

*MINUTES*  
of the  
*State Line Association*  
of  
*Free Will Baptists*  
*1959-60*

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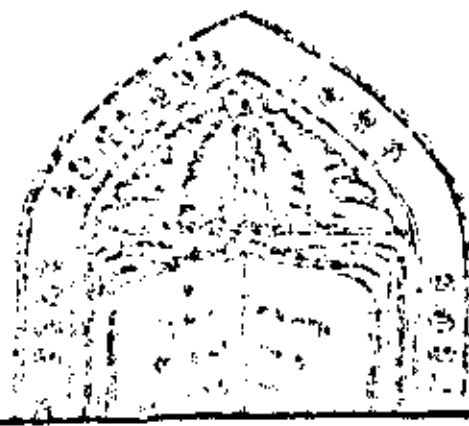
THEME FOR 1960-61: A YEAR OF PROGRESS

First Quarter: A Year of Progress through the Sunday School

Second Quarter: A Year of Progress through The League

Third Quarter: A Year of Progress through Education

Annual: A Year of Progress through Superannuation



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Quarterly Session: Slocomb, January 7, 1961

Speaker—Rev. Burkett Bolin  
Alternate—Rev. Rufus Hyman  
Morning Devotion—Dorman Deal  
Afternoon devotion—Shelley Fowler

Second Quarterly Session: Magnolia, April 8, 1961

Speaker—Rev. L. R. Curtis  
Alternate—Rev. Horace Herndon  
Morning devotion—Norman Smothers  
Afternoon devotion—David Rabon

Third Quarterly Session: New Hope, July 8, 1961

Speaker—Rev. John Edwards  
Alternate—Rev. Bobby G. Register  
Morning Devotion—Buddie Bell  
Afternoon Devotion—Dannie Sue Jones

Annual Session:

First Day: Union Hill, October 5, 1961  
Speaker—Rev. K. V. Shutes  
Morning Devotion—Mrs. Bessie Hall  
Afternoon Devotion—Dewey Jones  
Second Day: Cowarts Creek, October 6, 1961  
Speaker—Rev. K. V. Shutes  
Morning Devotion—Glenda Fowler  
Afternoon Devotion—Fletcher Bolin

League Rally: Friday night before second Sunday in each month

League Convention: Friday night, May 12, 1961, Union Springs

League Workshop: Saturday, May 13, 1961, Union Springs

Sunday School Rally: Sunday afternoon, January 29, 1961  
Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1961

Sunday School Convention: Sunday, July 30, 1961, Springhill

## OFFICERS

Rev. Ralph Bell, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama .....Moderator  
Rev. John Edwards, 1217 Bruce Street, Dothan, Alabama .....Vice-Moderator  
Wayne Love, Route 1, Cottonwood, Alabama .....Clerk  
David Rabon, Box 276, Ashford, Alabama .....Treasurer

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ralph Bell, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama .....Chairman  
Rev. John Edwards, 1217 Bruce Street, Dothan, Alabama.....Vice-Chairman  
Fletcher Bolin, Route 1, Slocomb, Alabama .....Term expires 1965  
Shelley Fowler, Route 3, Box 98, Dothan, Alabama .....Term expires 1964  
Sinthy Jackson, Route 1, Midlane City, Alabama .....Term expires 1963  
David Rabon, Box 276, Ashford, Alabama .....Term expires 1962  
Dewey Jones, Route 1, Cottonwood, Alabama .....Term expires 1961

## HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Trim Finch, Slocomb, Alabama .....Term expires 1965  
Rev. John Edwards, 1217 Bruce Street, Dothan, Ala. (Chm) Term expires 1964  
Rev. Horace Herndon, Route 5, Dothan, Alabama .....Term expires 1963  
Rev. Randall Miller, Route 1, Midland City, Alabama .....Term expires 1962  
Rev. Madison Taylor, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama .....Term expires 1961

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Bobby Register, Graceville, Florida .....Term expires 1963  
Rev. Madison Taylor, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama (Chm).....Term expires 1962  
Rev. John Edwards, 1217 Bruce Street, Dothan, Alabama....Term expires 1961

## STATE LINE PRESBYTERY

Rev. Ralph Bell, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama .....Cowarts Creek  
Rev. L. R. Curtis, Ashford, Alabama .....Howard Grove  
Rev. Wallace Dorriety, Route 3, Hartford, Alabama .....  
Rev. John Edwards, 1217 Bruce Street, Dothan, Alabama First Church, Dothan  
Rev. Trim Finch, Box 423, Slocomb, Alabama .....Slocomb  
Rev. Hubert Henderson, Route 2, Columbia, Alabama .....Shiloh  
Rev. Horace Herndon, Route 5, Dothan, Alabama .....Springfield  
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocomb, Alabama .....Slocomb  
Rev. R. P. Jones, Route 1, Slocomb, Alabama .....  
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland, Route 1, Midland City, Alabama .....New Hope  
Rev. L. C. Mixon, Route 1, Caryville, Florida .....Pleasant Home  
Rev. Randall Miller, Route 1, Midland City, Alabama .....New Hope  
Rev. Stanley Outlaw, 419 Park Circle, Nashville, Tenn. ....Corinth  
Rev. J. A. Pettis, Fort Walton, Florida .....  
Rev. Bobby G. Register, Graceville, Florida .....  
Rev. George Stephens, 1205 W. Woodland Drive, Dothan, Ala.  
First Church, Dothan  
Rev. Madison Taylor, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama .....Springhill

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Walter Houston, Route 2, Ashford, Alabama .....Shiloh  
Rev. O'Neal Kirkland, Midland City, Alabama .....Pleasant Home  
Rev. J. A. Moon, Rt. 3, Hartford, Alabama .....  
Rev. Zebbie Clark, Rt. 1, Caryville, Fla. ....

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

October 27, 1959—First Church, Dothan

The Moderator opened the board meeting with Titus 2. Dorman Deal led the opening prayer.

The Moderator spoke on the responsibility of board members and the seriousness and Christ-likeness with which they should execute the business of the Association.

The board entered into the business period and chose the following themes for the year:

1st Quarter—The Year of Advance . . . through Home Missions

2nd Quarter—The Year of Advance . . . through Foreign Missions

3rd Quarter—The Year of Advance . . . through the Woman's Auxiliary

4th Quarter—The Year of Advance . . . through MISSIONS

The Board then considered the business referred to it by the Association. A MSC\* that the board recommend to the Association that the associational year end August 31 for the benefit of pastors who wish to move before the school year begins and to allow more time for reports to be prepared between the end of the quarter and the associational meeting. With this change the associational quarters would be: September through November; December through February; March through May; June through August, the associational year being from September 1 through August 31.

A MSC to recommend the following amendment to the Constitution: "The standing delegates shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons belonging to the State Line Association. In addition each church shall be . . . (see Article 11 of the constitution)

By mutual consent the board agreed to cut the number of minutes printed from 500 to 400.

MSC that the clerk be authorized to purchase a filing cabinet for the Association.

The board then made an extensive study of the association and established several goals for the advance of the association.

MSC to hold regular quarterly board meetings.

MSC that the moderator be instructed to include in his opening address, remarks informing the body procedure for introducing business.

MSC that the nominations committee be instructed to select only the home for the sessions; that the responsibility of selecting speakers be discontinued and delegated to the board.

MSC to have a meeting of associational clerk and church clerks to discuss annual letter.

MSC to see that emphasis is placed on at least one denominational enterprise each year and that national figures be selected to speak, conforming with the department on which the emphasis is placed.

MSC to submit to the Home Missions Board list of recommended goals. The Home Mission Board is to be instructed to study this list article by article and to plan for the execution of such goals as it shall deem of validity. The Home Mission Board is to report to the Executive Board of its plans.

Adjournment

Benediction

Ralph Bell, Chm.

Wayne Love, Sec.

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\* MSC—Motion seconded and carried

April 26, 1960—First Church, Dothan

The executive Board met to consider raising funds to finance the printing of many of the old minutes that the association did not own. It was pointed out J W D Stephens, a former clerk, had given the association several old minutes and was willing to let the association have others, of which he had only one copy, so that it could have its own copy made. By mutual consent the board agreed to ask for \$10.00 from each church for this project.

Adjournment,

Benediction

Ralph Bell, Chm.

Wayne Love, Sec.

August 16, 1960—First Church, Dothan

The Moderator called the meeting to order and brought the devotion.

The Executive Board meeting with the pastors, clerks and treasurers of associational churches entered into the business session.

The new annual letters were discussed.

MSC to pay for the reproduction of old minute books from the general fund.

The moderator announced the resignation of the treasurer, Junior Ward. MSC to appoint a treasurer to complete the unexpired term of the treasurer. David Rabon was appointed by the board to complete the unexpired term of the treasurer.

The moderator invited comments and suggestions regarding any associational project or activity.

A. C. Womack pronounced the benediction.

Ralph Bell, Chm.

Wayne Love, Sec.

September 19, 1960—Magnolia Church

The moderator called the executive board into session to transact any business which might come before the meeting. The moderator read from I Timothy 3 and spoke on the prerequisites of a good officer. Dewey Jones led the opening prayer.

The moderator stated that the meeting had been called so that Rev. George Stephens might present proposed changes to the constitution and decorum to the executive Board for study and consideration. Rev. Stephens distributed copies and explained the merits of the proposed changes.

MSC that the board take the proposed amendments under consideration and make a report at a later date.

MSC for the board to send special letters to the former clerks of the association, inviting them to this seventy-fifth annual session.

MSC for the board to hold a special meeting at Howard Grove at 9:00 on Thursday, October 5.

Dismissed by prayer.

Ralph Bell, Chm.

Wayne Love, Sec.

September 27, 1960—Corinth Church

Rev. John Edwards, vice-chairman of the board, read I Thessalonians 1 after which Shelley Fowler lead the opening prayer.

The moderator referred the board to the unfinished business, that of considering proposed changes to the constitution. The board informally discussed the proposed change. After much consideration the board MSC to recommend to the association that the proposed decorum changes be rejected. MSC to recommend to the association that the proposed constitution changes



be rejected. MSC to recommend to the association that a committee be appointed by the chair to study the constitution, decorum and church decorum taking under consideration Rev. George Stephens' proposal, the outdated rules and regulations now a part of the constitution and decorum, and to consider rules and regulations which will more closely correlate the work of the State Line Association with the National Association. We recommend that this committee be composed of five members; that they make a report in writing at the third quarterly session so that the association may have ample time to study the proposed constitution, decorum and church decorum changes, and that this be considered for adoption at the seventy-sixth annual session.

MSC to pay Dr. Homer Willis for the National Home Mission Board not less than \$75.00 for his work in the annual session.

Adjournment

Benediction

Ralph Bell, Chm.

Wayne Love, Sec.

October 5, 1960—Howard Grove

The Executive board made the following report regarding a minister's and deacon's conference.

"We attended the Minister's and Deacon's Conference of the Salem Association. We enjoyed the meeting and fellowship very much. We found this meeting to be carried out much like our quarterly sessions.

We recommend that we, the State Line Association, have a minister's and deacon's Conference, whereby the ministers and deacons may get together and exchange ideas. We feel that each church would benefit from such a meeting.

## HOME MISSION BOARD MEETINGS

January, 1960

The Home Mission Board met and made the following plans:

MSC to recommend that each church of the State Line Association send 12.00 to the State Association designating it for the Montgomery project.

MSC to recommend that each church send an offering to each quarterly session and the annual session for the Home Mission Board.

We recommend that each church pray that a field worker to go to Ozark, Alabama for the purpose of starting a mission there may be found.

Rev. John Edwards, Chm.

Rev. Madison Taylor, Sec.

February 25, 1960

The Home Mission Board was called to order by Rev. John Edwards, who read for the devotion I Corinthians 1:18-21. He pointed out the purpose of the board.

MSC for the associational treasurer to be custodian of all home mission board monies, both designated and appropriated; the same to be maintained in a home mission board account, and to be spent at the direction of the board.

MSC that the home mission board strive to have a radio program asking the churches of the association to send in money for the support of this program.

MSC for the Home Mission Board to meet at least once each quarter.

MSC that the Home Mission Board hold an intinerate in the association.  
Supplement:

MSC for the radio program to begin April 10, 1960 at 5:30 at Radio Sta-

tion WOOF; The name of the program to be Free Will Baptist Revival Hour.

Rev. John Edwards, Chm.

Rev. Madison Taylor, sec.

May 16, 1960—First Church, Dothan

The meeting was called to order by the chairman. Opening prayer was led by Madison Taylor.

A program was planned for the board at Cowarts Creek Church.

Plans were made for Rev. Horace Herndon to be in charge of the radio program the following Sunday.

Rev. John Edwards, Chm.

Rev. Madison Taylor, Sec.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 6, 1960—Howard Grove

The Ordaining Council met at Howard Grove Church to ordain Harold Womack as a Deacon. Rev. L. R. Curtis was appointed to fill Rev. John Edwards place and Rev. George Nobles was appointed to fill Rev. Horace Herndon's place.

Rev. Madison Taylor, Chm.

The Ordaining report referred body to constitution which gave the Council authority to set up by-laws and regulations. The Council read its adopted by-laws and stated that it had ordained Charles Mathis as a deacon at the First Church of Dothan.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION HELD WITH COWARTS CREEK CHURCH, JANUARY 8, 1960

The first quarterly session opened with Dorman Deal leading the congregational singing with Norman Smothers at the piano. The Rev. John Edwards led the invocation. The morning devotional was brought by Reverend Stanley Outlaw. He spoke on Revelation 22:14. He emphasized that missions at home were just as essential as those on foreign fields.

The moderator officially opened the session. In the moderator's opening address, he commended both individuals and churches for their cooperative response to the efforts of the Association to advance. He pointed out the many increases in enrollment and memberships in the various auxiliaries of the Association. He encouraged the Home Mission Board to make efforts to organize new churches. He then appointed the Executive Board as the credentials committee.

The welcome was given by Shelley Fowler of Cowarts Creek. Billy D. Ammons of New Hope gave the response.

Gordon Odom led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessings" after which Charles Mathis led in prayer.

The credentials committee reported and the report was accepted and delegates seated.

Sue Jordan, Billy Ammons, and Neel Rose Parramore were appointed to serve as finance committee. Eunice Jones was appointed as chairman of the digest committee for the remainder of the year and given authority to select helpers.

Congregational singing for the worship hour was led by Dorman Deal. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" honoring the senior members of the Association. Reverend George Stephens led the opening prayer for the worship hour. The moderator then presented the speaker, Reverend L. R. Curtis,

pastor of Howard Grove. He used as his text Mark 5:19. His message reflected the necessity of cooperation and unity to make a home mission program effective.

The benediction for the lunch hour was pronounced by Junior Ward.

Congregational singing for the afternoon session was led by Dorman Deal. The afternoon devotional was brought by Reverend George Stephens, pastor of Magnolia Church. He read Acts 1:7, 8 and Matt. 28:19,20. He said we must be world-minded and at the same time recognize the importance of home missions.

Reverend John Edwards, chairman of the Home Mission Board, spoke on "The Necessity of Home Missions". He encouraged strong missions programs. Foreign missions, he said, evolve out of home missions. We, as a denomination, he indicated, are obligated to be missionaries in one way or another.

The first item of business in the business session was the report of the Executive Board. The business referred to the Board by the Association was considered first. MSC to adopt the Board's recommendation of changing the associational year from October 1 through September 30 to September 1 through August 31. The Board recommended the following amendment to the Association: Article 11 "The standing delegates shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons belonging to the State Line Association. In addition each church shall be . . . MSC to amend the constitution by inserting in Article 11 the following: "The standing delegates shall consist of all Officers, Executive Board Members, ordained ministers and deacons. In addition each church shall be . . . (see Article II of the constitution).

The Home Mission Board made its report and MSC that the report be adopted. (See reports of boards). The Ordaining Council made its report and MSC that the report be adopted (See reports of Boards).

The finance committee reports ten churches contributing \$48.00. MSC to adopt report. Digest committee reported and MSC to adopt report.

The treasurer's report was given and MSC to accept the report. MSC to take a special offering for the Home Mission Fund. An offering of \$16.12 was received.

The annual church letter form was discussed and a MSC to adopt the form recommended by associational clerk and church clerks.

A rising vote of thanks was given Cowarts Creek Church for the wonderful hospitality shown.

Adjournment.

Benediction was pronounced by Shelley Fowler.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION HELD WITH NEW HOPE CHURCH, APRIL 9, 1960

The program opened with the congregation singing "Bring them In" led by Dorman Deal. The invocation was offered by Reverend Horace Herndon.

Dorman Deal, in bringing the morning devotion, read Romans 10:14 and John 14:6 and emphasized that we should "awake unto righteousness" and put Christ first and foremost.

The session was officially opened and the moderator, in his opening remarks, reviewed the work of the Association. His report reflected certain gestures of progress made by the Association.

The Executive Board was appointed to serve as credentials committee.

A cordial welcome was given by New Hope Church. Reverend Madison Taylor gave the response. Eight ministers were recognized.



The congregation sang "Where he Leads".

The credentials committee reported the letters in order, and MSC to adopt the report of the committee. MSC to seat the delegates.

The following were appointed to serve as finance committee: T. A. Payne, L. R. Curtis, and Mrs. Mary Franklin.

The morning worship opened with inspirational singing. Reverend Clyde Owens led the invocation for the worship hour. Reverend John Edwards was presented by the moderator. He read from St. Matthew 28:16-20. He related the command "Go Ye" and brought a very challenging message on foreign missions.

The benediction for the lunch hour was pronounced by Reverend Stanley Outlaw.

Inspirational singing opened the afternoon session. M. F. Jones led the opening prayer.

Reverend Clyde Owens brought the afternoon devotion. Acts I was the scriptural source of his informative devotion. He pointed out that one must bear a cross and be mission minded in order to wear a crown.

Reverend George Stephens spoke on the subject "The King's Marching Orders". His instructional thoughts reflected that the Christ is alive—was vindicated from the grave—is to be shared with the millions and is to be taught to the world.

In the business session, the Executive Board reported that it had not met during the quarter.

The Home Mission Board reported and MSC to adopt report.

The Ordaining Council reported and MSC to adopt report.

The finance committee suggested a mission offering, after which it reported. MSC to adopt report.

Digest committee reported and MSC to adopt the report.

Treasurer's report was given and a MSC to adopt the report.

MSC to elect associational clerk as historian of the Association.

A Minister's and Deacon's Conference was discussed and the need for one in the State Line Association was stressed. MSC for the Executive Board, and ministers who wish, to attend Minister's and Deacon's Conference of the Salem Association with the Board reporting at the next quarterly session.

Report of the Children's Home was given by Dorman Deal, a trustee of the Home.

A rising vote of thanks was given the host church.

Adjournment.

Benediction.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION HELD WITH THE FIRST CHURCH, DOTHAN, JULY 9, 1960

Inspirational singing opened the third quarterly session of the associational year 1959-60. Lewis Mallory led the singing with Norman Smothers at the piano. Reverend Horace Herndon offered the invocation.

A cordial welcome was given by Reverend John Edwards, pastor of the host church. Norman Smothers gave the response.

The moderator officially opened the session. Orientation of new procedures of the Association followed. Byron Mallory, David Rabon, and Sheeley Fowler were appointed to serve as credentials committee.

The congregation sang "Where he leads".

Reverend Coy Watson, pastor of Shiloh Church, brought the morning devotion. He read from St. John 10:14. His devotion reflected that Jesus, as a good shepherd, endeavored to bring all the sheep together in one fold as good sheep. He pointed out the security available in the Lord.

In the progress report, it was noted that another church, Springfield, had changed from half to full time.

The credentials committee reported the letters in order. The committee, however, reported that out of the fifteen churches, reports were not received from five, whom, it suggested, that the Home Mission Board contact. MSC to adopt the report of the committee. MSC to seat the delegates.

Cecil Parramore, Mrs. Walter Houston, and Mrs. A. W. Sims were appointed to serve as a finance committee.

Inspirational singing preceded the morning message, which was brought by Reverend Horace Herndon. Reverend Herndon spoke from Genesis 4:9 and 10 using as his theme "Am I My Brother's Keeper". Reading also from II Cor. 3:15 and 16, he pointed out that we must first be a consecrated Christian before we can qualify as our brother's keeper. His message indicated that we, in many instances, as an association, have failed as our brother's keeper.

The benediction for the lunch hour was pronounced by Rev. George Stephens.

Inspirational singing was led by Junior Ward. Reverend Rufus Hyman, of the Union Hill Association, led the opening prayer.

Reverend Madison Taylor brought the afternoon devotion. In reading from John 17:, he spoke about the Woman's Auxiliary as a helper—a helper from which the church can greatly benefit.

Mrs. Mary Edna Cook spoke on the Woman's Auxiliary. After reading from John 4:39, Acts 16:14, she referred her audience to the role women have played in promoting the work of the Lord. The purpose of the auxiliary, she pointed out, is two-fold—to promote a missionary spirit in the church and to help people to give systematically.

Mrs. Peggy West spoke on "What a Woman's Auxiliary can mean to a Church". The Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. West stated, strives to labor together to promote Christ's kingdom, and will make sacrifices to advance the Lord Jesus. She urged the support of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The association entered its business session. The finance committee reported a total of \$47.00 received and MSC to adopt report.

Minutes of the last Executive Board meeting were read and MSC that the minutes be adopted and the work of the Board approved.

The Home Mission Board reported. MSC to adopt the report and for an offering to be taken for the benefit of the radio program. The finance committee reported an offering of \$24.41.

The treasurer's report was given and MSC to adopt report.  
Adjournment.

Benediction was pronounced by Reverend Stanley Outlaw.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION HELD WITH HOWARD GROVE AND CORINTH CHURCHES, OCTOBER 6 AND 7, 1960

The congregation singing, "Revive us again" opened this historical session. The invocation was offered by Reverend Freeman Edwards. The welcome was given by Edna Killingsworth of Howard Grove. The response was given by Reverend Bobby G. Register, pastor of Springhill church.

The moderator officially opened the session. He read Psalms 17:15 and commended the Association for its splendid work of progress during the past year.

The moderator appointed the Executive Board as the credentials committee.

The moderator issued a call for petitionary letters with the following churches responding: Antioch, Christian Home, Panther Creek, Slocomb and Union Hill. These churches came with the following petitionary statement:

"We the following churches: Union Hill, Panther Creek, Antioch, Christian Home, and Slocomb of the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Association have disbanded as an Association and we petition the State Line Association for membership. This done by order of Association in annual session, August 26, 27, 1960."

The moderator then appointed Reverend L. R. Curtis to assist the committee.

The devotion was given by Reverend Horace Herndon, pastor of Springfield Church. He read Psalms 133 and spoke on unity and the importance of working together.

After congregational singing, Reverend T. B. Mellette led in prayer. The moderator issued a call for correspondents from Sister Associations. Reverend T. B. Mellette was recognized from the Midway Association.

The following ministers were recognized: Dr. Homer Willis, T. B. Mellette, Roy Thomas, H. Harrison, Freeman Edwards, C. R. Houston, George Stephens, Madison Taylor, John Edwards, Bobby Register, Horace Herndon, Walter Eldridge, Clyde Owens, I. O. Cook, Bill George, Ralph Bell, Trim Finch, L. R. Curtis, and Rufus Hyman.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Auxiliary, Education, Finance, Suggestions, Temperance, Character of Ministers and State of Churches (see report of committees for personnel of committees).

Former clerks of the Association were recognized. Mary Edna Cook, clerk of the Association for seven years, was presented with a plaque for her services. C. B. Green, clerk of the Association for twenty-three years, was awarded a plaque for his services.

An offering was taken for the Children's Home.

Inspirational singing opened the worship hour.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Homer Willis, promotional secretary of the National Home Mission Board. He read St. Luke 10:33. Love, he said is not the most important thing in the world, but love in action is the most important. Compassion, he pointed out, is imperative for our fellow-man. His message presented a challenge to the Association.

The afternoon session began with congregational singing after which Reverend Houston led the invocation. Reverend Roy Thomas brought the devotion. Using a map, he illustrated the need for more Free Will Baptist Churches in the United States, particularly in the Northwestern United States.

He read Matt. 14-13. Our attitude, he pointed out, should be to follow Jesus and to be prolific in spreading the gospel.

Visitors from other denominations were recognized.

The credentials committee reported thirteen churches reported from the State Line Association with their letters in order and a petitionary letter from the Union Hill Association; the letter representing five of the six churches that were a member of that Association. This Association, it was pointed out had a mission established at Samson, Alabama, with an indebtedness of \$1500.00.

MSC to seat the delegates.

MSC to accept the churches of the Union Hill Association who came by petitionary letter and to accept the mission at Samson. Amended: MSC that the Trustees of the Mission be asked to waive their authority.

Minutes of the Executive Board were read MSC to adopt the report of the Board. The moderator announced that the constitution committee, authorized by the adoption of the Board's report, would be appointed at the second day of the session.

The Home Mission Board made an oral report. It reported that the response to the Home Mission project had been much greater during the last quarter than previously. MSC to accept the report.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given. MSC to accept report of the Council.

MSC to accept partial report of the digest committee.

MSC to give the right hand of Christian fellowship to the new Churches received.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—Reverend Ralph Bell

Assistant Moderator—Reverend John Edwards

Clerk—Wayne Love

Treasurer—David Rabon

Fletcher Bolin was elected to a five year term on the Executive Board.

Reverend Trim Finch was elected to a five year term on the Home Mission Board.

Reverend Bobby Register was elected to a three year term on the Ordaining Council.

Shelley Fowler reported for the Executive Board regarding a Minister's and Deacon's Conference. The Board recommended that the Association have a Minister's and Deacon's Conference.

MSC for the State Line Association to organize a Minister's Conference; an organizational date to be set.

MSC for the State Line Association to invite the Alabama State Association for the 1961 session.

A rising vote of thanks was given Howard Grove for the hospitality shown. Benediction was pronounced by Reverend Horace Herndon.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

Evening services were called to order by the association moderator. Congregational singing was led by Dorman Deal with Mrs. Lewis Mallory at the piano. Reverend L. R. Curtis led the opening prayer. An offering of \$12.29 was received for the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Willis spoke briefly on the work of the Mission Board and then presented Reverend Roy Thomas, newly commissioned missionary, who brought the evening message. He read from Numbers 32:1-15, and spoke on "Shall your brethren go to war and shall ye sit here".

Benediction was pronounced by Lewis Mallory.



## FRIDAY MORNING

Congregational singing opened the second day of the seventy-fifth session. Reverend Bill George led the invocation. The welcome was given by Reverend Will Hutto of Corinth. The response was given by Mrs. Joe Bottoms of Pleasant Home Church.

The morning devotion was brought by Reverend L. R. Curtis. He read from Matt. 28:16. He stated that in order to be progressive one must be mission minded. He emphasized the command given to the church and paid tribute to those who pioneered the way.

The moderator then appointed the following committees: Obituary, Nominations.

The moderator challenged the men of the Association to do more instead of delegating so much responsibility to the ladies of the church.

The chair then appointed the following committee to study the constitution, decorum, and church decorum: Reverend L. R. Curtis, chairman; C. E. Kirksey, Byron Mallory, Norman Smothers, Reverend Horace Herndon.

The moderator stressed the need for a field worker in the Association.

The committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches reported. MSC to accept report. (See Reports of Committees)

The Suggestions committee reported. MSC to accept report.

The Education committee reported. MSC to accept report.

The Temperance Committee reported. MSC to accept report.

The treasurer's report was given. MSC to adopt report.

Dorman Deal led the congregational singing for the worship hour. Dr. Homer Willis, in bringing the morning message, read Matt. 7:7. His message indicated that one must seek, must ask, if one expects to receive. After the message, Buddie Bell, a freshman at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, gave his testimony.

MSC for each minister in the Association who is pastoring a church to ask their churches to send a monthly offering for Home Missions. An offering was received for the Home Mission Board; designated for Reverend Roy Thomas.

Benediction was pronounced by Reverend Bobby Register.

Inspirational singing opened the afternoon session. A. C. Womack led the opening prayer. Buddie Bell brought the afternoon devotion. Christians, he said, should have a greater burden for the lost.

Received Pittman Creek's letter. MSC to adopt the letter.

Tribute was paid to J. W. D. Stephens, who was unable to attend because of sickness, for his forty-four years of service as clerk, moderator, and treasurer.

The Auxiliaries committee reported. MSC to adopt report.

Finance committee reported. MSC to accept report.

Nominating committee reported. MSC to accept report.

Obituary committee reported. A memorial service was conducted by Reverend Madison Taylor and A. C. Womack. Mrs. Mary Edna Cook and Mrs. L. R. Curtis accompanied by Norman Smothers rendered a selection in memory of the deceased.

MSC to accept report of Obituary committee.

Digest committee reported. MSC to accept report.

The following were named delegates to the State Association: Mrs. Shelley Fowler, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Nina Mae Jones, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Zelmodean



Mallory, Mrs. Betty Deal..

MSC that officers of the Association have authority to appoint delegates at the State Association.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed: Liberty—Ralph Bell, L. R. Curtis, Trim Finch, Rufus Hyman, John Edwards; Midway—Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Curtis, Ralph Bell, John Edwards, Rufus Hyman, and Trim Finch; Southeastern—Ralph Bell, Trim Finch, David Rabon, Wayne Love, and John Edwards.

MSC for the clerk to prepare a letter to send to the Sister Associations.

MSC that the Association invest in the Home Mission Board the authority to be trustees of the Association.

MSC that the name of the nominations committee be changed to Placement committee.

An offering of \$38.00 was taken for Mrs. George Nobles, the widow of the late Reverend G. W. Nobles.

MSC that the Home Mission Board assist Mrs. Nobles in any way possible.

Dorman Deal, trustee of the Children's Home, reported on the needs of the home.

A supplement to the finance committee's report was made.

Representatives of the Woman's Auxiliary spoke briefly concerning the support of the Children's Home by the Woman's Auxiliary.

MSC for clerk to be instructed to write ministers failing to make written reports and invite them to the first quarterly session.

Adjournment.

Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Willis.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Auxiliaries, upon examination of the churches reports note seven new auxiliaries and increases in most all the churches auxiliaries. Therefore, we are very happy to report the following total auxiliaries and memberships of the 19 churches reporting: 16 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 982; 10 Leagues with an enrollment of 449; 9 Woman's Auxiliaries with a membership of 157; 2 Master's Men with a membership of 41; 2 Young People's Auxiliaries with a membership of 22; 2 Go-Tell Auxiliaries with a membership of 26.

Mrs. Mary Edna Cook

P. D. Dykes

W. B. Outlaw

### 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 and the character of ministers good. We find that some of our churches are making much progress. We encourage these to continue to progress and others to enlarge their church activities until all phases of work is being done in each church.

Zelmodean Mallory

George Stephens

Melvin Simms

TABLE I

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

## AUXILIARY STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Date Organized	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Statement of Faith	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Sunday School Enrollment	F.W.B.L. Enrollment	Woman's Auxilliary Membership	Master's Men Membership	Young People's Aux. Membership	Go Tell Auxilliary Membership	Boy's Aux. Membership	Mid-Week Prayer Ser.	Number of Ordained Deacons	Time of Church Meeting
Antioch																			
Christian Home																			
Corinth	1922	9	1				2	71	44	61	33	20		16	10	No	5	1 and 3	
Cowarts Creek	1924		1		2		2	121		42	21	18				Yes	8	1 and 3	
First Church, Dothan	1867	6	8	2	1		2	169	140	192	90	51	30		16	Yes	6	Full Time	
Grangerburg					2			28		30	17					No		1 and 3	
Howard Grove	1879	14	2	1	1		3	267	185	130	69	12	11	12		Yes	5	Full Time	
Magnolia	1912			3			1	48	82	50		10				Yes	5	2 and 4	
New Harmony	1897			1	1	1	1	55	55							No	3	2 and 4	
New Hope	1860	5	1		1			30	5	51	46					No	4	2 and 4	
Panther Creek							84			42								2 and 4	
Pittman Creek					1			27	24	59						No	3	1	
Pleasant Home	1896	8	2	3	1		1	213		50	30					No	4	3	
Pleasant Ridge					1			108		12		9				No	3	1 and 3	
Samson (Mission)																			
Shiloh	1906	3			1		1	110	92	48	46					Yes	6	1 and 3	
Slocomb		4	1					17		35	30					Yes	2	Full Time	
Springfield	1897	6	6		5			69	54	55	39	14				Yes	2	Full Time	
Springhill		2		1	3		1	100	169	37						Yes	3	2 and 4	
Union Hill	1908	4	2					77	6	72	42	12				Yes	7	Half	
Union Springs	1891	7	1		5			144	30	43	24	13				No	2	1 and 3	
		68	25	11	25	1	14	1654	886	1009	487	159	41	28	26	9	68	12	4 Full Time Half Time 2 Quar Time

Churches	Pastors and Addresses	Clerks and Addresses	Sunday School Supts. and Addresses	F.W.B.L. Presidents and Addresses	Women's Aux. Presidents and Addresses	Master's Men Aux. Pres. and Addresses	Young People's Aux. Pres. and Addresses
Antioch	David Kirkland Midland City, Ala.	Louise Bell Rt. 4, Graceville, Fla.					
Christian Home		Mrs. Veeda Dorriety Hartford, Ala.		LaGerald Baxley Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Zelmodean Mallory Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.		LaGerald Baxley Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.
Corinth	Ralph Bell Ashford, Ala.	Zelmodean Mallory Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	B. T. Mallory Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	LaGerald Baxley Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.	Zelmodean Mallory Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.		LaGerald Baxley Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.
Cowarts Creek	George Stephens 1205 W. Woodland Dr., Dothan	Lewis Mallory Rt. 1, Ashford, Ala.	S. O. Fowler Rt. 3, Dothan, Ala.	Lewis Mallory Rt. 1, Ashford, Ala.	Mary Smith 1008 E. Collins, Dothan		
Grangerburg	Bobby Register Graceville, Fla.	Mrs. Royce Askew Gordon, Ala.	B. W. West Cottonwood, Ala.	Linda West Cottonwood, Ala.			
First Church, Dothan.	John Edwards 1217 Bruce St., Dothan, Ala.	Mrs. Donald Arnold 600 Windsor Ct., Dothan, Ala.	Dorman Deal 107 Guilford Dr., Dothan	Bobby Howell 707 Edgew'd. Dr., Dothan	Betty Deal 107 Guilford Dr., Dothan	Junior Ward 752 Cottonwood Rd., Dothan	
Howard Grove	L. R. Curtis Box 253, Ashford, Ala.	A. C. Womack Cottonwood, Ala.	Harold Womack 705 W. Adams St., Dothan	Gladys Hagler 708 Moss St., Dothan	Volice Curtis Ashford, Ala.	Millard Jones Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.	Bennie F. Jones Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.
Magnolia	George Stephens 1205 W. Woodland Dr. Dothan	Edna Dykes Pinckard, Ala. Box 72	Charlie Segers Rt. 2, Midland City, Ala.		Imogene Stephens 1205 W. Woodland Dr., Dothan		
New Harmony	I. O. Cook Altha, Florida	Mrs. James Calloway Box 211, Cottonwood, Ala.	George Puckett Rt. 3, Dothan, Ala.				
New Hope	Madison Taylor Rt. 4, Dothan, 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	Lee Mixon Rt. 1, Black, Ala.	Earl Sowell Rt. 1, Black, Ala.	Hubert Brown Rt. 1, Black, Ala.				
Panther Creek	W. W. Hall N. Appletree, Dothan	Bea Lewis Pt. 2, Slocomb, Ala.					
Pleasant Home	Lee Mixon Rt. 1, Black, Ala.	Loyd Bottoms 203 Liveoak St., Geneva, Ala.	Joe E. Bottoms Rt. 1, Black, Ala.	Loyd Bottoms 203 Liveoak St., Geneva			
Pleasant Ridge	W. C. Windham Marianna, Fla.	Sidney Tindell Rt. 1, Cottonwood, Ala.			Mrs. Lyndon West Rt. 2, Marianna, Fla.		
Samson (Mission)							
Shiloh	Coy Watson Blakley, Ga.	Willa Dean Henderson Rt. 2, Columbia, Ala.	Sterling Lanton Rt. 2, Columbia, Ala.	Shirley Maddox Rt. 2, Columbia, Ala.			
Slocomb	Trim Finch Slocomb, Ala.	Mrs. Rufesta Boutwell Slocomb, Ala.					
Springfield	Horace Herndon Rt. 5, Dothan, Ala.	Billy Rabon Box 102, Ashford, Ala.	Lendon Hamrick Rt. 2, Ashford, Ala.	David Rabon Ashford, Ala.	Virginia Lawler Rt. 2, Ashford, Ala.		
Springhill	Bobby G. Register Graceville, Fla.	Billie Earl Ethridge Rt. 1, Gordon, Ala.	Jim Jeffcoat Rt. 1, Gordon, Ala.				
Union Hill	W. T. Hutto Midland City, Ala.	Mrs. H. F. Farmer Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.	Mrs. Bessie Hall Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.		Mrs. Gene Miller Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.		
Union Springs	A. H. Retherford Rt. 3, Dothan, Ala.	Thurman Drinkwater Rt. 2, Ashford, Ala.	Maxwell Sims Rt. 2, Ashford, Ala.	Thurman Drinkwater Rt. 2, Ashford, Ala.	Lennie Pearl Sewell Rt. 2, Columbia, Ala.		

COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS	LOCAL EXPENDITURES										OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES							OFFERINGS				
	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature and Educ. Material	Advertising	Programs	Maintenance and Upkeep	Miscellaneous	Total Local Expenditures	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	Assoc. Projects	State and Nat'l. Projects	Total Outside Expenditures	General Offering Received	Building Fund Offering Rec'd.	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property
Churches																						
Antioch .....	75.77											37.00									2500.00	
Christian Home .....																						
Corinth .....	489.93	75.00	12.25			5.00		123.00	705.18					46.00		37.00		83.00	746.78	39.76	9550.00	
Cowarts Creek .....	1172.69	111.70		386.09		5.00	39.05	87.40	1801.93		11.05	25.00	20.00	92.70		38.00		209.75	1471.84	893.95	4125.00	
First C., Dothan .....	3290.00	295.00	2437.20	432.90	16.55	61.06	1343.63	591.46	8477.80	718.24	338.39	146.43	226.08	169.53		87.98		1686.65	9043.28	1000.00	50000.00	10000.00
Grangerburg .....	105.74	68.00							573.75		6.80							6.80		400.00	7000.00	
Howard Grove .....	3047.74	255.00	27.14	349.84	9.36	55.08	200.76	90.65	3844.58		70.00	127.81	150.00	100.00		10.00	35.75	493.56	4845.41	439.84	20000.00	
Magnolia .....	800.00	110.00	425.70	124.58			71.08	137.09	1668.45		10.00	20.00						113.12	907.70	211.57	6600.00	
New Harmony .....	556.14	100.00	16.24				35.26	10.50	718.14					10.00		20.00		30.00	678.70		6000.00	
New Hope .....	275.09	53.50		133.90				65.52	528.01			42.05						42.05	634.57	182.84	8500.00	
Panther Creek .....	235.21	50.45						45.41	331.07												1000.00	
Pittman Creek .....	236.66	15.00	74.00	20.00				2.00	345.66										80.00			
Pleasant Home .....	360.00	10.00	92.00	96.00			146.78	91.00	795.78										911.08		3000.00	
Pleasant Ridge .....	322.64	123.00	51.93	21.81			72.75	15.00	607.13		10.00								681.68	154.05	4000.00	
Samson (Mission) .....																						
Shiloh .....	444.10		22.69		10.00				466.69		30.54	11.43				10.00		61.97	977.01		15000.00	
Slocomb .....	485.00	40.00		40.00	12.00			328.64	905.64			10.00		25.00		25.00		60.00	526.79		4200.00	
Springfield .....	710.00	160.00	1106.99	147.22	13.02		19.74		2226.15					90.51		35.00		125.51	1853.05	738.78	5000.00	
Springhill .....	660.00	103.32	457.50	38.04			31.95	5.85	1296.66			30.00	10.00	10.00	5.00			55.00	1468.04		6400.00	
Union Hill .....	735.01	94.00	24.75	122.48			97.50	81.06	1154.80		121.10	70.57		30.34	10.00					1360.00	25000.00	
Union Springs .....	875.00	130.00						715.00	1811.00			19.00		55.00		15.00	12.00	91.00	648.36	946.06	7500.00	
Assoc. Totals .....	14876.72	1793.97	4748.39	1912.86	60.93	126.14	2058.50	2389.59	28258.42	718.24	597.88	539.29	406.08	629.08	15.00	240.98	84.75	3058.41	25474.29	6366.85	185375.00	10000.00



Table IV MINISTERIAL REPORT

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MINISTERS	Sermons Preached	Prayer Meetings Held	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Solemnized	Special Services Held	Revivals Conducted	Conversions Witnessed	Received into Churches	Baptized	Homes Visited	Miles Traveled	Condition of Work	Received for Services	Revivals Assisted In	Church(es) in Charge for En-uing Year
Ralph Bell	113	48	6		5	1		1		75	1500	Fair	1200.00	4	Corinth, Goodwater
P. A. Brackin	Did Not Report														
Charles Craddock	Did Not Report														
L. R. Curtis	128	42	4	0	5	4	45	17	15	2921	12492	Good	3047.76	1	Howard Grove
Wyatt Edmonson	Did Not Report														
John Edwards	137	44	5	4	4	4	37	16	6	125	20000	Good	3887.00	3	First C., Dothan
W. W. Hall	Did Not Report														
Hubert Henderson	20	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2		700	Fair	75.77	1	Sardis
Horace Herndon	109		6	2	4	2	16	15	13			Fair	1520.00	2	Springfield
Davey Lee Kirkland	Ordained after reports were received														
L. C. Mixon	36	30	27	5	10	2	8	13	8	100	4000	Good	774.22		Pleas. Home, Pittman Ck.
Randall Miller	Ordained after reports were received														
Stanley Outlaw	125	30	2	1	8	3	20	16	13	250	3000	Fair	1075.00	2	Attending Bible Col.
A. H. Retherford	Did Not Report														
George D. Stephens	86	17	2	0	0	1	3	3	0		8750	Good	1424.15	1	Magnolia, Cowarts Crk.
Madison Taylor	60		2	3	5	0	2	0	0			Good		1	New Hope, Damascus
The following ministers were received from the Union Hill Association.															
Wallace Dorriety															
Trim Finch	210	50	5			5			4				775.00		Slocomb
Rufus Hyman	50												200.00		
R. P. Jones	(Retired)														
J. A. Pettis	(Retired)														
Bobby G. Register									5						Grangerburg, Springhill

### DIGEST COMMITTEE

First Quarterly session—47 delegates; 7 ministers; 25 visitors; Total registering 79.

Second quarterly session—42 delegates; 8 ministers; 42 visitors; 9 deacons; Total registering 101.

Third quarterly session—44 delegates; 12 ministers; 23 visitors; 6 deacons; Total registering 85.

Annual—First day—65 delegates; 20 ministers; 67 visitors; 7 deacons; Total registering—First day—159.

Second day—47 delegates; 14 ministers; 51 visitors; 14 deacons; Total registering—second day—126

Total both days (excluding duplicates) 77 delegates; 22 ministers; 79 visitors; 14 deacons; Total registering 192.

Eunice Jones, Chm.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We, your committee on education make the following report.

We, as Free Will Baptist, need to prepare ourselves and children with a better education of the Bible as well as a general education. It is a responsibility of us as parents to see that our children have the proper Christian education. We also feel that it is our responsibility to help support our missionaries in their education.

Mrs. James Calloway

Ralph Monday

Thurman Drinkwater

### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Home for the First Quarterly Session—Slocumb

Home for the Second Quarterly Session—Magnolia

Home for the Third Quarterly Session—New Hope

Home for the Annual Session—First Day—Union Hill

Second Day—Cowarts Creek

Thelma Snell

Shelley Fowler

Billy D. Ammons

### SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on suggestions, make this report:

We know that there has been much improvement in the churches in our association and we suggest that we continue to move forward by having more activity in our churches.

We suggest that all churches who can have a youth revival and a vacation Bible School to give our young people more training in the activities of our churches.

Mrs. Sterling Lanton

Mr. C. E. Kirksey

Mrs. Horace Herndon

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

We should be temperate in all things. We urge all Christians to work to discourage the use and sale of strong drink and not to visit the places where it is sold. We know of no other way for total temperance except to abstain from it and we should also be temperate in our dress and teach our children the same.

Arthur Trawick

Nina Mae Jones

Lucille Parramore



## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

As we study the letters from the various churches in our Association, our hearts are made sad because of 15 lay members and 1 minister of our beloved and brethren and sisters who have gone on never to be seen here any more. But we rejoice to think of them in the great beyond as flowers gathered for the master's bouquet.

Corinth: Mrs. Litha Howell, Mr. Leamon Bright.  
 Cowarts Creek: Miss Eunice Wright, Mr. T. P. Cole.  
 First Church, Dothan: Mr. Clifton Grady Scott, S. W. Jordan.  
 Howard Grove: Reverend G. W. Nobles, Mrs. Nancy McCord, Mrs. Alberta Mills.  
 Magnolia: Mrs. Nina Joe Aughtman.  
 New Harmony: Mrs. Willa Dean Bell.  
 Pleasant Home: Mr. Will Owens.  
 Pleasant Ridge: Mr. John Rhodes.  
 Shiloh: Ada Mae Newman.  
 Union Springs: Cora Knight.  
 Spring Hill: Mr. Tene McNeal.  
 Union Hill: Mrs. Jane Schrader.

Respectfully submitted,  
 A. C. Womack  
 Madison Taylor  
 Mrs. Lendon Hamrick

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Children's Home Offering .....	\$ 50.57
Home Mission Offering .....	69.20
Offering for Rev. Roy Thomas .....	46.51
Dues (15 churches reporting) .....	121.80
Old Minute Fund .....	10.00
Union Hill Assoc. Treasure .....	75.86
Total .....	\$373.94

Committee  
 Mrs. Leo Curtis  
 Mrs. Maude Fowler  
 Norman Smothers

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, October 9, 1960 .....	\$123.62
Receipts	
General Fund .....	\$ 394.79
Home Mission Fund .....	186.53
State Mission Fund .....	48.00
Foreign Missions .....	28.00
Old Minute Fund .....	50.00
Children's Home .....	67.78
Total Receipts .....	\$ 775.10
Total to Account for .....	\$898.72
Disbursements	
General Fund .....	467.63
Foreign Missions .....	28.00
Children's Home .....	67.78
Home Missions .....	180.20

Alabama State Home Missions .....	48.00	
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Total Disbursements .....	\$ 789.15	
Cash in Bank, September 1, 1960 .....		\$109.57
Different Accounts		
General Fund .....	\$ 8.77	
Home Mission Fund .....	50.00	
Old Minute Fund .....	50.00	
	David Rabon, Treasurer	

#### IN MEMORY OF REVEREND GEORGE W. NOBLES

"Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord" to quote it as he quoted it many times himself, was the beckon to the Reverend George W. Nobles on September 5, 1960.

For some forty years he was a minister serving Free Will Baptist Churches all over the Wiregrass area. Some of his first pastoral work was done at New Harmony, a church he served in some five different pastorates seventeen years. His influence as pastor was wielded in Howard Grove, Grangerburg, Cedar Grove, First Church of Dothan, Long Branch, Magnolia, Pleasant Ridge and Sardis among many others. He served as moderator of the Association for seven years and in the capacity of assistant moderator for a number of years.

He attained happiness through service. He walked in the pathway that he advocated for his many followers to trod. He knew the law of human nature and the reality of the resurrected One behind the law. In calmness, he answered his Master's call "...enter into the joys of thy Lord".

#### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I take this method to thank the State Line Association for the plaque presented to me for service rendered as clerk for twenty-three years. It is something I can cherish in the on coming years.

I am very grateful. Thanks again.

Yours in Christ,  
C. B. Green  
Bascom, Florida

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL  
SESSION OF THE UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION WHICH CONVENED WITH BETHEL  
AND ANTIOCH CHURCHES, FRIDAY AND  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 27, 1960.

The Rev. Bobby Register, the moderator, opened the session at 10:00 a.m. with the song, "I'll be Satisfied". Prayer by Rev. W. T. Hutto.

The devotions given by Rev. Trim Finch from Psalms 105: 1-10 on "Doing all for the Glory of God".

Then, the moderator called for letters from the churches and the following responded: Panther Creek: Delegates—Mr. and Mrs. Gus Skinner, Mrs. Viola Peters, Mrs. Nadine Thomley, Mrs. Nellie Slaughter.

Slocumb: Delegates—Mrs. E. L. Hidle, Mrs. Trim Finch, Mrs. Beatrice Waters.

Union Hill: Delegates—Bros. F. W. Bolin and B. M. Bolin, Mrs. Sam Morris, Mrs. Myrland Butler.

Bethel: Delegates—James Watson, Mrs. Clyde Windham, Mrs. Cherry.

MC that letters be accepted and delegates be seated.

Business session adjourned for the 11:00 preaching service.

Rev. A. L. Anderson led the singing, "I Want To See Him". Prayer by Rev. Trim Finch. Then we sang, "Some Day My Trials Will End."

The moderator, Rev. Bobby Register, presented Rev. W. T. Hutto who brought the morning message from Exodus 14:15 "Go Forward". This was a good message.

Friday One P. M.

The afternoon session opened with singing, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus". Prayer by Bro. F. W. Bolin. Psalms 26:8 was read by the moderator with a few comments. Renewed call for church letters and none were received.

Correspondents from Sister Association called for and Rev. W. T. Hutto was seated from Southeastern Association.

MC "That the Union Hill Association disband and petition membership in the State Line Free Will Baptist Association and for each church to take a vote on same and if a majority of our churches vote for this motion we will become a member of the State Line Association. The clerk to be notified within 30 days of the decision of the above motion. The clerk was authorized to prepare letters for admission of our churches as a group to be signed by the moderator and clerk.

A rising vote was given to Bethel Church for their kindness shown this body.

MC to adjourn till Saturday morning to meet at Antioch Church.

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

The Association opened with singing, "I Am Thine O Lord", led by Rev. Horace Herndon. Then, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was led by Bro. Anderson.

The moderator presented Rev. Ralph Bell, moderator of the State Line Association reading from John 1:31. Theme "The Beginning of Christ Ministry".

Moderator renewed call for church letters and Antioch Church letter was read and delegates seated as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Grady Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Polston, Mrs. Evie Register and Mrs. Dellie Garner.

Ministers reports called for and the following reported: Rufus Hyman, Trim Finch, Bobby Register, and A. L. Anderson. MC reports be accepted.

Correspondents from Sister Association called for and following were seated from the State Line Association: Revs. Ralph Bell, Horace Herndon, M. H. Taylor and David Kirkland.

Reports were called for and the following reports were accepted: Finance Committee, and Mission Board.

MC we call off business session and have the 11:00 preaching service.

The worship services began by singing, "Where Could I Go But To The Lord". Prayer by Rev. M.H. Taylor, and "When I See The Blood I Will Pass Over You" and "When Jesus Returns to Reward His Servants" were the songs we sang.

The moderator presented Rev. Horace Herndon who brought the message on "The rich young Ruler" from Luke 18:18-22. This was a fine message.

#### SATURDAY ONE P. M.

Services opened with singing "No Setting Sun". Prayer by Bro. Dalton Moore. Following the prayer, "The Old Time Religion" was sung.

Devotional given by Rev. David Kirkland on "The Garden of Gethsemane".

Brother Ralph Bell was requested to explain the system of work carried on in the State Line Association and he did a good job of it.

Ordaining Council reported the list of ministers and their report was accepted.

MC that we tender thanks to Antioch Church for kindness shown us while in their midst.

MC The Association adjourn.

Bobby G. Register, Moderator  
Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.  
Trim Finch, Asst. Moderator  
Slocumb, Ala.  
Rufus Hyman, Clerk  
Slocumb, Ala.

#### List of Ministers of the Union Hill Association

##### Ordained Ministers

J. A. Pettis (Ret) Ft. Walton, Fla.  
R. P. Jones (Ret) Rt. 1, Slocumb, Ala.  
Rufus Hyman, Rt. 1, Slocumb, Ala.  
Bobby G. Register, Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.  
Wallace Dorriety, Rt. 3, Hartford, Ala.  
Trim Finch, Box 423, Slocumb, Ala.

##### Licensed Ministers

J. A. Moon, Rt. 3, Hartford, Ala.  
Zebbie Clark, Rt. 1, Carryville, Fla.

#### REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

We have a nice building for the Samson, Alabama Mission with piano and seats, etc for \$1700.00.

Mr. Jim George Wise has a mortgage for \$1500.00 on the property. We received \$300.00 for the Samson mission. We paid \$200.00 on the property as down payment. Paid out for expenses to the different ministers who have assisted the sum of \$62.00 leaving a balance on hand of \$27.66. There is a good work there to be done but it will require time, patience, prayer and some money.

We ask prayer that this work can be firmly established.

By your Board  
Rufus Hyman, Chairman  
MC

## FINANCE REPORT

In Treasure .....	19.66
Union Hill .....	20.00
Panther Creek .....	10.00
Slocomb .....	12.00
Antioch .....	10.00
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	52.00
	19.66
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	71.66

By Bethel Church

## MINISTERS REPORT

I have preached apro. 210 sermons, baptized four, received by letter four, and preached five funerals. I have conducted about fifty prayer meetings, run five revivals, one in Panama City Fla., where five were saved. Also I have taught about fifty Sunday School Classes. I have pastored Slocomb and Bethel Churches this year and am called to Slocomb Church for full time the in-suing year. For my service I have been paid 775.00 this year. This work has been a pleasure as well as a blessing. I covet your prayers that I can continue.

Yours in Christ,  
Trim Finch  
Slocomb, Ala.

I have pastored Pleasant Hill Church full time. I have baptized 5 this year.

Yours in Christ,  
Bobby G. Register  
Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.

I have not pastored any church this year but have been very busy in supplying pulpits for other ministers, preaching at the Samson Mission and having charge of that work. I also assisted Rev. Walter Eldridge in organizing Sneads Free Will Baptist Mission in July with a goodly number has promise of a good work. I have received around 200.00 and have preached around 50 sermons and taught several Sunday School Classes.

Yours in Christ,  
Rufus Hyman,  
Rt. 1, Slocomb

The Churches of the Union Hill Association  
We are proud to report our churches are in fair standing.  
By Christian Home and Bethel Churches

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, suggest that we retain the same officers of the Association for the coming year.

Signed Union Hill Church

Note: The Union Hill Association requests that the minutes of their last session be printed with the 1960 minutes of the State Line Association.



## MINUTES OF THE STATE LINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The State Line Sunday School Convention met July 31, 1960 with Pleasant Ridge F. W. B. Church.

Theme for the convention was "For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's Husbandry, Ye are God's building." I Corinthians 3:9.

The convention opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Gordon Odom of Shiloh Church. Pianists during the day were Mrs. Emma Mallory and Mrs. June Austin. The opening song was "Standing on the Promises". Prayer by Rev. Retherford of Pleasant Ridge Church. All enjoyed singing "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "What A Friend". Prayer by Rev. Horace Herndon. The welcome was given by the pastor of the host church, Rev. Retherford. Response was by Miss Ann Weed of Magnolia Church.

Devotion was given by Bro. Billy Ammons of New Hope Church. His scripture St. Luke 10:25-37.

The president gave some very interesting thoughts along the theme of the convention.

Next we entered into the business session. It was moved and carried to seat the delegates and read the letters. The letters were read and adopted and delegates seated.

Banner Committee: Joan West, David Rabon, and Myrias Womack.

Resolution Committee: Gordon Odom, Jean Whitaker, and Ralph Monday.

Home Committee: Mr. Faye Tolar, Clarence McNeil, and Billy Ammons.

Nominations Committee: Mr. B. W. West, Byron Mallory, and Charlie Seagers.

Finance Committee: Shelly Fowler, Larry Auston, and Jack Ammons.

Digest Committee: Peggy West and Doris Jean Monday.

Program Committee: Joan West, Wayne Love, and Mary Smith.

We were then dismissed with prayer by Bro. Dorman Deal for a five minute recess, after which we all enjoyed singing "Who At My Door Is Standing". Beverly Outlaw of Corinth Church rendered a special number in song, "God Will Take Care of You", accompanied at the piano by Linda Mallory, also of Corinth.

Mrs. B. W. West brought a most interesting message through the Sunday School lesson.

We were then dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ralph Bell of Cowarts Creek Church for the noon hour.

After a most enjoyable noon hour we reassembled for the afternoon session. Bro. Odom led the convention in singing "Hold to God's unchanging hand" and "Just over in the glory Land". Prayer by Bro. B.W. West of Grangerburg.

Devotion was given by Mrs. Glenda Fowler of Cowarts Creek Church. Her scripture, Matt. 22:34 - 40. Ministers were recognized. Three were present, Bro. Retherford, Bro. Herndon, and Bro. Bell. Superintendents present were: Charlie Seagers, Maxwell Sims, Ralph Monday, B.W. West, Shelly Fowler, Billy Ammons, and Byron Mallory.

Special singing by Miss Linda West of Grangerburg, "When I'm Alone" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. June Austin. Prayer by Bro. Larry Austin of Corinth Church.

Recognized visitors.

Asked for any old business. The president made a few remarks about our study course held back in the winter, and the minutes on this study course were read at this time.

Bro. Larry Austin, president of the Alabama State Sunday School Convention, gave a report of its convention held in June.

Report of Committees:

Banner: Springfield won the banner.

Resolution: 1. Each church shall carefully screen delegates for the convention.

2. The convention shall promote an evergreen Sunday School in all its churches.

3. Recommend to Sunday School Superintendent to encourage pupils to attend Sunday School regularly.

4. Recommend to deacons, superintendents, elders of the Church and pastors that they admonish and correct church members both old and new in church conduct.

5. That each member be willing to do anything they can for the Sunday School without being asked.

6. Recommend that we continue our Sunday School Convention as is.

It was carried to accept this report with an amendment that the last resolution not be accepted.

Home Committee: Springhill will be host to the 1961 convention.

Nominations Committee: We your nominating committee nominate the following officers for the Sunday School Convention for 1961:

President: Dorman Deal

V-President: Larry Austin

Sec-Trea: Maude Fowler

Ass't. Sec-Trea: Sara Lou Scott

These officers were elected by the convention.

Next we all stood and sang "When we all get to Heaven" while free will offering was taken. Bro. Gordon Odom of Shiloh prayed a prayer of Thanksgiving on the offering.

Old Business. A move was made to take the motion off the table that was tabled last year. The move was to change the Sunday School Convention from the 3rd 5th Sunday to the last Saturday of September of each year. It was opened for discussion and after the discussion it was put to a vote and defeated by a big majority.

A discussion was then opened as to when the convention would be held. It was carried that the convention continue to be held the third 5th Sunday in each year, with the convention year running from June to June.

Corinth delegates asked at this time to be excused from the convention because of a funeral in their community.

Next asked for suggestions: Approved that the Executive Board meet with the secretary and draw up a letter for awarding the banner. The home for the next 5th Sunday School Rally will be New Hope Church, October, 1960.

Finance committee report: We your finance committee find:

A balance brought forward .....	45.48
Dues (from 12 churches) .....	62.00
Free will offering .....	12.41
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Total .....	119.89

Minutes of last convention were read and adopted.

Late ministers were recognized at this time: Bro. Clyde Owens and Bro. Hyman.

Digest Committee: 47 delegates, 73 visitors, 5 ministers. A total of 115. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Next call for announcements.

A rising vote of thanks was given Pleasant Ridge Church for her warm hospitality.

Closing song "Amazing Grace".

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Shelly Fowler.

Dorman Deal, President

Larry Austin, V-President

Maude Fowler, Sec-Trea.

Sarah Lou Scott, Asst. Sec-Trea.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

August 31, through May 31, 1960

Balance on hand at Convention .....	47.20
Convention dues .....	60.00
Free will offering at convention .....	20.38
Total .....	127.58
Disbursements	
Study Course expense .....	48.60
Postage .....	5.00
Secretary's work .....	10.00
Ala. State Sunday School Conv. dues .....	19.50
	82.10
Balance in Bank .....	45.48

#### MINUTES OF COOPERATIVE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Cooperative League Convention met at Cowarts Creek Free Will Baptist Church on May 6, 1960. The theme for the Convention was "Training Youth for Greater Service through the League".

The Convention was called to order by the president and group singing was led by Junior Ward.

An interesting devotion was given by Norman Smothers, vice-president. The scripture was taken from Matthew 21:18-21.

A very hospitable welcome was given by Mr. Shelley Fowler for the host church, after which the response was given by David Rabon from Springfield.

Motion was made and carried to seat delegates and read letters.

Petitionary letters were called for after which the visitors and ministers were recognized. There were four ministers and four visitors present.

Minutes and treasurer's report of 1959 Convention was approved as read by proper vote.

Committees appointed were as follows:

Banner: David Rabon, Mrs. Mary Smith, and Mrs. Mary Edna Cook.

Finance: Byron Mallory, Dean Arnold, and Joann West.

Home: Sue Jordan, Billy Sewell, Sue Henderson.

Volunteers for delegates to the State Convention were as follows: Dorman Deal, Mary Edna Cook, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. John Edwards, Junior Ward, Shelley Fowler, Mrs. Shelley Fowler, Mrs. Patsy Howell, and Bobby Howell.

The election of officers were as follows:

President—Junior Ward

V-President—Gladys Hagler

Secretary—Sara Lou Scott

Treasurer—Lewis Mallory

Sword Drill Director—Mrs. Maude Fowler

Youth Camp Board—Shelley Fowler

Motion made and carried for the League Convention to merge with the League Rally.

Motion made and carried to have all day workshop on Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

Motion made and carried for one member from each church to form a committee to amend the constitution to join the convention and rally; the names to be sent to the secretary one month after convention.

Motion made and carried for the report to be given three months after the convention.

Motion made and carried for League Presidents to form a committee to draw up a program for the all day workshop.

After singing, a very interesting talk was given by Gladys Hagler of Howard Grove on "Better Training Prepares for Greater Service".

Sword Drill was directed by Sara Lou Scott. Gary Edwards of the Dothan church was winner with 100 points.

Report of committees were as follows:

The Banner committee awarded the banner to Corinth.

Home Committee selected Union Springs as the home for the all day rally.

Finance committee accounted and approved the convention dues.

Offering was received after which the host church gave a very interesting program.

Motion made and carried to give rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality.

Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Morris Womack, Secretary

Lewis Mallory, president

#### TREASURER'S REPORT 1959-60

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 80.43
1960 convention dues .....	40.00
Free will offering .....	10.00
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	131.33

#### Disbursements

Intermediate sword drill .....	5.67
Memo paper .....	1.86
Service charge (Bank) .....	.10
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	7.68
Balance in Treasure .....	\$123.70



## STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Church (es)	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		Lovewood	448
1891	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes		Prospect	339
1892	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes		Silver Run	444
1893	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Hickory Grove	456
1894	R. M. Gray,	J. D. Stephens,		Springhill	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,	G. L. Love,	New Hope	653
1898	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Rocky Grove	633
1899	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Prospect	671
1900	G. W. Cherry,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Free Will Rest	803
1901	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Antioch	916
1902	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Union Springs	947
1903	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Hickory Grove	786
1904	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Howard Grove	786
1905	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	New Pilgrim	745
1906	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Springfield	958
1907	R. L. Hunter,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Rocky Grove	1099
1908	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Pleasant Home	1199
1909	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Free Will Rest	1315
1910	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Silver Run	1365
1911	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	New Life	1442
1912	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Pittman Creek	1447
1913	J. M. Murdock,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Spring Hill	1462
1914	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green,	Union Springs	1553
1915	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green,	Hickory Grove	1721
1916	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green,	Rocky Grove	1611
1917	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,		Long Branch	1715
1918	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	W. H. Hayes,	Magnolia	1456
1919	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	New Hope	1646
1920	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Prospect	1804
1921	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Howard Grove	2004
1922	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Pleasant Home	2043
1923	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	New Harmony	2039
1924	J. C. Howell,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Corinth	2094
1925	J. C. Ingram,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Magnolia	2042
1926	G. W. Cherry,	C. B. Green,	R. B. Robinson,	Springfield	2392
1927	J. J. Burdeshaw,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Hickory Grove	2344
1928	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Prospect	2229
1929	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	R. B. Robinson,	Rocky Grove	2875
1930	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	R. B. Robinson,	Union Springs	2450
1931	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	R. B. Robinson,	Howard Grove	2323
1932	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	R. B. Robinson,	Free Will Rest	2374
1933	A. H. Godfrey,	C. B. Green,	A. J. Granger,	Springhill	2360
1934	A. H. Godfrey,	C. B. Green,	A. J. Granger,	Shiloh	2539



1935—W. S. Cook, C. B. Green, A. J. Granger, Pleasant Home	2495
1936—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, A. J. Granger, New Harmony	2479
1937—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, A. J. Granger, Corinth	2447
1938—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Prospect	2536
1939—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Pleasant Ridge	2661
1940—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	2619
1941—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Rocky Grove	2853
1942—J. C. Howell, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Pleasant Home	2672
1943—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Pittman Creek	2727
1944—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Howard Grove	2788
1945—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Union Springs	2717
1946—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Cedar Grove	2756
1947—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Springfield	2756
1948—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Springhill	2743
1949—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, New Harmony	2760
1950—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Prospect and Pleasant Ridge	3083
1951—G. H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, D. W. Poole, Pleasant Home and Pittman Creek	2761
1952—G. H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, D. W. Poole, Howard Grove and Cowarts Creek	2747
1953—G. H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A. C. Womack, Springhill and Union Springs	2663
1954—G. H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A. C. Womack, Corinth and Magnolia	2577
1955—G. H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A. C. Womack, Pleasant Ridge and Grangerburg	2527
1956—G. H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A. C. Womack, New Harmony and Springfield	2476
1957—G. H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A. C. Womack, Shiloh and New Hope	2402
1958—G. H. Jordan, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, First Church, Dothan and Pleasant Home	2415
1959—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Springhill and Union Spgs.	2493
1960—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Howard Grove and Corinth	2540