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MINUTES

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SIXTY - FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

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STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

—: HELD WITH :—

PROSPECT CHURCH

HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND

PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH

JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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October 5th and 6th, 1950

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OFFICERS

REV. G. H. JORDON, Moderator ----- COTTONWOOD, ALA.
C. B. GREEN, Clerk ----- BASCOM, FLA.
REV. D. W. POOLE ----- DOTHAN, ALA.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ralph G. Bell, Ashford, 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

Georgia Trawick, Dothan, Ala., E. T. Ingram, Dothan, Ala., James
Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala., Dewey Jones, Cottonwood Ala., Leona
Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.

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The next session meets with Pleasant Home Church for one day
only on Thursday at 10:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in
October 1951, and is located on the Geneva Highway about 2½
miles north of Driver Cross Roads. And meets with Pittman Creek
Church on the Second day on Friday. This Church is located on No.
2 Highway coming from Graceville, Fla., about ½ mile north of
Berry'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.
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.
Paul Mallory, Corinth	Midland City, Ala.
Kenneth Phillips	Ashford, Ala.
Hubert E. Creel	Dothan, Ala.

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, Grangerburg	Gordon, Ala., Rt. 1

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Mem.
1886	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard Grove	449
1887	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Beulah	557
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
1949—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, New Harmony	2760
1950—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Prospect and Pleasant Ridge	3083

PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Prospect Church, Houston County, Ala., in it's Sixty Fifth Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 5th, 1950 and met with Pleasant Ridge Church on Friday, October 6th, 1950. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Wiley. His subject was "Self Denial." Brother Wiley brought a great message from on high which was enjoyed by a well filled house.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G. H. Jordan. Song by the congregation. A 15 minute devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Song by the choir.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Letters were called for from the different churches. The Moderator appointed Bro. W. H. Stephens and Bro. Ulas Granger to read the letters.

NAMES OF CHURCES AND DELEGATES

PROSPECT - E. T. Ingram, W. H. Stephens, Mary E. Cook, Georgia Trawick, E. C. Battles, Irell Ingram, Roxie Battles.

MAGNOLIA - Tom Weed, John Paramore, Lawrence Medley.

SPRING HILL - G. W. Jeffcoat, J. S. Conner, Sister Hazel Vickers, Sister Sarah Griffin.

NEW HARMONY - Ulas Granger, James Calloway, Woodrow Danford, Ethel Paulk, Donnie Calloway.

PITTMAN CREEK - S. J. French, James French, G. W. Crutchfield.

PLEASANT HOME - Jake Jordan, Mack Coleman, J. C. Hicks, E. R. Dunn, Louise Kelly, Mable Dunn, Mae Coleman.

UNION SPRINGS - Huie Knight, Maxwell Simms, Les Knight, Sis Simms.

HICKORY HILL - Mattie Tolar, Janette Wells, Willie Wells, Emma White.

CORINTH - A. J. Benefield, Paul Mallory, Byron Mallory, Minnie Jackson, Sinthy Jackson.

HOWARD'S GROVE - Dewey Jones, E. S. Jones, Othel Jordan.

SHILOH - J. N. Edmondson, Johnnie Smith, Bently Smith, Pearl Smith, Rev. P. A. Brackin.

PLEASANT RIDGE - Alvie Hart, Lona West.

SPRINGFIELD - Lendon Hamrick, Sidney Bell, Dorris Bell, Vera Mae Hamrick, Linnie Fulton.

HICKORY GROVE - Lilly Maud Vaughn, Neta Johnson, Mary Alice Oswald, E. B. Vaughn, G. W. Hatcher, Clyde Holloway.

ROCKY GROVE - Alice Robinson.

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

Called for petitionary letters. Two were received. They were as follows:

NEW HOPE - Billy Drl Ammons, Nira Ann Ammons.

COWARTS CREEK - (under watch care) Ralph Bell, Brunice Lashley.

By motion a committee was appointed to investigate the churches that came in by petitionary letter. They were as follows:

Ulas Granger, E. S. Jones, E. T. Ingram.

By motion elect Moderator and Clerk by nomination and acclamation.

Rev. G. H. Jordan was re-elected Moderator.

C. B. Green was re-elected Clerk.

Rev. D. W. Pool was elected Treasurer.

Rev. G. W. Nobles was elected Assistant Moderator.

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

CHATTAHOOCHEE - Rev. C. A. Huckaby
MIDWAY - Rev. A. L. Williams, Rev. J. L. Tedder and Rev. John Barnes as a visitor.
MARTIN - Rev. B. W. Clenney and Rev. H. L. Roberts as a visitor.
UNION HILL - Rev. Rufus Hyman as a visitor.

By motion these delegates were seated in the body.

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

OBITUARIES - Lilly Maud Vaughn, W. H. Stephens, Woodrow Danford

NOMINATIONS - James Calloway, Dott Hamrick, Leona Granger

EDUCATION - Othel Jordan, Huie Knight, Sarah Griffin

AUGILLIARIES - Mary Alice Oswald, Ralph Bell, Joe Edd Bottoms.

TEMPERANCE - Minnie Jackson, James French, Irell Ingram.

SUGGESTIONS - Clyde Holloway, Milan Jones, Mary Edna Cook.

HOME MISSIONS - Louise Kelly, Sister N. L. Hart, A. J. Benefield.

State Of Churches and Character of Ministers - Dewey Jones, Thurmon Drinkwater, Vera Mae Hamrick.

DIVINE SERVICE - W. H. Stephens, E. S. Jones, Irell Ingram.

FINANCE - Dewey Jones, E. T. Ingram, Donnie Calloway.

By motion ommit calling roll and reading the decorum until Friday Morning.

Report on Divine Service was read and adopted.

Report of Investigating Committee was read and adopted.

By motion that the clerk write a letter to the clerk of the Liberty Association asking for a letter of dismissal for Cowarts Creek Church.

By motion give the delegates from New Hope and Cowarts Creek Churches the right hand of fellowship.

By motion we tender a vote of Thanks to Prospect Church and Community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the day.

By motion we adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday Morning.

Song by the Choir.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Nobles.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Re-assembled with Rev. G. W. Nobles, assistant moderator presiding.
Song by the Choir.

Rev. Nobles read for our morning lesson a portion of the 5th chapter of Isiah.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters. None received.

Renewed the call for letters from the different churches. One received.

GRANGERBURG - Brannon West, Marie Crooms.

By motion the delegates from this church were seated in the body.
The roll was called and Decorum read.

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

Liberty - A. B. Cook, B. H. Champion.

Salem - W. M. Brown

by motion these brethren were seated in the body. At this Juncture the sad news was received by this body of the death of Bro. Ray Holder, a member of Pleasant Home Church, who was killed in action in Korea. By motion that his obituary be printed in this minute.

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

Salem - Rev. D. W. Pool, Rev. G. W. Nobles, Leona Granger

Martin - O. Z. Henderson, Huie Knight, Thurmond Drinkwater

Midway - G. W. Nobles, Dewey Jones, E. S. Jones

Liberty - D. W. Pool, G. W. Nobles, L. C. Mixon, Mrs. L. C. Mixon

Union Hill - Joe Edd Bottoms, J. A. Jordan

Chattahoochee - L. C. Mixon, G. W. Nobles

By motion, recessed until 10 o'clock for preaching service. Bro. Kenneth Phillips brought the 11:00 o'clock sermon. He read from the 15th chapter of St. Luke. Subject: "Back Sliders Brought Back." Brother Phillips message was a Spiritual feast to every one present.

Recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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

Song by the Choir.

A 15 minute devotional service was conducted by Rev. P. A. Brackin.

Prayer by Rev. P. A. Brackin.

Report on nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

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

Report on Auxiliaries was read and adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

At this point we had 15 minute Memorial Service for those that have passed on to the great Beyond since the Sitting of the State Line Association 1949.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Treasurers' report was read and adopted.

Program Committees report was presented after voting on each paragraph sparately, one, two and three, it carried and was adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved and carried that the State Line Association begin at 10 o'clock at the next session 1951.

By motion that we retain our same Home Mission Board.

By motion that we retain our same Executive Board, with the addition of Brother Ralph L. Bell who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our dearly beloved Brother J. C. Howell.

By motion Hickory Grove Church was granted a letter of dismissal from the State Line Association.

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

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

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

On motion we tender a vote of Thanks to Pleasant Ridge Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the setting of this Association, the Second day, October 6th, 1950.

Moved and carried that this association adjourn.

Song by the Congregation.

Benediction by Rev. C. A. Huckaby

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 Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We therefore enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each others joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice to abstain from all

sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church, that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we 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 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 departs from the subject under debate, provided however, any brother may address the Moderator to a point 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 a 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 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 persons 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 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.—ICor. 1a7; 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 PERSEVERENCE—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 the 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.

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.

DISBURSEMENTS

Hickory Grove has paid to
 Home Missions -----\$125.00
 Foreign Missions ----- 43.09
 Prospect Sunday School Report
 Paid to Home Missions-----\$ 25.00
 Paid Revival Evangelist ----- 75.00

HOWARDS' GROVE

Paid Pastors' Helper -----\$110.00
 Sent direct to Orphanage ----- 60.00
 Paid on Building Fund ----- 265.82

SPRINGFIELD

Report of Ladies' Aid
 Number on roll ----- 35
 Average attendance ----- 15
 Taken in -----\$30.00
 Dues ----- 14.13
 TOTAL -----\$44.13
 Expenditures -----\$13.68
 Balance in Treasury -----\$30.45

HICKORY GROVE S. S. REPORT FOR ASSO. YEAR OF 1950

Enrollment ----- 66
 Average Attendance of 37
 Total Collection Received -----\$171.66
 By Sec. Sarajo Johnson
 Paid to Home Missions -----\$139.00
 Paid for Building Fund ----- 159.28

COMMITTEES ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nominations, nominate Pleasant Home Church for the 1st day in 1951 and Pittman Creek Church the 2nd day. We also nominate Rev. John M. Rich to bring the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted

J. A. CALLOWAY
 DOCK HAMRICK
 MRS. ULAS GRANGER

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

We your examining committee recommend that New Hope Church of Midland City, Ala., be admitted to the State Line Association and the delegates be seated in the body, also recommend that Cowarts Creek Church be admitted to the State Line Association (under watch care) and the delegates be seated in the body.

ULAS GRANGER
 E. S. JONES
 E. T. INGRAM

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

We your committee on Divine Service make the following report:

We nominate Rev. H. L. Roberts to preach Thursday night at 7 o'clock and Rev. Kenneth Phillips to preach Friday at 11 o'clock. Delegates of Prospect Church and Pleasant Ridge Church.

OBITUARIES

DEACON S. G. CARTER
JOHN CROSLEY
WALTER HARLOW
J. C. HOWELL
ELLA HALL
LILLA MERRITT
JOHN SPINCE
EMMA JANE STEPHENS

LESSIE TIDWELL
LOGAN KNOWLES
TOM HALL
TOM HART
J. T. PHILLIPS
LESSIE TIDWELL
RAY HOLDER

We your committee on Obituaries find from the letters of the various Churches that there have been 15 deaths during the past Associational year. The list consists of the above named persons.

Respectively submitted,

LILLIE MAUDE VAUGHN
WM. H. STEPHENS
WOODROW DANFORD

SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee on Suggestions, make the following report:

We suggest that the churches in the State Line Association strive to have church at least twice a month and that each church give the fullest of support to their Sunday School and League Services.

We suggest that each church have Communion Services at least once each quarter.

We also urge our ministers to attend and support our Sunday School and League Conventions.

MARY EDNA COOK
EUNICE JONES
CLYDE HOLLOWAY

STATE OF CHURCHES And CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We your committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers find from the report from the different churches that the churches are in good condition, and the character of ministers is good.

Respectfully submitted,

THURMAN DRINKWATER
DEWEY JONES

AUXILIARIES

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

We find that in 17 churches represented in this association, 16 have Sunday School, 5 have F.W.B. League, 3 have Ladies' Aids, and only 2 churches have all three auxiliaries.

We feel it should be the Pastor, Deacons and church officials duty of his church to have all these auxiliaries.

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,

MARY ALICE OSWALD
RALPH L. BELL
JOE ED BOTTOMS

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Education is divided into three groups, Churches, Home, and School.

No program of educations is adequate that does not place as much emphasis upon moral values as it does on technique. Daily Vacation Bible Schools

should be conducted in each church during the summer.
 So long as there are homes to which men turn at close of day,
 So long as there are homes where children are—where women stay,
 If love and loyalty and faith be found across those sills,
 A stricken nation can recover from it's gravest ills.
 So long as there are homes where fires burn and there is bread,
 So long as there are homes where lamps are lit and prayers are said;
 Although a people falter through the dark and nations grope,
 With God himself back of these little homes we still can hope.
 Each parent should strive to be a good spiritual teacher in the home for
 the children.

We the committee:
 MRS. SARA GRIFFIN, Chairman

FINANCE REPORT

We your finance commitee report the following:

Associational Purposes -----	\$53.75
Minutes -----	38.75
Education -----	19.90
Home Missions -----	38.60
Children's Home -----	1.50
Foreign Mission -----	10.00
We have on hand -----	20.49

that was collected last for entry fee to the State Association and it was not
 used.

Respectfully submitted,
 DEWEY JONES
 E. T. INGRIM
 DONIE CALLOWAY

HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions submit the following report:
 We recommend that in some churches which do not have a Sunday School,
 if the church treasury is such that literature can't be provided or the church
 does not have someone to organize the Sunday School, the expense of an
 evangelist and the literature be provided by the Home Mission Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
 ULAS GRANGER
 LENDON HAMRICK
 MRS. N. L. HART

SPECIAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We, your Special Program Committee, make the following report to the
 Association:

We recommend that the Association set up and sponsor a Bible Training
 Institute. Instructors and a time and place for the Institute to be determined by
 the Association.

We recommend that all money sent to the Association be spent as the
 Association determines, and not specified for certain things.

We recommend that the letters from the various churches be turned over
 to a Credentials Committee, which will be appointed by the Association.

REV. G. H. JORDAN, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Down through the years Temperance has been broadly interpreted as applying to strong drink. We would impress upon the churches that there is no place for Temperance in regards to strong drink among Christian people, only total abstinence can please God. Therefore, we recommend that our people abstain from all intoxicants.

Temperance can apply to many of the good things of life, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the recreations we enjoy, and especially the tongue God blessed us with. Constructive criticism is good, but what havoc an unbridled tongue can cause.

We endorse that portion of the 1949 minutes that each pastor preach twice each year on temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

IRELL INGRAM

D. W. POOLE

RALPH L. BELL

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on hand October 6, 1949.

For Education	\$134.25
For Foreign Missions	5.20
For Home Missions	46.41

TOTAL

\$185.86

Receipts for 1949 Session.

For Minutes	\$33.85
For Home Missions	18.80
For Associational purposes	43.25
For Education	14.07
For Orphanage	24.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$134.22
\$320.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Winiford Davis, Treasurer, Foreign Missions	\$ 5.20
Paid Rev. G. H. Jordan, Moderator	10.00
Paid C. B. Green, Clerk	15.00
Paid J. W. D. Stephens, Treasurer	10.00
Paid C. B. Green, Postage	2.06
Paid F. W. B. Children's Home	
balance of Mission money	10.48
Paid F. W. B. Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.,	
\$10.00 a month for 3 months	30.00
Paid F. W. B. Children's Home	
receipts for Orphanage	24.25
Paid J. A. Fowler & Sons for 250 minutes	64.77

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$171.76

Total Balance in Treasury for Education

\$148.32

\$24.73 was borrowed from mission fund to help on disbursements.

Respectfully,

J. W. D. Stephens

Treasurer

OBITUARIES

HALL—In loving memory of our beloved Brother, Mr. J. Tom Hall, who departed this life in Dec. 1949 at the age of 61. He united with Pleasant Ridge Church when it was organized in 1914 and remained a faithful member the remainder of his life. During that time he served as a Deacon. Brother Hall faithfully served th church and did all he could to promote its' growth. He was loved by all who knew him. He was a friend to all and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He served his community as he did the church, always fullfilling his duties to the best of his ability.

Brother Hall leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, 5 sons, 3 daughters, several grand children, other relatives and a host of friends. We miss him in his home, his church and community. But we have that great hope that on the morning of the resurrection we will be with him when Jesus comes for his own in the Clouds of Glory.

A loving Brother from us has gone,
A Voice we loved is Stilled,
A Place is vacant in our church, home and community
which never can be filled.

By a Friend,
E. W. GRANGER

HART—In memory of our beloved Brother, Mr. Tom Hart who departed from this life last May, 1950. He was a good and faithful layman of Pleasant Ridge Church. He was mourned by his relatives and a host of friends.

SIDNEY TINDELL,
Church Clerk

CARTER—In memory of a ture friend and brother, S. G. Carter, who departed this life suddenly May 31, 1950. He left his faithful, loving wife and five very attentive daughters, one brother, several grand children and a host of friends to mourn for him.

He joined Springfield Free Will Baptist Church a number of years ago. Brother Carter was a deacon of the church. He joined Prospect in later years. Brother Carter was always faithful and loyal to his church and ready to give Christian advice to anyone who would ask.

Brother Carter was layed to rest in Webb Cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers, to wait the return of Christ to receive his reward. Funeral services were conducted by a former pastor of his, Rev. B. W. Clenny.

Written by,
MRS. IRELL INGRAM,
Church Clerk

COOK—In memory of our beloved Brother, Sam F. Cook, who departed this life January 6th, 1950. He was a true and faithful servant wit hus at Union Springs Church for many years. We regret the passing of Brother Cook. But we are trusting and praying that our loss is Heavens' gain.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Daisy Cook, two daughters, a number of grand-children and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Written by Deacon
MAXWELL SIMS

Name of Church	Asso- ciational Purposes	Minutes	Education	Home Missions	Children's Home	TOTAL
Shiloh	2.00	2.00		1.00	1.50	\$6.50
Union Springs	2.50	2.50	2.15	2.85		10.00
Hickory Grove	4.00	4.00				8.00
Spring Field	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00		10.00
Rocky Grove	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		5.00
Magnolia	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		8.00
Pittman Creek	2.00	2.00		4.00		8.00
New Harmony	1.00	1.50	2.50			5.00
Spring Hill	8.00	2.00				10.00
Howard's Grove	6.00	4.00	2.50	2.50		15.00
Hickory Hill	1.50	1.50				3.00
Pleasant Home	2.00	2.00		4.00		8.00
Prospect	8.00	2.00				10.00
Corinth	3.00	2.00	2.00	3.00		10.00
Pleasant Ridge	2.00	4.00	2.00	2.00		10.00
Cowarts Creek	2.50	2.50		10.00	10.00	25.00
New Hope	2.50	1.00	2.00	2.50		8.00
Grangerburg	.75	.75	.75	.75		3.00
	53.75	38.75	19.90	38.80		\$162.50

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES														SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES				F. W. B. LEAGUE PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES						
			Increased by Baptism	Increased by Confession	Increased by Letter	Increased by Restoration	Decreased by Letter	Decreased by Expulsion	Total Membership	Orphanage	Foreign Missions	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Home Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Church Property	No. In S. S.	No. In T. W. B. L.	No. In Ladies Aid	Meeting Days				
Prospect.....	T. B. Mellette.....	Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 4, Box 229.	3	0	0	0	3	3	1	235	\$	\$	\$10.00	\$	\$	\$	\$600.01	\$3000.00	\$3000.00	94	35		1st & 3rd	William Brown, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 5, Box 4X.	Farrell White, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 3.....	
New Harmony..	John M. Rich.....	Mrs. James Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.....	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	132			1.00	1.50		2.50	207.00	2500.00	400.00	50			2nd	Mrs. James Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.....	.....
Howards Grove..	G. W. Nobles.....	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.....	11	1	9	0	5	0	1	469			6.00	4.00	2.50	2.50	480.00	1000.00	500.00	72	67	35	2nd & 4th	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 1.....	Miss Mary Jordan, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 1.....	
Pleasant Home..	L. C. Mixon.....	Loyd Bottoms, Geneva, Ala.....	3	0	0	0	5	4	1	295			2.00	2.00	4.00		145.50	1400.00	500.00	81		25	3rd	Emmett Dunn, Geneva, Ala.....	.....
Hickory Hill....	A. C. Tolar.....	Emma White, Center Hill, Fla.....	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	49			1.50	1.50			26.45	3500.00	200.00	41			1st	A. C. Tolar, Center Hill, Fla.....	.....
Shiloh.....	Kenneth Phillips..	.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	1.50		2.00	2.00	1.00		247.19	2000.00	500.00	50	40			C. J. Drake, Columbia, Ala., Rt. 2.....	Betty Trawick, Columbia, Ala., Rt. 2..
Corinth.....	C. B. Bass.....	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.....	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	126			3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	141.36	1500.00	250.00	35			3rd	Byron Mallory, Midland City, Ala.....	.....
Grangerburg....	Daniel Walters....	W. H. Howard, Gordon, Ala., Rt.....	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	17			.75	.75	.75	.75	160.00	1000.00	300.00	69			3rd	B. W. West, Cottonwood, Ala.....	.....
Pittmans Creek.	L. C. Mixon.....	I. D. Sowell, Black, Ala., Rt. 1.....	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	142			2.00	2.00	4.00		77.70	1000.00	500.00	80			1st	Jeff Hawthorne, Black, Ala., Rt. 1.....	.....
Spring Field....	H. L. Roberts.....	Dorothy Lamb, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2, Box 29.....	1	0	1	0	5	0	1	106			2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	325.00	1500.00	500.00	61	23	16	2nd	Billy Rabon, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2.....	Mrs. Jim Kay, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2....	
Pleasant Ridge..	A. H. Retherford..	Sidney Tindell, Cottonwood, Ala.....	6	1	1	0	10	0	2	110			2.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	306.67	1500.00	500.00	17			4th	Nellie Brown, Marianna, Fla.....	.....
Union Springs...	B. W. Clenney....	Leona White, Pansey, Ala.....	8	1	0	1	3	0	1	277			2.50	2.50	2.85	2.15	405.00	3000.00	500.00	77			2nd	Maxwell Simms, Pansey, Ala.....	.....
New Hope.....	Paul Mallory.....	Z. A. Ammons, Midland City, Ala., Rt. 1.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	11			2.50	1.00	2.50	2.00	50.00	1000.00	100.00	26			4th	Billy Derl Ammons, Midland City, Ala.....	.....
Magnolia.....	Paul Mallory.....	Nel Rose Etheridge, Midland, City, Ala.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	105			2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	163.36	1000.00	500.00				1st	.....	.....
Spring Hill.....	John M. Rich.....	Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.....	5	0	0	1	0	2	2	328			8.00	2.00			360.00	2500.00	500.00	64	26		1st	Whitman Lynn, Gordon, Ala.....	Jimmie Whitaker, Gordon, Ala.....	
Hickory Grove...	D. F. Pelt.....	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....	3	1	0	2	6	0	1	276			4.00	4.00			274.00	4500.00	500.00	76			3rd	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.....	.....
Rocky Grove....	J. W. Roberts....	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.....	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	75			2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	78.34	1000.00	500.00	34			3rd	Morris Newbren, Greenwood, Fla.....	.....
Cowarts Creek...	Coy Watson.....	Billie Joe Fowler, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 1.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169		10.00	5.00		10.00		300.00						1st	.....	.....
			54	5	14	5	50	11	15	3083	1.50	10.00	58.25	35.25	38.60	19.90										

CHURCHES

LADIES AID PRESIDENTS
AND POST OFFICES

Howards Grove. Pleasant Home..	Miss Montine Moore, Cottonwood, Ala., Rt. 1 Mary Nell Dupont, Geneva, Ala.....
Spring Field.....	Mrs. Linnie Fulton, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2.....