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MINUTES

of the
FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
**STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Held With
HOWARDS GROVE CHURCH
Houston Co., Ala., October 5, 1944

Officers

G. W. Nobles, *Moderator* ----- Cottonwood, Ala.
C. B. Green, *Clerk* ----- Bascom, Fla.
J. W. D. Stephens, *Treasurer* ----- Bascom, Fla.

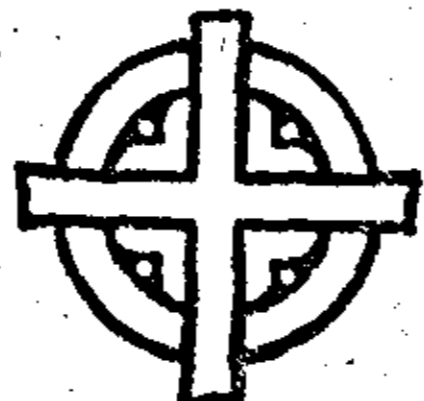
Executive Committee

J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala.; E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.; C. B. Green, Bascom, Fla.; J. J. Burdeshow, 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 Union Springs Church on Thursday at 11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in October, 1945, located about three miles north of Pansey, Ala.



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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organize.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for letters from different churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. 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.

PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Howards Grove Church, Houston Co., Ala., in its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session on Thursday, October 5th, 1944. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. G. H. Jordan. Bro. Jordan brought a very timely message that was enjoyed by all present.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G. W. Nobles. The Moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 12th Chapter of Romans.

Song by the choir.

Prayer by Rev. T. B. Mellette.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Called for letters from the different churches. By motion the letters were read.

The moderator appointed Sister Dolly Scott and Bro. Ulas Granger to read the letters.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Hickory Grove—Walter Baxter, Audrey Green, Katie Parmer, Lillie Maud Vaughn, Annie Baxter, J. W. D. Stephens, Maranda Ditty, R. B. Robinson.

Union Springs—S. E. Anglin.

Prospect—Beatrice Enfinger, Mildred Alford, Dollie Scott, Irell Ingram, Georgia Trawick, E. T. Ingram, C. G. Scott.

Pleasant Ridge—Elmer Monday, Alvie Hart, Sidney Tindell, Agnes Monday, Louise Hall, Jessie West.

Rocky Grove—Seab Robinson, Alice Robinson, Lois Newbern, Lizzie Robinson.

New Harmony—A. J. Granger, J. A. Callaway, Donnie Callaway, Preston Granger, Stella Granger, Ulas Granger, Leona Granger.

Cedar Grove—Wayne Hicks, Melvie Ditty.

Pittman Creek—T. V. Crutchfield.

Pleasant Home—Joe Bottoms, Agnes Bottoms, Bonnie Ayers, Lonie Golsen, Mary Alice Mixon.

Howards Grove—Dewey Jones, Boney Adams, Rhode Jordan, Rubie Nobles, W. J. Sowell.

By motion the letters were received and delegates were seated in the body.

Called for Petitionary letters. None received. Called for correspondents from the different associations. They were as follows:

Midway—Rev. J. L. Tedder.

Liberty—Rev. W. T. Wiley, Mrs. W. T. Wiley, Rev. T. B. Mellette, Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

Salem—Rev. Rufus Hyman, Charlie Ray, Roxie Sowell, C. F. Sowell.

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

By motion regular order of business was suspended and election of Moderator was made by nomination and acclamation.

Rev. G. W. Nobles was re-elected Moderator.

By motion we retain C. B. Green as Clerk and J. W. D. Stephens as Treasurer.

The delegation from Magnolia did not have their letter with them.

It was moved and sustained that this delegation be seated in the body.

Report on Divine Service was read and adopted.

Appointment of the different committees by the Moderator were as follows:

Hickory Grove—Suggestions.

New Harmony—Education.

Howards Grove—Finance.

Pleasant Ridge—Auxiliaries.

Prospect—Documents.

Spring Hill—Obituaries.

Union Springs—State of churches and character of ministers.

Home Mission Board—Home Missions.

Howards Grove—Divine Service.

Nominations—A. J. Granger, J. S. Conner, S. M. Womack.

Called for correspondents to Sister Associations. They are as follows:

Salem—G. W. Nobles, J. S. Jones.

Liberty—Dan Guy.

Midway—D. W. Pool.

By motion we table the move of sending delegates to the State Association at this time.

By motion we adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Song by choir.

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

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Re-assembled with Rev. G. W. Nobles, the Moderator, presiding.

The Moderator read for our morning lesson a portion of the 5th chapter of St. Matthew.

Song by choir, followed by prayer by Bro. J. W. D. Stephens.

Renewed call for corresponding letters from the different churches. There were three received; namely: Spring Field, Corinth, Spring Hill.

Spring Hill—J. S. Conner.

Corinth—Synthia Jackson, C. G. Baxley, Hansel Baxley, Sisters Ione Baxley, Edna Baxley, Lucile Baxley.

Spring Field—Sister Dock Hamrick.

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

Called for correspondents from the different associations; one received, namely:

South Eastern—Rev. Daniel Pelt.

The roll was called and Decorum read.

Report on Divine Service:

We, your Committee on Divine Service, nominate Rev. Rufus Hyman to preach Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock and Rev. Daniel Pelt to preach at 11:00 o'clock Friday.

On motion, recessed until 1:00 o'clock for preaching service. Rev. Daniel Pelt preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon—Text: Psalms 92nd chapter, 12th verse. Bro. Pelt brought a very inspiring message which was enjoyed by a well filled house.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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

A fifteen minute devotional service was conducted by Sister Maranda Ditty. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

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

Shiloh—J. N. Edmundson.

Magnolia—W. T. Weed.

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

Mrs. Dawson Merritte, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Alice Callaway were entertained as visitors from Ramah Church.

Committee on Nominations was appointed by the moderator; they were as follows: A. J. Granger, S. M. Womack, J. S. Conner.

Report on Documents was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Auxiliaries was read and adopted.

Report of Home Mission Board on Home Missions was read and adopted with amendment to strike out last clause and retain one same Home Mission Board.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

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

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

At this juncture a public collection of \$25.98 was taken.

By motion \$18.65 of this collection be paid to the Home Mission Fund as a refund and the balance of \$7.33 revert to associational funds.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted with amendment that the \$5.00 over plus go to the minute fund.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

On motion that we have a program for the State Line Association to go by and that Rev. G. W. Nobles be chairman of the committee to get up the program together with Bro. G. H. Jordan and Sister Maranda Ditty.

By motion Moderator appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of a training institute in the bounds of the State Line Association.

They were as follows, namely: Ulas Granger, Neta Johnson, Rev. G. H. Jordan.

By motion retain our same Executive Committee and Home Mission Board.

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

By motion D. W. Pool be reporter for the State Line Association to the Free Will Baptist paper.

Moved and carried that the State Line Association send a delegate to the South Alabama North Florida Sectional Association which convenes with Piney Grove Church.

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

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

By motion we have 500 Minutes printed and that the bill be paid out of the treasury.

Moved and carried we tender a vote of thanks to Howards Grove Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the sitting of this association.

Moved and carried we send Educational Funds now on hand to the Free Will Baptist Bible School, Nashville, Tenn.

Moved and sustained this association adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

Rev. G. W. Nobles, *Moderator*,
C. B. Green, *Clerk*.

REPORT ON FINANCE

	Association	Minutes	Education	Missions
Spring Field -----	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$
Pittman Creek -----	2.50	1.50	1.00	1.00
Pleasant Home -----	3.00	1.50		2.00
Pleasant Ridge -----	2.00	2.00		1.00
Howards Grove -----	2.00	2.00	6.00	5.00
Hickory Grove -----	3.00	4.00		
Rocky Grove -----	2.00	.75		.50
Prospect -----	2.00	2.00	6.00	
Cedar Grove -----	1.50	.50	1.50	1.50
New Harmony -----	1.00	1.50	2.00	
Shiloh -----	2.00	1.00	3.00	6.00
Corinth -----	3.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
Union Springs -----	1.50	1.50	2.50	
Magnolia -----	1.50	2.00		1.50
Spring Hill -----	4.00	2.00	5.60	
	<hr/> \$33.00	<hr/> \$26.25	<hr/> \$34.60	<hr/> \$20.50

G. H. Jordan, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report: We nominate Union Springs Church for our next Association and nominate Rev. G. W. Nobles to preach the Introductory Sermon.

A. J. Granger, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, realizing the need of trained leader-

ship in our churches, recommend that each church in our Association make a contribution to our Free Will Baptist school, the amount to be determined by each individual church and sent either directly to the school or through the Association as the church deems proper.

We, also, request that anyone aspiring to the ministry let it be known by notifying the church officials as we feel that the Association would be glad to help them.

Respectfully submitted,
New Harmony Church.

REPORT ON AUXILIARIES

We, your Committee on Auxiliaries, beg leave to submit the following report: We realize that our auxiliaries need strengthening and we believe that a field evangelist set apart for this specific work under the direction of the Home Mission Board would be of great benefit. We recommend that all of our pastors encourage the organization of all these auxiliaries in order to train our younger generation to become Christian workers.

Signed,
Delegates of Pleasant Ridge
Church.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

We, the Home Mission Board, beg leave to make the following report: After careful consideration we have decided for each church to appoint a home and foreign mission committee. We feel that each church can handle its mission money more efficiently under conditions that now exist. We suggest that all foreign mission money be sent to the secretary of foreign missions, also the money now on hand be distributed as the Association sees fit.

Respectfully,
The Home Mission Board,
Mrs. Rubie Nobles, Chairman.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report the deaths of 19 members within our Association; namely: W. D. Allen, Sister Lee Dasinger, Sister Malissa Weeks, Sister Mollie Anglin, Eddie Morris, Liela Silcox, Jim Monday, Mrs. M. T. Dyess, Cora Massey, J. T. Eubanks, Lula Cannon, W. J. Griffin, Wallace Edmondson, W. C. Douglas, Mrs. Stella Benefield, Mrs. Olie Herndon, Mrs. Betty Capps, Mrs. Mandy Noblin and Ben Howard.

They have answered the call and will be greatly missed from their places in the church.

Ulas Granger,
J. S. Conner
E. T. Ingram.

REPORT OF DOCUMENTS

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

We suggest that at this session of the Association there be elected or appointed as a representative of the F. W. B. Paper in this section whose duties shall be to cover and report to the paper all associations and other special activities of the church in this section and attend to all other matters in which the paper should be connected.

We urge that each members subscribe to the Baptist and Gem papers and all other religious literature obtainable.

Prospect Church.

REPORT ON SUGGESTIONS

We suggest that each church make an effort to raise more funds for carrying on the gospel work. Take the world as it is today with the fields white unto harvest and sin sweeping the land it should stir us as professed Christians to wake up to our duty and get busy about the work that Jesus left for us to carry on. Don't forget the picture and true facts that was brought to us yesterday in the Introductory Sermon.

We suggest that each church give in a systematic way to Missions and Education.

We suggest that the money sent to the association by delegates be spent only for the things designated for.

We suggest that this association give the Home Mission Board power to use the Home Mission money in the treasury when ever they deem it necessary.

We suggest this association become a member of Sectional Association that we hope to organize in January of '45.

Hickory Grove Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 5, 1944

Amount on hand Oct. 7, 1943 for Missions -----	\$90.88
Amount on hand Oct. 7, 1943, for Associational purposes ----	6.73
Amount on hand Oct. 7, 1943 for Education -----	27.85
Amount on hand Oct. 7, 1943 from R. B. Robinson -----	10.00
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Total Amount on hand -----	\$135.46
Received for 1943 Session—	
For Minutes -----	\$25.00
For Missions -----	21.65
For Education -----	29.25
For Associational purposes -----	21.50
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Total Receipts -----	\$ 97.40
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Total in treasury -----	\$232.86
Disbursements—	
Paid C. B. Green, Clerk Salary -----	\$15.00
Paid J. W. D. Stephens, Treasurer -----	10.00
Paid Bro. W. T. Wiley for expenses -----	5.00

Paid Bro. J. C. Watson for expenses -----	5.00	
Paid Rev. G. W. Nobles as Moderator -----	10.00	
Paid Bro. J. C. Howell as re-imbursement out Home Mission funds -----	8.50	
Paid F. W. B. Bible School, Nashville, Tennessee, out of Educational fund -----	25.00	
Paid F. W. B. Press for Minutes -----	35.00	
Paid C. B. Green for expenses -----	1.98	
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		\$115.48
Balance in Treasury for Missions -----	\$85.38	
Balance in Treasury for Education -----	32.10	
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		\$117.48

In the above report \$18.65 was used of the Mission funds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. D. Stephens, Treasurer.

We, your Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, beg leave to make the following report:

So far as we know they are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Union Springs Church,

By S. E. Anglin.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, nominate the next session of this Association to be held at Union Springs Church. We also nominate Rev. G. W. Nobles to preach the Introductory Sermon.

A. J. Granger,

J. S. Conner,

S. M. Womack.

OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS—In the memory of Brother W. C. Douglas who gave his life (Sept. 19, 1944, in France) for the dear old U. S. A., and the freedom of religion. He leaves a wife, mother, brother and sisters and a host of friends. He was a member of Shiloh Church. Written by the body of the Church.

EDMONDSON—In the memory of our beloved Brother Wallis Edmondson who departed from us the year of 1944. He was a member of Shiloh Church. He leaves his father, three brothers, three sisters and friends all who knew him. He gave his life and a vacant place in his home for his country, the dear old U. S. A., and its religion. Written by the body of the Church.

ALLEN—On March 24th, 1944, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Irell Ingram and took away her father, William David Allen. He was

61 years and 5 months old the day he died. Brother Allen was loved by every one who knew him. He loved his home, his church and his neighbors. He found loving comradeship with them as friends. He was a devoted husband and father. He was married in his early manhood to Miss Cora Parson who preceded him to the grave several years. There were two children born to this union. They are Chester Allen of Columbus, Ohio, and Irell Ingram of Dothan, Ala. He married Johnnie Ruth Hoffman a few years after the death of his first wife. His wife and two children, two sisters and four brothers survive, also two grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives. Brother Allen joined Prospect Church when he was a young man. He served as deacon most of this time. His funeral was conducted at Prospect church with Rev. T. B. Mellette officiating and assisted by Rev. D. W. Poole. His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers. There is a vacancy in his home, his church and community that can not be filled. We express our hope that even so great a loss to us may be ever ruled for good by Him who doeth all things well. Written by Clifton Grady Scott.

NOBLIN—In memory of our beloved Sister Mandy Noblin who departed from this earth July 16, 1944, when God saw she had suffered enough he called her from this earth where she had suffered so much pain to come and live with him in that beautiful city that he is preparing for all of us. Jesus said: "Give her of the fruit of her hand, and let her own works praise her in the gates." Ecclesiastes 31: 31. Written by a member of New Harmony Church.

ANGLIN—In memory of our beloved Sister Meallie Anglin who departed from us the 21st day of October, 1943. She was a member of Union Springs Church for approximately 40 years. She leaves a host of friends and relatives to miss her going away. Now Christians let us strive to meet her in the happy beyond. She was a faithful member with us at Union Springs Church. We miss her very much but our loss is heaven's gain, peace be to her. Written by W. P. Merritt.

MORRIS—In memory of our beloved Brother Eddie Morris who departed from us about the 17th day of February, 1944. He leaves a companion, two sons, two daughters and a host of friends to miss his going away. He was a faithful member with us at Union Springs Church. We miss him very much in the church and community. Written by W. P. Merritt.

ANGLIN—In memory of our beloved Sister Mattie Anglin who departed this life January 15, 1944. She was a member with us at Union Springs for about 30 years. She was faithful to the church and her home. A seat is vacant, a voice is silent. But our loss is heavens gain. Let us strive to meet her where there is no sad parting. Written by O. Z. Henderson.

CANNON—In memory of our beloved Sister Lula Cannon who departed from us in the year of 1944. She leaves one child and a host of friends to mourn her going away. Peace be to her. Written by the body of Pitman Creek Church.

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 on 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; Hcb. 9: 27.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. C. Tolar, Union Springs	Center Hill, Ala.
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.
John Carr, Pleasant Home	Greenwood, Fla.

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.
D. N. Guy, Cedar Grove	Bascom, Fla.

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
1944—	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Howards Grove	2788

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	J. L. Tedder	E. J. Henderson, Columbia, Ala.	8				1		3	87	156	2	\$ 1.50	
Spring Hill	Rufus Hyman	Emma Gean Jeffcoat, Gordan, Ala.					1		1	91	118	4	4.00	
Hickory Grove	D. F. Pelt	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	1				2			117	160	1	3.00	
New Harmony	T. B. Mellette	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	18		2				2	90	135	2	1.00	
Howards Grove	G. W. Nobles	J. R. Adams, Cottonwood, Ala.			1		8		4	116	319	4	2.00	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon	Malcom Coleman, Geneva, Ala.							1	136	188	1-3	3.00	
Pittman Creek	L. C. Mixon	G. H. Crutchfield, Black, Ala.					1		1	59	82	1	2.50	
Spring Field	D. W. Pool		3		2		1		1	42	100	4	2.00	
Cedar Grove	G. W. Nobles	W. F. Ditty, Greenwood, Fla.	2				1			14	16	3	1.50	
Shiloh	W. F. McDuffie	Bently Smith, Columbia, Ala.	8	4	1		1		2	73	82	3	2.00	Gordon Odom, Columbia, Ala.
Corinth	D. W. Pool	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.	1	1			1		2	58	72	3	3.00	
Prospect	Rufus Hyman	Mrs. George Trawick, Dothan, Ala.	5						1	74	129	3	2.00	Mary Edna Brown, Dothan, Ala.
Pleasant Ridge	L. C. Mixon	Sidney Tindell, Cottonwood, Ala.	3							52	53	4	2.00	
Magnolia	D. W. Pool		5	1	1				2	46	55	3	1.50	
Rocky Grove	J. L. Tedder	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.								31	47	3	2.00	
			54	6	7		17		20	1086	1702		\$33.00	

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
Union Springs	\$ 1.50	\$	\$ 9.50	\$110.00	\$1,500	\$ 300	34			W. P. Merrette	
Spring Hill	2.00		5.60	145.45	1,000	500	62			Whitman Lynn, Gordan, Ala.	
Hickory Grove	4.00	37.13	37.12	240.02	1,500	500	64			J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	
New Harmony	1.50		2.00	139.00	1,200	400	40			Lewie Strickland, Cottonwood, Ala.	
Howards Grove	2.00	5.00	6.00	245.44	1,000	500	49	35	15	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.	Mrs. Sam Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.
Pleasant Home	1.50	2.00		75.00	1,500	500	57			Malcom Coleman, Geneva, Ala.	
Pittman Creek	1.50	1.00	1.00	60.00	1,000	400	66			Lonnie Frinch, Caryville, Fla.	
Spring Field	3.00		5.00	197.40	1,000	300	5			Dock Hamrick, Ashford, Ala.	
Cedar Grove	.50	1.50	1.50	108.40	900	150	36			Wayne Hicks, Greenwood, Fla.	
Shiloh	1.00	6.00	3.00	132.28	798	200	57	30		Bently Smith, Columbia, Ala.	
Corinth	1.00	2.00	2.00	136.85	900	150	34			Mrs. Virgil Dean, Midland City, Ala.	
Prospect	2.00		6.00	219.00	1,500	1,500	52	20		C. G. Scott, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 4	
Pleasant Ridge	2.00	1.00		235.03	600	250	44			Alvie Hart, Marianna, Fla.	
Magnolia	2.00	1.50		65.00	1,000	300	59			W. T. Weed, Midland City, Ala.	
Rocky Grove	.75	.50		91.00	1,000	200					
	\$26.25	\$20.50	\$41.60				659	85	15		

Spring Hill sent \$13.29 to Ala. F. W. B. Orphanage. Prospect sent \$15.00 to Ala. F. W. B. Orphanage and \$10.00 to F. W. B. College, Nashville, Tenn. Total to Orphanage \$28.29. Total to College \$10.00.