

MINUTES

—: OF THE :—

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—: OF THE :—

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

—: HELD WITH :—

SPRING HILL CHURCH

HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 7TH, 1948

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OFFICERS

G. 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, Bas-
com, 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.; Dewey Jones, Cottonwood, Ala.;
Mrs. Leona Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.

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The next session meets with New Harmony Church on Thursday at
11:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in October, 1949, located about
3 miles East of Cottonwood, Ala., on Cottonwood and Malone Highway.



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. Georgia 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. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek.....	1447
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.....	2756
1948—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Spring Hill.....	2743



PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Spring Hill Church, Houston County, Alabama, in its Sixty-Third Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1948. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. John Golden. Text 12th chapter, 15th verse of 1st Samuel. Subject "Preachers Detour. Jonah 1st chapter. Brother Golden brought a very inspiring message that was enjoyed by well filled house. Prayer by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Recessed for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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

The Moderator read for our lesson a portion of the 3rd chapter of Acts. Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. G. H. Jordan. Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us.

Letters were called for from the different churches. By motion that the letters be read. The Moderator appointed Bro. Ulas Granger and Sister Dorothy Lamb to read the letters. Names of churches and delegates.

Spring Hill—Sisters Lizzie Brunson, John Conner, Hugh Jeffcoat, Ebbie Burkett, Bros. I. A. Tolar, Theo Strickland.

Prospect—W. H. Stephens, T. E. Cherry, Irell Ingram, Dorman Deal, Marcus Scott.

Pittman Creek—M. F. Smith, A. M. Clark, (Edna Smith, Rena Paul.

Howards Grove—Floyd Jones, Alvin Kirkland, Roy Snell, Colon Parson, Amanda Jones, Nina May Jones, Ruby Nobles, Thelma Snell.

Pleasant Ridge—Roy Hall, Alvie Hart, Nellie Brown, Agnes Monday, Louise Holland, Jessie West.

Magnolia—W. T. Weed, Bro. John Paramore, Sister John Paramore, Elenor Dykes, Brunege Blakey.

Hickory Grove—Walter Baxter, J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Audrey Green, Annie Baxter,, Clyde Holloway, Joe Wiley.

Rocky Grove—By letter.

Spring Field—Johnnie Brown. Will Roney, Sisters Linnie Fulton, Wilma Brown, Dorothy Kay, Dorothy Lamb.

Corinth—Essie Baxley, Lucille Baxley, Frank Baxley.

Union Springs—Georgia McNeil, J. J. Anglin, Veria Henderson, I. F. Cook, E. J. Henderson.

Hickory Hill—A. C. Tolar, Emma White, W. T. Wells, Jenette Wells.

New Harmony—Ulas Granger, Leona Granger, J. B. Hall, Geraldine Hall, James Calloway, Donie Calloway.

By motion the letters were received and delegates seated in the body except the one from Hickory Hill, which was tabled at this time.

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

By motion that we elect officers.

Rev. G. H. Jordan was re-elected Moderator; Rev. G. W. Nobles was re-elected Assistant Moderator. C. B. Green was re-elected Clerk.

Called for correspondents from the different associations. They were as follows:

Union Hill—Rufus Hyman.

Southeastern—C. A. Ornard, Rev. John Golden.

Martin—Rev. B. W. Clenney.

By motion that these delegates from the different associations be given a rising vote and seated in the body.

The Moderator appointed the different committees. They were as follows:

Suggestions—L. C. Mixon, I. A. Tolar, Sister Ulas Granger.

Temperance—J. W. D. Stephens, E. J. Henderson, James Calloway.

Divine Service—Spring Hill Church.

Home Missions—Sisters Elmer Monday, Dorothy Lamb, Lucille Baxley.

Education—Loyd Jones, E. S. Jones, W. H. Stephens.

Nominations—M. W. Scott, Nellie Brown, J. C. Howell.

Obituaries—Ulas Granger, T. E. Cherry, W. T. Weed.

Finance—John Paramore, E. S. Jones, Sister J. A. Calloway.

Auxiliaries—Dewey Jones, Sisters Hugh Jeffcoat and Melvin Long.

State of Churches and character of minutes—J. C. Howell, Alvin Kirkland, Ulas Granger.

By motion have the Decorum read.

The Moderator appointed Rev. G. W. Nobles to read the Decorum.

Report on Divine Service was read and adopted. By motion we adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Song by the choir. Benediction by Rev. B. W. Clennney.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with Rev. G. H. Jordan, the Moderator presiding. The Moderator read for our morning lesson a portion of the 6th chapter of Galations. Song by the choir. Prayer by Rev. T. B. Mellette.

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

Renewed call for petitionary letters. None received.

Called for correspondents from other associations. They were as follows:

Midway—Revs. J. N. Barnes, T. B. Mellette, W. T. Wiley, J. L. Tedder,

By motion Rev. J. N. Barnes was seated in the body as a delegate and Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. W. T. Wiley, Rev. J. L. Tedder were seated as honorary members.

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

Midway—Ulas Granger, Rev. G. W. Nobles, James Calloway, Donnie Calloway.

Southeastern—Revs. G. W. Nobles and G. H. Jordan.

Liberty—Revs. J. C. Howell and G. W. Nobles.

Martin—Revs. G. W. Nobles and E. S. Jones.

Salem—Brother J. C. Howell.

Union Hill—Rev. G. H. Jordan.

Report on Home Mission was read and adopted.

By motion the delegation from Pleasant Home Church be seated in the body and that they send their letter to the clerk of the association.

Report on nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

At this time we received a letter from Shiloh Church as follows:

Shiloh—J. N. Edmondson, J. G. Odom, H. Creel, Sisters L. V. Odom and Royice Ward.

By motion we adjourned until 1:15 o'clock for preaching service.

Rev. L. C. Mixon preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon. Rev. Mixon brought a great message from on high which was enjoyed by all present.

Recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. H. Jordan, the Moderator. Song by the choir. At this juncture we were presented with some special music by Bro.

Roy Conner and wife, which was enjoyed by all present. This was followed by a very interesting talk by Rev. W. T. Wiley. Prayer by Rev. P. A. Brackin.

At this juncture a collection of \$52.85 was taken for the Orphan's Home at Eldridge, Ala.

Renewed call for letters from the different churches. One received as follows:

Grangeburg—B. W. West, W. H. Howard and Bob Fears.

This letter was received and delegates were seated in the body.

Report on auxiliaries was read and adopted.

At this time Brother C. A. Ornald made a very interesting talk on Sunday Schools.

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

By motion the letter from Hickory Hill was excepted and the delegates were seated in the body.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

By motion that the collection of \$52.85 for the Orphanage, together with the other money sent in to the association for the same purpose be sent to the Orphanage at Eldridge, Ala.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

By motion the State Line Association be represented in the Alabama Association and that the State Line Association send a delegation and pay their fees. They were as follows: Revs. G. W. Nobles, J. C. Howell and C. W. Lynn.

On motion Cedar Grove Church was granted a letter of dismissal from the State Line Association.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Brother J. R. Long offered his resignation as a member of the Home Mission Board. By motion his resignation was accepted. By motion the Moderator appointed Brother Dewey Jones to fill Brother Long's place as a member of the Home Mission Board.

By motion that we retain our same Home Mission Board with the exception of Brother J. R. Long, who resigned.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

On motion retain our same Executive Committee.

On motion retain our Same Treasurer.

By motion that we reimburse Brother J. C. Howell and Rev. G. H. Jordan \$5.00 that they paid to Rev. John Golden.

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.

By motion we tender a vote of thanks to Spring Hill 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. T. B. Mellette.

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 baptized, 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 the 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 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, 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) Acknowledgements. (6) For reference of 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 consecutive 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 acknowledgement 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; Pet. 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, 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 RESURRECTION**—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.

AUXILIARIES

Dewey Jones, Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Mrs. Melvin Long

We, your committee submit the following report:

We find twelve Sunday Schools, four Leagues and three Ladies' Aid. We recommend that each church have one or all of these auxiliaries, whereby the young people are trained for public services.

We find that many of our churches are lacking in these important works. Sunday School, F. W. B. League and Ladies' Aid. 1st, Sunday School is called the teaching force of the church. 2nd. It is the most noble development of the 19th century. 3rd, Sunday School is the largest Christian Army in the world. 4th, The Sunday School in a sense is the "Nursery of the Church." As we remember the statement, "Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep." We would ask who are the Lambs? Though aged in years, yet Lambs are they; therefore Sunday School is no more for children than it is for gray haired men and women.

F. W. B. League is a training force of the church, also the L. A. S. may be called the aiding work of the church, in that it aids the sick, the poor, the pastor, and a supporter of orphanage and schools.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWEY JONES.
MRS. HUGH JEFFCOAT.
MRS. MELVIN LONG.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

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

TEMPERANCE

J. W. D. Stephens, E. J. Henderson, James Calloway

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following:

We should be temperate in all things. We urge all christians to work to discourage the use of strong drink and not to visit the places where it is being sold. We know that the only safe way is total abstinence.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HENDERSON.
J. A. CALLOWAY.
J. W. D. STEPHENS.

HOME MISSION

We, your committee on Home Mission make the following report:

That our ministers endeavor to get the people to see the need of mission and be more liberal in helping some by financing the cause of Christ.

The spirit of the Home Mission is to "help where help is needed." Many churches now helped by mission will grow into large and better churches, a little help now means a great future for some community.

The field is white unto harvest, the doors are wide open for the entrance of the gospel, enter these doors at once.

MRS. ELMER MONDAY.
LUCILLE BAXLEY.
DOROTHY LAMB.

NOMINATIONS

M. W. Scott, Nellie Brown, Cassie Howell

We, your committee, nominate New Harmony Church as host to the State Line Association in 1949, with the Rev. G. W. Nobles to bring the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
MARCUS W. SCOTT.
J. C. HOWELL.
NELLIE BROWN.

EDUCATION

Loyd Jones, E. S. Jones, William H. Stephens

We, your committee on Education 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. We recommend that each church establish a library for the young people.

We further recommend that each church make a supreme effort to maintain a twelve months Sunday School and to establish and maintain a Young Peoples League.

The Bible says "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Therefore, each church should stress the importance of the education of the young people.

LOYD JONES.

E. S. JONES.

Wm. H. STEPHENS.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Mrs. Kitty Hart, Merle Bradley, G. W. Elmore, Joseph A. Adams, Joshua Monday, Benjamin Massey, Mrs. Camilla Terry, Aline Cole, Mrs. M. J. McNeal, Geo. Granger, Drew Green, Mrs. Bessie Archbell, Hamp Anderson, Jimmie E. Cherry.

We, your committee on Obituaries find from the letters of the various churches that there have been 14 deaths during the past associational year. The list consists of the above named persons.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHERRY.

ULAS GRANGER.

SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee on Suggestions make the following report:

We suggest that all Churches in the State Line Association try to have church at least twice a month, and also carry all other church auxiliaries that you can. We feel like if we can get the church light burning more often for our Lord, our accomplishment will be greater in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

I. A. TOLAR.

REV. L. C. MIXON.

MRS. ULAS GRANGER.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTERS OF MINISTERS

We, your committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers note from the associational letters that the state of churches is from fair to good.

We also find from what direct information we have at hand that the character of ministers is alright.

We recommend that Hickory Hill Church, who delegation was suspended from yesterday's session be seated in the body.

ULAS GRANGER.

T. E. CHERRY.

ALVIN KIRKLAND.

J. C. HOWELL.

OBITUARIES

GRANGER—On November 28, 1947, God saw fit to call to His Heavenly reward our dear father, George W. Granger, he was 83 years old, and was a faithful member of Pleasant Ridge Church.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled,
God in His wisdom has recalled,
The boon boon his love had given,

And though the body slumber here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

Written by his loving son,
DAVID E. GRANGER.

MACKNEEL—In memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. Janie Mackneel, who departed this life February 28, 1948, making her stay on earth 83 years. She was a faithful member of Pleasant Ridge church.

She bore her suffering very patiently and prayed day and night, and sang "Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand."

We feel sure Jesus did hold her hand and took her to that heavenly land.

Sleep on dear sister and take your rest,

God took you away for He knew it best.

Written by a friend,

MRS. AGNES MONDAY.

ARCHBELL—In memory of sister Bessie Archbell, a friend and loved one which departed this life March 19, 1948. She was a member with us at Hickory Hill Free Will Baptist Church at Center Hill for many years. She leaves three children and several grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn for her. Sister Archbell was laid to rest at her church under mound of beautiful flowers, with her pastor, Rev. A. C. Tolar, conducting the funeral.

Written by CHURCH CLERK.

HART—In memory of our beloved sister, friend and mother, Kitty Hart. She had been a member at Union Springs for several years. Her trials are over, her victory won. She kept the faith. She has gone to be with her loved one, who is resting in the sweet beyond.

Written by the Church Clerk,

LENARD WHITE.

BREADDY—In loving memory of our beloved friend and sister, Murl Breaddy. She was a member at Union Springs Church for several years. God saw fit to call her up higher. Sister Murl was a christian lady. She left a husband and two children to mourn her passing.

By the Church Clerk,

LENARD WHITE.

MONDAY—It was in the afternoon of Friday, September 3, 1948.

The death angel came and took from our midst our beloved father, Mr. J. W. Monday. He was a member of Howard Grove Church. He loved his God and served Him to the best of his ability. Making his stay on earth 60 years.

He is gone, but not forgotten,

Never will his memory fade,

Sweeter thoughts will ever linger,

'Round the grave where he is laid.

Written by his son,

MR. ELMER MONDAY.

BURCH—In memory of Sister Tessie Burch who departed this life July 10th, 1948. She was a kind and loving mother. She dedicated her life to God when only a child, and strived to bring up her children in the way God would have them to go.

She is mourned by her husband and ten children. She will long be remembered by the members of Pleasant Home Church, and may God help us to live a good life so that we can meet her up yonder where there will be no more sorrow and tears.

MEMBERS OF PLEASANT HOME.

GREEN—In memory of Bro. Drew Green, who departed this life May 19th, 1948. He was a long time member of Hickory Grove Church. He leaves five children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his departure. Peace be to him.

Written by CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Increased by Baptism	Increased by Confession	Increased by Letter	Incr'sed by Restoration	Decreased by Letter	Decreased by Expulsion	Decreased by Death	Total Membership	Orphanage	Foreign Mission	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Home Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Church Property	No. in Snuday School	No. in F. W. B. L.	No. in Ladies Aid	Meeting Days	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENTS AND POST OFFICES	F. W. B. L. PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES	LADIES AND PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES	
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon.....	Vadas Ayers Geneva Ala.....	30	1	4	0	0	1	1	313				\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 3.00	\$.....	\$135.00	\$1 500.00	\$ 5.00	83	...	...	3rd	Russel Jordan, Geneva, Ala.....		
Shiloh	P. A. Brackin....	Hirschel Creel, Columbia, Ala., Rt. 2.....	3				1	1	1	182					1.00	4.00	2.00	172.28	1,500.00	1,000.00	51	...	...	2nd	Bentley Smith, Columbia Ala., Rt. 2.....		
Hickory Hill...	A. C. Tolar.....	Emma White, Center Hill, Fla.....	16	2				1	1	44				1.50	1.50	...	...	46.32	800.00	200.00	31	...	...	1st	A. C. Tolar, Center Hill, Fla.....		
Pittman Creek	J. C. Watson.....	G. H. Crutchfield, Caryville, Fla., Rt. 1....					1			154				1.50	1.50	2.00	...	128.53	1,400.00	...	...	...	...	1st			
Rocky Grove...	Henry Keels.....	Alice Robinson, Greenwood Fla.....						1		76				2.50	.75	...	...	52.24	1,000.00	500.00	...	...	...	3rd			
Hickory Grove.	Joe Fort.....	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....	2				1	1	1	274				4.00	4.00	...	...	278.48	1 500.00	500.00	74	...	...	4th	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....		
Grangeburg ...	Rufus Hyman....	W. H. Howard, Marianna, Fla., Rt.....	2	1						13				.50	1.00	...	1.00	131.05	700.00	200.00	30	...	...	3rd	B. W. West, Cottonwood, Ala.....		
Spring Field...	B. W. Clenney....	Dorothy Lamb, Ashford Ala, Rt. 2.....	11	5	1					150				2.50	2.50	11.50	2.50	240.00	1,000.00	500.00	68	45	16	3rd	Kenneth Phillips, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2.....	Sidney C. Bell, Ashford Ala., Rt. 2.....	Mrs. Boris Bell, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2.....
Pleasant Ridge	W. T. Hutto.....	Sidney Tindell, Cottonwood, Ala. Rt. 1....	1					2	...	98	5.00	5.00		2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	104.08	1,000.00	250.00	18	...	...	4th	Elmer Monday, Marianna, Fla.....		
Corinth	P. A. Brackin....	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.....	3				4			128				2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	128.20	700.00	150.00	18	...	...	3rd	Rudolph Out aw, Midland City, Ala..		
Prospect	John Golden.....	Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Rt. 4., Box 164..	3	1	1			1	...	71				2.00	2.00	...	...	649.97	3,000.00	3 000.00	59	29	...	1st-3rd	W. H. Stephens, Dothan, Rt. 2 Box 327	Mrs. Dorman Deal, Dothan, Ala.....	
Spring Hill....	Ralph Lightsey...	Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.....	18				1	1	1	311				8.00	2.00	...	...	441.07	2,500.00	500.00	117	57	...	2d	Whitman Lynn, Gordon, Ala.....	Jimmie Whitaker, Gordon, Ala.....	
New Harmony	W. T. Hutto.....	Mrs. J. A. Calloway Cottonwood, Ala.....	8				1	1	...	142				1.00	1.50	2.00	10.00	277.00	2,500.00	400.00	36	...	...	2nd-4th	Johnny Strickland, Cottonwood, Ala.		
Union Springs.	Ralph Lightsey...	Lonnie White, Pansey, Ala.....	10		1	5	4		...	274				2.50	3.20	...	...	400.00	3 000.00	300.00	57	...	...	2nd	Clarence McNeal, Pansey, Ala.....		
Magnolia	D. W. Poole.....	Nell Rose Etheridge, Midland City, Ala.....							...	73				6.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	123.98	1,000.00	500.00	56	40	...	1st	Edi Hicks, Midland, City, Ala.....	Francis Hammock, Midland City, Ala.....	
Howards Grove	G. W. Nobles.....	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala., Rt. 1....	6	...	1	...	4	...	5	410	3.00	...		3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	401.00	1,500.00	500.00	56	...	24	2nd-4th	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 1.....		Jean Adams, Ashford Ala., Rt. 2..
			113	10	8	6	17	1	13	2743	8.00	5.00		40 50	30.45	33.50	24.50	.....	.....	.....	764	171	40				

FINANCE REPORT

We, your committee on finance make the following report:

For minutes	\$ 27.45
For Home Missions	28.50
For Associational Purposes	43.50
For Education	22.50
For Orphanage	3.00
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	\$124.95

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1947

Howards Grove—Building Fund	\$556.82
Sent Direct — Orphanage	73.50
Sent Direct — Missions	25.00
Repair and Lights	17.50
Revival Assistance	18.00
Hickory Grove — Paid to Foreign Missions	\$ 55.64
Paid for Education	55.64
Paid for Building Material	734.21
Paid General Church Expenses	31.76
Corinth—Paid Helper for Revival	27.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1947

Hickory Grove — Orphanage	\$ 5.00
Foreign Mission	30.00
Home Mission	35.85