.95	750	1,000	37	25	15	Arthur Trawick, Dothan, Ala.	Mrs. Arthur Trawick, Dothan, Ga.
Pleasant Ridge	1.00			68.30	500	250	36			Earnest Granger, Marianna, Fla.	
Pittman Creek	1.50	1.15		35.50	500	150	56			O. H. Helms, Carryville, Fla.	
Spring Hill	2.00	1.00	1.00	79.06	1,000	500					
Springfield	1.00		3.00	80.00	1,000	350	32		20	S. G. Carter, Webb, Ala.	Mrs. W. Toler, Ashford, Ala.
New Harmony	1.50		2.00	120.00	1,000	350	71			Ora West, Cottonwood, Ala.	
Howards Grove	2.00		5.00	167.40	1,000	500	65	35	15	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.	Mrs. S. M. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.
	\$21.50	\$21.50	\$27.35				647	141	50		