

MINUTES

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Sixty-Second Annual Session

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STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

—: HELD WITH :—

Spring Field Church

HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

October 9th, 1947

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OFFICERS:

E. H. JORDAN, Moderator.....COTTONWOOD, ALA.
C. B. GREEN, Clerk.....BASCOM, FLA.
J. W. D. STEPHENS, Treasurer.....BASCOM, FLA.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

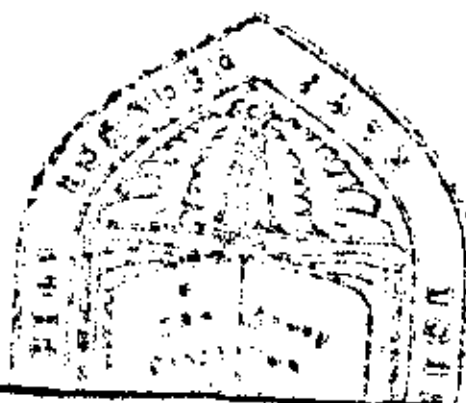
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HOME MISSION BOARD:

Mrs. Georgia Trawick, Dothan, Ala., E. T. Ingram, Dothan, Ala.,
James Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala., J. R. Long, Bascom, Fla.,
Mrs. Leona Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.

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The next session meets with Spring Hill Church on Thursday, at 11:00
o'clock before the Second Sunday in October, 1948, located
about three miles South of Gordon, Alabama.



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organize.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for letters from different churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Elect Officers.
6. Call for correspondence from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Call the roll and read Decorum.
9. Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations.
10. Call for report of committees.
11. Call for Treasurer's Report.
12. Call for miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. C. Tolar, Union Springs	Center Hill, Ala.
W. T. Henderson, Union Springs	Blakely, Ga.
A. L. Williams, Prospect	Dothan, Ala.
G. W. Nobles, Howard Grove	Cottonwood, Ala.
A. M. Kirkland, New Hope	Midland City, Ala.
R. L. Hunter, New Pilgrim	Columbia, Ala.
J. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	Marianna, Fla.
Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove	Ashford, Ala.
L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home	Geneva, Ala.
W. T. Hutto, Corinth	Newton, Ala.
P. A. Brackin, Shiloh	Newville, Ala.
D. W. Poole, Pleasant Ridge	Malone, Fla.
John Carr, Pleasant Home	Marianna, Fla.

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LICENTIATES

Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony	Tampa, Fla.
C. A. Lewis, Prospect	Ashford, Ala.
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove	Cottonwood, Ala.
W. P. Merrette, Union Springs	Pansey, Ala.
Mrs. Geogie West, Grangeburg	Gordon, Ala., Rt. 1

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was Organized
At Howard Grove Church, November 20, 1886.

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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. 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
1945—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Union Springs_____	2717
1946—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Sedar Grove_____	2756
1947—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Springfield_____	2750



PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Spring Field Church Houston County, Alabama, in its Sixty-Second Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1947. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Ralph Lightsey. Text: John 14:1-6, Acts 1:68, Romans 1:14-17. Brother Lightsey brought a very timely and pointedly message, which was enjoyed by all present.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G. H. Jordan.

A fifteen minute devotional service was conducted by Bro. B. W. Clenney.

Prayer by Rev. I. A. Norris. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Letters were called for from the different churches. By motion the letters be read. The Moderator appointed Rev. G. W. Nobles and Bro. H. A. Hicks to read the letters. Names of churches and delegates. Rockey Grove—by letter.

Prospect—E. T. Ingram, Arthur Trawick, Edd Battles, Thomas Cherry, William Brown, Sister Georgia Trawick, Edward Brown, Mary E. Brown, Dollie Scott, Annie Howell, Rosana Prevatt, Nettie Cherry.

Pleasant Ridge—Alvia Hart, Elmer Monday, J. T. Hall, Sisters Gussie West, Agnes Monday, and Louise Hall.

New Harmony—Johnnie Strickland, Ulas Granger, Annie Bell Strickland, Leona Granger, James Calloway, Donnie Calloway, Ethel Granger Paulk.

Cedar Grove—H. A. Hicks, Sister H. A. Hicks.

Magnolia—Brunege Blakey, Francis Hammock, John Paramore, Sisters John Paramore, Robert Paramore and Nell Rose Etheridge.

Corinth—Frank Baxley, A. J. Benefield, S. Jackson, Sister Bryon Mallory.

Spring Field—Dock Hamrick, Sidney Bell, Sisters Sidney Bell, Linnie Fulton, Rillie Fulton, Dorothy Lamb.

Union Springs—E. R. Cook, E. J. Henderson, S. F. Cook, J. J. Anglin, Fred Lewis, J. A. McNeal, Maxwell Sims.

Hickory Grove—J. R. Long, G. W. Hatcher, Gavada Ditty, Cynthia Halloway, Gertrude Hatcher.

Hickory Hill—Sisters A. C. Tolar, Bessie Archabell and Emma White.

Howards Grove—A. J. Dickerson, Ivey Dickerson, W. H. Monday, Dewey Jones, A. C. Womack, G. E. Capps, Sisters Ruby Nobles, Amanda Jones, Nina Mae Jones.

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

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

Called for correspondents from the different associations, namely:

Martin—B. W. Clenney.

Union Hill—Rev. Rufus Hyman as a visitor.

Southeastern—Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala., and Rev. John Golden, Eufaula, Ala., as visitors.

Midway—Rev. John Barnes and Rev. E. C. Williams, as visitors.

By motion the delegates from Martin Association, together with the visitors from other associations be seated with the body.

By motion elect officers.

By motion suspend regular order of business and elect by nomination and acclamation. Rev. G. H. Jordan was re-elected Moderator and C. B. Green was

re-elected clerk. Rev. G. W. Nobles was re-elected assistant moderator. Reports on auxiliaries were read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

By motion the Moderator appointed a committee on finance. They were as follows, namely: Lendon Hamrick, J. R. Long, E. S. Jones.

At this point a special collector for the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Eldridge, Ala., was taken which amounted to \$38.14. By motion this collection be included in the regular contribution and be sent to the Orphanage in Eldridge, Ala.

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

Song by the choir. Benediction by Rev. E. C. Williams.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassemble with Rev. G. H. Jordan, the Moderator presiding. The Moderator read for our morning lesson a portion of the 7th chapter of Judges.

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Wiley. Song by the congregation.

Renewed call for corresponding letters, six received, namely:

Grangeburg—Brannon West, W. H. Howard.

Spring Hill—I. A. Tolar, Sister I. A. Tolar, Fay Tolar, G. W. Jeffcoat, Sister G. W. Jeffcoat, Whitman Lynn, Bunion Ethridge.

Pittman Creek—A. H. Helms, G. H. Crutchfield, A. M. Clark, Sisters Lonie French, Edna Smith.

Shiloh—Hershel Crel, J. N. Edmondson, Gordon Odom, Pat Love, Sister Trudie Vinson.

Pleasant Home—Harrel Dixon, Malcolm Coleman.

New Pilgrim—Oneal Kirkland, E. L. Hunter.

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

Renewed call for correspondents from the different associations, they were as follows:

Southeastern—Bro. C. A. Ornard, as a visitor. By motion Bro. Ornard was seated in the body.

Midway—Rev. W. T. Wiley, Rev. J. L. Tedder. Moved and carried that Bro. Wiley and Bro. Tedder be seated in the body as honorary members.

Report on education was read and adopted.

Report on suggestions was read, but not accepted. By motion the Moderator appointed a committee on nominations. They were as follows: Ulas Granger, A. Hart, T. E. Cherry.

By motion we adjourned until 1:15 o'clock for preaching service. Rev. M. L. Hollis preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon, text 11th chapter of St. John. Subject: Home—Rev. Hollis used his subject in an able and inspiring manner. Recess for lunch and rest.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. H. Jordan, the Moderator. Song by the choir. At this juncture Rev. W. T. Wiley gave a very interesting talk.

Renewed call for corresponding letters from the different churches. None received.

Report on obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on temperance was read and adopted.

Report on nominations was read and adopted.

Report on finance was read and adopted.

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

Midway—E. S. Jones, G. W. Nobles, O. Z. Henderson.

Salem—G. W. Nobles.

Liberty—Ivey Dickerson.

Southeastern—G. W. Nobles, E. S. Jones.

Union Hill—G. W. Nobles, G. W. Jordan.
Florida State Association—H. A. Hicks.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved and carried—All churches of the State Line Association in Alabama represent in the Alabama State Association and all churches of the State Line Association in Florida represent in the Florida State Association.

By motion, retain our same Home Mission Board with the exception of Bro. H. A. Hicks, who resigned. By motion Bro. James Calloway was elected to fill Bro. Hick's place as a member of the Home Mission Board.

On motion, retain our same Executive Committee. By motion omit reading Decorum and calling the roll.

By motion, that Article I of the Decorum be changed to read as follows: The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and Home Mission Board shall be elected as the Association shall determine. Moved and carried. The Moderator appointed the different committees on the first day of the session of the association.

Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

By motion, that Bro. J. W. D. Stephens be reimbursed \$11.00 that he paid on minutes. At this juncture a public collection of \$13.01 was taken. By motion \$11.00 of this collection be paid to Bro. J. W. D. Stephens, and the balance \$2.01 go to the minute funds.

By motion, that the question on the new Associational letter drafted by the committee be tabled at this time and we use our same old Associational letters now on hand until used up.

By motion pay our clerk \$15.00 for his services.

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

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

The Moderator, Rev G. H. Jordan, donated his \$10.00 to the Associational Funds.

By motion, we tender a vote of thanks to Spring Field Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the sitting of this association. By motion, that this association adjourn.

Song by the congregation. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

REV. G. H. JORDAN, Moderator.

C. B. GREEN, 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 agreed, 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 other 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 nature 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 anyway that the association shall determine.

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 Exe-

cutive 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, than at the last regular conference of the associational year.

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 reordained.

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 for 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 objections 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.

22. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walks since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.

23. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

24. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

25. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided but a member upon his request may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

26. No member shall leave the house during conference without sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without 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. **ATONEMENT**—We believe that Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead; therefore God desires the salvation of all and the Gospel invites all, and whomsoever will may come and partake of the waters of life.—I Cor. 1: 7; Eph. 5: 2; Heb. 2: 9; Rom. 5: 5; Rev. 22: 17.

8. **OF ELECTION**—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of men by any unconditional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of salvation.—John 8: 31. Luke 11: 28; Acts 10: 35; 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 RESSURECTION—We believe when 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on Hand October 10, 1946

For Education	49.00
For Home Missions	142.96
TOTAL	\$ 191.96

Received for 1946 Session

For Minutes	\$ 29.00
For Occasional Purposes	37.50
For Education	44.25
For Mission	26.32
Unaccounted for	2.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 139.03
TOTAL IN TREASURY	\$ 331.03

Disbursements

Paid C. B. Green, Clerk Salary	\$15.00
Paid C. B. Green, Postage	2.22
Paid F. W. B. Press for 250 Minutes	29.00
(The bill for minutes was \$40.00—J. W. D. Stephens paid \$11.00)	
Paid Rev. G. H. Jordan, Moderator	10.00
Reimbursed J. C. Howell for flowers for Bro. A. J. Grangers funeral	7.50
Paid J. W. D. Stephens, Treasurer	10.00
Reimbursed J. W. D. Stephens	1.32
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 75.04

Balance in Treasury for Education	\$ 93.25
Balance in Treasury for Mission	161.78
Balance in Treasury for Associational Purposes	.96
TOTAL BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 255.99

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Treasurer.

We, your committee on temperance submit the following: We could be temperate in all things. We are persuaded that Christian people should not need be reminded of temperance in strong drink, which is a recognized enemy of all mankind. We would warn Christians as a whole of the insidious viles of satan for everything counted for good, are sometimes overstressed. Praise of a good man is good, but vain praise is intemperate. Like wise criticism in the spirit of love, may be constructive but intemperate in criticism breeds strife. Beloved be steadfast, be temperate, be true.

Respectfully submitted,
NEW HARMONY CHURCH.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

We, your committee on divine service make the following report: We nominate Rev. Rufus Hyman to preach Thursday night and Rev. M. L. Hollis to preach Friday at 11:00 o'clock.

We, your committee on Auxiliaries, wish to make this following report: We believe that in each church there should be Auxiliaries of all types, namely: Sunday School, Prayer Meetings, Leagues, Ladies Aid Society. For with these we will have much stronger churches, and at the same time be training our young people to be stronger in their services for the Lord, and serve Him better. We often refer to this teaching our beloved Lord. "Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he gets old he will not depart from it." This same teaching applies in like manner to our young people in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH.

We, your committee on Home Mission make the following report: We believe in mission because Jesus said go ye into the world and preach my gospel. This was one of the greatest commands given us by our Lord. Are we, as Free Will Baptists doing this? We have partially now let each one ask ourselves this question, have I obeyed this command, the field of labor is white unto harvest. But do we as a denomination have laborers willing to sacrifice his time and means to this work, God is depending on us as a church and denomination to carry out this command, so if we expect to be a progressive denomination we must obey, and we urge each church to give to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,
UNION SPRINGS CHURCH.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, recommend that each church in the Association make a contribution to our Free Will Baptist School, the amount to be determined by each individual church. We recommend too that each church have a church library for the use of our children.

Respectfully submitted,
PROSPECT CHURCH.

We, your committee on nominations, nominate Spring Hill Church as host to the State Line Association in 1948, with the Rev. John Golden to bring the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
ULAS GRANGER.
J. E. CHERRY.
ALNIE HART.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee on Obituaries report the death of 13 members within the bounds of the State Line Association, namely: Arch Cherry, Junior Miller, Leaviana Strickland, Rev. Joseph Whitaker, R. B. Robinson, Hittie Hart, L. B. Roney, Harris Hall, C. C. Howell, Tilton Calloway, Maggie Dyson, Jessie Hick, Harvy Rilery, Green Strickland.

Respectfully submitted,
PITMAN CREEK CHURCH.

On December 25, 1946, one of our dearly beloved young church members, H. D. Miller, Jr., was called from this earth to a better land beyond Jordan. Junior was 14 years of age, just a young tender flower in the work for his creator here below. The night before Junior departed this life he carried out his part well in a play at our church (Pleasant Ridge) "Finding The True Meaning of Christmas Spirit." We feel Junior did this here and in the other land also.

God loved him more and needed him as a little jewel to shine in glory for him. Written by a friend.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. AGNES MONDAY.

HICKS

In memory of Sister Jessie Hicks who departed this life August, 1947.

She leaves a husband and children to mourn her departure. She was always ready to carry on her part in church and her home.

She was a long time member of Pleasant Home Church. She leaves behind a host of friends and relatives. She will long be remembered by our church members. But Jesus knew best and we must submit ourselves to His will.

We all feel the loss so keenly, but is not end for her, but is only the beginning of new life in glory for her. May we bow in humble submission to the will of Heavenly Father, and look forward to meeting her in that great beyond.

Written by Clerk of PLEASANT HOME CHURCH.

OBITUARY

In memory of Bro. Arch Cherry, a friend and loved one who departed this life March 5, 1947. He was a member with us at Prospect Free Will Baptist Church for many years. He leaves a widow, six children, several grand-children, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn for him. Bro. Cherry was layed to rest at his church under a mound of beautiful flowers with his pastor conducting the funeral, Rev. John Golden.

Written by CHURCH CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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 Health	Total Membership	Other Purposes	Foreign Mission	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Bldg.	Orphanage	Number in S. S.	Number in F. W. B. T.	Number in Ladies Aid	SUNDAY SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	F. W. B. T. PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES	LADIES AND PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES	
Union Springs.	Ralph Lightsey.....	Leonard White, Pansy, Ala., Rt.1.....	6	0	0	0	2	2	2	267			\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50				\$255.00	\$2,300.	\$	50			W. P. Merritt, Pansy, Ala., Rt. 1.....		
New Harmony.	W. T. Hutto.....	Mrs. James Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	190			1.00	1.50		13.00	190.56	2,300.		60			Johnnie Strickland, Ashford, Ala.....			
Pleasant Ridge.	W. T. Hutto.....	Sidney Tindell, Marianna, Fla.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	98	20	20	1.00	1.00			144.01	1,000	5.00	27			Elmer Monday, Marianna, Fla.....			
Hickory Hill.....	A. C. Tolar.....	Emma White, Center Hill, Fla.....	4	1	2	0	0	5	1	34			1.50	1.50			55.55	1,600		108			A. C. Tolar, Center Hill, Fla.....		Mrs. Ruby Nobles, Cottonwood, Ala.....	
Howards Grove.	G. W. Nobles.....	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.....	11	0	1	0	5	0	2	440			3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	350.00	1,500	3.00	52	41		E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.....			
Rocky Grove.....	Henry Keels.....	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76			2.50	.75			19.39	500								
Corinth.....	P. A. Brackin.....	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.....	0	0	1	0	0	0		134			7.00	1.00			141.61	700		29			Herbert Bailey, Midland, City, Ala.....			
New Pilgrim.....	Mack Kirkland.....		1		0	0	0	0	0				1.00	1.00	1.00											
Pleasant Home.....	L. C. Mixon.....	Harold Dixon, Geneva, Ala.....	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	278	3.00		1.50	1.50			100.00	1,500		76			Robert H. Kelley, Geneva, Ala.....			
Spring Hill.....	Ralph Lightsey.....	Mrs. Ruth Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.....	17	2	0	0	1	1	4	255			8.00	2.00			293.70	1,000		50			Whitman Lynn, Gordon, Ala.....			
Pittman Creek.....	J. C. Watson.....	G. H. Crutchfield, Caryville, Fla., Rt. 1.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	155			1.50	1.50				1,400								
Shiloh.....	P. A. Brackin.....		15	1	4	0	3	0	1	198			6.00	2.00			160.19	1,500								
Grangeburg.....		Mrs. Mary Culver, Gordon, Ala.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9			1.50	.50			113.00	800		25			B. W. West, Cottonwood, Ala.....			
Magnolia.....	D. W. Pool.....	Miss N. Rose Etheridge, Midland City.....	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	100	2.50		2.00	1.50			121.10	300		35	60		John Paramore, Midland City, Ala., Rt. 2.....	Nell Rose Etheridge, Midland City, Ala., Rt. 2.....		
Cedar Grove.....	Chester A. Huckaby.....	Wayne Hicks, Greenwood, Fla.....	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	32		2.00	2.00	1.50	2.00		218.61	1,500								
Hickory Grove.....	Joe Fort.....	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....	8	0	0	0	2	0	1	279			4.00	4.00			254.75	2,000		66			J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....		Mrs. W. Tolar, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2.....	
Spring Field.....	B. W. Clenney.....	Dorothy Lamb, Ashford, Ala.....	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	100		3.00	2.00	2.50		2.50	270.00	1,000		51	24	17	Mrs. Jim Kay, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2.....	Sidney Bell, Ashford, Ala.....		
Prospect.....	John Golden.....	Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Ala.....	0	0	1	1	6	0	1	105			2.50	2.50			659.02	3,000		56	24	7	William Stephen, Dothan, Ala.....	Dorman Deal, Dothan, Ala.....	Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Ala.....	
			75	4	13	1	28	8	19	2750	\$5.50	\$5.20	\$50.50	\$30.75	\$ 6.00	\$1850			\$8.00	585	108	65				

FINANCE REPORT

CORINTH—Minutes \$1.00. Associational Purposes \$7.00.
ROCKEY GROVE—Minutes 75c. Associational Purposes \$2.50.
HOWARDS GROVE—Orphanage \$3.00. Minutes \$3.00. Associational Purposes \$3.00. Education \$3.00. Home Mission \$3.00.
HICKORY HILL—Minutes \$1.50. Associational Purposes \$1.50.
PLEASANT RIDGE—Orphanage \$5.00. Minutes \$1.00. Associational Purposes \$1.00. Foreign Mission \$2.00.
NEW HARMONY—Minutes \$1.50. Associational Purposes \$1.00. Education \$13.00.
UNION SPRINGS—Minutes \$2.50. Associational Purposes \$2.50.
HICKORY GROVE—Minutes \$4.00. Associational Purposes \$4.00.
CEDAR GROVE—Minutes 50c. Associational Purposes \$2.00.
MAGNOLIA—Minutes \$1.50. Associational Purposes \$2.00. Other Purposes \$2.50.
GRANGEBURG—Minutes 50c. Associational Purposes \$1.50.
SHILOH—Minutes \$2.00. Associational Purposes \$6.00.
PITTMAN CREEK—Minutes \$1.50. Associational Purposes \$1.50.
SPRING HILL—Minutes \$2.00. Associational Purposes \$8.00.
PLEASANT HOME—Minutes \$1.50. Associational Purposes \$1.50.
NEW PILGRIM—Minutes \$1.00. Associational Purposes \$1.00. Home Mission \$1.00.
PROSPECT—Minutes \$2.50. Associational Purposes \$2.50.
SPRING FIELD—Minutes \$2.50. Associational Purposes \$2.00. Education \$2.50. Foreign Mission \$3.00.
GRAND TOTALS—Orphanage \$8.00. Minutes \$30.75. Associational Purposes \$50.50. Education \$18.50. Foreign Mission \$5.00. Home Mission \$4.00. Other Purposes \$2.50.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. JONES.

J. K. LONG.

LONDON HAMRICK.

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS

CORINTH—Home Mission \$10.00. Orphanage \$29.90. Camp Fund \$10.53. Revival Helper \$25.00.

UNION SPRINGS—Foreign Mission \$6.10. Orphanage \$45.60. Revival Helper \$42.00.

SPRING FIELD—Foreign Mission \$7.00. Orphanage \$44.70. Camp Fund \$11.25. Revival Helper \$20.00. Local Church \$4.70.

NEW HARMONY—Foreign Mission \$16.46. Orphanage \$9.00.

PROSPECT—Foreign Missions \$15.00. Orphanage \$24.00. Revival Helper \$70.00. Local Church \$216.00.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Foreign Missions \$2.00. Orphanage \$5.00.

HOWARDS GROVE—Foreign Missions \$13.00. Home Missions \$13.54. Orphanage \$120.85. Local Church \$42.65.

CEDAR GROVE—Foreign Missions \$2.00. Home Missions \$2.00. Local Church \$40.55.

HICKORY GROVE—Foreign Missions \$143.83. Education \$43.83. Orphanage \$27.20. Revival Helper \$75.00. Local Church \$45.44.

MAGNOLIA—Foreign Missions \$16.00. Home Missions \$11.16. Orphanage \$27.00. Local Church \$64.50.

SHILOH—Foreign Missions \$9.15. Home Missions \$5.28. Orphanage \$25.00. Revival Helper \$50.00.

PITTMAN CREEK—Orphanage \$15.00.

SPRING HILL—Orphanage \$18.40.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1946

SPRING FIELD—\$5.00 for Associational Purposes. \$1586 Church Improvements. \$9.11 for Bible. \$5.00 for Pastor.

PROSPECT—Orphanage \$40.00. Missions \$35.00. Building Fund \$40.00.

HICKORY GROVE—Orphanage \$5.00. Foreign Missions \$25.00. Home Missions \$55.15.

SHILOH—\$7.61 for Song Books. \$7.00 for Church.

F. W. B. LEAGUE DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1946.

PROSPECT—\$5.00 for Bible College. \$10.00 for Summer Bible Camp. \$11.25 for Church Upkeep.

LADIES MISSIONARY-SOCIETY DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1946.

SPRING FIELD—\$68.10 for Church Improvement. \$5.00 to Pastor. \$10.00 for Mission. \$13.79 to the Needy. \$2.00 for Associational Purposes.