

MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Third Annual Session
STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

OF THE

Held with Antioch Church, on Friday and Saturday,
before the Second Sunday in October, 1947.
Marion County.

OFFICERS

ELD. V. L. WOODHAM, Moderator

ELD. I. K. BOYETT, Assistant Moderator

ELD. C. R. PUCKETT, Evangelist

BRO. L. C. WRIGHT, Clerk

BRO. IRA TRIPLETT, Treasurer

BRO. CLAUD WINSETT, Corresponding Secretary

The next Session of this Body will Convene with New
Bethlehem Church, Marion County, on Friday Before
the Second Sunday in October, 1948

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-third annual session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association, convened with Antioch church, four miles east of Hamilton, in Marion County, on Friday and Saturday, before the second Sunday in October, 1947.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation assembled at 10:00 o'clock with song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. Joe Frederick.

Devotional conducted by C. R. Puckett, who also read soul-inspirational scriptures, after which many fine testimonies were heard.

The Moderator, Rev. V. L. Woodham, brought a very inspiring message at the 11 o'clock hour, using 148 Psalms, 4th verse, for his text. A good old-time hand shake among the congregation and then adjourned for a bountiful dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met back at 1:00 o'clock.

Opened the Association with song by the congregation.

Prayer by Rev. Marvin McColl.

Special Song.

The Moderator declared the house in order and ready for business.

Regular moved and second we proceed with the business of the association. Carried.

Regular moved and second that Rules of Decorum be read. Carried.

Bros. Wesley A. Green and Clay Chotts were appointed reading clerks.

Call for church letters and seating of delegates.

Antioch—Taylor Peoples, Calvin Howell, Floyd Winsett.

Barnesville—Emmit Hall, Flint Farris, Marvin Winsett, Dewey Allen.

Fairfield—Clabe Abbott.

New Hope—F. F. Terry, F. M. Tice, Sister Evie Tice and Flossie Ballard.

New Salem—Bro. Neb McPherson, Bro Curtis Palmer, Sister Neb, Mrs. McPherson.

New Pleasant Ridge—Bro. Dallas Sandlin, Verlon Camp, John N. Harris.

New Center Point—Bro. Velmon Carter, Bro. William Green Puckett, Bro. Grover McCool.

Freewill Chapel—Bro. Clayton Haskett, Charlie Elliott, L. D. Hall.

Pleasant Ridge—Bro. and Sister Archie Armstrong, Sis. Hester Wiginton, Sis. A. C. Winsett.

Rockey Grove—Bro. George J. Sanderson, Sis. Geneva Sanderson, Odie Taylor, Sis. Annie Taylor.

Siloam—Bro. Oscar Jeffreys, Phelon Smith, Jim Jeffreys.

Union Ridge—Bro. Willie Carruth.

Evans Chapel—Jeffie Bliss, Oscar Call, Filon Terrell.

Community—Not represented.

Pleasant Site—Bro. R. J. Anthony, Bro. Ben Aldridge, Archie Sadawhite.

Piney Grove—Bro. and Sister Allen, Sister Bishop, Bro. Miller.

New Bethlehem—Bro. Bunk Head, J. A. Woodham.

Regular moved and second that the church letters be received and the delegates be seated. Carried.

Regular moved and second visiting delegates from the Jasper Association be seated among the body, name.y: Rev. O. S. Gardner, Joe L. Frederick, J. A. Frederick, J. A. Godsey. Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional—Bro. A. C. Winsett, John Woodham, J. E. Alvis, with the Deacons of Antioch Church.

Documents and Order of Business—Revs. Sam Howell, C. R. Puckett, I. K. Boyett, Bro. John Carter, L. V. Collier, O. S. Gardner, J. A. Frederick, Dallas Sandlin.

Finance—Bros Sam Carter, F. M. Tice, Joe Frederick, J. A. Armstrong, Floyd Winsett, Clayton Haskett.

Sunday Schools—Sister Sam Howell, Sister Gann, Sister Sanderson, Bro. Bobbie Jeffreys, J. A. Sea's, W. G. Puckett, Jeffie Bliss.

Literature—Bro. Jim Jeffreys, Junior Sanderson, Rev. Marvin McCool, W. C. Shotts, Roy Barnes, Bro. Clabe.

Deceased Members—J. G. McCool, D. L. Brown, Bro. Bishop, Taylor Peoples, Bro. Allen, Emmitt Hall.

Ordination—Bro. F. F. Terry, Rev. I. K. Boyett, Rev. J. A. Godsey, Rev. C. R. Puckett, Bro. Ausie Tate, Bro. Ira Triplett.

Regular moved and second that the ordination committee examine Bro. Collier and Bro. Barnes. The report being favorable, it was regular moved and second that they go through with the ordination. Bro. L. V. Collier and Bro. Roy Barnes came forward and were ordained to go forth into the world and preach the gospel to sinful people.

Regular moved and second report of the Devotional Committee be received and committee discharged. Carried.

We, your committee on Order of Business recommend that Rev. O. S. Gardner preach tonight and Rev. J. A. Godsey conduct the Devotional service; Rev. I. K. Boyett preach tomorrow at eleven o'clock Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys preach tomorrow night, Bro. A. A. Peoples conduct the Devotional service.

G. W. Cantrell, Chairman.

Assignment of Delegates to homes.

Regular moved and second that we sing a song and adjourn until Saturday morning. Carried.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Met back at 7:00 o'clock, with song and prayer.

Devotional was conducted by Rev. J. A. Godsey.

The Rev. O. S. Gardner brought us a very inspirational message, which aroused the christian spirit in all its sincerety.

Closing prayer by Bro. Godsey.

Dismissed by Bro. Boyett.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The body reassembled at the church at 9:30 o'clock.

Song, directed by Bro. Marvin Winsett, with prayer.

Devotional was conducted by Bro. J. A. Godsey at which time many good testimonies were heard.

Song by congregation.

Prayer by Rev. Sam Howell.

It was regular moved and second that the body allow Rev. W. H. Ryland, Supt., of the Eldridge Orphans Home, 30 minutes, who gave a good talk on the home and the plans, how to maintain the home, etc.

Song by the congregation, at which time an offering was taken for the Home and the neat sum of \$75.00 was donated by the body, besides approximately the same amount was pledged by various ones. The cash was turned over to Bro. Ryland.

Song by the congregation.

Message by Rev. I. K. Boyett, in his usual good old time way, brought a soul stirring message that sank deep into the hearts of men and women.

Adjourned for lunch.

SATURDAY AFFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation gathered back at 1:00 o'clock with singing by congregation.

Prayer by Rev. C. R. Puckett.

The Moderator, Rev. V. L. Woodham took over and by consent of the body, gave Rev. H. A. Pitts, Moderator of the State Association a few minutes to speak in behalf of the Association.

Regular moved and second that we seat as Corresponding Delegates from Jasper Association, Revs. W. H. Ryland, H. A. Pitts, and Bro. Reno, who is in the field in behalf of Temperance.

Roll Call of Delegates.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Documents and Order of Business:

We, your committee on Documents and Order of Business recommend that all sections as shown in Minutes be adopted except Section 4, wherein we recommend that the following be inserted as amended, to create a Home Mission Board of 3 members, to be appointed in each church of the Association for the purpose of taking up an offering for Home Mission, and be disbursed by said Board as they deem necessary. No action by the body.

Sam Howell, Chairman.

Regular moved and second the report be accepted as amended and committee discharged. Carried.

Sunday School:

We your committee on Sunday Schools, report that we find that ten of our churches have Sunday Schools and five that do not have a Sunday School, and those that do not have a Sunday school, should organize one immediately, and use only Free Will Baptist literature.

Mrs. Sara Howell, Chairman.

Regular moved and second that the report be accepted as read and committee discharged. Carried.

Literature:

We, your committee on Literature recommend that all churches use the Bible in prayerful study. Also the use of Free Will Baptist Literature in our Sunday Schools and League. We also recommend that every home use religious literature.

George J. Sanderson, Chairman.

Regular moved and second the report be accepted as read and committee discharged. Carried.

Deceased Members:

We your committee on deceased members beg leave to report as follows:

That Bro. J. B. Watts and Bro. Jim Cooper have been called home from the Barnesville church, we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

L. E. Hall, Taylor Peoples, C. R. Allen, J. G. McCool, M. R. Bishop. Chairman.

P. S. We did not have the letter from Pleasant Site, we find that Bro. C. P. Thompson has passed away and gone on.

Credentials:

We, your committee on Credentials, report as follows: We find all ministers in good standing, so far as we know.

A. L. Brown, James M. Howell, J. E. Alvis.

Finance:

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

We find associational fund from last year.....	\$65.31
Collected this year	\$55.88
TOTAL	\$121.19
Unified Program	\$3.00
Associational Fund	\$54.13
Orphan's Home	\$29.60

L. G. Carter, Chairman.

Regular moved and second that the report be received and the committee discharged. Carried.

Report of Evangelist to the Association, Rev. C. R. Puckett. Letter follows.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

Greenwood Springs, Miss.

Oct. 11, 1947.

This is a report of my work. I have visited all our churches in the

Association. I have preached 126 sermons this year. I have held four funerals, run three revivals. I have had a number of souls saved 50 or more. I have baptised 40 people or more. I have have had 45 to join the church. I have organized 1 church with 16 members. I have had the pleasure of visiting and working in foreign fields in this work. I have drove my car 4,658 miles. I have received for Evangelistic work, \$165.96 . Also for pastoring churches, \$285.57. A total of \$451.53. I have enjoyed the years' work as Evangelist for our Association. I haven't done all I would like to have done. My prayers for this next year regardless of who is Evangelist, that our churches will stand by him. May God bless us all in our Association.

Your Brother in Christ,

C. R. PUCKETT, Evangelist.

Regular moved and second that the report and letter as read, be received. Carried.

By a vote of the body the next session of this Association will meet with New Bethlehem Church, near Henson's Springs, about 10 miles south of Hamilton, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1948.

Delegates to Sister Associations.

TUPELO—Bros. I. K. Boyett, Bobbie Jeffreys L. C. Wright.

VERNON—Bros. Troy Barnes and Clayton Haskett.

JASPER—Rev. Sam Howell, V. L. Woodham, Bro. Collier.

STATE—Bros. C. R. Puckett, I. K. Boyett, Marvin McCool.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Regular moved and second we enter into the election of officers for the ensuing associational year. Carried.

By the vote of the body, Rev. I. K. Boyett was elected Moderator and Rev. Sam Howell Assistant Moderator.

On motion and second of the body, L. C. Wright was re-elected Clerk, Ira Triplett, Treasurer, Claude Winsett, Corresponding Secy., and C. R. Puckett be retained as Evangelist for another year. Carried.

Regular moved and second we give the 40 per cent old age fund to Bro. I. K. Boyett, which amounted to \$21.65.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance Minute Fund from last year	\$4.15
Minute fund collected this year	\$51.75
Public collection, Minute fund	\$11.30
Associational fund	\$54.13
Unified Program	\$3.00
Orphan's Home	\$29.60
TOTAL	\$153.93

PAID OUT:

Turned over to Treasurer	\$ 33.88
Paid Moderator	\$10.00

Paid Clerk	\$15.00
Paid for Minutes	\$40.00
Bro. I. K. Boyett (40 per cent old-age benefit)	\$21.65
Orphan's Home	\$29.60
Unified Program	\$3.00
TOTAL	\$153.13.
Balance on hand80

By a unanimous vote of the body, we hereby extend to Antioch Church and the surrounding community, our heartfelt appreciation for the splendid cooperation and entertainment in their homes during this session of the Association. May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Regular moved and second we adjourn by singing and taking the parting handshake..

V. L. WOODHAM, Moderator.

L. C. WRIGHT, Clerk.

CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

ANTIOCH—James M. Howell, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 3, Box 147.

BARNESVILLE—Charlie Parmer, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 4.

FAIRVIEW—D. B. Stone, Baldwin, Miss., Rt. 3.

NEW HOPE—Ben R. Arthur, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 3.

NEW SALEM—Jewel Stone, Bexar, Ala.

NEW CENTERPOINT—D. L. Brown, Greenwood Springs, Miss.

NEW PLEASANT RIDGE—Fleeta Palmer, Greenwood Springs.

FREEWILL CHAPEL—Dorothy Barnes, Vernon, Ala., Rt. 1.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Wesley A. Green, Hamilton, Ala. Box 310

PLEASANT SITE—Don't know.

ROCKEY GROVE—Mrs. J. G. Sanderson, Hamilton, Ala. Rt. 4.

SILLOAM—Mrs. Michael Rye, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 1.

UNION RIDGE—Johnnie Myers, Sulligent, Ala.

EVANS' CHAPEL—Oscar Cole, Hackleburg, Ala.

COMMUNITY—Not represented.

PINEY GROVE—Carlie Miller, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Florence Mason, Sulligent, Ala., Rt. 4.

CALL FOR REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Documents and Order of Business.

1. We recommend that the Clerk shall have \$15.00 for his work and that he superintend the printing of the minutes, and that the Moderator shall have \$10.00 for his work in the Association. Carried.

2. We recommend that the Moderator preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association. Carried.

3. We recommend that the body decide where the Association shall convene another year. Carried.

Sec. 4. To create a Home Mission Board, composed of three members to be appointed in each church of this Association, for the purpose of taking up an offering for Home Mission, and be disbursed

by said Board as they deem necessary.

5. We recommend that each church take up a public offering as much as twice a year for Associational funds to be used as follows: 40 per cent to be used for Old-Age Ministers; 40 per cent for charitable funds and 20 per cent for Church Extension Work. Carried.

6. We recommend that no money be paid out of any fund, except by order of the Association. Carried.

7. We recommend that our pastors explain to the various churches Tithing and giving according to the teachings of the Bible. Carried.

RULES OF THE PREACHERS

1. All ministers wishing to become members of the Association will be required to go before the Credentials Committee with a recommendation from the church of which they are a member, and also be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask of them.

2. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the credentials committee to the Association who shall deal with him.

4. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptist, according to the Articles of Faith.

5. All ministers will be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by the Association and do their utmost to make them a success.

6. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.

7. All ministers are requested to make an annual report of the work done by him and submit the report to the Association at the regular session.

8. Any minister who draws his letter from the church to which he belongs automatically cancels his credentials until he joins some other church of the same faith and order and he is not allowed to minister any rights that is allowed the minister of the gospel to perform.

9. No minister shall receive any members in the different churches of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association except by a move and second in the different churches.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the Church to order by the Moderator.
2. Call for the Peace of the Church.
3. Opportunity for members.
4. Inviting Brothers and Sisters to seats with us.
5. Reading of the Minutes of the last Conference.
6. Is there any reference?
7. Appointing of committees.
8. Any acknowledgements.
9. Report of committees.
10. Unified business.

STATISCAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	No. in Sunday School	Recd. by Confession	By Recommendation	By Restoration	D's. by Letter	Recd. by Letter	No. Expelled	Deceased	Active	No. Members	Have League	For Unified Program	For Orphanage	Minute Fund	Asso. Fund	Pd. Evangelist	Pd. Pastor	Imp. to church prop.	Val. church prop.
Antioch	V. L. Woodham	Jas. M. Howell	65		2					25	59	196	yes		\$47.85	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 64.38	\$ 25	\$ 1000.00
Barnesville	Grady Hudson	Chas. Parmer	62	2			7	5	2	65	82	yes			38.00	3.00	2.00	63.75	508.10		1000.00
Fairview	O. S. Gardner	D. B. Stone	40				1		1	15	75				7.95	3.40	1.85	65.93	190.61		
New Hope	J. A. Godsey	Ben R. Arthur	40	2	2		1			47	84				3.50			20.00	63.00		1000.00
New Salem	G. O. Parker	Jewel Stone	40	2	2						81				21.65	4.19	5.25		122.60		
New Pleasant Ridge	Marvin McCool	D. L. Brown		6	2		1				81				3.00	3.00	2.50		121.00		1500.00
New Centerpoint	C. R. Puckett	Fleta Palmer	54	14	2		1			26	108				5.00	3.00	4.87				
Free Will Chapel	C. R. Puckett	Dorothy Barnes	57	4	2		1			36	36				17.50	3.00	5.25	171.71	134.33	50	2000.00
Pleasant Ridge	V. L. Woodham	Wesley A. Green					1				96				25.00	4.35	5.01	17.00	87.00		2000.00
Pleasant Site	Bobby Jeffreys	J. B. Alaridge		4				2		150	250					3.00	4.00				
Rockey Grove	O. S. Gardner	Mrs. J. G. Sanders	25	5				2		33	47		3.00		7.50	2.50	3.00	6.50	138.10	100	900.00
Siloam	Bobbie Jeffreys	Mrs. Michael Rye	50	3	3					40	112				33.20	2.35	1.00	19.00	70.00		
Union Ridge	C. R. Puckett	Johnny Myers					6				134					3.52	5.35	52.17	81.39	200	
Evans' Chapel	Joe S. Frederick	Oscar Cole	86	11	21						49					3.42	3.30	9.67	74.20	1250	2281.20
Community	Not represented																				
Piney Grove	C. R. Puckett	Charlie Miller		9	7											3.00	2.00				
New Bethlehem	Bobbie Jeffreys	Florence Mason		8	10						18				4.65	2.00	2.00	35.00			1000.00

11. Unfinished business.
12. Distress members.
13. Adjournment.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES

ANTIOCH—V. L. Woodham, Bexar, Ala., Rt. 2.
 BARNESVILLE—Grady Hudson, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 4.
 FAIRVIEW—O. S. Gardner, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt.
 NEW HOPE—J. A. Godsey, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 3.
 NEW SALEM—G. O. Parker, Tremont, Miss.
 NEW CENTERPOINT—Marvin McCool, Sulligent, Ala.
 NEW PLEASANT RIDGE—C. R. Puckett, Greenwood Springs, Miss., Rt. 1.
 FREEWILL CHAPEL—C. R. Puckett, Greenwood Springs, Miss.
 PLEASANT RIDGE—V. L. Woodham, Bexar, Ala., Rt. 2.
 PLEASANT SITE—Bobbie Jeffreys, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 2.
 ROCKEY GROVE—O. S. Gardner, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt.
 SILOAM—Bobbie Jeffreys, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 1.
 UNION RIDGE—C. R. Puckett, Greenwood Springs, Miss. Rt. 1.
 EVANS' CHAPEL—J. S. Frederck, Hackleburg, Ala.
 COMMUNITY—Not represented.
 PINEY GROVE—C. R. Puckett, Greenwood Springs, Miss. Rt. 1.
 NEW BETHLEHEM—Bobbie Jeffreys, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 1.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS ADDRESSES

FAIRVIEW—Rev. W. C. Shotts, Bexar, Ala., Rev. Sam Howell, Bexar, Ala., Rt. 2.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true Eternal God, the Father of whom all things, from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable to all his attributes—1 Cor. 8:6, Isa. 40:26.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into the world, because of the great love where-with he loved the world, and Christ as freely gave himself as ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, ascended into Heaven, from where we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day, to judge the quick and the dead. 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2; John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15-1 John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through his dear son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1-4-4-6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory without the last mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death. Gen. 2:17-3-19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved for which end Christ had commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 15:16; John 3:15-17; Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ, who died for him, but as the scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them, because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God, unbelief, therefore being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all contradictions that all men of one time or another, are found such a capacity, as that through the furnace of God they must be saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole scriptures infalibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3: 16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provisions made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind who repent and beleieve the gospel. Luke 14: 16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5 Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:5.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ, His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His div ne aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings, whereas such as do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own condemnation for willful rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11-12; Jef.22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considering such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, Jesus Christ, who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they are and such the Apostle sayeth because they receive not the love of the truth. That they might be saved therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every son of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein, for there is no respect of person with God. Jude 1:4; Pet. 2:1-2; Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in the state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for such is the kingdom of God. Cor. 15:22; Mat. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37 Mat 19:16.

12. We believe that good works are fruits of a loving faith and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, Eternal life is promised o men. Rev. 22:14-15; Isah 1:19-20; Matt. 8:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the holy scriptures for justification before God through his own work, power or ability which he has in and for himself, only he by grace he is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ, believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, but not having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, farther than he hath appointed the Godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death. Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe as to touching gospel ordinances, in believers, baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament, in bread and wine, washing the saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the word, with every institution of the Lord, we shall find in the new testament. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 9:6; Luke 19:22-9; John 13:5-7; James 5:14.

16. We believe the gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and believers are the only subjects for baptism. Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Isaiah 2:38-39; Rome*, 4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day. John 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matt. 46:25.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama and Mississippi.

2. This Association shall be composed of ministers, deacons and delegates of different churches forming the same.

3. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must, willingly, submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of same.

4. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members or fraction thereof and one delegate for every additional fifty members.

5. The Association shall have a Credential Committee composed of three members who shall be appointed by the Moderator at the convening of each regular session, whose duty will be to examine all church letters and application for membership of both churches and ministers and make report of same to the body.

6. Officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular session.

7. This Association shall meet on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October of each year and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted.

8. The Constitution, By-Laws, may be altered or amended by a majority vote of any regular meeting and approved by that body and published in the Minutes with notice that it will be acted upon at the next meeting.

9. No ministers, deacons or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are providently hindered.

10. Each church, represented in this Association shall be required to bring annually 5 per cent per capita as an associational fund for the purpose of printing the minutes and associational expense.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by Faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule and faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant, we promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity in the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of scripture, secret prayers, family doctrines and social worship and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; we will not forget the assembling together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pray according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all of its benevolent work; we agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and watch over one another in love, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel; we will everywhere hold the Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and tolling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; to this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprise, support the missions, the success of the Sabbath Schools and evangelistic effort for salvation of souls and conversion of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall open and close by singing and prayer.
2. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the opening of each regular session.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address the Moderator, and when recognized he shall proceed.
4. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, by any one except the Moderator, and not by the Moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.

5. The person speaking must adhere to the subject in question and shall not use words of personal reflection.

6. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, and not more than 5 minutes at each time.

7. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

8. No person shall address another except by the appellation of brother or sister.

9. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator

10. The names of all the ministers, deacons and delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as deemed necessary by the Moderator.

11. Every member of this body must vote for or against every move that comes before it; those failing to do this shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

12. Any person who knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, according to directions of the Association.

CHURCH RULES

We agree as members of the State Line Association of the Free Will Baptist to cooperate in every move for the betterment of our denomination and the extension of God's Kingdom throughout the world.

2. We agree to meet in conference quarterly, or oftener, if necessary, to transact business of the church.

3. The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the pastor; the Moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there be a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in the conference and bear their part of the expense.

5. No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the Moderator.

6. No member shall arraign another before the church for any grievance without first taking gospel steps. See Matt. 18:15-16-17.

7. All members brought before the church by motion and second, and in gospel-like order, shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawal by mover.

8. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator, and if two arise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first, and no member while speaking shall cast any reflections on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at the time.

9. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present at all church meetings, to vote on all questions that come before the church who desires to obtain the mind of the whole church.

10. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the church, and afterward complain of what was done the same shall be deemed disorderly, and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.

11. The members of the church shall not talk about one another slanderously, nor shall give any report of circulation that may arise with any church member, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else, and any member doing otherwise, shall be dealt with accordingly.

12. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present, at any regular or called conference, providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.

13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference, strictly enforced by the Moderator.

14. Any member or minister of the church who talks about his brother or sister, slanderously, shall be dealt with according as the church sees fit.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

State of _____, County of _____

This is to certify that our beloved _____
is in full fellowship with us and is hereby dismissed from us when
joined in some other church. This done by order of church in Con-
ference at _____ and
signed by order of same. This _____ day of
_____.

Moderator

Clerk.

CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

State of _____, County of _____

We, the church of Christ, of the Free Will Order of _____
 _____, send Greetings to the Ministers, Mess-
 engers and Delegates, composing the _____ annual
 session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association.

We send as Delegates _____

_____ whom we deem worthy to sit with you in your deliberations. Our
 statistics are as follows:

Received by confession _____, by letter _____
 by restoration _____, by recommendation _____
 dismissed by letter _____, Died _____, expelled _____
 We send as Minute fund \$_____, Associational fund \$_____ Orphans
 Home \$_____, Unified Program \$_____, No. ordained ministers
 and their postoffices _____

Former Pastor _____, Present Pastor _____

His address _____

Total membership _____, Active _____

Value of church property \$_____, Improvements done on
 church \$_____, Paid Pastor \$_____, Paid Evangelistic
 work \$_____, Mission \$_____, Value of Parsonage
 \$_____, No. in Sunday School _____, Supt. _____
 No. teachers _____, Auxiliary members _____, Prayer meet-
 ing _____, League _____

We petition for the Association to meet with us at _____
 _____ church.

Remarks _____

_____ This done by Order of Church in Conference and signed by Order
 of same.

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk.