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SIXTY - FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

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STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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NEW HARMONY CHURCH

HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

October 6th, 1949

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OFFICERS

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

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.; Dewey Jones, Cottonwood, Ala.; Mrs. Leona Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.

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The next session meets with Prospect Church for one day only on Thursday at 11:00 before the Second Sunday in October, 1950, located about 1 mile east of Dothan, Ala., on the Dothan-Ashford Highway, and will convene with Pleasant Ride Church the Second day. This church is located about 6 miles east of Malone, Fla., on Malone-Campbellton Highway, 1½ miles Northeast of Sill's Store.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Organize.
- 2. Invite 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.
- ... 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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A. C. Tolar, Union Springs	Center Hill, Ala.
W. T. Henderson, Union Springs	Blakely, Ga.
A. L. Williams, Prospect	
G. W. Nobles, Howard Grove	
A. M. Kirkland, New Hope	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
R. L. Hunter, New Pilgrim	
J. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	
Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove	Ashford, Ala.
L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home	
W. T. Hutto, Corinth	
P. A. Brackin, Shiloh	Newville, Ala.
D. W. Poole, Pleasant Ridge	
John Carr, Pleasant Home	
Paul Mallory, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.

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Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony	Tampa.	Fla.
C. A. Lewis, Prospect	Ashford	Δlo
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove	Cottonwood	Ala
W. P. Merrette, Union Springs	Pangar	Ala.
Mrs. Georgia West, Grangeburg	Gordon Ala I	Ala, 2t 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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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
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1920-G. W. Cherry, J. W. D. Stephens, Prospect
1921—G. W. Cherry, J. W. D. Stephens, Howard Grove
1922—G. W. Cherry, J. W. D. Stephens, Pleasant Home
1923—J. D. Stephens, J. W. D. Stephens, New Harmony
1924—J. C. Howell, J. W D. Stephens, Corinth
1925—J. C. Ingram, J. W. D. Stephens, Magnolia
1926—G. W. Cherry, C. B. Green, Springfield
1927—J. J. Burdeshaw, J. W. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove
1928—W. S. Cook, J. W. D. Stephens, Prospect
1929—J. W. Stephens, C. B. Green, Rocky Grove
1930 J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Union Springs
1931—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Howard Grove
1932—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Free Will Rest
1933—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, Spring Hill
1934—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, Shiloh
1935—W. S. Cook, C. B. Green, Pleasant Home
1936—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, New Harmony
1937—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Corinth
1938—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Prospect
1939—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Pleasant Ridge
1940-G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Hickory Grove
1941—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Rocky Grove
1942—J. C. Howell, C. B. Green, Pleasant Home
1943—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Pittman, Creek
1944—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Howards Grove
1945—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Union Springs
1946—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Sedar Grove
1947—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Springfield
1948—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Spring Hill
1949-G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, New Harmony, 2760



PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with New Harmony Church Houston County, Alabama, in its sixty-fourth annual session on Thursday, October 6, 1949. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Nobles, whose subject was "Obedience." Bro. Nobles delivered a great message which was very timely and pointedly. Prayer by L. C. Mixon. Recessed for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G. H. Jordan. Song by the congregation. The Moerator read for our lesson a portion of the 5th chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Rev. B. W. Clenney. Song by the choir. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Letters were called for from the different churches. The Moderator appointed Bro. Ulas Granger and Sister Dorothy Lamb to read the letters. Names of churches and delegates.

Magnolia-Tom Weed, Tom Hammack, Lawrence Medley.

Pleasant Home—Early Ogburn, Joe Edd Bottoms, Floyd Bottoms, Brock Burch, Jeff Hawthorne.

Rocky Grove-Seab Robinson, Lizzie Robinson.

Spring Hill-J. S. Conner, Whitman Lynn, G. W. Jeffcoat.

Spring Field-Sidney Bell, Lendon Hamrick, Kenneth Phillips. Doris Bell, Linnie Fulton, Dorothy Kay, Dorothy Lamb.

Center Hill—Mattie Tolar, Janette Wells, Emma White, Mildred Powell, Wiley Lee Wells.

Grangeburg-W. H. Howard, Sister W. H. Howard, Joe West.

Prospect—W. H. Stephens, Georgia Trawick, E. T. Ingram.

Pleasant Ridge—Ernest Granger, Nellie Brown, Agnes Monday.

Pittman Creek—G. H. Crutchfield, D. W. Rutherford, Ezela Rutherford, Lonnie French.

New Harmony—James Calloway, Ulas Granger, Leona Granger, Nina Howell, Donnie Calloway.

Howards Grove—Henry Jordan, L. C. Jordan, Amanda Jones, Nina Mae Jones, Bowens Bowers.

Hickory Grove—E. B. Vaughn, Neta Johnson, Mildred Hatcher, Mary Alice Oswald, Lillie Maud Vaughn, G. W. Hatcher.

Corinth-Byron Mallory, A. J. Benefield.

On motion these letters were received and delegates seated in the body.

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

By motion elect Moderator and Clerk by nomination and acclamation.

Rev. G. H. Jordan was reelected Moderator and C. B. Green was reelected Clerk.

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

Salem—I. O. Cook.

Midway-Rev. E. C. Williams as honorary member.

Martin-Rev. B. W. Clenney, Rev. H. L. Roberts.

By motion these delegates from the different associations were seated in the body.

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

Obituaries-Neta Johnson, A. J. Benefield, Lillie Maud Vaughn.

Nominations—J. A. Calloway, G. H. Crutchfield, Whitman Lynn.

Education-Georgia Trawick, Lizzie Robinson, Agnes Monday.

Auxilliaries-Dorothy Lamb, Emma White, J. S. Conner.

Temperance-W. H. Howard, J. E. Bottoms, Mrs. Jake Jordan.

Suggestions-Henry Jordan, J. A. Calloway, Mary Alice Oswald.

Home Missions-Ulas Granger, Lonnie French, Nellie Brown.

State of Churches and Characters of Ministers—E. T. Ingram, J. H. Hawthorne, Louise Kelly.

Report on Divine Service was read and adopted. By motion omit calling roll and reading the decorum until Friday morning.

On motion we adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Song by the choir. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with Rev. G. W. Nobles acting as temporary Moderator. He read for our morning lesson a portion of the 1st chapter of siah. Song by the choir. Prayer by the Rev. W. H. Howard. Renewed call for letters from the different churches. None received.

Renewed call for petitionary letters. None received. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations. None received.

Called for correspondents to Sister Associations, they were as follows: Salem—I. O. Cook, L. C. Mixon, G. W. Nobles.

Martin-C. W. Lynn, J. S. Conner.

Midway—J. C. Howell, J. T. Nowell.

Liberty-W. H. Howard, G. W. Nobles, Sister Riley.

Southeastern—G. H. Jordan, G. W. Nobles.

Union Hill-L. C. Mixon, Early Ogburn, J. H. Hawthorne.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Finance. They were as follows: A. M. Kirkland, W. H. Stephens, Sister Bowen.

Report on state of churches and characters of ministers was read and adopted. Recessed until 1:15 o'clock for preaching service. Rev. L. C. Mixon preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon. Bro. Mixon brought a great message which was a spiritual feast to a well filled house. Recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. H. Jordan, the Moderator. A 15 minute devotional service was conducted by Rev. Chester Pelt.

Renewed the call for letters from the different churches, two received. They were as follows:

New Pilgrim—By proxy represented by Rev. A. M. Kirkland and Oneil Kirkland.

Union Springs.—O. Z. Henderson.

By motion these Brethren were seated in the body.

Called for correspondents from other associations, they were as follows: Union Hill—Rev. Rufus Hyman.

Midway-Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. Will Wiley as visitors.

Salem-Rev. Chester Pelt.

By motion these brethren were seated in the body.

Report on suggestions was read and adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on Auxiliaries was read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Report on Neminations was read and adopted.

By motion that the 1948 Treasurer's report together with the 1949 report be printed in the 1949 minutes.

By motion that the Treasurer have the authority to pay out money sent into the association as he deems it necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

By motion that we retain our same Treasure.

By motion that we retain our same Executive Committee

By motion that we retain our same Home Mission Board.

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

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

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

At this time a Program Committee was appointed by the Moderator, they were as follows: G. W. Nobes, Ulas Granger, Dorothy Lamb, J. C. Howell.

By motion that this committee arrange a program for this association and present it at the next session.

At this juncture a public collection of \$33.93 was taken to bear the expenses of a truck to carry a load of produce to the Chilldren's Home in Eldridge, Ala.

By motion that the minutes of the Sunday School Convention and League Convention be printed in the Association minutes. The Moderator appointed Rev. G. W. Nobles and Bro. J. C. Howell as representatives to the Alabama State Association.

At this time a public collection of \$16.04 was taken to pay their fees at the Association.

By motion we tender a rising vote of thanks to New Harmony Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the setting of this Association.

Bymotion that this Association adjourn.

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

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 Chris-

tians, 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 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 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 de-

bate, provided however, any brother may address the Moderator to appoint of order.

- Art. 5. The clerk shall record the proceeding 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 Assocation.
- 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 attendeing 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 the 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 inspirations 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. 29; 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 of 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 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

Amour	nt On Hand October 7th, 1948. For Education\$111	l.75
	For Missions	
	For Foreign Missions	
	For Associational Purposes	•
	TOTAL	\$276.2
Receip	ts For 1948 Session.	•
	For Minutes\$ 27	
	For Home Missions	
,	For Associational Purposes	
	For Education	2.50
		3.00
	Amount that Com. did not Account for 15	
	Public Collection for Childrens Home 52	2.86
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$192.8
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		\$469.0
	DISBURSEMENTS	\$469.0
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J. W. D. STEPHENS, Tre	asurer.
TREASURER'S REPORT	•
Amount On Hand October 9, 1947. For Education	
TOTAL	\$255.99
Receipts For 1947 Session. For Minutes \$32.76 For Other Purposes 5.50 For Education 18.50 For Home Missions 6.00 For Foreign Missions 5.20 For Orphanage 8.00 For Associational Purposes 50.50 For Orphanage Eldridge, Ala., Public Collection 38.14	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$164.60
TOTAL IN TREASURY	\$420.59
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid C. B. Green, Clerk Salary	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$144.36
Balance in Treasury for Education	
TOTAL BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$276.23
Respectfully submitted,	

AUXILIARIES

We, your committe on Auxiliaries, submit the following report:

We find that of the 14 churches represented in this association, 11 have Sunday schools, 4 have F. W. B. Leagues, 4 have Ladies Aids. Only 2 churches have all three Auxiliaries. We feel it should be the duty of each Pastor to see that his church have these Auxiliaries, especially Sunday School and League. If our youth of today fails to get the training these services give, where will we get leaders for our churches of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA WHITE.

J. S. CONNER.

DOROTHY LAMB.

HOME MMISSIONS

We, your committee on home missions, submitted the following report:

Without any intention of minimizing the importance of any other mission we find that there is too little emphasis placed on home missions.

There is much work that could and should be done by the church in each individual community. Home mission work could be tied in with auxialries to the extent of making an effort to have Sunday Schools established where none exist.

Respectfully submitted,
ULAS GRANGER.
LONIE FRENCH.
NELLIE BROWN.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We see a great need for leadership in our denomination today, we should do something about educating our young people for leaders of tomorrow. And a good way to do this, would be for each church to organize a League to start teaching their children in the parliamentary laws of the church. You know the Bible teaches us to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We should have good clean literature in our homes at all times. All homes should have the Free Will Baptist paper.

We ask that all churches give as liberally as possible to the college that we may have more educated preachers and teachers in our denomination.

An educated people is a free people. For our people to be free from entanglement, they should be educated.

Respectfully,
MRS. GEORGIA TRAWICK.
MRS AGNES MONDAY.
MRS. LIZZIE ROBINSON.

TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on temperance, Mary Jordan, Joe Edd Bottoms, W. H. Howard, we recommend temperance in all things. We should practice temperance before the rising generation, and discourage the selling and drinking of strong drink. Recommend that all pastors preach at least two sermons a year on temperance.

SUGGESTION

We, your committee on suggestion, make this 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 also urge our preachers to attend our Sunday School Convention and Associations. We also suggest we hold the association at one church one day and the next closest church that asks for the association the next day.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. M. OSWALD. J. A. CALLOWAY. HENRY JORDAN.

OBITUARIES

MRS JIM McCLENTON
MRS. SALLIE CARNES
BROTHER HENRY STRICKLAND
MR. H. A. PITTMAN
BRO. J. B. PREVATT, Sr.
JAMES EXUM

J. F. CAPPS
ELIZABETH HERRING
DAVID PINKNEY
SISTER GEORGIA MATHIS
SISTER LIZZIE SMITH
BASCOM ANDREWS

We, your committee on obituaries find from the letters of the various churches that there have been 12 deaths during the past associational year. The list consists of the above named persons.

Respectfully submitted, LILLIE MAUDE VAUGHN. DEWEY JONES.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your committee of State of Churches and Character of Ministers find all letters are good. And we your committee believe that if the churches are in good standing, the ministers are alright.

JEFF HAWTHORN. LOUISE KELLEY. E. T. INGRAM.

COMMITTEES ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee, nominate Prospect Church as host to the State Line Association for the first day in 1950, and Pleasant Ridge Church the second day.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITMORE LYNN
J. A. CALLOWAY.
G. H. CRUTCHFIELD.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

We your committee on Divine Service make the following report towit: We nominate Rev. A. L. Williams to preach Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock and Rev. L. C. Mixon to preach Friady at 11:00 o'clock.

ULAS GRANGER.
JAMES CALLOWAY.
MRS. LEONA GRANGER.
MRS. NINA HOWELL.
MRS. JAMES CALLOWAY.

FINANCE REPORT

Grangeburg-Asso. \$1.75; Mi. \$1.75; Home Mis. \$1.50; Total \$5.00.

Prospect—Asso. \$2.00; Mi. \$4.00; Total \$6.00.

Corinth—Asso. \$3.00; Mi. \$1.00; Home Mis. \$3.00; Edu. \$3.00; Total \$10.00.

Pleasant Home—Asso. \$2.00; Mi. \$2.00; Home Mis. 4.00; Total \$8.00.

Hickory Hill—Asso. \$1.50; Mi. \$1.50; Orphanage, \$5.25; Total \$8.25.

Pleasant Ridge—Asso. \$2.00; Mi. \$2.10; Total \$4.10.

Springfield—Asso. \$2.00; Mi. \$2.00; Home Mis. \$2.80; Edu. \$2.00; Orphanage \$5.00; Total \$13.80.

Pittman Creek—Asso.. \$1.50; Mi. \$1.50; Total \$3.00.

New Harmony—Asso. \$1.00; Mi. \$1.50; Edu. \$2.50; Orphanage \$10.00 Total \$15.00 Howards Grove—Asso. \$5.00; Mi. \$4.00; Home Mis. \$3.00; Edu. \$3.00_ Total \$15.00.

Magnolia—Asso. \$2.00; Mi. \$1.00; Home Mis. \$1.50; Edu. \$1.57; Total \$6.07. Hickory Grove—Asso. \$4.00; Mi. \$4.00; Total \$8.00.

Spring Hill—Asso. \$8.00; Mi. \$2.00; Total \$10.00.

Rocky Grove—Asso. \$2.00; Mi. \$1.00; Home Mis. \$1.00; Edu. \$1.00; Total \$5.00. New Pilgrim—Asso. \$1.00; Mi. \$1.00; Total \$2.00.

TOTALS—Asso. \$38.75; Mi. \$30.35; Home Mis. \$16.80; Edu. \$13.07; Orphange \$20.25; Total \$119.22.

A. M. STRICKLAND. WM. H. STEPHENS. MRS. BURCH BOWENS



MINUTES OF STATE LINE F. W. B. LEAGUE CONVENTION, 1949.

The State Line League Convention convened with Prospect Free Will Baptist Church Sunday, September 18, 1949. The convention was called to order by acting president, Mr. William H. Stephens, in absence of president. We opened by singing the League's song, "Onward Christian Leaguerers," followed with prayer by Bro. Jones.

Rev. John Golden delivered a very inspiring message and we were dismissed for the noon hour by Mr. E. T. Ingram.

We returned to session at 1:30 by singing "To The Work" and were led in prayer by Mr. Sidney Bell. The congregation then sang "Just When I need Him Most."

The delegates of the leagues were then seated by reports and convention dues of \$2.00. The delegates were:

Springfield-Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bell.

Prospect—Jimmy Lashley, Ellie Dora Cherry, Dorothy R. Scott, Geraldine Ingram, Sara Lou Scott and Marolyn Cook.

A short donation and league boast talk was given by Jimmy Lashley.

Officers for the next term of two year, were elected as follows:

President, Mr. Jimmy Lashley; Vice President, Miss Ellie D. Cherry; Sec. & Treas., Mr. Kenneth Phillips.

A program committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bell, Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, Dorothy R. Scott, together with the convention officers were appointed.

There was a discussion and then a move and second that an amendment be made to Article 6, of the Constitution, listed "Officers." The amendment was that the program committee should act as a campaign committee for the organization of new leagues, along with their other duties.

Springfield gave an invitation for the convention to convene with them for another year and the invitation was accepted.

The time and place for the program committee to meet was left entirely up to them.

With no further business we were dismissed by the League Benediction.

MR. W. H. STEPHENS, Pres. Pro Tem. MRS. MARY EDNA COOK, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE STATE LINE LEAGUE CONVENTION

- Art. 1: NAME—This organization shall be know as the State Line League Convention of Free Will Baptists.
- Art. 2. PURPOSE—The object and purpose of this convention shall be to encourage and promote God's Kingdom among the youth of the Free Will Baptist Church.

- Art. 3. COMPOSITION—This League Convention shall be composed of every league within the bounds of this convention.
- Art. 4. REPRESENTATION—Representation to this convention shall be represented by two delegates from each church or league.
- Art. 5. FINANCE—Each league or delegation shall represent with two dollars for convention dues. This convention shall cooperate with the State and National Associations.
- Art. 6. OFFICERS—The officers of this convention shall be a president, a vice president, and a recording secretary, who shall keep all minutes and records and shall do all official correspondence. There shall be a treasurer who shall receive and keep all funds. There shall be a program committee, to plan the convention programs.
- Art. 7 ELECTION—Election of officers shall be every two years. Officers shall be elected by acclamation or by ballot, whichever method this convention shall desire to use.
- Art. 8. TIME OF MEETING—This convention shall meet annually on Staurday before the second Sunday in November.
- Art. 9. ADOPTION—This constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of this convention and must be ratified by two-thirds of the leagues in this convention.
- Art. 10. AMENDMENTS—This constitution can be amended any time by a two-thirds majority vote of this convention.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE LINE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Amendment 1. In regard to ARTICLE 8, of this constitution "TIME OF MEETING;" shall be amended to read:

The time of this convention shall be Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September.

Amendment 2. In regard to AMENDMENT 2, of this constitution, "TIME OF MEETING," shall be amended to read:

The time of this league convention shall be the third Sunday in September, and it shall meet annually.

Amendment 3. In regard to ARTICLE 6, of this constitution "OFFICERS," shall be amended to read:

The officers of this convention shall be a president, a vice president, and a recording secretary, who shall keep all minutes and records and shall do all official correspondence. There shall be a treasurer, who shall receive and keep all funds. There shall be a program committee, to plan the convention programs and this committee shall act as a campaign committee of the convention for the organization of new leagues.

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1948

]	Prospect League sent direct to Foreign Missions	28.40
	Sunday School sent direct to Childrens Home at	
I	Eldridge, Ala. Hickory Hill, sent direct too Orphans Home.	30.00
	ALSO ONE DOX Of Clothes for Childrens Homel	
(rangeburg. Paid Visiting Preachord	139.94
- 2	Shiloh, Paid Visiting Preachers	26.05

•	Howards Grove, Building Fund	1
. •	HICKORY GROVE—SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1949	
	Offering Average of	0
Donatio	on Give To Following:	
	Building Fund	0
	Red Cross 5.0	0
	Home Missions 10.2	5
	Total In Treasurer	.5
	Paid to Foreign Missions	7
	Paid on New Church Building	0
• ·	Corinth—Paid Helper 40.0	Ю
	Pleasant Ridge—Paid to Fla. State Association 9.0	

OBITUARIES

STEPHENS—In memory of our beloved Sister Parris Stephens, who was a member at Union Springs for a few years. She departed this life this past summer. She left father and mother, a brother and sister. She is not dead, but only asleep. Written by Deacon O Z. HENDERSON.

PREVATT—Brother John Byron Prevatt was born and reared in Houston County, Ala. He joined Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in early manhood.

He was a very active member all these years, until his eye sight failed. He was almost totally blind for the last five years of his life, and was confined to his bed for three months before his death. He always enjoyed his pastors' visito and looked forward to each time for him to visit him.

He was the oldest member of Prospect Church at the time of his death. He was 92 years 9 months and 14 days old. He lived a long and fruitful life. He, like Paul, said, he had fought a good fight and finished the course and was ready to be carried home to be with the Lord.

When he was a young man he married Missouri Skipper and to this marriage there were 10 children born, 7 boys and 3 girls. But God saw fit to take her home to Him. He then married Victoria Conner and there were 7 children born to them, 5 boys and 2 girls. His total number of children were 17. Seven of them preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing a wife and 10 children, a large number of grand children, great grand children, and four great grand children, also one brother and one sister, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. H. Golden, and he was laid to rest in the family burial plot on April 8, 1949 underneath a beautiful mound of flowers. He is at rest waiting the time when Christ shall come for his own.

Written by his sister-in-law,

MRS ARTHUR TRAWICK.

TRAWICK—In memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. Era Annie Trawick, a friend and mother, who departed this life June 7, 1949. She was a member with us at Shiloh Church, she loved her God and served Him to the best of her ability. She bore her suffering very patiently, and prayed day and night, we feel sure Jesus heard and answered her prayers, for God took her away to a land of peace and rest. She is mourned by her husband, four children, one grand child, a host of friends and relatives.

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.

-LUDIE VINSON.

ODOM—In memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. Emma P. Odom, who departed this life June 16, 1949. She was a true and faithful servant of Shiloh Church for many years, she dedicated her life to God. She prayed both day and night, we feel sure that the blessed Saviour heard and anwered her prayers and took her to dwell in that beautiful land of peace and rest. She leaves her husband, seven children and many friends to mourn for her.

Sleep on dear Sister and take your rest, God took you away for He knew best.

Written by a friend,

-LUDIE VINSON.



STATISTICAL TABLE

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New Harmony. Spring Hill Howards Grove Hickory Hill Pleasant Home. Prospect Pleasant Ridge Corinth	L. C. Mixon Chester Pelt S. T. Shutes A. C. Tolar L. C. Mixon John Golden C. A. Huckaby	Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala. A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala. Emma White, Center Hill, Fla. Vadas Ayers, Geneva, Ala. Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Rt. 4, Box 229 Sidney Tindell, Cottonwood, Ala. S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.	0 0 0 0 2 0 4 128 10.00 12 1 3 0 0 0 0 322 9 0 2 0 2 0 2 441 1 0 1 4 0 0 1 52 8 0 0 1 8 0 315 2 0 4 0 1 0 1 76 4 2 0 1 0 0 0 102 0 0 3 0 1 0 1 124	1.00 1.50 2.50 285.00 8.00 2.00 360.00 5.00 4.00 3.00 3.00 515.00 1.50 1.50 30.00 30.00 2.00 2.00 4.00 215.00 2.00 4.00 754.20 2.00 2.10 13.75 257.20 3.00 1.00 3.00 3.00 153.70 1.00 1.00 3.00 3.00 153.70	2500.00	B. W. West, Cottonwood, Ala. Mrs. James Caloway, Cottonwood, Ala. Whitman Lynn, Gordon, Ala. E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala. A. C. Tolar, Center Hill, Fla. Bob Kelly, Geneva, Ala. William Brown, Dothan, Ala. Rudolph Outlaw, Midland City, Ala.	Edward Lee Baxter, Bascom, Fla. Sidney Bell, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2. Jimmy Whitaker, Gordon, Ala. Jimmie Lashley, Dothan, Ala.	Mrs. Linnie Fulton, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2 Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala., Nina May Jones, Cottonwood, Ala.
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