

MINUTES

OF THE

*State Line
Association*

OF

Free Will Baptists

1961-62

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: Cornith — Saturday, January 12, 1963.

Theme: Unity & Cooperation In The Local Church.

Speaker: Rev. B. H. Grace (Rev. Trim Finch).

Morning Devotion: Bobby Vaughn.

Afternoon Devotion: David Rabon.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: New Hope—Saturday, April 13, 1963.

Theme: Unity & Cooperation in Local Association.

Speaker: Rev. Ralph Bell (Rev. Leo Curtis).

Morning Devotion: Charles Mathis.

Afternoon Devotion: Rev. George Stephens

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: Union Hill—Saturday July 13, 1963.

Theme: Unity and Cooperation In State Association.

Speaker: Rev. William Atkinson (Rev. John Edwards).

Morning Devotion: Rev. Bobby Register

Afternoon Devotion: Donald Elmore

ANNUAL SESSION: Unity & Cooperation In National Association.

First Day: First Church Dothan—October 11, 1963

Speaker: Rev. Carlton Lambert (Rev. E. B. Ledlow)

Morning Devotion: Shelly Fowler.

Afternoon Devotion: F. W. Bolin.

Second Day: Howard Grove—October 12, 1963.

Speaker: Rev. Carlton Lambert (Rev. E. B. Ledlow)

Morning Devotion: J. B. Smith

Afternoon Devotion: Thurman Drinkwater

League Rally: Friday evening before second Sunday in each month.

League Convention and Sunday School Convention Combined:

Date: May 11, 1963

Time: 3:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m.

Place to be announced.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY:

Sunday (2:00) December 30, 1962—Place to be announced.

Sunday (2:00) March 31, 1963—Place to be announced.

Sunday (2:00) June 30, 1963—Place to be announced.

Sunday (2:00) September 29, 1963—Place to be announced.

WOMEN,S AUXILIARY CONVENTION—To be announced.

UNITY and COOPERATION

“Behold, How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalms 133:1)

OFFICERS

Rev. John A. Edwards, 1217 Bruce St., Dothan.....MODERATOR
Rev. James D. Elmore, PO Box 35, Slocomb.....ASS'T. MODERATOR
Gerald Baxley, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.....CLERK
Mrs. Loretta Culpepper, Midland City, Ala.....ASS'T. CLERK
Billy Ammons, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.....TREASURER

GENERAL BOARD

Rev. John A. EdwardsMODERATOR
Rev. James D. Elmore.....ASSISTANT MODERATOR
Gerald BaxleyCLERK
Billy AmmonsTREASURER
Earl CulpepperCORINTH
Rev. George StephensCOWARTS CREEK
Larry AustinFIRST CHURCH DOTHAN
H. M. GranthamFIRST CHURCH, GENEVA
Sib OwensFIRST CHURCH, SAMSON
.....FIRST CHURCH, SLOCOMB
.....GRANGERBURG
Rev. Leo R. CurtisHOWARD GROVE
Charlie SeagersMAGNOLIA
.....NEW HARMONY
Eugene JonesNEW HOPE
C. J. ThomleyPANTHER CREEK
.....PITTMAN CREEK
Loyd BottomsPLEASANT HOME
.....PLEASANT RIDGE
.....SHILOH
David RabonSPRINGFIELD
Don EtheridgeSPRING HILL
F. W. BolinUNION HILL
Maxwell SimsUNION SPRINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

CHAIRMAN:..... Rev. Leo Curtis, Box 253, Ashford, Ala.
C. J. Thomley, Rev. George Stephens, H. M. Grantham, Earl Culpepper

HOME MISSION BOARD

CHAIRMAN Rev. L. R. Curtis, Box 253, Ashford, Ala.
Rev. J. A. Moon, Rev. Trim Finch

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN Billy Ammons, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.
Cecil Paramore, Mrs. Mary Smith

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

CHAIRMAN _____ Mrs. Shelly Fowler, Box 98, Dothan, Ala.
Mrs. B. W. West, Mrs. R. G. Burkett

ORDAINING COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN _____ Rev. Bobby Register, Route 2, Graceville, Fla.
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. Ralph Bell

STATE LINE PRESBYTERY

Rev. Ralph L. Bell, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama _____ Cowarts Creek
Rev. Burket Bolin, Route 1, Slocomb, Alabama _____ Union Hill
Rev. P. A. Brackin, Route 2, Box 23, Newville, Alabama _____ Shiloh
Rev. Aubrey Brannon, 102 Toledo Avenue, Defuniak Springs, Florida
First Church Samson
Rev. John Edwards, 1217 Bruce St., Dothan, Ala. _____ First Church Dothan
Rev. James D. Elmore, Box 35, Slocomb, Alabama _____ Union Hill
Rev. Trim Finch, Box 26, Slocomb, Alabama _____ Slocomb Church
Rev. L. D. Hughes, Geneva, Alabama _____ First Church, Geneva
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Route 1, Slocomb, Alabama _____ First Church, Slocomb
Rev. L. C. Mixon, Route 1, Black, Alabama _____ Pleasant Home
Rev. Bobby Gene Register, Route 2, Grceville, Fla. _____ Slocomb Church
Rev. George Stephens, 1205 W. Woodland Dr., Dothan, Ala. ____ Cowarts Creek
Rev. Perry Earl Stevens, Route 1, Midland City, Ala. _____ New Hope
Rev. Madison H. Taylor, Route 4, Dothan, Ala. _____ Springhill

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. B. W. West, Grangerburg, Alabama _____ Grangerburg
Rev. Ralph D. Bell, Ashford, Alabama _____ Cowarts Creek
Rev. L. B. Throne, Slocomb, Alabama _____ First Church, Slocomb
Rev. Walter Houston, Ashford, Alabama _____ Shiloh

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

At the first meeting, October 30, the board selected themes for the 1961-62 associational year. Speakers and program participants were also selected at this meeting. The moderator was instructed to schedule national figures who came to associational sessions for services in the churches of the association for Sunday services following the associational session.

The board adopted a budget to submit to the association for consideration.

The state minutes were adopted.

The clerk was instructed to secure minute books for each board, and it was voted to require each board to keep a record of its proceeding in ink.

The Executive Board voted to recommend that all associational churches order their League literature from the National League Board.

On November 20, 1961, the executive board met with pastors, deacons, Sunday School superintendents, and League presidents, and discussed the literature program of the denomination and conditions regarding congregational and connectional church government.

Ralph Bell, Chairman

Wayne Love, Secretary

The Board met February 16, 1962.

Devotion by Brother Deal, taken from John 14:26, prayer by speaker. Comments on Association by Chairman. MSC to elect Brother Edwards as clerk protem. Floor was open for nomination for a clerk to fill out the unexpired term of Wayne Love. La Gerald Baxley was nominated. He was unanimously elected.

MSC that the treasurer hold all money he receives until next quarterly meeting before dividing up and sending to each department. Recommend to Association.

MSC to remove from the budget the paragraph which states there shall be no special drives for money in special departments.

MSC to adjourn.

HOME MISSION BOARD

The Home Mission Board has worked with the State Home Mission for the past quarter. We have sent one hundred and ten dollars, (\$110.00) to the Alabama Home Mission Board to help with the work in the city of Montgomery. Since that time a church has been organized with sixteen (16) charter members.

The Alabama State Home Mission Board is trying to get a church in Hanceville, Cullman, and Decatur, Alabama. Therefore, we recommend that the Home Mission Board and the State Line Association continue to work with the State in getting these churches organized. We also recommend that each church send in a special offering to help get these churches started.

We are also planning to try to open the closed doors of the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church if they want our help. (This church has been dead about six months.) We need about three hundred dollars, (\$300.00) this quarter to carry out our plans. Half of this amount will be used in the State Line Association, the other half will be sent to the Alabama State Home Mission Board.

John Edwards

Trim Finch

J. A. Moon

Leo Curtis

Bobby Register

The Home Mission Board has worked with the Alabama State Home Mission Board which resulted in organizing of one new church. The Chairman of our Mission Board, the Rev. John Edwards, went to Hanceville, Alabama and preached a two week tent revival which resulted in the organizing the new church. There were 19 charter members which came into the church.

We have 14 ministers making annual reports to the Association. We recommend them in good standing and that each minister be issued a certificate of standing from this body as follows:

Ralph L. Bell — Cowarts Creek
Burket Bolin — Union Hill
P. A. Brackin — Shiloh
Aubrey Brannon — First Church, Samson
James D. Elmore — Union Hill
Trim Finch — Slocomb Church
L. D. Hughes — First Church, Geneva
Rufus Hyman — Slocomb Church
L. C. Mixon — Pleasant Home
Bobby Gene Register — Slocomb Church
George Stevens — Cowarts Creek
Perry Earl Stevens — New Hope
Madison H. Taylor — Spring Hill

We would like to ask our ministers and deacons to be faithful to our National Treatise, to support our work from the local level on to the National. If we are not faithful to each department, our work from the State Line; the State Association, and the National Association, we may be in for serious trouble ahead.

Rufus Hyman, Clerk
Bobby Gene Register

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

We the Education Committee met and discussed the education program in the home of Mrs. Mary Smith, Dothan, Alabama.

We recommend that each church be represented by a \$5.00 donation minimum per quarter and annually and any free will offerings.

Those being eligible for the loan are:

- (1) Student shall be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church in the State Line Association.
- (2) Student shall give to the trustees of this Association a promissory note, payable six months after leaving school with 2 percent interest to begin when note is due.
- (3) Note is to be endorsed by two (2) competent businessmen.

This report submitted at the first quarterly session.

The Board of Education report for second quarterly session. We the Education Committee met and discussed plans for the future education work.

We decided to have a course in the early or late fall. The course is to be one and one-half hours long for one week. The first subject to be taught on doctrine and the second subject to be announced later. We recommend that each minister participate in this course and encourage their church members also. Our teachers have not been selected yet, but will be announced later. We ask each minister to take one of the questionnaires and fill out and return to the education board.

Report of the Education Board for third quarterly session. We the Education Committee are still making plans for the study course that was approved by the Association last quarter. The study course will be on

The Home Mission Board has made plans to have a Mission Conference in the State Line Association this year. The speaker will be Dr. Homer Willis, the General Director of our National Home Mission Board. The meeting will be held in eight churches.

The Home Mission Board has adopted the following budget for the year:

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| 1. Local | \$250.00 |
| 2. State | \$100.00 |
| 3. National | \$200.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$550.00 |

This money is to be raised in the following manner:

1. \$200.00 through the Cooperative plan.
2. \$150.00 through special offerings from the churches.
3. \$200.00 through the Missionary Conference.

John Edwards, Chairman
Trim Finch
Leo Curtis
Bobby Register
Johnny Moon

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Report at the January Quarterly Session — We have examined Brothers Charley Seagers and Cecil Parramore and ordained them as deacons for Magnolia Church. This was done on the last Thursday night in November, 1961.

We your council met today, January 13, 1962, and examined Rev. L. D. Hughes, who came from the Primitive Baptist Belief. We ratified his previous ordination papers and granted him new Free Will Baptist Ordination Papers. We also examined Bro. Earl Stevens questionnaires and accepted them.

The Ordaining Council met today and examined Rev. James D. Elmore's ordination papers and found them in order. We recommend that Rev. Elmore be accepted as an ordained minister in the State Line Association.

On February 1, 1962, Bro. Coy Finch was ordained as a deacon for the Slocomb Church. Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Trim Finch, Rev. J. A. Moon assisted Rev. Rufus Hyman in this service. We also recommend that Bro. Earl Stevens be ordained to the ministry today in this session.

We have examined and given license to the ministry to the following men: Bros. B. W. West, May 21, 1962, Ralph Douglas Bell, August 23, 1962. We examined and ordained Bro. Burket Bolin to the ministry August 29, 1962 at Union Hill Church, his home church. The church presented him with a nice Scofield Bible as is customary on such occasions.

On August 30, 1962, Bro. Emitt Dorriety was ordained as a deacon at his home church, the Slocomb Church.

"FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE," taught by Rev. Harold Harrison. This study course will be held one night a week for five weeks. The time to be announced later by letter to each pastor and church.

We the Education Committee met and discussed final plans for the study course which is planned to start Friday night, October 19, 1962, and run five weeks, one night each week, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan. The time to start is 7:00 o'clock p.m.

We have already written the churches stating the time and place and date to meet and start.

We the Education Committee ask for \$100.00 for the education program for the first quarter of the incoming year.

We ask that each pastor and church cooperate in the programs by attending the courses and by supporting them. The study course will be taught by Rev. Harold Harrison.

Respectfully submitted by,
Billy Ammons, Chairman
Mrs. Mary Smith
Cecil Paramore

SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORTS

The Superannuation Board made the following report at the third Quarterly Session—We your Superannuation Committee recommend that each pastor in the State Line Association, bring a message to his people, the first or second Sunday in August of this quarter, on superannuation, then take a special offering on that day and send it in earmarked for the superannuation board.

The Superannuation Board gives the following report at the annual session—We the Superannuation Committee give the following report of the work done the past year.

Proposed resolutions.

Be it resolved that:

1. Each church pay its pastors half of the premium of the insurance offered by the Free Will Baptist Protective and Benevolent Superannuation service.
2. That 8 percent of the receipts of the association be designated for use by the local superannuation board, which will be used to support the local and state superannuation boards.
3. We recommend that 75 percent be sent to the State Superannuation Board and 25 percent be retained in the local board.

We recommend that each pastor in the State Line Association bring a message to his people the first or second Sunday in August of this quarter, on Superannuation, then take a special offering on that day and send it in earmarked for the Superannuation Board.

The following churches responded to this recommendation:

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| Cornith | \$ 9.76 |
| Cowarts Creek | 10.00 |
| Springfield | 5.00 |
| First Church, Samson | 3.00 |
| Union Hill | 11.64 |

Shiloh 7.50

TOTAL \$46.90

Seventy-five per cent was sent to the State and 25 per cent local.

We ask the association to give us authority to remember our aged ministers or their widows with a gift at Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Maude Fowler
Mrs. James Calloway
Mrs. B. W. West

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
SPRINGHILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JANUARY 13, 1962**

The morning session was opened with congregational singing led by Lewis Mallory. The invocation was led by Rev. Bill George. A cordial welcome was extended to the association by C. E. Kirksey. The response was given by Rev. Aubrey Brannon.

The Moderator appointed Bobby Register, B. H. Grace, Rufus Hyman, C. E. Kirksey, and Billy Rabon to serve as the credentials committee.

Visitors, ministers and deacons were recognized.

Rev. Freeman Edwards brought the morning devotion. He read from Romans 13:8-14. He emphasized the need for a heart searching and the need for a love for our fellow-man. He stressed the fact that Christians should be rich in faith and love.

The Moderator, in his opening remarks, explained the proposed budget in further detail and elaborated in detail on the proposed constitution.

The report of the credentials committee was accepted and the delegates were seated.

Lewis Mallory, S. O. Fowler, and Trim Finch were appointed to the finance committee.

Morning Worship: Lewis Mallory led the congregation in singing for the worship hour. Gerald Baxley led in prayer.

The Moderator presented Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, as the speaker for the worship hour. After speaking on projects of the National Association, Rev. Melvin read from Acts 2:37, 4:4, 5:14, and 6:7. The main theme of his message was "The Prerequisites for a successful church." He brought a very inspiring and heart-warming message enjoyed by everyone.

Rev. George Stephens dismissed the congregation for the lunch hour.

Afternoon Session: The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing led by Lewis Mallory.

Rev. James D. Elmore brought the afternoon devotion. He read from St. Luke 16, and proclaimed the responsibility of stewards. He brought a very interesting devotion.

An offering of \$22.23 was received for the Executive Department of the National Association.

A letter of resignation from the clerk was read. MSC to accept the letter of resignation as read.

MSC to accept the executive board's report
 The Home Mission Board had no report.
 MSC to delay action on the Superannuation Board report until it could be determined what action would be taken regarding the budget.
 MSC to adopt the report of the Digest Committee.
 MSC to accept the Treasurers report.
 MSC to refer the proposed Constitution to the individual churches for further consideration.
 MSC that the proposed budget be adopted.
 MSC that the Chair appoint a standing Budget Committee. The Chair stated it would name them later.
 MSC to adopt the Superannuation Board's report.
 MSC to adopt the report of the Board of Education.
 MSC to accept the Finance Committee's report.
 MSC to adopt the report of the Ordaining Council.
 MSC that the article in the by-laws of the Presbytery be amended so that ministers who are called to a work and are recommended by the Ordaining Council can be ordained in less than a year.
 The committee appointed to investigate securing a fireproof cabinet for Associational valuables reported that the Association was not able to secure such a cabinet at the present time.
 MSC that \$50.00 be taken from the treasury to pay to the Executive Department of the National Association.
 MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the hospitality shown.
 MSC that the Association instruct the clerk to give his resignation further consideration and give him a rising vote of thanks for his work.
 MSC to adjourn. Benediction.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
 UNION SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 APRIL 7, 1962**

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing ' Rescue the Perishing,' led by Lewis Mallory with Emma Jean Mallory at the Piano.

Rev. B. H. Grace led the invocation.

Rev. Trim Finch, Rev. B. H. Grace, Bro. S. O. Fowler, Rev. Bobby Register, and Bro. David Rabon were appointed to serve as the Credentials Committee.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. George Stephens. Rev. Stephens read from Luke 19:11-15. He elaborated on the latter part of Verse 13, "Occupy till I come." He told the congregation that it was time for us as Free Will Baptists and as Christians to be about the Father's business.

The welcome was given by Thurman Drinkwater.

The response was given by Rev. Rufus Hyman.

The Moderator in his opening remarks to the Association called attention of the appointing of La Gerald Baxley to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term as clerk of the Association.

The Credentials Committee reported 15 churches had reported with letters to the Association. MSC to accept.

There were 16 visitors, 15 ministers, and 6 deacons present.

MSC to seat delegates for business of Association.

Bro. Kirksey, Maxwell Sims, and Bro. Charley Seagers were appointed to serve on the Finance Committee.

Jimmy Hall led the prayer for the recess.

The delegates were seated in a special section of the church.

The congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable" and Rev. Leo Curtis led in The congregation then sang "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." The morning offering was then received and Rev. B. H. Grace led the offertory prayer.

The Moderator introduced Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Johnson brought the morning message.

Dr. Johnson read from I Corinthians for his scripture. He spoke on how we should become stewards of the mysteries of God and the things and ways we should be stewards for and of God. He delivered an enlightening and heartwarming message.

Rev. Earl Stevens pronounced the benediction and asked the blessing on the lunch hour.

Afternoon Session: The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "There Is Power in the Blood." Bro. Shoemake led the congregation in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was given by Benito Rodriquez, a missionary to the United States from Cuba. He began his devotion by singing "One Lost Sheep." He then read Luke 4:17-18. He spoke on the contrasts of the religion of the gospel of salvation and the religion of his native Cuba.

MSC to adopt the Executive Board report.

The ordination service of Rev. Earl Stevens was conducted at this time. Rev. Madison Taylor was in charge. He turned the service over to Dr. L. C. Johnson to give a few comments on the ordination. Rev. Taylor asked Bro. Stevens questions concerning his faith, belief and readiness to become an ordained minister of God. Rev. John Edwards gave I Timothy 4:12 as the charge to Bro. Stevens. Rev. Walter Eldridge led the ordination prayer. The congregation gave the right hand of Christian fellowship to Bro. Stevens and his wife.

MSC to adopt the Home Mission Board report.

MSC to adopt the Ordaining Council report.

MSC to adopt the Board of Education report.

A letter of resignation from Mrs. Agnes Bottoms from the Board of Education was read. MSC to accept this resignation. MSC that the Chair appoint someone in her place.

MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

MSC to accept the Digest Committee report.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee report.

MSC to remove the Constitution from the Table.

MSC to accept the following new amendments to the Constitution: To amend Article V Discipline, Section II to read as follows: (Dismissal) No church shall be granted a letter of recommendation from this Asso-

ciation, who withdraws from the Association without first assigning reason satisfactory to the Association. And to add a Section III to this Article V, to read as follows: (Power) This Association shall have no authority and/or power in the internal affairs of any church in this Association, nor shall they have any power over the property of any church.

MSC to adopt the Constitution for the State Line Association.

MSC to remove from the table the subject to decide when the annual session would convene.

MSC to have the annual session on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October beginning in October.

MSC for the Moderator to appoint a budget committee.

MSC to give Union Springs a rising vote of thanks.

MSC to adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

JULY 7, 1962

The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Lewis Mallory, with Linda Mallory at the piano.

Rev. Willie Justice led the invocation.

The congregation then sang "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."

The Moderator in his opening remarks commended each board and committee for their work during the first quarter. The names turned in for the General Board for the fourth quarter of the 1961-62 associational year were read and there was a MSC to accept these names for the General Board. Credentials Committee consisting of Rev. Trim Finch, Joel Mallory, and Donald Arnold was appointed by the moderator.

The congregation sang, 'Are You Washed In The Blood of the Lamb.'

In the absence of our scheduled speaker for the morning devotion, Rev. Rufus Hyman, the Moderator asked Rev. Willie Justice to bring the morning devotion. He read Psalms 1. He spoke on the negative and positive aspects of Christianity.

The host church gave the association a very warm welcome. Shelly Fowler, of the Cowarts Creek Church, gave the response. The Moderator recognized the ministers, deacons, and visitors. There were 12 ministers, 15 deacons, and 5 visitors present. The report of the Credentials Committee showed 14 churches reporting, with letters to the Association. MSC to accept their report. The roll of delegates was called and an MSC to seat the delegates.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee, consisting of Billy Rabon, C. J. Dukes, and Rev. Aubrey Brannon.

After a 5 minute recess, the Association resumed with the congregation singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Billy Rabon led in prayer. The congregation sang "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

The morning offering was received. Rev. John Edwards gave the offertory prayer.

The Moderator then introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. Harold Harrison, Chipley, Florida, and Dean of the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute.

Rev. Harrison read from Hebrews 6:1-3. He used as the theme for his message "Let Us Go On." He spoke on the nourishment of the gospel unto our souls. He stressed the point of how far should we go for God, all the way to completion and sanctification. He brought a very heart-warming and inspiring message.

We then dismissed for the lunch hour.

Afternoon Session: The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Standing On The Promises," with Lewis Mallory leading and Linda Mallory at the piano.

Rev. Trim Finch brought the afternoon devotion. He read from St. Luke 16:1-3. He brought a very enlightening message. He stressed the fact that we were trying to be too busy to work for God. He talked on our stewardship to the church and to our Association. He stressed the fact that we are lying to God, and not serving him or our Association.

The business session was opened with the reports of the boards and committees:

Since the new constitution did away with the old Executive Board, there was no executive board report.

The ordaining council had no report.

MSC to accept the report of the Superannuation Board.

MSC to accept the Board of Education report.

MSC to accept the Treasurer's report.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee's report.

MSC to accept the Budget Committee's report.

MSC to accept the Digest Committee's report.

MSC to accept the Home Mission Board report.

The Moderator, Rev. Ralph Bell, had appointed the Assistant Moderator, Rev. John Edwards, to be in charge of the afternoon session.

The following committees were appointed to serve for the annual session of the Association:

Auxiliaries Committee New Hope Church

Obituary Committee First Church, Dothan

Registration Committee Cowarts Creek Church

Placement Committee Corinth Church

Suggestions Committee Magnolia Church

MSC that the Chair appoint a nominating committee for the officers of the annual session:

The following were appointed:

Rev. Ralph Bell — Chairman

Lewis Mallory

Rev. Earl Stevens

There was no miscellaneous business.

Rev. Harold Harrison told the association about the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute at Cottondale, Florida.

MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Ralph Bell gave the benediction.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY - SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
PITTMAN CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 12, 1962

The seventy-seventh annual session of the State Line Association was opened with congregational singing.

The invocation was given by Rev. L. C. Mixion.

Mrs. Agnes Bottoms gave the Association a very warm welcome to the Pittman Creek Free Will Baptist Church for the day's activities. Mrs. Rose Paramore gave the response.

Due to the absence of the clerk, there was a MSC to elect a clerk pro-tem. There was then a MSC to elect Mrs. Loretta Culpepper to fill the position.

The moderator announced that the \$70.00 given to Bro. L. C. Johnson was turned in to the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

In the opening remarks, the Moderator urged all the pastors to get behind the men in their churches to attend the associations, and tend to the Lord's business. He asked that all members and churches participate and abide by the budget adopted by the Association.

A call was made for petitionary letters. No response.

A Credentials Committee consisting of Rufus Hyman, F. W. Bolin, Joe Bottoms, Sid Owens, and Don Etheridge was appointed to examine the letters of the churches.

The Moderator commended the churches for having their letters in to the clerk on time.

Rev. Aubrey Brannon gave the morning devotion. His subject was "Faithful stewards in Missions." He said that we were, "to occupy til Jesus comes." That God's business was the greatest business known.

Another song by the congregation and prayer led by Rev. Huckaby.

A call was made for correspondents from Sister Associations. There were no appointed delegates from the Sister Associations, but Rev. Huckaby represented the National Association Retirement Program, and Rev. Harold Harrison and Rev. Bill George represented the Liberty Association.

Ministers, deacons, and visitors were recognized.

The roll was called with 60 delegates present.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report. They found all churches had held communion at least once during the past year except Grangerburg. MSC to adopt committee report and seat the delegates. MSC to set aside ruling on Communion service and washing feet for this session only.

A Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Joe Bottoms, Aubrey Brannon, and Billy Derl Ammons.

The morning worship hour began by congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Trim Finch.

In the absence of the scheduled speaker, Rev. Huckaby, National Association Retirement Chairman, brought the morning message. He used for his scripture. Luke 19:11-27; Matthew 28:19-20; and Acts 1:8. His subject was "A New Challenge In Stewardship In Missions." He said, "Every steward is going to give an account to the Lord and be rewarded likewise. The Faithful shall be rewarded."

The benediction for the lunch hour was by Rev. Harrold Harrison. Afternoon Session: The Afternoon service opened with congregational singing, Thurman Drinkwater led in prayer. MSC to send offering to Children's Home. John Edwards gave the offertory prayer.

Rev. L. D. Hughes gave the devotion. His subject was "Are We Willing To Shoulder The Responsibilities As Good Stewards." The following officers were elected for the 1962-63 year:

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| Moderator | John Edwards |
| Assistant Moderator | James D. Elmore |
| Clerk | Gerald Baxley |
| Assistant Clerk | Loretta Culpepper |
| Treasurer | Billy Ammons |
| Board Of Education | Mrs. Mary Smith (3 years) |
| Superannuation Board | Mrs. R. G. Burkett (3 years) |

The new Moderator asked for a rising vote of appreciation to Bro. Ralph Bell, outgoing Moderator.

MSC to accept committee report to drop Bobby Register this year and Leo Curtis next year from the Home Mission Board to get the number down to three to comply with the new constitution.

MSC to elect Ralph Bell to the Ordaining Council.

MSC to elect the General Board. Only ten churches had sent in the name of their representative.

MSC for the balance of the churches not having a General Board member to elect one and send him to the first General Board meeting. They were to be accepted then.

The clerk was instructed to send each church a notice to send in it's General Board member if they had not all ready reported one. Rev. John Edwards resigned as chairman of the Home Missions Board. MSC to accept this resignation. This brought the Home Mission Board down to three members as the constitution required. The Moderator asked for delegates to stand as a visable sign of their willingness to support the new officers. MSC to accept the Home Mission Board Report.

MSC to accept the Board of Education report.

MSC to invite the churches in Southeastern Association to be in the study course with us.

MSC to accept the report of the Superannuation Board.

MSC to accept partial report of the Digest Committee.

Bro. Huckaby gave a short discussion on the retirement plan for aged ministers, teachers, and missionaries.

MSC to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

MSC to Adjourn.

Bro. C. E. Kirksey pronounced the benediction.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION PANTHER CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OCT. 13, 1962

The second day of the Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the State Line Association was opened with congregational singing "When I See The Blood, Send The Light."

Mrs. James Calloway gave the invocation. The host church gave the Association a very warm welcome. The response was given by Rev. Bolin. Rev. Earl Stevens gave the morning devotion. He read from Psalms 46. The roll of the delegates was called. MSC to accept the report of the Auxiliaries Committee given by the New Hope church.

“WE RECOMMEND TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL THAT THEY USE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE FROM THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, 3801 RICHLAND AVENUE, Nashville, Tennessee.”

MSC to accept this recommendation to the auxiliaries report. MSC to accept the Ordaining Council report. MSC to accept the Character of Ministers and State of Churches report. MSC to accept the Placement Committees report. MSC to accept the Suggestions Committees report.

The Moderator appointed Aubrey Brannon, Burkett Bolin, Bently Outlaw as the Temperance Committee.

MSC to accept the following as delegates to the State Association: Mr. & Mrs. Shelly Fowler and Mrs. Maudine Bell. The congregation sang “Standing On The Promises and At The Cross.” Rev. Aubrey Brannon led in prayer. Rev. Ralph Bell made motion and to table it until afternoon session. MSC to table his motion. (See Afternoon Session) MSC to receive an offering to be given to Foreign Missions. We then had a special song “Wonderful Man of Galilee.” Rev. Reford Wilson, Director of National Foreign Missions, brought the morning message. He brought a very heartwarming and stirring message about the dedication of Christians to spreading the message of Jesus. Rev. B. H. Grace dismissed us for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION: The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing. Rev. Bobby Register was not present to give the afternoon devotion, and Rev. Burkett Bolin gave the devotion in his place. He read the 100th Psalm. He made reference to Genesis 3:4;10. MSC to take Rev. Bell’s motion off the table.

MSC to change the Article 7 of the By-Laws to read once a year instead of twice a year. MSC to accept Finance report. MSC to accept the Obituary report given by Rev. John Edwards. MSC to adopt the Temperance Committee’s report.

Delagtes to Sister Associations were:

Rev. Ralph Bell, Bro. Shelly Fowler, Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. Madison Taylor, Rev. L. C. Mixon, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Burkett Bolin, and Rev. Trim Finch.

MSC to accept Treasurer’s report for 4th quarter.

MSC to accept Treasurer’s report for Associational year 1961-62. MSC to accept the proposed budget. MSC. to accept the Registration Committees report. MSC to allow the Moderaor to approve the Historical Committees. report which had been misplaced. Rev. Reford Wilson gave a report on the National Foreign Mission Board. MSC to get a truckload of materials to send the Children’s Home. Mrs. F. W. Bolin, Trim Finch, and Ralph Bell were appointed as a committee to work on this. MSC to give a rising vote of appreciation to the host church. MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Reford Wilson gave the benediction.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AUXILIARIES

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

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| No. Churches reporting | 20 | | |
| No. Sunday Schools | 20 | Membership | 1216 |
| No. Leagues | 16 | Membership | 641 |
| No. Womans Auxiliaries | 7 | Membership | 109 |
| No. Master's Men | 1 | 1 | Membership 30 |
| No. Young Peoples Auxiliaries | 5 | Membership | 68 |
| No. Go Tell Auxiliaries | 4 | Membership | 33 |
| No. Missionary Midgets | 1 | Membership | 12 |
| No. Prayer Meetings | 10 | | |

Submitted by your committee on Auxiliaries, New Hope Church

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 character of our ministers are good, and state of churches in good condition.

We appreciate our ministers and the work they are doing. But we feel that they should lead their churches to participate, to attend the activities of the association more in the future.

Cowarts Creek Church

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, your registration committee, make the following report:

First Quarter: 22 delegates, 9 deacons, 18 ministers, and 22 visitors.
Total: 71.

Second quarter: 47 delegates, 7 deacons, 18 ministers, and 33 visitors.
Total: 105.

Third quarter: 22 delegates, 15 deacons, 12 ministers, and 26 visitors:
Total: 75.

Annual Session:

First day: 66 delegates, 6 deacons, 12 ministers and 18 visitors. Total: 102.

Second Day: 50 delegates, 15 deacons, 14 ministers, and 42 visitors.
Total: 121.

Both days: 116 delegates, 21 deacons, 26 ministers, and 60 visitors. Total 223.

Cowarts Creek Church

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Finance Committee, report we have received from the churches of this Association the following: Total amount of \$437.84. We have failed to receive any report from three churches.

We received \$12.00 for Home Missions.

We received \$35.02 for Childrens Home.

We received \$31.00 for Foreign Missions.

This report covers annual session only.

Joe Bottoms
Rev. Aubrey Brannon
Billy Ammons

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your committee on Obituaries make the following report. Of the 21 churches, only 11 reporting. From the 11 reported, we have the following number Deceased: 16

| | |
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| Corinth | C. G. Baxley |
| Cowarts Creek | Mrs. Lizzie Moore |
| | Mrs. J. W. Enfinger |
| | Mr. Joe Adams |
| First Church | James Earl Vaughn |
| | Thomas E. Cherry |
| New Harmony | Will Enfinger |
| | Victoria Burkett |
| | Tempie Sellers |
| Pittman Creek | Margaret Justice |
| Pleasant Home | G. L. Thurston |
| Springfield | Minnie Rabon |
| Springhill | Mrs. Fronnie Smith |
| Union Springs | Annie Glass |

First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We your committee on placement make the following report:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| First Quarterly Session | Corinth |
| Second Quarterly Session | New Hope |
| Third Quarterly Session | Union Hill |
| Annual Session: First Day..... | First Church, Dothan |
| Annual Session: Second Day..... | Howard Grove |

Submitted by the Corinth Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on temperance report the following:

We request and beg all of our people to be temperate in all things, to be good and faithful in all their Christian activities and to abstain from all evils as Christians should.

Furthermore, we recommend that all ministers, deacons, and all church members should not be temperate in strong drink, but be a total abstainer.

We furthermore recommend that more real gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ be preached to show people how to find Christ.

We further recommend that all Free Will Baptist seek the leadership of the Spirit in the things we do for Him.

Submitted by
Rev. Aubrey Brannon
Rev. Burkett Bolin
W. B. Outlaw

| MINISTERS | Sermons Preached | Prayer Meeting | Funerals Conducted | Marriages | Social Services | Revivals Conducted | Conversions | Received into Churches | Baptized | Homes Visited | Miles Traveled | Condition of Work | Received for Services | Revivals Assisted | Churches in charge ensuing year |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ralph Bell | 115 | 25 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 150 | 7500 | Good | 1438.00 | 4 | Corinth |
| Burkett Bolin | 54 | 47 | | | 7 | 1 | | | 1 | | 2500 | | 236.00 | | |
| P. A. Brackin | 15 | | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 15 | 25 | | 15.00 | | |
| Aubrey Brannon | 101 | 14 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 4000 | Good | 1059.01 | 1 | Samson |
| John Edwards | 134 | 46 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 15 | 6 | 200 | 20000 | Good | 3600.00 | 2 | Dothan |
| James D. Elmore | 100 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 50 | | Good | 1116.63 | 1 | Union Hill |
| Trim Finch | 203 | 65 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 300 | 8000 | Good | 1557.96 | 1 | Spring Hill Liberty |
| L. D. Hughes | 159 | 156 | | 4 | | 5 | | 7 | 4 | 250 | 10000 | | 260.00 | 2 | Geneva |
| Rufus Hyman | 100 | | | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 50 | 4000 | Good | 444.95 | | |
| L. C. Mixon | 48 | 12 | 18 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 100 | 1000 | Good | 1040.00 | 1 | Pleasant Home Pittman Creek |
| Bobby Register | 127 | 96 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 150 | 10000 | Good | 1645.00 | 3 | Magnolia New Hope |
| George Stephens | 87 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 | | 5000 | Fair | 1607.00 | 1 | Cowarts Creek Sardis |
| Earl Stevens | 105 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 45 | 10000 | Good | 1000.00 | 1 | St. John's |
| Madison Taylor | 110 | 45 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | | 2000 | Fair | 1100.00 | 1 | 1st Church Cottondale, Fla. |

| CHURCH | Pastor's Salary | Evang. Work | Bldg. & Repair | Lit. & Ed. Material | Advertising | Programs | Maint. & Upkeep | Misc. | Total Local Exp. | Coop. Plan | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Educa. | Children's Home | Supera. | Assoc. Projects | State & Nat'l | Misc. | Gen'l. Offer. | Value Property |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|---------|------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| Corinth | 805.00 | 151.41 | 39.34 | 92.20 | 53.00 | | 100.02 | 238.27 | 1479.24 | | 25.00 | | | 67.28 | 9.76 | 90.60 | | | 1981.43 | 10,000.00 |
| Cowarts Creek | 740.00 | 110.00 | 122.00 | 151.60 | | | 102.47 | 194.05 | 1420.12 | | 12.00 | 26.95 | 8.55 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 63.00 | | | 1665.95 | 20,000.00 |
| 1st Ch. Dothan | 3643.00 | 385.00 | 11454.65 | 555.32 | | | 4096.02 | 1132.88 | 21271.87 | 913.49 | 171.11 | 200.00 | 175.00 | 369.40 | | 50.33 | 179.80 | | 22894.33 | 62,000.00 |
| 1st Ch. Geneva | 260.00 | 60.00 | 17.01 | 48.10 | | | 162.04 | 352.30 | 579.45 | | | | | | | 21.00 | | | 625.74 | 4,000.00 |
| 1st Ch. Samsen | 1059.01 | 60.00 | | 31.03 | | | 135.48 | 507.27 | 1792.79 | 76.48 | 10.14 | | | | 3.00 | 30.00 | | | 1894.72 | |
| 1st Ch. Slocomb | 941.96 | 90.00 | | 207.30 | 42.00 | | | 180.07 | 1461.63 | | | 12.00 | | | | | | | 1458.94 | 15,000.00 |
| Grangerburg | 223.40 | | 200.00 | 52.00 | | | 65.00 | 32.03 | 572.43 | | | | | | | | | | 820.26 | 6,000.00 |
| Howard Grove | 3940.00 | 150.00 | | 121.86 | 189.00 | 7.40 | 5.45 | 213.72 | 4555.53 | | 90.75 | 69.88 | 11.86 | 98.55 | | 75.00 | 50.00 | | 5458.37 | 22,000.00 |
| Magnolia | 755.32 | 125.00 | | 148.91 | 8.25 | | 86.84 | 54.06 | 1173.40 | 21.73 | 22.87 | 23.09 | 21.73 | 27.16 | 10.87 | | | 20.37 | 1358.18 | 6,700.00 |
| New Harmony | 591.00 | 100.00 | 1500.00 | 48.85 | | 5.00 | 85.99 | 8.44 | 2339.28 | | | | | 10.00 | | | | | 2451.33 | 8,000.00 |
| New Hope | 625.00 | 232.50 | 538.35 | 38.78 | | | 64.92 | 340.10 | 1939.65 | | | 15.00 | | 15.00 | | 20.00 | | 72.81 | 364.68 | 10,000.00 |
| Panther Creek | 381.93 | 78.39 | 250.00 | 72.00 | 10.60 | | 56.55 | 31.55 | 881.02 | | | | | | | | | | 1023.16 | 10,000.00 |
| Pittmon Creek | 400.00 | | 369.95 | 36.00 | | | 100.00 | 4.00 | 723.95 | | | | | | | | | | 400.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Pleasant Home | 673.14 | 23.14 | 462.38 | 73.44 | | | 202.42 | | 1439.52 | | | | | | | | | | 300.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 425.35 | 110.00 | | | | | | 12.95 | 598.31 | | | | | | | | | | 641.08 | 3,000.00 |
| Shiloh | 480.00 | 75.00 | | | | | | 20.00 | 565.00 | | | | | | 7.25 | 20.00 | | | 622.02 | 3,000.00 |
| Springfield | 1510.00 | 115.00 | 10.54 | 167.01 | | | 127.34 | 54.50 | 1984.14 | 53.16 | | 28.83 | 12.00 | 50.75 | | 180.67 | | | 4144.19 | 7,200.00 |
| Spring Hill | 840.00 | 175.00 | | 53.20 | | 50.00 | 127.98 | 59.74 | 1316.92 | | | | | | | | | | 1325.96 | 4,000.00 |
| Union Hill | 1262.06 | 75.00 | 550.00 | 218.35 | | | 55.30 | 280.20 | 2445.71 | 124.41 | 129.72 | 15.00 | 5.00 | 180.00 | 11.64 | 55.00 | 100.00 | | 3192.27 | 25,000.00 |
| Union Springs | 840.00 | 146.42 | 660.00 | 96.29 | | | 172.00 | 90.39 | 2005.10 | | | | | 60.00 | 4.12 | 25.00 | | | 1089.65 | 8,000.00 |
| Total | 20396.17 | 2341.86 | 16197.27 | 2209.24 | 303.25 | 62.40 | 5745.80 | 3811.52 | 50545.05 | 1189.27 | 461.59 | 390.75 | 234.14 | 893.14 | 61.64 | 630.60 | 329.80 | 43.18 | 61959.26 | 228,900.00 |

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

Report from the budget committee at the third quarterly session. We, your budget committee, regret not being able to offer a budget for your consideration at this time, but we feel we must give more thought and consideration before offering a plan.

We ask your prayers that we might present a budget that would be favorable with all concerned churches.

Also we welcome your ideas and opinions with regard to the budget and ask that you go along with present budget although it might not be entirely satisfactory, until a new plan can be worked out. Above all we desire God's leading and approval of everything.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mary Edna Cook
Billy Rabon
James Elmore

BUDGET COMMITTEE

We your Budget Committee, submit the following proposed revised budget:

PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET

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| I. COOPERATIVE PLAN | 35% |
| 29% National Foreign Missions | |
| 16% National Home Missions | |
| 21% Bible College | |
| 3% Superannuation | |
| 1% Stewardship Committee | |
| 10% League | |
| 20% Executive Department | |
| II. CHILDREN'S HOME | 25% |
| III. HOME MISSIONS | 12% |
| State 6% | |
| Local 6% | |
| IV. EDUCATION (Local) | 6% |
| V. SUPERANNUATION | 7% |
| State 5% | |
| Local 2% | |
| VI. GENERAL FUND | 15% |

This report submitted at the annual session by:

Mary E. Cook, Chairman
James Elmore
Billy Rabon

TREASURER'S REPORT

1961-62

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| Cash in bank, September 1, 1961 | \$ 95.39 |
| Receipts: | |
| General Fund | \$ 754.10 |
| Home Mission Fund | 211.96 |

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| Education Board | 93.23 | |
| Superannuation Board | 93.52 | |
| Children's Home | 116.48 | |
| National Foreign Missions | 46.62 | |
| Cooperative Plan | 93.23 | |
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| Total Receipts | \$1409.14 | |
| Total To Account For | | \$1504.53 |
| DISBURSEMENTS— | | |
| General Fund | \$ 618.35 | |
| Home Missions | 148.42 | |
| Superannuation Board | 70.14 | |
| Children's Home | 116.48 | |
| National Foreign Missions | 46.62 | |
| Cooperative Plan | 93.23 | |
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| Total Disbursements | \$1093.24 | |
| Cash In Bank, September 1, 1962 | | \$411.29 |
| General Fund | \$ 188.95 | |
| Home Missions | 105.73 | |
| Education Board | 93.23 | |
| Superannuation Board | 23.38 | |

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Although the Historical Commission has not had a meeting, work in this area has been done in a minuscule way.

The location of a picture of a former moderator has been determined, and as soon as funds are available, a picture will be made for the Association.

Copies of old minutes of the Salem Association have been borrowed.

Copies of old minutes of the Liberty Association have been borrowed.

Copies of a number of the minutes of the Southeastern Association—some going back into the 19th century—have been located.

The location of a minute book of two churches now extinct (Long Branch and Piney Grove) has been determined, and former members of these two churches have been interviewed.

Former and current leaders have been interviewed in Early County, Georgia, Henry, Dale, Geneva, and Houston County, Alabama, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Calhoun, and Gadsden County, Florida.

Cowarts Creek Church has made a picture of the moderator, Rev. Ralph Bell, and other churches who have had moderators are encouraged to do likewise.

Howard Grove has secured bound copies of all its bulletins and churches having bulletin service are encouraged to preserve and bind these because of their future value.

The National Association authorized a historical commission, and it is hoped that the functions of this group will serve as an avenue of research for our own area.

Minutes have been added to the file, but the following minutes are still needed:

State Line Association

1886
1887
1888
1889
1890
1891
1892
1894
1895
1896
1917

Union Hill Association

1926
1927
1942
1945
1946
1948
1950

Much has been done and much remains.

Wayne Love, Chairman Historical Commission
Mrs. Glenda Fowler
Mrs. L. Hamrick
Rev. John Edwards

STATE LINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The State Line Sunday School Convention convened with Springfield Free Will Baptist Church September 30, 1962.

Opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Thurman Drinkwater. Songs were "Bring Them In" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Opening prayer by Bro. Hammrick. Another song, "He Keeps Me Singing," was sung. The welcome was given by Bro. Dock Hammrick of Springfield. The response was by the president, Dorman Deal. Mrs. Earl Culpepper of Cornith gave the devotion using James 2:14-26 as her scripture.

Remarks were made by the President.

Business — Standing delegates, which are all pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, moved to seat the delegates at this time. Eight standing delegates were present.

Recommendation — That the League and Sunday School concur together and on their approval that we meet on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May of each year with afternoon session on Sunday School, and night session on League. Sessions to be rotated each year. Time 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with intermission from 5:30 to 6:30 for supper. All bring a picnic lunch. — was submitted by the executive board. Sunday School Superintendents, and pastors. Motion was made to accept this recommendation and to table it until the afternoon session.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials—Billy Rabon, Chairman; Charlie Seagers, Billy Ammons
Banner — David Rabon, Chairman; Mary Smith, June Austin
Nomintion — Byron Mallory, Chairman; Maxwell Simms, Sam Morris
Resolutions — Mrs. B. W. West, Chairman; Letha Fowler, Betty Morris
Home — C. E. Kirksey, Chairman; Ralph Monday, Glen Jordan
Program — Officers of convention with V.P. as chairman
Finance — Maude Fowler, Chairman; Charles Mathis, Thurman Drinkwater

Digest — Diane McCraney, Louvern Bowen

Minutes of the last convention was read and approved. Minutes of our Fifth Sunday School Rallies were read and approved.

After a five-minute recess, a special number in song was rendered by Annette Capone of Grangerburg Church—"If I Could Just Touch The Hem of His Garment."

Charles Mathis taught the Sunday School lesson, and we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Hammrick for lunch.

The afternoon session began with group singing led by Bro. Drinkwater. Vice President Billy Rabon was in charge of afternoon session, down to the business.

Free Will offering was taken at this time.

Another song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung. Devotion was given by Ann Jones of New Hope. Her scripture was Matt. 5:16. Playlet was given by Judy Sims of Union Springs entitled "Be Prepared." Special song, "Just Jesus and Me," was sung by Annette Capone. A playlet was then given by Grangerburg.

Business — President took charge of meeting.

Removed the recommendation off the table and put it before the body. MSC to accept this recommendation.

MSC that the year end the last Sunday in March this year. It was discussed that the convention letter be reworked to give a more complete report. After the discussion it was MSC that the executive board draw up a new letter and bring back to the next session.

Report of Committees:

Banner Committee — Springhill won the banner with an 83% average.
Home Committee — To meet with the League Board to decide a home of the annual convention.

Resolution Committee —

1. We recommend that each teacher prepare themselves for teaching before entering the room, also that the superintendent prepare himself.
2. We recommend that all the families of the Association Sunday Schools begin a family altar in each home.

MSC to accept this report.

Nomination Committee:

President — Shelly Fowler

Vice President — Thurman Drinkwater

Secretary-Treasurer — Joan West

Asst. Sec.-Treas. — Luverne Bowen

MSC to accept this report. These officers were then elected by the body.

Finance Committee:

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| Dues | \$52.00 |
| Offering | 16.46 |
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| Total | \$68.46 |

Credentials Committee:

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| No. Sunday Schools | 14 |
| No. Enrolled | 917 |

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| No. Classes | 77 |
| Average Attendance | 646 |
| Average Study Lesson | 390 |
| Average Attend Preaching | 636 |
| Average Bibles Brought | 449 |
| Average On Time | 586 |
| Total Offerings | \$11,757.64 |
| Total sent Home Missions | 261.67 |
| Total sent Foreign Missions | 11.54 |
| Total sent Free Will Baptist Bible College | 9.54 |
| Total sent Children's Home | 68.54 |
| Total sent Superannuation | 18.54 |
| Total paid for Literature | 1,364.44 |
| Total paid all other purposes | 364.58 |
| Dues to Convention | 52.00 |

Digest Committee:

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| Delegates | 35 |
| Visitors | 75 |
| Ministers | 3 |
| Total | 113 |

Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Charles Mathis thanked the Sunday School Convention for their help in entertaining the State Sunday School Convention in June.

We gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church for her kind hospitality shown the convention.

Benediction was by Bro. Stanley Outlaw.

President—Dorman Deal
Secretary—Maude Fowler

MINUTES OF THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The annual League Convention convened May 11, 1962 with Union Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

The service was opened by singing led by Lewis Mallory. Opening prayer led by Mr. B. W. West. Devotion given by Rev. Elmore.

A sword drill was conducted by Mrs. Larry Austin and won by Gary Edwards of First Church in Dothan.

General business was attended by reading of minutes and treasury report. The nomination committee gave their report as follows:

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| President | Lary Austin |
| Vice President | Dannie Sue Jones |
| Secretary | Ann Jones |
| Treasury | Byron Mallory |
| Bible Leader | Sue Jordan |

New Hope was winner of the yearly banner with a 81% average.

MSC to give First Church \$20.00 to help with the expense of the State Convention.

MSC Cornith be the home of the next work shop.

MSC to give executive board the power to plan home and program for the rally each month.

MSC to make New Hope home of July rally. It was agreed upon to omit June rally and everyone attend the State Convention.

We were dismissed by prayer led by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Refreshments served by host church.

David Rabon—President

June Austin—Secretary

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cooperative District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened Saturday, January 26, 1962, at Cowarts Creek Church. The convention was called to order with the Auxiliary saying the permanent watchword.

The convention then sung the Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us."

The convention then received the reports. The following committees were then appointed:

Credentials: Mrs. Wanda Elmore, Mrs. Nina Mae Jones

Registration: Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Glenda Fowler

The devotion was given by Mrs. Loretta Culpepper.

MSC to accept Credentials Committee report. Seven auxiliaries reporting with dues and membership.

The district officers were then recognized. There were five present. All Auxiliary members were recognized also, Ministers four, two visitors. and one National officer.

The minutes were read and adopted.

District officers reporting: Mrs. Ralph Bell, Vice-President; and Mrs. S. O. Fowler, Personal Service.

The Treasurer's report was read. MSC to accept Treasurer's report.

The following committees were then appointed.

Finance: Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. Loyce Collins, Mrs. George Stephens.

Nominating: Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. Virginia Lawler, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Home: Mrs. B. H. Grace, Mrs. Edna Killingworth.

The Auxiliary then sang "I Want To Be A Worker."

The message was then brought by Rev. Harold Harrison of Chipley, Florida.

The Auxiliary was then dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the Auxiliary singing "Bringing Them In" and prayer by Mrs. Leo Curtis.

The Auxiliary then entered into business with the statistical report read.

Registration Committee's report:

District Officers — 5

National Officers — 1

Visitors other Associations — 1

Visitors this Association — 1

Visiting Ministers — 2

Total Present — 32

Finance:

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| Amount of Offering | \$16.00 |
| Amount of Dues | \$11.73 |
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| Total | 27.73 |

We recommend that the convention give Bro. Harrison \$15.00. We recommend that the convention give \$8.00 for minutes. MSC to accept this report.

Home Committee:

That the convention convene with Union Hill Church. We your Home Committee recommend that hereafter the convention rotate in alphabetcial order. MSC to accept this report.

Nominating Committee:

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| President | Mrs. Wanda Elmore |
| Vice President | Mrs. Mary Edna Cook |
| Recording Secretary | Mrs. Lewis Mallory |
| Corresponding Secretary | Mrs. Virginia Lawler |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Leo Curtis |
| Youth Auxiliary Chairman | Mrs. Glenda Fowler |
| Study Course | Mrs. Ralph Bell |
| Stewardship Prayer Chairman | Mrs. Cecil Paramore |
| Personal Service Chairman | Mrs. Nina Mae Jones |

MSC to accept this report.

The following recommendations were then recommended to the Convention:

1. That each local auxiliary increase the amount of Co-Laborer offering they are now giving.
2. That each local auxiliary send all offerings through our district treasurer.
3. That we have better attendance to our State Convention.
4. That special emphasis be placed on our youth through:
 - A. Vacation Bible School
 - B. Student Loan Fund Support
 - C. Wouth Camps
 - D. Youth Fellowship
 - E. Declamation and Essay Contests
 - F. Organizing New Youth Groups
 - Organizing new youth groups
 - G. College Students Remembrance
5. That we instruct our members through study courses and workshops.
6. That each local auxiliary bring standard of achievement charts to convention for grading.
7. That time of convention be changed to 4th Saturday in January annually.

MSC to accept the executive committee's report.

Cowarts Creek won the Standard of Achievement Charts. Theirs was a "B" Standard.

Special music was presented by Union Hill Church.

The following Auxiliary members were appointed as delegates to the

State Convention: Mrs. Maude Fowler, Mrs. Virginia Lawler, Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Loyce Collins.

Another special was then presented by Union Hill Church.

The afternoon message was by Mrs. Harold Harrison, National Study Course Chairman.

The installation service was conducted by Mrs. Harrison.

The Auxiliary then sang, "Send The Light," Announcements were then made and the convention was dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. Lewis D. Mallory, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, President

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

By - Laws of the Presbtery

MINISTERS

I. Admission and Standing:

(A) Candidates for licensing and ordination

1. An Individual shall first unite with a church that is a member of the Association.
2. This Church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Counsel of the Association for licensing and ordination of its candidate.

(B) Ordained and licensed ministers coming from other Associations

1. He must unite with a church in the State Line Association.
2. This church must petition for his membership in the Association through the Ordaining Counsel of the Association.

(C) Ministers coming from other denominations

1. He must first unite with a church in the State Line Association.
2. This church must petition for his membership in the Association through the ordaining counsel of the Association.

(D) Certificate of Standing:

1. All ministers who are members of the Association must make an annual report.
2. Ministers whose report is satisfactory will be issued a card certifying their membership in this Association.

II. Qualifications

(A) Licensed

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Counsel.
2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife.
3. He must be of sound character.

(B) Ordination

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by Ordaining Counsel.
2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife.
3. He must be of sound character.

4. He must hold license for not less than one year before applying for ordination.
 5. He must be called to a Christian work before applying for ordination.
- (C) Ministers Making Application From Other Associations:
1. Must present license or ordination certificate to Ordaining Counsel for ratification by the Counsel.
- (D) Ministers Making Applications From Other Denominations:
- (a) Licensed
 1. Must surrender license from denomination of which he was previously a member.
 2. Must hold FWB license for one year before ordination.
 - (b) Ordained
 1. Must have ordination papers ratified by Ordaining Counsel.
 2. Must answer questions prepared by Ordaining Council for ordination.
 3. He will not be re-ordained, but upon approval of the Ordaining Council, he will be granted a FWB Ordination Certificate.

DEACONS

I. Application For Ordination:

1. He must be a member of a church in the State Line Association.
2. He must have been elected by his church to the office of deacon.
3. The church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association for ordination of its candidate.

II. Qualifications:

1. He must be of sound character.
2. He must be the husband of one wife.
3. He must believe and practice FWB doctrine.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, or its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted,

admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

(Adopted April 7, 1962)

ARTICLE I — NAME

This organization shall be known as the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II — COMPOSITION

This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches, conveniently located as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

ARTICLE III — REPRESENTATION

SECTION I: (Standing Delegates) All elected officers, Board members, licensed ministers, ordained ministers, and ordained deacons who are members of a member church shall be standing delegates. In addition upon approval of the Ordaining Council, pastors of a member church shall be standing delegates.

SECTION II: (Elected delegates) Each church shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for every twenty-five (25) members and one (1) delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five (25). Provided any church has less than twenty-five (25) members, it shall be entitled to two (2) delegates.

SECTION III: (Certification) No one will be seated as an elected delegate unless they are certified as such on their church letter.

ARTICLE IV — ADMISSION

SECTION I: (Churches) Newly constituted or other churches maintaining gospel order and preaching, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, as are contained in the **National Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptist**, in favor of benevolent enterprises such as Sunday School, League, Missions, and education, desiring admission into this union shall petition with delegates and letter at any session, and if, upon examination, are found to be orthodox and orderly, after not less than three (3) months under the watch-care of the

Association, shall be received into the Association, and such reception shall be manifested by the right hand of Christian fellowship given by the Chair.

SECTION II: (Ministers) Admission of ministers shall be subject to a recommendation of the Ordaining Council and approval of the Association.

ARTICLE V — DISCIPLINE

SECTION I: (Duties) Any church who shall fail to attend three successive sessions and whosoever shall be generally remiss, and whosoever shall fail to conform to the practices and adopt the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, and whosoever shall fail to comply with the rules, regulations, and decisions of this Association shall be subject to discipline and exclusion.

SECTION II (Dismissal) No church shall be granted a letter of recommendation from this Association, who withdraws from the Association without first assigning reason satisfactory to the Association.

SECTION III: (Power) This Association shall have no authority and/or power in the internal affairs of any church in this Association, nor shall they have any power over the property of any church.

ARTICLE VI — GENERAL OFFICERS

SECTION I: (Officers) The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and who shall be a member of a member church.

SECTION II: (Duties of Moderator) The Moderator shall preside over all sessions and shall serve as chairman of the General Board.

SECTION III: (Duties of the Assistant Moderator) The Assistant Moderator shall assist the Moderator and act as Moderator in the Moderators absence.

SECTION IV: (Duties of the Clerk) The Clerk shall record and preserve the proceedings of the body when in session and shall record and preserve the proceedings of the General. He shall compile and have published the minutes of the Association. All records shall be delivered to his successor in office.

SECTION V: (Duties of the Treasurer) The Treasurer shall receive all funds and shall be responsible to give a correct account of all funds received and disbursed, by him.

ARTICLE VII — BOARDS

SECTION I: (Standing Boards) Standing Boards of the Association shall include the General Board, Executive Board, Home Mission Board, Board of Education, Board of Superannuation, and Ordaining Council.

SECTION II: (Personnel) Standing Boards, exclusive of the General Board, and Executive Board, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, and the third for a term of three years. Succession to office thereafter shall be as order requires.

SECTION III: (General Board) The General Board shall be com-

posed of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, and one representative from each church. The names of the representatives shall be submitted by each church at the annual session and shall be elected by the body.

SECTION IV: (Duties of the General Board) The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the Association from one regular session to another, to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association, to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department between sessions of the Association, to plan a program of work for the Association, and to handle all matters coming within the scope of the work of Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports membership whose duty it shall be to act on any emergency matters of all its work to each of the Associational sessions for final approval.

SECTION V: (Executive Board) An Executive Board consisting of five members shall be elected annually by the General Board from among its within the scope of the Association. The Executive Board shall elect its own chairman. The Executive Board shall make a written report of its activities to each session for final approval.

SECTION VI: (Duties of Boards) It shall be the duty of the various standing Boards to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and create such by-laws as may be deemed essentil for their government, consistent with the constitution. It shall be the duty of each Board to make a written report at each session of the Association for final approval.

ARTICLE VIII — FINANCE

SECTION I: (Policy) The financial policy of the Association shall be the giving of tithes and offerings. It is suggested that each church pay 10 per cent of its income to the Association.

SECTION II: (Offering) A free will offering shall be received at each session.

SECTION III: (Disbursements) All disbursements shall be made by check and all checks shall be signed by the moderator and the treasurer.

SECTION IV: (Budget) Each standing board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each Associational year and present same for approval of the Association before any expenditures are made for the year.

SECTION V: (Unified Treasury) Funds of all departments shall be handled by the treasurer of the Association and may be disbursed from any account upon the demand of the Association, the General Board, or the Board holding such account with the treasurer.

ARTICLE IX — MEETING

SECTION I: The Association shall convene quarterly. The quarterly sessions shall convene on Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, and July. The fourth meeting shall be the annual session and shall convene for two days, which shall be on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

ARTICLE X — ALTERATION

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration has been presented in writing at the previous session.

BY • LAWS OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1962

1. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Questions of fellowship, expulsion, and all other items of business of the Association shall be settled according to the **National Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists**.

3. All business of the Association shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to **Robert's Rules of Order**.

4. The Associational year shall begin September 1 and end August 31.

5. Churches and their pastors shall serve as committees and shall be named by the chair at least three months before the annual session.

6. Each church shall send a letter to each session certifying the election of their delegates and containing general, financial, and statistical information about their church and any other information that the Association may request.

7. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once a year.

8. By a two-thirds vote of all members present, a ruling of the Moderator can be over-ruled.

9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat all delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

10. No member shall absent himself while the Association is in session without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to speak more tthan ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.

12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member provided the person nominated is elected.

13. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing.

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

| Year | Moderator | Clerk | Treasurer | Church(es) | Mem. |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | 783 |
| 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, Cornith | 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, Cornith | 2447 |
| 1938—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, J. W. D. Stephens, Prospect | 2536 |

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| 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, Cornith 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, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Shiloh and New Hope | 2402 |
| 1958—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, First Church, Dothan and Pleasant Home | 2415 |
| 1959—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Springhill and Union Springs | 2493 |
| 1960—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Howard Grove and Cornith | 2540 |
| 1961—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, David Rabon, Union Hill and Cowarts Creek | 2919 |
| 1962—Ralph Bell, Gerald Baxley, David Rabon, Pittman Creek and Panther Creek | 2872 |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: Cornith — Saturday, January 12, 1963.

Theme: Unity & Cooperation In The Local Church.

Speaker: Rev. B. H. Grace (Rev. Trim Finch).

Morning Devotion: Bobby Vaughn.

Afternoon Devotion: David Rabon.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: New Hope—Saturday, April 13, 1963.

Theme: Unity & Cooperation in Local Association.

Speaker: Rev. Ralph Bell (Rev. Leo Curtis).

Morning Devotion: Charles Mathis.

Afternoon Devotion: Rev. George Stephens

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: Union Hill—Saturday July 13, 1963.

Theme: Unity and Cooperation In State Association.

Speaker: Rev. William Atkinson (Rev. John Edwards).

Morning Devotion: Rev. Bobby Register

Afternoon Devotion: Donald Elmore

ANNUAL SESSION: Unity & Cooperation In National Association.

First Day: First Church Dothan—October 11, 1963

Speaker: Rev. Carlton Lambert (Rev. E. B. Ledlow)

Morning Devotion: Shelly Fowler.

Afternoon Devotion: F. W. Bolin.

Second Day: Howard Grove—October 12, 1963.

Speaker: Rev. Carlton Lambert (Rev. E. B. Ledlow)

Morning Devotion: J. B. Smith

Afternoon Devotion: Thurman Drinkwater

League Rally: Friday evening before second Sunday in each month.

League Convention and Sunday School Convention Combined:

Date: May 11, 1963

Time: 3:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m.

Place to be announced.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY:

Sunday (2:00) December 30, 1962—Place to be announced.

Sunday (2:00) March 31, 1963—Place to be announced.

Sunday (2:00) June 30, 1963—Place to be announced.

Sunday (2:00) September 29, 1963—Place to be announced.

WOMEN,S AUXILIARY CONVENTION—To be announced.

UNITY and COOPERATION

“Behold, How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalms 133:1)

| CHURCH | PASTOR | CLERK | SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT. | LEAGUE PRES. | WOMANS AUXILIARY PRES. | MASTERS MEN PRES. | YPA PRES. |
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| CORINTH | Ralph Bell Route 1 Ashford, Ala. | Gerald Barley Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | Earl Culpepper Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | Linda Mallory Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | Mrs. Ralph Bell Route 1 Ashford, Ala. | | |
| COWARTS CREEK | George Stephens 1205 W. Woodland Dr. Dothan, Ala. | Mrs. Maude Fowler Box 98 Dothan, Ala. | James Fowler Route 1 Ashford, Ala. | Shelly Fowler Box 98 Dothan, Ala. | Mrs. Glenda Fowler Route 1 Ashford, Ala. | | Rodney Fowler Route 3 Dothan, Ala. |
| 1ST CH. DOTHAN | John Edwards 1217 Bruce St. Dothan, Ala. | Mrs. Donald Arnold 600 Windsor Court Dothan, Ala. | Dorman Deal 107 Guilford St. Dothan, Ala., | Bobby Howell 707 S. Edgewood Dr. Dothan, Ala. | Mrs. Donald Arnold 600 Windsor Court Dothan, Ala. | Edward Brown 1202 Bruce St. Dothan, Ala. | Ronnie Brown Box 407 Dothan, Ala. |
| 1ST CH. GENEVA | L. D. Hughes 300 Bryant St. Geneva, Ala. | Mrs. Robbie Hughes 300 Bryant St. Geneva, Ala. | H. M. Grantham 104 E. Purvis Geneva, Ala. | Preston Phillips 311 W. Campbell Geneva, Ala. | | | Lula Usery Geneva, Ala. |
| 1ST. CH. SAMSON | Aubrey Brannon Route 4 DeFuniak Spgs., Fla. | Willie N. Paul Route 2 Kinston, Ala. | Sib Owens Route 2 Kinston, Ala. | Melvin Maloy Samson, Ala. | | | |
| 1ST CH. SLOCOMB | W. C. Windham Route 4 Marianna, Fla. | Rufesta Boutwell Box 14 Slocumb, Ala. | | | | | |
| GRANGERBURG | Charles Craddock 511 Madison Ave. Dothan, Ala., | Mrs. Royce Askew Grangerburg, Ala. | B. W. West Box 165 Cottonwood, Ala. | Linda Whitehead Box 32 Cottonwood, Ala. | | | |
| HOWARD GROVE | L. E. Curtis Box 253 Ashford, Ala. | A. C. Womack Route 1 Cottonwood, Ala. | A. C. Womack Route 1 Cottonwood, Ala. | Bennie Frank Jones Route 1 Cottonwood, Ala. | Violet Curtis Box 253 Ashford, Ala. | | Hubert Curtis Ashford, Ala. |
| MAGNOLIA | Bobby Register Route 2 Graceville, Fla. | Mrs. Edna Dykes Box 72 Pinckard, Ala. | Charlie Seagers Route 2 Midland City, Ala. | Mary Ann Cobb Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | | | |
| NEW HARMONY | W. T. Hutto Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | Mrs. James Calloway Box 211 Cottonwood, Ala. | George Puckett Route Dothan, Ala. | | | | |
| NEW HOPE | Bobby Register Route 2 Graceville, Fla. | Z. A. Ammons Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | Billy Ammons Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | Billy Ammons Route 1 Midland City, Ala. | | | |
| PANTHER CREEK | B. H. Grace Cottonwood, Ala. | Concy Thomley Route 1 Newton, Ala. | Edsel Smith Slocumb, Ala. | | | | |
| PITTMAN CREEK | L. C. Mison Route 1 Black, Ala. | Earl Sowell Route 1 Black, Ala. | M. F. Smith Route 1 Black, Ala. | | | | |
| PLEASANT HOME | L. C. Mison Route 1 Black, Ala. | Loyd Bothams 303 Greenwood St. Geneva, Ala. | Joe Bothams Route 1 Geneva, Ala. | James Martin Route 1 Geneva, Ala. | | | |
| PLEASANT RIDGE | A. H. Retherford Ashford, Ala. | Sidney Tindell Route 1 Cottonwood, Ala. | Ralph Monday Route 2 Marianna, Fla. | | | | |
| SHILOH | A. H. Retherford Ashford, Ala. | Inez Cook Route 2 Columbia, Ala. | C. J. Dukes Route 2 Columbia, Ala. | | | | |
| SPRINGFIELD | | Billy Rabon Box 102 Ashford, Ala. | Billy Rabon Box 102 Ashford, Ala. | David Rabon Box 276 Ashford, Ala. | Mrs. Katrya McCrone Route 1 Columbia, Ala. | | |
| SPRING HILL | Trim Finch Slocumb, Ala. | Mrs. Bertha Etheridge Route 1 Gordon, Ala. | C. E. Kirksey Route 1 Gordon, Ala. | Mrs. Faye Tolar Route 2 Ashford, Ala. | | | |
| UNION HILL | James D. Kimore Box 35 Slocumb, Ala. | Mrs. Elsie Morris Route 1 Slocumb, Ala. | Donald Bolen Route 1 Slocumb, Ala. | Johnny Lassiter Box 136 Slocumb, Ala. | Mrs. Janice Bolin Route 1 Slocumb, Ala. | | Mrs. Loyce Collins Box 43 Slocumb, Ala. |
| UNION SPRINGS | Randall Miller | Tharman Drinkwater Route 2 | Maxwell Sims Route 2 | Stanley Fulton | | | Doris Fulton |