

MINUTES
of the
Seventy-Third Annual Session
of the
STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held with First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan and Pleasant
Home Church of Black, Alabama
October 9, 10, 1958

Theme for 1958-59: *The Association at Work . . .*

Theme for Quarterly Sessions:

1st Quarter: *The Association at Work Through the Mid-Week
Prayer Service.*

2nd Quarter: *The Association at Work with Unity in the
Churches.*

3rd Quarter: *The Association at Work Through the Laymen
in the Church.*

QUARTERLY SESSIONS

The first quarterly session will convene with Howards Grove Church at 10:00 A. M. Saturday before the second Sunday in January, 1959. Rev. Clyde Owens will bring the message at 11:00 A. M.

The second quarterly session will convene with Springfield at 10:00 A. M. Saturday before the second Sunday in April, 1959. Rev. John Edwards will bring the message at 11:00 A. M.

The third quarterly session will convene with Grangerburg at 10:00 A. M. Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1959. Rev. Dan Wyndham will bring the message at 11:00 A. M.

ANNUAL SESSION

The annual session meets with Springhill Church Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1959. Rev. Bill George will bring the 11:00 message.

The second day of the annual session meets with Union Springs church Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1959. Rev. Coy Watson will bring the 11:00 message.

OFFICERS

Rev. Ralph Bell, Route 1, Ashford, Ala.	Moderator
A. C. Womack, Route 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Asst. Moderator
Wayne Love, Route 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Clerk
Junior Ward, 752 Cottonwood Road, Dothan, Ala.	Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Loyd Bottoms	203 Live Oak St., Geneva, Ala.
Dorman Deal	Route 4, Box 110, Dothan, Ala.
Shelly Fowler	Route 3, Box 98, Dothan, Ala.
E. T. Ingram	Box 229, Route 4, Dothan, Ala.
David Rabon	Route 2, Ashford, Ala.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Thurman Drinkwater	Route 1, Ashford, Ala.
Rev. John Edwards	1509 E. Main St., Dothan, Ala.
Byron Mallory	Route 1, Midland City, Ala.
Rev. M. F. Taylor	Route 4, Dothan, Ala.
Junior Ward	752 Cottonwood Road, Dothan, Ala.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Ralph Bell, Cowarts Creek	Route 1, Ashford, Ala.
Rev. P. A. Brackin, Shiloh	Newville, Ala.
Rev. Charles B. Craddock, Howards Grove	511 Madison Ave., Dothan, Ala.
Rev. Wyatt Edmondson, Shiloh	Route 2, Columbia, Ala.
Rev. John Edwards, First Church, Dothan	1509 E. Main St., Dothan, Ala.
Rev. W. W. Hall, First Church, Dothan	N. Appletree St., Dothan, Ala.
Rev. Hubert Henderson, Shiloh	Niceville, Fla.
Rev. Horace Herndon, Magnolia	Route 5, Dothan, Ala.
Rev. L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home	Black, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Nobles, Howards Grove	Route 1, Cottonwood, Ala.
Rev. A. H. Retherford, Pleasant Ridge	Marianna, Fla.
Rev. M. H. Taylor, Springhill	Route 4, Dothan, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Tolar, Union Springs	Center Hill, Fla.
Rev. Dan Windham, New Hope	Route 1, Midland City, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Walter Houston, Shiloh	Route 2, Ashford, Ala.
Rev. George D. Stephens, First Church, Dothan	1205 W. Woodland Dr., Dothan, Ala.
Rev. O'Neal Kirkland, Pleasant Home	Midland City, Ala.
Rev. Stanley Outlaw, Corinth	Route 1, Midland City, Ala.
Rev. Jewel Spence, Pittman Creek	Route 1, Black, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS 1957-58

THIRD SUNDAY IN JULY—FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, DOTHAN

The Moderator, Rev. Bob L. Jones, called a meeting of the Executive Board to plan for the organizational meeting of a quarterly meeting of the State Line Association.

The Moderator gave an informative devotional, which was taken from Acts 3. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. F. Taylor.

Members present were then referred to page 6 of the 1957 minutes, after which followed detailed planning of the quarterly session.

A MC* that a place and time for the first quarterly session be named. Invitations to Howards Grove, Shiloh, and Grangerburg were heard and a MC that the invitation to Howards Grove be accepted.

A MC* that August 9 be designated as the date for the organizational meeting.

A proposed constitution was read by the moderator and the Executive Board, through mutual consent, made some minor changes and adopted the constitution for recommendation to the quarterly session.

Bro. M. F. Taylor suggested that the clerk request in the letters to the Church, which he was instructed by the Executive Board to write, that the Churches come praying that God would guide us in determining a permanent date.

AUGUST 14, 1958—HOWARD'S GROVE CHURCH

In the absence of a moderator, the meeting was called to order by the clerk, who read from Leviticus 19:16-20; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4; Ephesians 4:1-3. Brother C. W. Duke led the opening prayer.

The clerk then called for the election of a temporary chairman to preside over the board meeting. Rev. Horace Herndon was elected.

The main item of business concerned the Executive Board with the appointment of a temporary moderator for the association. The chairman asked for discussion of the matter, to which members of the Board and visitors responded.

A MC* that a temporary moderator be elected to serve until the annual election of officers. The board retired to make a decision. They reported the appointment of Rev. Ralph Bell as moderator and Bro. A. C. Womack as assistant moderator.

Necessity of two constitutions for the association was then discussed and the difficulty that had been experienced in determining the necessity of two. A member of the Executive Board called for the reading of a proposed consolidation of the two. The clerk petitioned the Executive Board to make some recommendation to the Association regarding a, or the, constitution, since changes might delay the printing of the minutes. After discussion of the possibility of a handbook separate from the minutes, Rev. Retherford prayed the benediction.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1958—HOWARDS GROVE CHURCH

A song opened the meeting, after which the moderator declared the Board in order for the transaction of business. The moderator made timely and pertinent remarks, after which he explained the order of events leading to the organization of the quarterly session and work of the quarterly meeting. The moderator opened the floor for discussion concerning the constitution of the quarterly session and the constitution of the annual session and an approach to consolidate the two. By mutual consent, the officers, board members present, the ministers, approved a proposed constitution, which was a consolidation and modification of the two constitutions, to present to the annual session for consideration.

The meeting adjourned.

*MC—motion made and carried

PROCEEDING'S OF THE QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH HOWARDS GROVE CHURCH, SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1958

The organizational meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Bob L. Jones.

Singing was led by Bro. Gordon Odom, after which the invocation was given by Rev. Ralph Bell. Rev. Bob Jones read from Romans and made fitting remarks for the initial session of the quarterly session.

The moderator declared the meeting in order for the transaction of business.

The clerk, in giving the morning devotional, read from Ephesians 4:1-6.

Further orientation to the quarterly session followed by the moderator. Copies of the proposed constitution were distributed to members of the nine churches represented. The seven ministers present were recognized.

A report of the National Association was given by the moderator.

An offering of \$16.05 was received.

Bro. Gordon Odom led the congregation in singing. Rev. G. W. Nobles offered the invocation for the worship hour.

The moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Leo Curtis, Pastor of the Blakely Free Will Baptist Church, who brought an informative and illuminating message. He spoke on the subject of "Love" and read from 1 Corinthians 13.

The congregation was dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. Dan Windham.

After lunch, served by the host church, the meeting reconvened with singing led by Bro. Gordon Odom. Prayer was offered by Bro. C. W. Duke.

A special message in song was heard from Bro. and Sis. Dorman Deal, who were accompanied at the piano by Bro. Norman Smothers.

Sis. O. B. Everson of Colquitt, Georgia, was introduced by Bro. Jones. Sis. Everson's "A Woman's Best Tool—The Bible" was very informative.

A motion was made to adopt the constitution that was recommended by the Executive Board.

A MC* that the body consider the constitution article by article. The moderator instructed the clerk to read the constitution.

The following amendments were made to the constitution:

A MC that Article III be amended as follows: The elected officers of the Association shall be the standing officers of the quarterly sessions, all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers of the yearly association. The standing officer shall secure speakers and promotional facilities and programs of meetings.

A MC that Art. V be amended as follows: . . . It shall have the power to license and ordain ministers, upon the request of the applicant's church, who give evidence of being qualified. And who pass the questioning of BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS by the ordaining council. This council shall be composed of (3) ordained ministers as elected by the Association.

A MC that Art. VI be amended by inserting "Saturday before second Sunday in January, April, and July."

A MC that Art. VI be amended by inserting "or more" after \$5.00.

The constitution was adopted as amended and read.

A proposed letter from the quarterly meeting was read by the moderator.

The letter used in Midway Association was read.

A MC that the annual letter be amended by adding the question asking the churches if they wish to entertain the quarterly session.

The meeting adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

The State Line Association of Free Will Baptists met with First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan, Alabama, Thursday, October 9, 1958, in its seventy-third annual session. The second day met with Pleasant Home Free Will Baptist Church Friday, October 10, 1958.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The seventy-third annual session of the State Line Association was called to order by the clerk. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Junior Ward with Sis. James Calloway at the piano.

After the congregational singing, the clerk announced the Executive Board's appointment of Rev. Ralph Bell to the position of moderator. Rev. Bell assumed his duties after bringing the morning devotional.

The moderator appointed a finance committee consisting of Bro. James Calloway, Sis. Joe Bottoms, and Sis. Maggie Adams. A call for church letters was issued with all fifteen churches reporting. Brother A. C. Womack and Rev. Horace Herndon were appointed as reading clerks.

A MC* that the letters be adopted as read and the delegates seated.

Corinth: T. A. Payne, B. T. Mallory, Sinthy Jackson, Minnie Jackson, Florence Outlaw, W. B. Outlaw

Cowarts Creek: Shelly Fowler, Mrs. Shelly Fowler, Barnette Crowley, Mrs. Barnette Crowley, K. B. Fowler, Mrs. K. B. Fowler, J. C. Fowler, Mrs. J. C. Fowler, Willie Silcox, Gerald Crowley

First Church, Dothan: Dorman Deal, E. T. Ingram, Junior Ward, Charles Mathis, Betey Deal, Irene Ingram, Sara Lou Scott, Mary E. Cook, Beatrice Howell, Mrs. H. H. Allen

Grangerburg: Joan West, Mrs. Joe West, W. L. Granger

Howards Grove: A. C. Womack, Othell Jorden, Eunice Jones, Richard Sellers, Johnnie Sellers, Alice Parson, Maggie Adams, Ida Love, Millard Jones, Etta Brookins, Wayne Love, Nina Jones

Magnolia: Elena Baxley, John Paramore, Mrs. John Paramore, Lewis Dasender, Mrs. Lewis Dasender, Elena Dykes, Grace Dykes, P. D. Dykes, Lawrence Medley, Bud Ethridge

New Harmony: Ulas Granger, Leona Granger, Elton Vann, Stella Vann, James Calloway, Donie Calloway, Eric Pynes, Rose Granger

New Hope: Billy D. Ammons, Davey Lee Kirkland, Norman Smothers

Pittman Creek: Dink Retherford, Hubert Brown, J. P. Conner, Rena Paul, Edna Smith, Bessie Lee Sowell

Pleasant Home: Mrs. J. C. Hicks, Mrs. E. J. Blacker, Mrs. Joe E. Bottoms

Pleasant Ridge: Lona West, Louise Granger, Doris Monday, Catherine Womack

Shiloh: Clarence Kirkland, Mrs. Clarence Kirkland, Sterling Lanton, Mrs. Sterling Lanton, Gordon Odom, Wyatt Edmonson, Irene Taylor

Springfield: Dock Hammrick, Mrs. Dock Hammrick, Jack Bell, Mrs. Jack Bell, Will Roney, Mrs. W. C. Rabon, Miss Rillie Fulton, David Rabon

Springhill: I. A. Tolar, Mrs. I. A. Tolar, Billy Earl Ethridge, H. E. Cherry

Union Springs: Thurman Drinkwater, Maxwell Sims, Melvin Sims, Louise Sims, Mrs. E. C. Drinkwater, Mrs. Andrew Sims, Joe Anglin, Mrs. Joe Anglin, Mrs. John Anglin

The congregation was then led in a song by Bro. Dorman Deal, after which the moderator presented Rev. G. W. Nobles, who brought the morning message. Bro. Nobles read from Job 6:1-8 and gave informative and exposing remarks on the negligence of tasting the things of God on the part of professed Christians. His subject was "Is there any taste in the white of an egg."

Rev. John Edwards, pastor of the host church, pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The moderator called the house to order. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Dorman Deal. Rev. Leo Curtis, Pastor of the Blakely Free Will Baptist Church, led the congregation to the throne of grace in prayer.

Bro. Horace Herndon brought the afternoon devotional using as his subject "What is Truth." His exposing talk was based on St. John 18:37, 38.

Roll call indicated that sixty-five delegates in addition to the ministers and deacons, were present.

The chair then appointed the following committees:

Auxiliaries, Education, Nominations, Suggestions, Temperance, Character of Ministers and State of Churches, and Obituary (See report of committees for personnel.)

The clerk, at the request of the Executive Board, made the report of the board and moved that the Executive Board's actions be approved and that the Association consider the proposed constitution article by article. The motion was carried.

A MC* that the proposed constitution be tabled until the second day's session.

Officers were elected to serve in the following capacity:

Moderator, Rev. Ralph Bell

Asst. Moderator, A. C. Womack

Clerk, Wayne Love

Treasurer, Junior Ward

A MC* that the election of the Executive Board be postponed until the second day's session.

A MC* that the decorum be read. Bro. A. C. Womack, asst.-moderator, read the decorum and Church Covenant.

A call for correspondents from sister Associations was issued with the following reporting:

Midway: Rev. Leo Curtis, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. S. T. Shutes.

Liberty: Rev. D. W. Poole and Sis. Poole.

A MC* that the corresponding delegates be seated as delegates and that the chair extend a right hand of Christian fellowship.

A cordial invitation was extended to Pleasant Home, the host for the second day's session.

A MC* that the host church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Rev. John Edwards, Pastor of the host church, brought the message, speaking on "Who Is on the Lord's Side."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing opened the session, after which the morning invocation was offered by the moderator.

Bro. Dorman Deal brought the morning devotional. He read from Matthew 5 and Ephesians 5. He brought an inspiring devotional.

The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance" after the devotional and Bro. Bob Fowler led the prayer.

The moderator declared the delegation in order for the transaction of any business.

The moderator issued a call for petitionary letters. There were none.

The finance committee reported and a MC* that the report be accepted as read.

The Auxiliaries committee report was adopted as read.

The following delegates to sister Associations were appointed:

Salem: Rev. John Edwards

Liberty: Rev. Ralph Bell, Bro. Bob Fowler, Rev. John Edwards

Southeastern: Rev. Ralph Bell

The nominations committee reported and report was adopted as read.

The Character of Ministers and State of Churches reported. The report was adopted as read.

The treasurer made his report and the report was adopted as read.

Rev. G. W. Nobles, delegate to sister Associations, reported progress in the Associations which he attended.

After a brief recess, the morning worship hour was opened with congregational singing. Rev. L. C. Mixon offered the morning invocation.

Rev. John Edwards brought the morning message using as his text Philipians 3:13. The message was very applicable and fitting.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing opened the afternoon session, after which the congregation feasted upon the informative devotional of Rev. M. F. Taylor, who read from Isa. 58.

Rev. Ralph Bell then conducted a memorial service to the Rev. G. H. Jordan, reading from Joshua 1 and using as his thought "Moses, my servant is dead."

The suggestions committee reported and the report was adopted as read.

The obituary committee regretfully reported 25 deceased. The report was adopted as read.

The assistant moderator presided over the afternoon session.

Move and second that the old business of the proposed constitution be taken from the table and considered article by article. Withdrawn.

A MC* that the Association determine whether or not it desires to have quarterly sessions. The Association voted to hold quarterly sessions.

A motion, sustained by a second, that the Association adopt the proposed constitution for the constitution of the Association. The Association voted 35 to 31 to reject the proposed constitution.

A MC* that the chair appoint a committee to revise the old constitution so that it will meet the needs of the Association; it meeting in quarterly sessions. The chair appointed all ordained ministers serving Churches in the Association and all ordained ministers who are members of a member Church. This committee was instructed to report at the January session.

A MC* that the Executive Board be elected by nominations.

The following were elected to serve in that capacity:

E. T. Ingram, David Rabon, Dorman Deal, Shelly Fowler, Lloyd Bottoms.

A MC* that the Home Mission Board be nominated and elected from the floor. The following were elected to serve on the Home Mission Board:

Byron Mallory, Junior Ward, M. F. Taylor, John Edwards, Thurman Drinkwater.

A MC* that the addition to the report of the nominations committee be adopted.

A MC* that the Association give Pleasant Home a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality.

An offering of \$23.97 was received and designated for the Children's Home.

The congregation was dismissed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1957-58

Balance on Hand October, 1957	\$ 58.21
Received from Church at Annual Association	214.00
Received from Sunday School Convention	5.00
Offering for Children's Home	30.50
Received from Offering at Quarterly Session	16.05

Total to Account For	\$323.76
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Disbursements

Moderator's Fee	\$ 10.00
Clerk's Fee	15.00
Children's Home	30.50
Alabama State Association	30.00
Free Will Baptist Press (1957 Minutes)	160.00
Non-Par Check	.10
Leo Curtis	5.00

Total	\$250.60
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Balance on Hand at 1958 Annual Association	\$ 73.16
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Junior Ward, Treasurer

Report of Committees

AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools—14, enrollment 750; Leagues—11, enrollment 352; Ladies Auxiliaries—3, enrollment 62; Master's Men—2, enrollment 31; Young People's Auxiliaries—1, enrollment 22.

S. O. Fowler
Dorman Deal
W. L. Granger
T. A. Payne

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We, your committee on education, would be purely simple not to be an advocate of education.

Therefore, we would like to refer you to Proverbs 4:7, which reads "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding."

Respectfully submitted,
Ulas Granger
Othell Jordan
Norman Smothers

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on nominations, nominate the Springhill Church for Thursday and Union Springs for the Friday session.

Brother Bill George will bring the introductory sermon on Thursday and Rev. Coy Watson will bring the message on Friday.

We nominate Bro. Lee Mixon, Alabama, to bring the first devotional on Thursday and Brother Horace Herndon to give the afternoon devotional.

Rev. A. H. Retherford will give the devotional on Friday morning, and Brother G. W. Nobles will bring the devotional on Friday afternoon.

We also nominate Rev. Clyde Owens as alternate speaker for Thursday at 11:00 o'clock and Rev. Madison Taylor as alternate for Friday at 11:00.

We nominate Howards Grove as the home of the January quarterly session, Springfield as the host of the April quarterly session, and Grangerburg as the host of the July session.

Mrs. E. J. Blocker
I. A. Tolar
Catherine Womack

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on suggestions, suggest that the pastors attend the Association more and that each pastor be more concerned and willing to help those that have fallen, encouraging and setting example before them by attending midweek prayer meeting and visiting in the homes.

We also suggest that the church letters be shortened in order to save time in reading them.

Mrs. Louise Granger
Thurman Drinkwater
Byron Mallory

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

Since temperance means moderation, we should be temperate in our speech, thoughts, and actions, because of the influence we might have on others. We should be temperate in all things except our prayer life and service for Christ and his glories.

Elinor Dykes
Joan West
Eunice Jones
E. T. Ingram

CHARACTER OF MINISTERS AND STATE OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on character of Ministers and state of Churches, make the following report:

We find the Churches to be in fair to good condition; the character of ministers to be good. We wish to thank our ministers for their loyalty to Christ and the Church amid all criticism we hear of them and amid the disloyalty of the members of the Church.

Mrs. James Calloway
Mrs. I. A. Tolar
Mrs. Doris Jean Monday
Maxwell Sims

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee on obituaries, regretfully make the following report:

COWARTS CREEK

Sister Dollie Lashley
Brother W. B. Marrow
Brother H. D. Atkinson

FIRST CHURCH, DOTHAN

Brother A. C. Rogers
Sister Minnie A. Mixon

HOWARDS GROVE

Brother Madison Bodiford
Sister Susie Harrell
Sister Sarah Keel
Brother Midas Smith
Brother J. W. Ridley

Reverend G. H. Jordan—There is no death. For the Christian it is

Churches	Pastors and Addresses	Clerks and Addresses	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	F.W.B.L. President and Addresses	Ladies' Auxiliary Presidents and Addresses	Master's Men Presidents and Addresses	Young People's Auxiliaries and Presidents
Corinth	Dan Windham, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Sinthy Jackson, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Byron Mallory, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Joel Mallory, Rt. 3, Ozark, Ala.			
Cowart's Creek	Ralph Bell, Rt. 1, Ashford, Ala.	Maude Fowler, Rt. 3, Dothan, Ala.	S. O. Fowler, Rt. 3, Dothan, Ala.	S. O. Fowler, Rt. 3, Dothan, Ala.			
1st Church, Dothan	John Edwards, 1509 E. Main St., Dothan, Ala.	Irell Ingram, Rt. 4, Box 229, Dothan, Ala.	Dorman Deal, Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.	Charles Mathis, 719 Ashland Dr., Dothan, Ala.	Mrs. Betey Deal, Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.	W. A. Brown, Dothan, Ala.	
Grangerburg		Mrs. Royce Askew, Gordon, Ala.	B. W. West, Cottonwood, Ala.	Larry Austin, Dothan, Ala.			
Howard's Grove	S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.	A. C. Womack, Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Dewey Jones, Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Morris Womack, Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Ruby Nobles, Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	A. C. Womack, Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Dannie Sue Jones, Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.
Magnolia	W. W. Hall, S. Lena St., Dothan, Ala.	Edna Dykes, Pinckard, Ala.	Charlie Sygers, Midland City, Ala.				
New Harmony	G. W. Nobles, Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Donie Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.					
New Hope	Stanley Outlaw, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Z. A. Ammons, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Billy D. Ammons, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Billy D. Ammons, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.			
Pittman Creek	L. C. Mixon, Black, Ala.	Earl Sowell, Rt. 1, Black, Ala.	Jeff Hawthorne, Rt. 1, Black, Ala.				
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon, Black, Ala.	Loyd Bottoms, Geneva, Ala.	James H. Bottoms Rt. 1, Black, Ala.	Jimmy Bottoms, Rt. 1, Black, Ala.			
Pleasant Ridge	A. H. Retherford, Marianna, Fla.	Sidney Tindell, Cottonwood, Ala.	(Not Listed)				
Shiloh	Madison Taylor, Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.	Myrtle Kirkland, Rt. 2, Columbia, Ala.	Wister Taylor, Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.	Wayne Taylor, Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.			
Springfield	Horace Herndon, Rt. 5, Dothan, Ala.	Billy Rabon, Box 102, Ashford, Ala.	Billy Rabon Ashford, Ala.	David Rabon, Rt. 2, Ashford, Ala.	Virginia Lawler, Rt. 2, Ashford, Ala.		
Springhill	Clyde Owens, Malone, Fla.	Elvy Cherry, Rt. 1, Gordon, Ala.	Jim Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.	Emogene Whitaker, Rt. 1, Gordon, Ala.			
Union Springs	Horace Herndon, Rt. 5, Dothan, Ala.	Thurman Drinkwater, Rt. 1, Ashford, Ala.	Bobby Henderson, Pansy, Ala.	Mrs. J. T. Knight, Pansy, Ala.			

COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic Services	Building and Improvements	Associational Purposes	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Co-operative Plan	Superannuation	Children's Home	Miscellaneous Expenses	Maintenance and Upkeep	Total Receipts	Total Expenses	Value of Church Property
Corinth	\$ 457.08	\$ 40.00	\$1,450.80	\$ 15.00	\$ 35.00					\$ 21.00			\$ 2,072.58	\$ 1,983.88	\$ 9,500.00
Cowart's Creek	590.00	140.00	150.00	10.00	200.00								1,582.02	813.77	3,500.00
First Church, Dothan	4,540.00	215.00	170.17	25.00	95.07	88.10	35.00	581.90		136.46	3,061.58		8,150.29	8,948.28	50,000.00
Grangerburg	156.30	60.00	1.50	1.50	1.00					1.00			221.30	221.30	6,800.00
Howard's Grove	770.00	100.00	2,717.84	35.00	173.89	200.00	224.83		25.00	100.00		142.90	3,952.36	4,489.45	20,000.00
Magnolia	445.10	134.49	582.84	12.00	138.00		8.00						1,465.47	1,347.38	6,643.52
New Harmony	431.95	86.00	10.00	10.00	27.00					30.00			657.24	595.00	5,500.00
New Hope	174.29	39.19	4,000.00	10.00	100.00										5,000.00
Pittman Creek	659.05	25.00		18.00											2,300.00
Pleasant Home	205.25	20.00	300.00	8.00									523.25	523.25	3,500.00
Pleasant Ridge	486.25	50.50		10.00											4,000.00
Shiloh	282.10	30.00	10.00	10.00						20.00			350.86	352.10	2,100.00
Springfield	730.00	100.00		10.00	4.00					165.00			1,224.37	1,248.32	4,000.00
Springhill	671.50	140.00	3.60	15.00	70.15	10.00	5.00			12.50			1,027.53	927.75	5,500.00
Union Springs	720.00	145.00	19.47	15.00	66.00					80.00			1,548.64	1,362.29	5,500.00
Total of All Churches	\$11,325.87	\$1,325.18	\$9,414.71	\$204.50	\$910.61	\$299.10	\$272.83	\$581.90	\$25.00	\$565.96	\$3,061.58	\$142.90	\$22,785.91	\$22,822.77	\$133,843.52

STATISTICS

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										AUXILIARY STATISTICS									
	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Restoration	Rec'd Otherwise	Lost by Death	Lost by Letter	Lost Otherwise	Total Membership	No. of Classrooms	Sunday School Enrollment	No. Sunday School Classes or Departments	F.W.B.L. Enrollment	No. F.W.B.L. Groups	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Master's Men Enrollment	Young People's Auxiliary Enrollment	Midweek Prayer Service	Time of Meeting of Church Services	
Corinth	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	115	5	68	6	39	4				No	1st and 3rd	
Cowart's Creek	9	2	0	0	3	2	0	132	4	40	4	32	3				Yes	Full Time	
1st Church, Dothan	5	9	0	9	2	3	3	284	14	132	12	68	7	32	16		Yes	Full Time	
Grangerburg	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	3	30	4	21	3				No	1st and 3rd	
Howard's Grove	3	0	2	0	7	4	0	460	6	78	6	39	5	20	15	22	Yes	2nd and 4th	
Magnolia	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	122	3	52	5						No	2nd and 4th	
New Marmony	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	112									No	2nd and 4th	
New Hope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4	38	4	35	3				No	4th	
Pittman Creek	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	53	0	57	3						No	1st	
Pleasant Home	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	209	2	45	4	25	4				No	3rd	
Pleasant Ridge	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	30							No	3rd	
Shiloh	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	219	2	41	4	25	3				Yes	1st and 3rd	
Springfield	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	111	4	37	4	19	3	10			Yes	2nd and 4th	
Springhill	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	269	3	44	5	26	3				Yes	2nd and 4th	
Union Springs	9	5	0	0	3	2	0	164	4	58	4	25	3				No	1st and 3rd	

simply a passing over from the trials of this physical life into a wonderful spiritual life for eternity.

Realizing that what is kept for one's self is lost and that which is given away is yours forever, he gave himself away. He gave his life for the service of others. As a teacher the results of his influence are without end. That service he rendered as a minister will always be remembered. He carried with him an attitude of love. He possessed qualities of goodness. He exemplified the greatness of Christianity. He exercised a faith that durated into strength. His philosophy reflected that his mind was beyond the river that has no bridge.

This soldier of peace, whose greatness was displayed in his character and his achievements, both of which are rarely found in one personality, died in the honor of service.

Memory is a gift of God that cannot be destroyed by death. May the memory of this great character, man of God, defender of peace, and preserver of right be an inspiration to his followers so that a stronger philosophy of Christ and His love might be employed and exhibited in the advancement of the STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

MAGNOLIA

Sister Eli Hicks

NEW HARMONY

Sister Ida Pynes

Sister Matha Granger

PITTMAN CREEK

Sister Alice Crutchfield—In memory of our beloved sister, Alice Crutchfield, age 63, who was called from this life June 24, 1958, to be united in the heavenly kingdom.

She was a member of the Pittman Creek Church. She remained faithful to her church as long as she was able. Now she conquered that last foe and has gone to receive her reward, but she left a vacancy in her home, in her Church and the community that cannot be filled. But her loyal and faithful life while here on earth still lives on in memory of relatives and friends.

Written by a friend, Iva Lou Curry

PLEASANT HOME

Brother Harvey Hall

Brother Early Ogburn—At six o'clock a. m. on September 25, 1958, God reached down His loving hand and took our beloved brother, Early Ogburn to a beautiful and eternal home in heaven. Brother Ogburn was a true child of God and a devoted member of pleasant Home Church. He was always telling of the joys to be found in serving God. To know him was to love him, for he was always helping others. Brother Ogburn leaves a true Christian wife and seven children to carry on his work.

SHILOH

Sister Annie Hughes
Sister Jessie Vinson

SPRINGHILL

Bro. Theo Strickland
Sis. Lena Benel

UNION SPRINGS

Bro. Preston Croom
Sis. Lillie Locke
Sis. Emer Harbuck

Madison Taylor
Junior Ward

Minutes of League Convention

The Cooperative League Convention met with Howards Grove F. W. B. Church. The Convention was called to order by the president and Morris Womack directed the opening songs. An inspiring devotion was given by Dorman Deal, First Free Will Baptist of Dothan.

The three ministers present were recognized and welcomed.

League present with delegates and dues and letters were: Springhill, First Free Will Church of Dothan, Union Springs, Cowarts Creek, Springfield, Grangerburg, and Howards Grove.

There was a move and second to accept Shiloh, New Hope, and Corinth in the convention. Motion carried.

The minutes and treasurer's report was then read and adopted.

Finance committee appointed by president was Junior Ward, Thurman Drinkwater, and Louis Mallory.

Home committee appointed by president was Larry Austin, Faye Anderson, and Virginia Lawler.

Convention officers for the new year are:

Wayne Love, President

Louis Mallory, Vice-President

Dannie Sue Jones, Sec-Trea.

Delegates to the 1958 State Convention to be held with Howards Grove are: Dorman Deal, David Rabon, Mary E. Cook, Glenda Seay, Sue Jordan, June Austin, Peggy Seay, Stanley Outlaw, and Morris Womack.

The Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills were directed by Gladys Adams. The Junior Winner, Rone Lawler, was awarded a Bible. The Intermediate winner, Eugene Lawler, was awarded \$5.00.

The Home Committee named Corinth as the Convention home for 1959.

A motion was made and carried to accept the sentiment of the three new Churches and award the banner to the Churches that had been old members of the Convention.

The reports determined Grangerburg as the winner of the banner.

The program was then given which included special singing by First Church, Grangerburg and Howards Grove.

A standing vote of thanks was extended to Howards Grove after which we were dismissed and refreshments were served.

Pres., David Rabon

Sec.-Trea., Dannie Sue Jones

TREASURER'S REPORT 1957-58

Balance Brought Forward		\$ 50.96
1958 Convention Dues		50.00
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Total		\$100.96
	Disbursements	
Junior Sword Drill Gift	\$ 3.75	
Intermediate Sword Drill Winner	5.00	
Postage	.30	
1958 State Convention Dues	15.00	
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Total Disbursed	\$24.05	
Balance in Treasury		\$76.91

Minutes of the State Line Sunday School Convention

AUGUST 31, 1958

The State Line Sunday School Convention met August 31, 1958, with Corinth Church.

The Convention opened with group singing led by Bro. Gordon Odom.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Stanley Outlaw.

The welcome was given by Rev. Dan Windham and the response by Larry Austin of Grangerburg.

The morning devotional was given by Mrs. Cecil Dykes of the First Church, Dothan, her Scripture being 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

The delegates were seated and ministers were recognized. They were: Rev. Ralph Bell, Rev. Dan Windham, and Rev. Stanley Outlaw.

The congregation sang another song.

The constitution was read by the secretary.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Howards Grove delegates arriving a little late were seated with the other delegates.

The following committees were appointed:

Banner—David Rabon, Larry Austin, Glenda Seay

Home—Lennie Sewell, Earl Croket, and Gerutha Crowley

Resolutions—Byrd Smothers, Mrs. Cecil Dykes, Patsy Fowler

Finance—Mrs. Duke, Morris Womack, Synth Jackson

A motion for a nominating committee to be appointed. The following were appointed: Dewey Jones, Byron Mallory, Rev. Dan Windham.

Prayer was offered by the president followed by a special song by Patricia Odom.

The Sunday School lesson was to have been given by Pleasant Home Church, but in their absence, the president asked Rev. Ralph Bell to teach the lesson. He taught a very inspiring lesson, after which we were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Dan Windham.

After a very enjoyable noon hour Bro. Odom led the congregation in song service.

The afternoon devotion was given by Bro. Sims of Union Springs Church. He read from Psalms 1:1-6 dwelling on the third verse.

Dannie S. Jones of Howards Grove Church gave a talk on "Every One shall give an Account of Himself to God." She read Matthew 25:31-34. Completing her talk she sang "Each step I take."

A freewill offering was taken.

Magnolia sang a special after which Corinth presented a very inspiring program.

Dorman and Betey Deal sang a special after which the Convention sang another song.

Late delegates from Springhill were seated.

Appointment of a program committee followed with Gordon Odom, Dan Windham, Shelley Fowler being appointed.

Report of Committees:

Banner—Cowarts Creek

Home—Magnolia

Finance—\$5.11 brought forward, dues \$58.00, freewill offering \$13.58—
Total \$77.19.

Resolution—1st—Start on time; 2nd—When the program committee assigns an important part on program, that they also select an alternate.

Nominating Committee—The following were nominated and elected to serve as:

President, Dorman Deal

Vice-President, Wayne Love

Secretary-Treasurer, Maude Fowler

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Louis Mallory

Method of awarding the banner was discussed after which a committee was appointed to work out a plan whereby the banner may be awarded. This committee was: David Rabon, Larry Austin, and Stanley Outlaw. A motion to table the report until next convention was made.

Old business was taken from the table.

Determining the number of delegates each Sunday school may have concerned the Convention.

After a discussion a Motion was made and carried that each Church have three delegates plus their Supt. and Pastor.

A motion was made and carried that the offering of the last rally be put in the Sunday School Treasury.

A motion was made and carried that any money be retained in treasury except \$25.00 to be sent to the Children's Home.

The Convention gave a rising vote of thanks to Corinth Church for the hospitality shown.

Two ministers arriving late, Bro. Horace Herndon and Bro. Houston, were recognized.

The convention was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Horace Herndon.

Dorman Deal, President

Maude Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount Brought Forward	\$ 24.10
Rally Offering	10.60
Convention Dues	62.00
Offering at Convention	13.58
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Total	\$110.28

	Disbursements	
State Convention Dues	\$18.50	
Association (Minutes)	5.00	
Children's Home	25.00	
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Total Disbursements		48.50
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Amount in Bank		\$ 61.78

Statistics of the Association

The State Line Association was organized at Howard's Grove Church, November 20, 1886.

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Mem.
1886—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard's 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. Stevens,	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's 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's 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's 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	2392

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's 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, Howard's Grove	2788
1945—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Union Springs	2717
1946—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Cedar 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
1951—G. H. Jordan, Mary E. Cook, Home and Pittman Creek	2761
1952—G. H. Jordan, Mary E. Cook, Howard's Grove and Cowart's Creek	2747
1953—G. H. Jordan, Mary E. Cook, Spring Hill and Union Springs	2663
1954—G. H. Jordan, Mary E. Cook, Corinth and Magnolia	2577
1955—G. H. Jordan, Mary E. Cook, Pleasant Ridge and Grangerburg	2527
1956—G. H. Jordan, Mary E. Cook, New Harmony and Springfield	2476
1957—G. H. Jordan, Mary E. Cook, Shiloh and New Hope	2402
1958—G. H. Jordan, Wayne Love, First Church, Dothan and Pleasant Home	2415