

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held with New Salem Church, on Friday and Saturday
before the Second Sunday in October, 1951,
Marion County

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OFFICERS

ELD. I. K. BOYETT Moderator
ELD. BOBBY JEFFREYS Assistant Moderator
BRO. L. C. WRIGHT Clerk
BRO. IRA TRIPLETT Treasurer
ELD. L. V. COLLIER Corresponding Secretary

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The next session of this Association will convene with
Fairview Church, 8 miles Northeast of Hamilton, in Ma-
rion County, on Friday and Saturday, before the Sec-
ond Sunday in October, 1952.

PROCEEDINGS

Association met with New Salem Church on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1951, at 10:00 A. M., with Rev. L. V. Collier, as Moderator.

The body was called together with singing by the congregation, directed by Bro. Ferman Wright, prayer by Rev. I. D. Nix.

Song directed by Bro. Wright, after which the Moderator announced the house to order and ready for business.

Devotional was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Pitts, who opened the Devotional with prayer, after which many beautiful testimonies were heard.

At the eleven o'clock hour Eld. L. V. Collier brought a very inspiring message. Song, directed by Bro. Ferman Wright.

Prayer by Rev. Bobby Jeffreys.

Congregational song, directed by Bro. Wright.

Adjourned by Bro. Sam Howell for noon refreshments.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation re-assembled at 1:00 o'clock by singing, directed by Rev. Roy Barnes.

Prayer by Rev. C. R. Puckett.

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Winfield, was speaker of the hour, on "Foreign Missions," which everyone enjoyed very much, at which time an offering for Foreign Mission was taken and the sum of \$41.04 was presented to Bro. Pitts as a Mission fund.

Rules of Decorum were read by the Moderator.

Reading Clerks, Bro. F. N. Wright and Rev. H. A. Pitts, were appointed.

CALL FOR LETTERS AND SEATING DELEGATES

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Alice Winsett, Floyd Cantrell; Alternates, Susan Templeton, Floyd Winsett.

BARNESVILLE—Mrs. Ida Carter, Mr. Flint Farris.

FAIRVIEW—Ira Triplett, Sis. Alfred Ballard.

NEW HOPE—Bro. F. F. Terry, F. R. Glenn, Sis. Flossie Ballard.

NEW SALEM—J. R. Gilliland, Lee Belcher, Sis. Lee Belcher.

NEW PLEASANT RIDGE—J. C. Palmer.

NEW CENTER POINT—By Letter.

FREE WILL CHAPEL—Murray Jackson, L. D. Hall.

PLEASANT RIDGE—A. J. Armstrong, L. E. Reed, R. D. Giddy, Sister Verta Giddy, Sis. Lillie Weeks.

PLEASANT SITE—W. M. Satterwhite, Sis. Mary Satterwhite.

ROCKY GROVE—Sis. Era Byrd, Bro. and Sis. Marvin Winsett, Clara Thomas

SILLOAM—Bro. and Sis. Oscar Jeffreys, Sis. Wilma Lewis.

EVANS CHAPEL—Sis. Pearl Cole, Verdine Purser, Willie Mae Purser.

ROCKY TOP (Community)—Bro. and Sis. F. N. Wright, J. C. Hood.

PINEY GROVE—By Letter.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Fred Hester, Sis. Ethel Seals; Alternates, Bro. Troy Duncan, Sis. Stella Hester.

PHILADELPHIA—Willie Carruth, Lonnie Smith, Cecil Carruth, Bro. and Sis. Charlie Carruth.

VISITORS FROM SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Bro. B. B. Pounders, Rev. Grady Hudson, Rev. Sam Howel, Rev. I. D. Nix and Rev. H. A. Pitts, all from the Jasper Association.

Regular moved and second the visiting delegates be seated in our body.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**Devotional:**

Oscar Jeffreys, Bro. Bishop, Bro. Terry, with Deacons of the church.

Documents and Order of Business:

Rev. I. K. Boyett, Rev. C. R. Puckett, Rev. Bobby Jeffreys, Rev. Roy Barnes, with Moderator and Clerk.

Finance:

Bro. J. M. Howell, Rev. Floy Glenn, H. C. Hamilton, J. E. Alvis.

Sunday School:

Sis. F. N. Wright, Sis. V. Cooper, Sis. Winsett, Bro. Marvin Winsett.

Deceased Members:

Rev. W. C. Shotts, Bro. Willie Carruth, J. A. Armstrong, L. G. Belcher

S. S. Literature:

L. C. Purser, Freeman Ballard, Charlie Elliott, R. D. Giddy.

Temperance:

Bro. Claborn Thompson, John Cole, Walter Colburn, L. E. Reid.

Regularly moved and second the Corresponding Delegates be seated in the body.

Report of Devotional Committee:

We the committee on Devotional Service choose to conduct the Devotional Service tonight, Bro. W. C. Shotts, and Bro. Puckett to bring the message.

For Saturday at 11 o'clock, Bro. I. K. Boyett to preach.

BOBBY JEFFREYS, Chairman.

Assignment of Delegates to homes.

Adjourned to meet at 7:00 tonight.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The body met at 7:15 with singing, and prayer by Bro. Sam Howell. A large number of nice testimonies were heard, after which Bro. Puckett brought us a fine message.

Dismissed until 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:30 by singing and prayer by Bro. Jim Godsey. The Moderator announced the house in order and ready for business.

Roll call of Churches and Delegates when most delegates answered present.

Call for Report of Com. on Documents and Order of Business:

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business wish to make the following report:

1. We recommend that the Clerk get \$15.00 for his services and he superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, and the Moderator shall have \$10 for his services.

2. We recommend that the Moderator preach the Introductory sermon.

3. We recommend that the body decide where the next Association shall convene.

4. We recommend that each church in the Association take up a public offering twice a year for Associational fund to be used as follows: 40 per cent to be used for Old Age Ministers; 40 per cent for Charity, and 20 per cent for church extension work.

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

6. We recommend that our pastors explain to the various churches, the value of Tithing and Giving according to the teachings of the Bible.

7. We recommend that we go on record as opposing all liquor traffic and the legalizing of beverages, and that we will not cast our vote for any officer who favors such, if we know them to be in favor of such.

8. We recommend that our pastors preach as much as one doctrinal sermon in the various churches during the year.

I. K. BOYETT, Chairman.

Letter from Fairview was presented, read, received, and the delegates seated. Regular moved and second we seat Sis. Dora Robinson as a delegate from Rocky Top Church.

Regular moved and second we seat Bro. Jim Godsey and Sis. McKinley in our body.

Regular moved and second that we receive the report of committee on Documents and Order of Business and each section be taken up separately, which was read and received.

Sunday School:

We your committee on Sunday School find that all the Churches have Sunday School each Sunday.

MARVIN WINSETT, Chairman.

Sunday School Literature:

We recommend the Holy Bible or Free Will Literature.

We recommend that all Free Will Baptist Churches have Sunday School.

L. P. PURSER, Chairman.

Finance:

We beg to report as follows:

In Treasury from last year	\$175.50
Less expense of Delegate to State Association	22.00
Balance	\$153.50
Associational Fund this year	62.00
TOTAL	\$215.50
Less State Association Fee	26.00
Balance in Treasury	\$189.50

J. E. ALVIS, JAMES M. HOWELL, F. R. GLENN, Committee.

Credentials:

JAMES M. HOWELL, J. E. ALVIS, D. L. BROWN, Committee

We your committee report as follows:

We find all ministers in good standing so far as we know. We find that W. R. Hullett has not been recommended by his church as recommended by the Association last year.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the State Line Free Will Baptist
Deceased Members:

We your committee on Deceased Members find that the death angel has visited six of our churches and claimed the following members:

Free Will Chapel—Sis. Della Jackson.

Barnesville—Bro. Jim Alvis.

New Hope—Sis. Lula Cox.

Pleasant Site—Bro. Lon Thompson.

New Hope—Sis Lula Cox.

Antioch—Sis. Bonnie Wiginton.

“In the midst of life, we are in death.”

W. C. SHOTTS, Chairman.

Temperance:

We your committee on Temperance beg to report as follow:

We recommend that each preacher preach as many as one or more times on Temperance each year.

We recommend that teachers teach more Temperance in Sunday school.

WALTER COLBURN, Chairman.

All reports received by the body.

Song, directed by Bro. Dee Stone.

Five minutes intermisson.

Song by congregation. Solo by Miss Peggy Boyett, which was enjoyed very much.

Prayer by Bro. Bobby Jeffreys.

Sermon by Rev. I. K. Boyett. Text: Second chapter Eph. 8-9 verse, who brought us a very inspirational message.

Song, by congregation, when a general handshake was participated in by everyone.

Adjourned for refreshments by Moderator, Bro. Collier.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body met back at 1:15 by singing, directed by Bro. Dee Stone.

Prayer by Bro. Sam Howell.

Regular moved and second that as Bro. Hullett has not complied with the requirements of this Association to put his letter in Piney Grove Church, then that church recommend him to this Association for membership, be dropped from the Minutes. Also Bro. McCool's name be dropped, as he has gone to another faith.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Jasper—Bro. Boyett, Bro. Collier.

Progressive—Bro. Puckett, Bro. Jeffreys.

Tupelo—Bro. Boyett, Bro. Wright.

Vernon—Bro. C. R. Puckett.

State—Bro. Boyett, Bro. Jeffreys, Bro. Collier.

Regular moved and second the Treasurer pay the State fees—amount \$26.00, as State and National fees. Money was turned over to Bro. Boyett.

By vote of the body the next session of the Association will be held with Fairview Church, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1952.

A vote of the body elected officers for another year as follows:

REV. I. K. BOYETT, Moderator

REV. BOBBY JEFFREYS Asst. Moderator.

L. C. WRIGHT Clerk

IRA TRIPLETT Treasurer

REV. L. V. COLLIER Cor. Secretary

REV. W. C. SHOTTS Evangelist

The name of Community church was changed to Rocky Top.

Regular moved and second we extend our sincere appreciation to New Salem Church and the community for the splendid hospitality extended us during our stay. May God's blessings be with you all.

An offering was taken for Philadelphia Church (a new church) and the sum of \$15.92 was turned over to Bro. W. L. Carruth for the church.

Regularly moved and second we adjourn to meet with Fairview church one year hence. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the next session will be held with Fairview instead of New Hope.

Song, and a handshake was enjoyed by all.

L. V. COLLIER, Moderator

L. C. WRIGHT, Clerk.

REPORT OF CLERK

Minute Fund Received	\$ 73.21
Associational Fund	86.34
Orphanage Fund	38.56

198.11

Less Error	3.60
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194.51

Printing Minutes	65.00
Tax	1.95
Clerk Service	15.00
Mailing Minutes	2.00
Moderator Services	10.00
Turned over to Treasurer	62.00
Orphans Home	38.56

\$194.51

L. C. WRIGHT, Clerk.

PREACHERS PRESENT

Rev. L. V. Collier, Hamilton, Route 2.
 Rev. I. K. Bovett, Hamilton, Ala., Route 4.
 Rev. Bobby Jeffreys, Hamilton, Ala., Route 1.
 Rev. H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Ala.
 Rev. I. D. Nix, Nauvoo, Ala., Route 1.
 Rev. Clay Shotts, Bexar, Ala., Route 2.
 Rev. Sam Howell, Hamilton, Ala.
 Rev. C. R. Puckett, Greenwood Springs,, Miss.
 Rev. Floy Glenn, Hmilton, Ala., Route 2.
 Rev. Roy Barnes, Vernon, Ala., Route 2.
 Rev. Grady Hudson, Red Bay, Ala.
 Rev. Jim Godsey, Hamilton, Ala.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

ANTIOCH—A. L. Ballard, Hamilton, Ala., Route 3.
 BARNESVILLE—Ema Leen Ballard, Hamilton, Ala., Rt.4.
 FAIRVIEW—Alfred Ballard, Bexar, Ala., Route 2.
 NEW HOPE—Malone Tice, Hamilton, Ala., Route 2.
 NEW SALEM—Mrs. Jewel Stone, Bexar, Ala.
 NEW PLEASANT RIDGE—V. F. Camp, Greenwood Springs, Miss. R2
 NEW CENTER POINT—D. L. Brown, Greenwood Springs, Miss.
 FREE WILL CHAPEL—Dessie M. Jackson, Vernon, Ala., Rt. 1.
 PLEASANT RIDGE—Delton Giddy, Hamilton, Ala.
 PLEASANT SITE—G. O. Karr, Detroit, Ala., Rt. 1.
 ROCKY GROVE—Mrs. J. G. Sanderson, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 1.
 SILOAM—Wilma Lewis, Detroit, Ala., Rt. 1.
 UNION GROVE—Ray Adams, Detroit, Ala., Rt. 1.
 EVANS CHAPEL—Willie Mae Purser, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 2.
 ROCKY TOP—J. C. Hood, Hackleburg, Ala.
 PINEY GROVE—Mrs. Vera Mae Cagie, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.
 NEW BETHLEHEM—Florence Mason, Sulligent, Ala., Rt. 4.
 PHILADELPHIA—Vernell Rasberry, Rt. 2, Sulligent, Ala.

RULES OF THE PREACHERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Any minister who draws his letter from the church from which he belongs automatically cancels his credentials until he joins some other church.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved for which end Christ had commanded the gospel to be preached

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CHURCHES	PASTORS																												
		Average in S. S.	Rec'd by Confession	Rec'd by Restor.	Rec'd by Letter	Expelled	Dis. by Letter	Deceased	Total Members	Active Members	For Orphanage to Asso.	For Orphanage Direct	Minute Fund	Associational Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Church Improvement	Val. Church Property	S. S. Superintendent	No. Teachers	Ord. Ministers	No. Deacons	No. in League						
Antioch	Hudson Burleson	25			1	1	1	56	25		\$	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.75	\$ 93.01	\$23.35	\$30.00	\$	J. M. Howell	3	3	3								
Barnesville	I. K. Boyett	75	5				1	210	100	\$	20.00	5.00	19.00	308.00	60.00		4000	M. Young	4	1	5	50							
Fairview	L. V. Collier	78	3					112	30	15.12		4.00	6.82	123.76	56.20		1000	Ira Triplett	5	2	4	65							
New Hope	A. G. Lcy	28	1			2	1	70	17		2.00	5.00	4.25				1000	M. Tice	3	2	3								
New Salem	W. C. Shotts	45					1	74	25		3.00	3.00	2.01	37.00	30.00	189.24	2000	J. C. Palmer	3		5								
New Pleasant Ridge	C. R. Puckett	20	2				2	104	25			5.00	7.00	200.00	45.85		1000	C. D. Stone	5	1	3								
New Centerpoint	Roy Barnes							77	20			4.00	4.00	63.55						3	1	3							
Free Will Chapel	O. S. Gardner	62	1			7	1	62			10.00	5.00	16.00	270.82	63.85	116.65	2100	L. G. Boyett	4	1	3								
Pleasant Ridge	O. S. Gardner	25					1	93	25	5.44		3.20	4.00	72.00	35.00		2500	R. D. Giddy	3		4								
Pleasant Site	Bobby Jeffreys			1			1	200	50		24.50	5.00		268.25	30.00		1000				3								
Rocky Grove	Bobby Jeffreys	28					1	50	28		5.00	5.00	7.00	129.00	16.50	10.00	1500	W. Cloburn	3		4								
Siloam	G. O. Parker	60	5			1	1	57	30	10.00		5.00	2.00	158.00	30.00	300.00	2500	Ray Adams	3		3								
Union Ridge	Roy Barnes	33	3				1	154	30		19.35	5.01	1.50	112.46	86.97		1000	E. Thompsn	3		3								
Evans Chapel	Jim Godsey	20	1					10	8			2.00	2.00			25.00	2500	L. R. Purser	3		2								
Rocky Top	I. D. Nix	65	4	3				75	57			3.00	3.00	125.97	38.58		1500	B. Frederick	4		3								
Piney Grove	H. Burleson	10						29	10			1.00	.50	68.00	27.41			T. R. Allen	3		1								
New Bethlehem	Roy Barnes	40						47	30		23.00	5.00	1.91	118.50	25.00		1000	Jesse Seals	2	1	3								
Philadelphia	H. Burleson	25						15	12			30.0	4.00	40.34	13.00		1500	W. Carruth	3		2								

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among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 15:16; John 3:15-17; Tim. 2:4.

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

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

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

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ, His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to his divine impressions of Holy Spirit shall at a future day own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own condemnation for willful rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11-12; Jef. 22:19.

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

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

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

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

Acts 8:20-21.

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

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

16. We believe the gospel mode of baptism is by emersion, and believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Isaiah 43:8-9; Rom. 4; Col. 2:12.

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to the study of scripture, secret prayers, family doctrines and social worship and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; we will not forget the assembling together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, not fail to pray according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all of its benevolent work; we agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and watch over one another in love, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel; we will everywhere hold the Christian principls sacred and Christian obligation supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; to this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprise, support the missions, the success of the Sabbath Schools and evangelistic effort for salvation of souls and conversion of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall open and close bmy singing and prayer.
2. The officers elected at the previous sessin shall begin their ad-
ministration at the opening of each regular session.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address
the Moderator, and when recognized he shall proceed.
4. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, by any one except
the Moderator, and not by the Moderator unless he beraks the rules of
order.
5. The person speaking must adhere to the subject in question and
shall not use words of personal reflection.
6. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject with-
cut leave of the Association, and not more than 5 minutes each time.
7. No member shall laugh or whsper in time of public speaking.
8. No person shall address another except by the appellation of
Brother or Sister.
9. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
10. The names of all ministers, deacons and delegates shall be enrolled
by the clerk, and called as often as deemed necessary by the Moderator.
11. Every member of this body must vote for or against every move
that comes before it; those failing to do this shall be reprimanded by the
Moderator.
12. Any person knowingly breaking any of these rules shall be reprovved
by the Moderator, accordng to directions of the Association.
13. We recommend that each church in this Assciation have as many
as two Sunday services each month.

CHURCH RULES

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

2. We agree to meet in conference quarterly, or oftener, if neces-
sary, to transact business of the church.
3. The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in
the absence of the pastor; the Moderator shall observe good order and ex-
plain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them and shall
have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there is a tie,
when he shall give the deciding vote.
4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in the confer-
ence and bear ther part of the expense.
5. No member shall leave their seat during conference without per-
mission from the Moderator.
6. No member shall arraign another before the church for any griev-
ance without first taking gospel steps.—See Mtt. 18:15-16-17.
the gospel; we will everywhere hold the Christian principles sacred and in
gospel-like order, shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawn by

mover.

8. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator, and if two arise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first, and no member while speaking shall cast any reflections on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject without permission from the church, and not more than 5 minutes at the time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

iness is transacted.

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

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

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

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____

This is to certify that our beloved _____
is in full fellowship with us and is hereby dismissed from us when joined in
some other church. This done by order of church in Conference at _____
_____ and signed by order of
same. This _____ day of _____, 195_____.

_____ Moderator.

_____ Clerk

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____

We, the Church of Christ, of the Free Will Order of _____
_____ Church, send greetings to the Ministers and Messen-
gers and Delegatee, composing the _____
Annual Session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association.

We send as Delegates _____

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

Received by Confession _____, by Letter _____, by Restoration _____,
by Recommendation _____; Dismissed by Letter _____; died _____,
Expelled _____, No. of Deacons _____, Names _____

We send as Minute Fund \$ _____, Associational Fund \$ _____
For Orphans Home \$ _____; Sent direct to Orphans Home \$ _____;
Unifized Program \$ _____; No. Ordained Ministers _____; their names and
Postoffices _____

Former Pastor _____, Present Pastor _____;
His address _____

Total Membership _____, Active _____; Value of Church Prop-
erty \$ _____. Improvements done on Church \$ _____

Vaid Pastor _____; Paid Evangelist or Helper \$ _____; Mission _____
_____; No. in Sunday School _____; Supt. _____

No. Teachers _____; No. in League _____.

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

REMARKS:

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

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk