

MINUTES

of the

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

of the

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With

Pittman Creek Church

Holmes County, Fla., Oct. 7th, 1943

Officers

G. W. Nobles, *Moderator* ----- Cottonwood, Ala.

C. B. Green, *Clerk* ----- Bascom, Fla.

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C. B. Green, Bascom, Fla., J. J. Burdeshaw, Dothan,
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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 Howards Grove Church on Thurs-
day at 11:00 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, 1944,
located about 4½ miles south of Ashford, Ala.



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PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Pittman Creek Church, Holmes County, Fla., in its Fifty-Eighth Annual Session on Thursday, October 7, 1943. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. G. H. Jordan; it was a spiritual feast to all present.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. C. Howell. The Moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 14th Chapter of St. John.

Song was rendered by the choir.

A fifteen minutes devotional was conducted by Rev. J. L. Tedder.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different churches. By motion the letters were read. The Moderator appointed Rev. G. W. Nobles and Bro. Ulas Granger to read the letters.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

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

Howards Grove—G. H. Jordan, T. C. Jordan, W. J. Sowell.

Cedar Grove—W. F. Ditty, Gladys Weston, Margruette Hicks.

Prospect—Edd Battles.

Union Springs—O. Z. Henderson, W. T. Henderson.

Pleasant Ridge—Elmer Monday, Alvie Tart, Tom Hall, Sisters Agnes Monday, Bessie Tindell and Sis. Tom Hall.

Pleasant Home—Bro. Ogburn, Malcolm Coleman, Wyte Golson, Sis. Ogburn, Sis. Golson, Sis. Florence Mixon.

Pitman Creek—O. H. Helms, W. H. Crutchfield, Lena Tucker, Bonnie Crutchfield, J. D. Sowell, T. V. Crutchfield, Inalee Sowell, G. M. Tucker.

Hickory Grove—C. B. Green, Walter Baxter, Sis. Maranda Ditty, Clyde Holloway.

Rocky Grove—Alice Robinson.

Spring Field—Buster Ingram.

It was moved and carried the letters were read and adopted and delegates seated in the body.

By motion we nominated Moderator and Clerk and elect by ballot.

Rev. G. W. Nobles was elected Moderator; and C. B. Green was re-elected Clerk.

On motion the Moderator appointed a Committee on Divine Service.

Called for petitionary letters; none received.

Appointment of the different Committees by the Moderator. They were as follows, namely:

Education—A. J. Granger, J. C. Howell, Maranda Ditty.

Nominations—Ulas Granger, W. F. Ditty, Elmer Monday.

Home Missions—W. F. Ditty, Gladys Weston, Beatrice Enfinger, Margruette Hicks.

Suggestions—Maranda Ditty, Tom Hall, Leona Granger.

Temperance—J. C. Howell, Agnes Monday, D. W. Pool.

Auxiliaries—Nina Howell, Sis. E. T. Ingram, Sis. Ulas Granger, Rev. T. B. Mellette.

Obituaries—Alvie Hart, Sis. James Callaway, Sis. Lena Tucker.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. N. Edmundson, E. T. Ingram.

Finance—Ulas Granger, J. A. Callaway, Walter Baxter.

Documents—D. W. Pool, W. H. Crutchfield, Walter Baxter.

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

Salem—J. C. Watson.

Union Hill—W. A. Clark, Sis. W. A. Clark, J. W. Barefoot and Rev. J. L. Tedder as a visitor.

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

Called for correspondents to Sister Associations; they were as follows, namely:

Union Hill—Rev. R. L. Hunter.

Salem—J. C. Howell, A. J. Granger.

My motion, we adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Song by choir.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with Rev. G. W. Nobles, the Moderator, presiding.

Song by choir.

The Moderator read for our morning lesson a portion of the 1st Chapter of Proverbs, followed by prayer by Rev. W. T. Wiley.

Renewed call for corresponding letters from the different churches; one received, namely:

Corinth—On motion this church was represented by the pastor, Rev. D. W. Pool.

Called for petitionary letters; none received.

Called for correspondents from Sister Associations; they were as follows:

Midway—Rev. T. B. Mellette and Rev. W. T. Wiley as visitors.

The roll was called and Decorum read.

By motion we omitted the report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers; and the Moderator appointed a committee to revise the roll of ministers. They were as follows, namely: J. N. Edmundson, E. T. Ingram.

Rev. C. L. Wattenbarger and Bro. W. Simmons were seated in the body as visitors from Bonifay, Fla.

By motion we recessed until 1:00 o'clock for preaching service. Rev. W. T. Wiley preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon, text: 29th verse of the 25th chapter of St. Matthew. Bro. Wiley brought a great message from on high which was enjoyed by all present.

Rev. D. W. Pool closed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. W. Nobles, the Moderator.

Song by choir.

Prayer by Bro. M. Simmons.

Renewed call for corresponding letters from the different churches; one received, namely:

Shiloh—Viola Edmundson, J. N. Edmundson.

One received after the session closed, namely:

Spring Hill—Harvey Cherry, J. S. Conner, Isom Toler, Sister Elizabeth Brunson.

Moved and carried the letter from Shiloh be received and delegates seated in the body.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted:

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Revising the ministers roll was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Report on Auxiliaries was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Session of the Sunday School Convention convenes with Prospect Church the 3rd Fifth Sunday in 1944.

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

On motion we pay our Clerk \$15.00 for his services.

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

On motion pay Bro. W. T. Wiley and Bro. J. C. Watson \$5.00 each for expenses.

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

By motion pay Bro. J. C. Howell \$8.50 out of the Home Mission funds as a reimbursement.

Moved and carried that we have 500 Minutes printed.

On motion we tender a vote of thanks to Pitman Creek Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the setting of this Association.

On motion we send \$25.00 out of Educational funds to the Free Will Baptist Bible School, Nashville, Tenn.

By motion this Association adjourns.

Benediction by the Moderator, Rev. G. W. Nobles.

Rev. G. W. Nobles, Moderator.

C. B. Green, Clerk.

REPORT ON DIVINE SERVICE

We, your Committee on Divine Service, nominate Rev. G. H. Jordan to preach the Introductory sermon at 11:00 o'clock Thursday, Rev. J. C. Wat-

son to preach Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, and Rev. W. T. Wiley to preach Friday at 11:00 o'clock.

A. J. Granger, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to submit the following report:

We wish to encourage our people to support our Free Will Baptist Paper and in as much as the Free Will Baptist is the official organ of the church as a whole. We would like for our ministers and laymen to support the publication with reports of the church activities in our section also with printed messages, articles, etc.

We believe that the study of the Bible should be first of all study, but the distribution of religious tracts and books would be an inspiration to many of our people. We suggest that the very best literature should be put before our people as bodies and individuals.

D. W. Poole,
W. H. Crutchfield,
Walter Baxter.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report:

We find that we have insufficient funds in the Home Mission Treasury to accomplish anything worthwhile. We realize the need of mission work in the bounds of our association, but until the churches awaken to this need and are more liberal toward mission work we cannot accomplish much worthwhile.

We would like for the Home Mission Board to offer a plan to the Association for each church to support Home Missions in a systematic way in the future so that the Board will have funds to do whatever the Lord leads us to do.

W. F. Ditty,
Gladys Weston,
Margruette Hicks,
Beatrice Enfinger.

REPORT ON SUGGESTIONS

We suggest that we as an organized body of F. W. B. Churches show more interest in our association by having a better representation from each church in the future.

We suggest that the associational reports be assigned to the churches to be brought in at the next session and if they do not have a delegation in person for the report to be attached to the church letter.

We suggest that the associational meetings be held hereafter near the center of the territory covered by the association for the duration of the war.

Maranda Ditty,
Leona Granger,
Tom Hall.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit our report as follows:

We realize that strong drink is one of the greatest evils of our day, but we believe that the teaching of our Lord reaches much farther, for we are taught to "Be temperate in all things." And while we insist that our people abstain from the evil of drink we would also warn of the evils of intemperance in dress, speech, recreation, and all things that would separate us from God or hinder the advancement of His kingdom.

J. C. Howell,
Agnes Monday,
D. W. Poole.

REPORT ON AUXILIARIES

The Committee on Church Auxiliaries finds that many of our churches are lacking in these important works; and whereas the Sunday School is called the teaching force of the Church, and the F. W. B. League the training force of the Church, also the L. A. S. may be called the aiding work of the Church in that it aids the sick, the poor, the pastor, and a supporter of Orphanages and schools. We, therefore, recommend that our Churches organize where such organizations are not already functioning and have the pleasure and blessings that God works through these auxiliaries.

Mrs. Nina Howell,
Mrs. E. T. Ingram,
Mrs. Ulas Granger,
Rev. T. B. Mellette.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

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

Within the bounds of this association there have occurred nine deaths in the past year—Rev. M. M. Hicks, Sister Allie Searcy, Sister Susie Pitts, Sister Jemina Hayes, Sister Joe Stinson, Sister Mary Murdock, Brother A. D. Holder, Sister Vera Priest, and Sister Jewel Brackins.

It makes us feel sad to give up our workers in time of need but we realize our loss is Heaven's gain.

Alvie Hart,
Mrs. James Calloway,
Mrs. Lena Tucker.

REPORT ON FINANCE

	Minutes	Missions	Education	Association
Springfield	\$ 3.00		\$ 7.00	\$.50
Pitman Creek	3.00	2.65		
Pleasant Home	2.00	3.00		2.00
Pleasant Ridge	4.00			2.00
Howards Grove	2.50	5.00	5.00	2.50
Hickory Grove	3.00			3.00
Rocky Grove	.75	.50		2.00

Prospect	1.00	1.00	4.50	1.00
Cedar Grove	.75	1.75	2.00	1.50
New Harmony	1.50		2.00	1.00
Shiloh	1.00	2.25	2.25	1.50
Corinth	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Union Springs	1.50			1.50
	<u>\$23.00</u>	<u>\$17.15</u>	<u>\$24.75</u>	<u>\$19.50</u>
Total	----- \$84.40			

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the above report.

Ulas Granger,
J. A. Callaway,
Walter Baxter.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

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

We nominate Howards Grove Church for our next Association and nominate Rev. G. H. Jordan to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Ulas Granger,
W. F. Ditty,
Elmer Monday.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

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

We know this Association needs trained leaders today and our progress has been held back on account of leadership. We realize to educate these leaders they must be taught. We urge this Association to make some arrangements to sponsor some plan that will give them the opportunity of this trained leadership. We also urge each church to donate freely for the purposes of education.

A. J. Granger,
J. C. Howell,
Maranda Ditty.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 7, 1943

Amount on hand October 8, 1942, for Missions ----- \$84.88
Amount on hand for Associational purposes ----- 6.62

Total amount on hand ----- \$91.50

Received for 1942 Session

For Minutes ----- \$22.25
For Missions ----- 21.00
For Education ----- 27.85
For Associational purposes ----- 23.75

Total receipts ----- \$ 94.85

Received since the session from Bro. R. B. Robinson, a former

Treasurer ----- 10.00

Bro. Robinson reports that this and a former amount totals more than the 60 per cent refund made by the bank that failed.

Total in Treasury ----- \$196.35

Disbursements

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

Paid C. B. Green for postage ----- 2.19

Paid Sister J. C. Ingram from Mission fund ----- 15.00

Paid Free Will Baptist Press for Minutes ----- 32.50

Paid Free Will Baptist Press, Postage and Insurance ----- 1.20

Total Disbursements ----- \$ 60.89

Balance in Treasury for Missions ----- \$90.88

Balance for Associational purposes ----- 6.73

Balance for Education ----- 27.85

Amount from Bro. R. B. Robinson ----- 10.00

Total in Treasury ----- \$135.46

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. D. Stephens, Treasurer.

REPORT ON REVISING ROLL OF MINISTERS

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We find that Bro. J. D. Pearce and Bro. M. M. Hicks have deceased and Bro. A. H. Godfrey has joined the Missionary Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Edmundson, Chairman.

OBITUARIES

Holder—In the memory of our beloved Brother A. D. Holder who departed from us the 21st of June, 1943. He was a member of Pleasant Home Church. He leaves a host of friends. Now Christians let us strive to meet him in the Great Beyond. He gave his life and a vacant place in his home for the sake of the dear old U. S. A. and its religion. Written by the Body of Pleasant Home Church.

Priest—In the memory of our beloved Sister, Vera Priest, who departed from us in the year of 1943. She leaves four children and a host of friends to miss her going away. Written by the Body of Pleasant Home Church.

Stinson—In loving memory of Sister Joe Stinson who departed this life in 1943. She was a faithful member with us at Hickory Grove Church. We miss her very much but our loss is Heaven's eternal gain, peace be to her. 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 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-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 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 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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

of members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

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. Stephens, Hickory Grove	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove	Ashford, Ala.
L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home	Geneva, Ala.
W. T. Hutto, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.
J. J. Burdeshaw, Prospect	Dothan, 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
1943—	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Pittman Creek	2727

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
Union Springs	W. T. Henderson	E. G. Henderson, Columbia, Ala.	4	2						125	125	2	\$ 1.50	
Spring Hill	Daniel Pelt	Mrs. Hugh Geffcoat, Gordon, Ala.					5		1	92	121	3	2.00	
Spring Field	J. B. Lovering	Mrs. Doc Hamrick, Ashford, Ala.					1			41	98	4	.50	
Pittman Creek	L. C. Mixon	G. H. Crutchfield, Black, Ala.								59	84	1		
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon	Malcolm Coleman, Geneva, Ala.	19	5				2		130	192	3	2.00	
Pleasant Ridge	J. C. Watson	Sidney Tindell, Marianna, Fla.	4	1						49	55		2.00	
Howards Grove	G. W. Nobles	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala.	5				1		1	141	334	4	2.50	G. H. Jordan; Cottonwood, Ala
Rocky Grove	J. L. Tedder	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.	1							31	48	3	2.00	
Hickory Grove	Daniel Pelt	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	3	1		1			1	117	161	1	3.00	G. W. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla.
Prospect	G. W. Nobles	Georgia Trawick, Dothan, Ala.	1					3		75	129	3	1.00	Leon Cherry, Dothan, Ala.
Cedar Grove	J. C. Eldridge	W. F. Ditty, Greenwood, Fla.	1	3		1		3		15	19	3	1.50	
New Harmony	T. B. Mellette	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.						1		78	137	2	1.00	
Shiloh	W. F. McDuffie	Bentley Smith, Columbia, Ala.	3				2		2	67	74	3	1.50	Howard Coleman, Columbia, Al
Corinth	D. W. Pool	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.	1							58	72	3	1.00	
			42	5	7	2	9	4	10	1078	1649		\$21.50	

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
Union Springs	\$ 1.50	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 65.00	\$1,500	\$ 300	7	---	---	W. P. Merritt, Pansey, Ala.	---
Spring Hill	2.00	4.50	4.50	168.44	1,000	500	---	---	---	---	---
Spring Field	3.00	---	5.00	94.00	1,000	350	---	---	---	---	---
Pittman Creek	3.00	2.65	---	86.30	1,000	350	44	---	---	Rena Paul, Black, Ala.	---
Pleasant Home	2.00	3.00	---	110.00	2,000	500	65	---	---	Malcolm Coleman, Geneva, Ala.	---
Pleasant Ridge	2.00	---	---	133.32	500	250	46	---	---	Alvia Hart, Marianna, Fla.	---
Howards Grove	2.50	5.00	5.00	226.06	1,000	500	45	50	15	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.	Mrs. S. M. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.
Rocky Grove	.75	.50	---	75.00	1,000	---	40	---	---	T. R. Bryan, Marianna, Fla.	---
Hickory Grove	3.00	58.57	43.57	221.14	1,500	1,000	53	30	---	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	---
Prospect	1.00	1.00	4.50	127.70	750	1,000	42	20	18	Mary Edna Brown, Dothan, Ala.	Mrs. Arthur Trawick, Dothan, Ala.
Cedar Grove	.75	1.75	2.00	96.00	600	150	34	---	---	H. A. Hicks, Greenwood, Fla.	---
New Harmony	1.50	---	2.00	135.00	1,200	300	53	---	---	Lewie Strickland, Cottonwood, Ala.	---
Shiloh	1.00	2.25	2.25	150.00	750	200	34	25	---	Bentley Smith, Columbia, Ala.	---
Corinth	1.00	1.00	2.00	75.00	700	200	50	---	---	Mrs. Willie M. Dean, Midland City, Ala.	Mrs. Elmer Baxley, Midland City, Ala.
	\$25.00	\$80.22	\$70.82	---	---	---	513	125	33		