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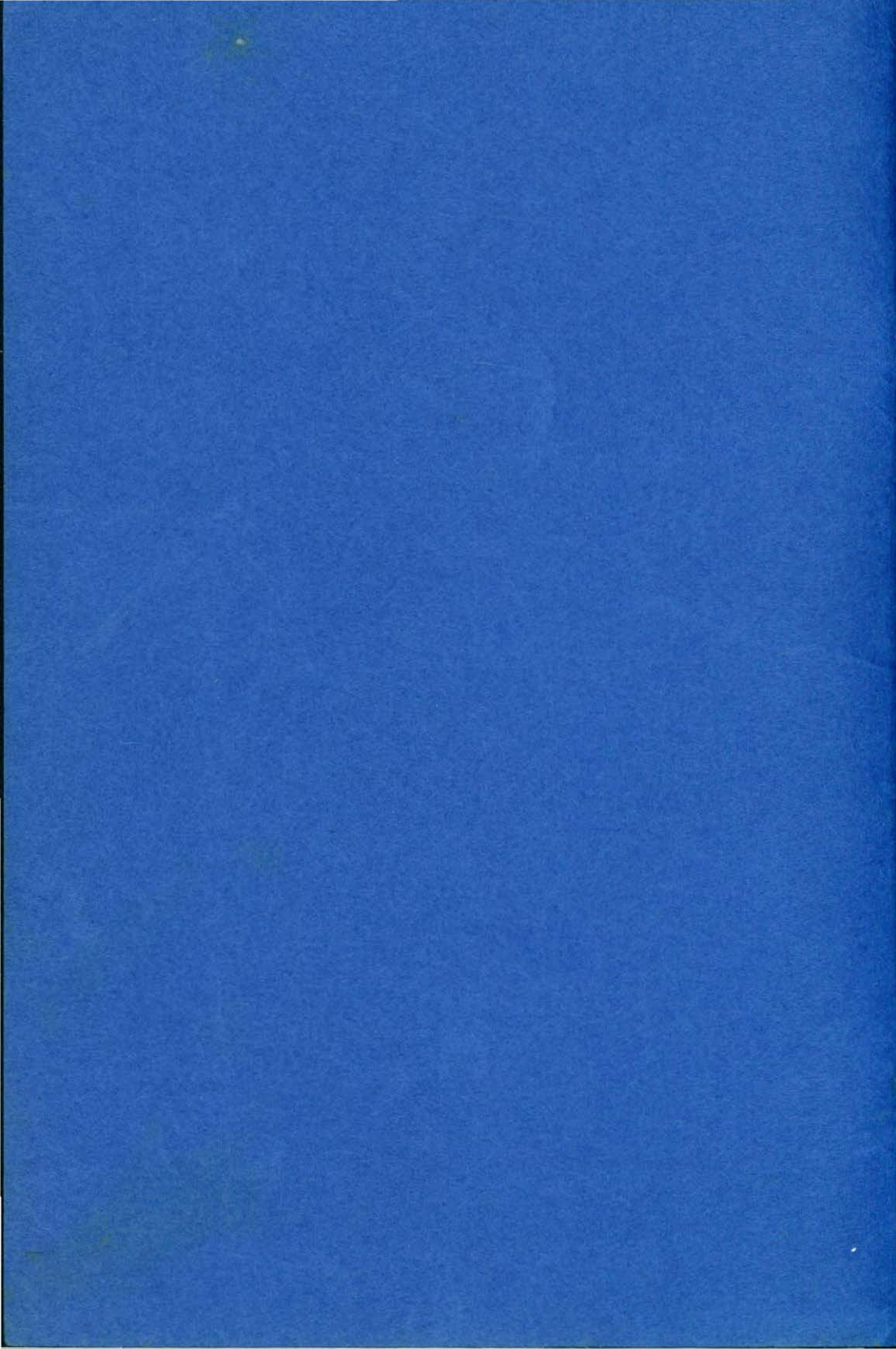
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PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Rocky Top Church October 11 and with Liberty Church October 12, 1963.

The Service was opened with a song led by Bro. C. C. Berryhill. Prayer led by Bro. Bobby Jeffreys. 1st John 5th Chapter was read by Bro. C. C. Berryhill before introducing the Moderator Bro. Gurley Roberts.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association was called to order by moderator, scripture reading; Matt. 5:14.

Moved and seconded to make J. C. Hood the official clerk of this, the Fifty-Ninth Session of the Association.

Reading of Rules of Decorum and Constitution by Moderator.

Appointing of Credential Committee; Bro. C. D. Paden, Bro. J. D. Kelley, Bro. D. L. Brown.

Appointing of Finance Committee; Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Monroe Howell, Bro. Roy Franks.

Appointing of Devotional Committee; Bro. Ivan Boyett, Bro. John G. Sanderson, with Deacons of Rocky Top Church.

Visiting Ministers were recognized; Bro. A. G. Lacey, Bro. Joe Frederick from Jasper Assoc., Bro. Frank Lee from Vernon Assoc. and Bro. Jim Godsey.

Song directed by Bro. L. V. Collier. Prayer led by Bro. Frank Lee.

Moved and seconded to seat visitors with us. Carried.

Appointing Reading Clerks; Sis. Linda Frederick, and Bro. Wayne Martin.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Joe Frederick to conduct Friday morning Devotional, Bro. Gurley Roberts to bring 11:00 o'clock Message. Bro. O. S. Gardner to have Friday night Devotional with Bro. L. V. Collier bringing the message. Devotional Saturday morning by Bro. William N. Martin, 11:00 o'clock message by Bro. Howard Simmons.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. W. C. Shotts, prayer led by Bro. Howard Simmons. Devotional conducted by Bro. Joe Frederick.

Bro. L. V. Collier made a most enjoyable talk before introducing Bro. Gurley Roberts to bring the 11:00 o'clock message. Scripture: 1st. Peter 3:15. Text: "Why I'm a Free Will Baptist."

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Hubert Gardner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Moved and seconded to receive petitionary letter of 1st. Free Will Baptist Church of Green Rock, Illinois into this body. Song led by Bro. Collier to give the right hand of Christian Fellowship to the Church.

We, your committee on Credential have examined all church letters and find all in good standing except First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent. We recommend that it be put on probation for one year on account of confusion. (2) We recommend that Bro. and Sis. Quinton Boyett make acknowledgement to the Minister of this Association.

We have also examined and find Bro. Herdis Sullins letter of recommendation in good standing.

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Moved and seconded to receive 1st. Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent letter, but not seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to receive Bro. Herdis Sullins into the Association.

We recommend all ministers in good standing to receive a card of standing except Bro. E. C. Kelton, who has not been present for the past two years. We recommend his credentials be cancelled.

C. D. Paden, D. L. Brown, J. D. Kelley

Moved and seconded to receive report and discharge committee.

Bro. Quinton Boyett made his apologies to the ministers and they accepted.

CHURCH LETTERS READ AND SEATING OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH — Bro. Charlis Templeton, Bro. Tommy Palmer, Bro. Bengie Ballard, Alt. Bro. Awyer Ballard.

BARNESVILLE — Bro. Ivan Boyett, Sis. Clela Ward, Sis. Ruth Duke, Alt. Bro. Ray Casey.

COOPER — Sis. Annette Lamb, Sis. Ila Frederick, Bro. Sherman Frederick, Bro. Rob Peoples, Alt. Ordie Lewis.

FAIRVIEW — Bro. B. Osborn, Sis. Mattie Stone, Sis. Asalie Triplett, Sis. Corine Triplett.

FREE WILL CHAPEL — Sis. Ozie Franks, Sis. Edna Jackson, Sis. Addie Gilmore, Sis. Lena Gideon.

LIBERTY — Sis. Emma Lee Childers, Bro. R. C. Childers, Sis. Vessie Childers.

MT. HOPE — Sis. Velmer Lynch, Sis. Verdine Purser, Sis. Marvie Kelley.

NEW BETHLEHEM — Omeage Stivner, Sis. Stella Hester, Bro. Noble Grey Duncan.

NEW CENTER POINT — Sis. Pearl Brown, Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Joyce Berryhill.

NEW HOPE — Bro. E. M. Tice, Sis. Lirdie Tice, Sis. Vertie Dobbs.

NEW PLEASANT RIDGE (Splunge) — Sis. Nell Thompson, Sis. Gladys Jones, Sis. Mary Dill.

NEW SALEM — Sis. Ellie Lindsey, Sis. Jewell Stone, Sis. Ila Howell, Alt. Sis. Delah McPherson.

PLEASANT RIDGE — Sis. Loys Pierce, Sis. Maudine Sanderson, Sis. Winnie Green.

PLEASANT SITE — Bro. and Sis. Bobby Sullins, Bro. Orville Scogins, Bro. Iris Mills.

ROCKY GROVE — Bro. J. H. Byrd, Sis. Era Byrd, Sis. Mattie Colburn

ROCKY TOP — Bro. J. C. Hood, Sis. Linda Frederick, Sis. Nora Robinson, Alt. Otis Cantrell.

UNION RIDGE — Bro. Melton Harper, Bro. Billie Turmon, Bro. Obie Weaver.

1st FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF SULLIGENT —

1st FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK, ILL. — Bro. Clyde Wates, Sis. Eva Lee Martin, Sis. Fannie Wates, Alt. Sis. Judy Martin

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Business Committee; Bro. L. V. Collier, Bro. Hudson Burleson, Bro.

O. S. Gardner, with Moderator and Clerk.

Ordaining Council: Bro. O. S. Gardner, Bro. C. D. Paden and Bro. W.

C. Shotts.

Deceased Members: Bro. J. D. Kelley, Bro. E. M. Tice and Bro. F. F. Terry.

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Temperance: Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Hubert Gardner and Bro. S. D. Stone.

Sunday School Literature: Bro. Ivan Boyett, Sis. Marvin Winsett and Sis. Pearce.

Appreciation: Sis. Marvie Kelley, Sis. Linda Frederick and Sis. Nora Robinson.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. L. V. Collier.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We have examined these four men, Bro. William N. Martin, Bro. Wayne Martin, Bro. Jimmy Martin and Bro. William Adkins, and find them to be worthy of ordination.

Scripture reading by Bro. W. C. Shotts. Hand shake by Associational body. Charge given by Bro. O. S. Gardner.

Closing prayer by Bro. Hudson Burleson and Bro. C. D. Paden.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, received \$174.79 minute fund and \$12.75 for Orphans Home. We find on hand \$648.12.

Howard Simmons, Chairman.

Moved and seconded to receive report and discharge committee. Closing prayer by Bro. S. D. Stone.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Singing by Friendly Five Quartet. Prayer by Bro. Herdis Sullins.

Devotional conducted by Bro. O. S. Gardner. Assistant Moderator asked Bro. Hudson Burleson to bring the Communion and Feet Washing Message. Scripture, Four Gospels and 1st Cor. 11:21. Text: "Why Do We Do These Things."

Closed with hymn after a very warm and touching communion and feet washing service.

SATURDAY SESSION

The body was called to order. Song led by J. C. Hood. Prayer led by Bro. L. V. Collier.

James 5:16 read by Moderator, who conducted a very enjoyable confession service. Sis. Quinton Boyett apologized to the ministers and they accepted.

A short devotional was conducted by Bro. Wayne Martin.

Moved and seconded to seat visiting delegates, Bro. Humphreys, Bro. Scott, Bro. and Sis. Lay, Sis. Sullins.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

DECEASED MEMBERS:

We, your committee on deceased members, find that death has called eight members from our churches, Bro. E. M. Tice, Bro. J. D. Kelley, Bro. F. F. Terry.

TEMPERANCE:

We, your committee on temperance find it commanded by the Word of God and would consist of bringing our bodies under subjection of the Holy Spirit. We recommend that our Preachers preach more on Temperance. We recommend that all members abstain from all intoxicating beverages.

S. D. Stone, Burton Frederick.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE:

We, your committee on Sunday School Literature recommend that all churches use Free Will Baptist literature. We also recommend that all churches have Sunday School regularly.

Ivan Boyett, Chairman.

APPRECIATION:

We, your committee on appreciation wish to express our deep gratitude to God for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon us during this session. We appreciate the wonderful fellowship we have enjoyed with the host churches and communities. We especially thank the pastors and their wives and the church members for the good food they prepared and the friendly welcome they extended to all.

Sis. Linda Frederick, Sis. Marvie Kelley.

Reports were all accepted and committees discharged.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. L. V. Collier. Devotional conducted by Bro. Newt Martin. Scripture John 17th Chapter.

11:00 o'clock message by Bro. Howard Simmons. Scripture Jonah: 1 — 1 & 2. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Jimmy Martin.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Body was called to order by the Moderator.

EVANGELIST REPORT

Visited 16 churches. Received \$211.00. Held six weeks revival, received \$308.00. Total received \$519.00.

Bro. Hubert Gardner

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

We, your committee on documents and order of business recommend that we receive items 1, amend item 2, receive items 3 thru 8, drop items 9 and 10, receive items 11 thru 17. We recommend we add items 15 thru 19 to our church rules. Add items 11, 12, 13 to our Constitution and amend item 8 of Rules of the Preachers. Moved and seconded that these items become law in 30 days. Carried.

Moved and seconded to receive report and discharge committee.

Item 1. We recommend that the Clerk be paid \$20.00 and the Moderator \$10.00; Assistant Moderator \$5.00 and the Treasurer \$5.00 for their services and the Clerk superintend the printing of the Association Minutes and distribute them.

Item 2. We recommend that the Moderator preach the introductory sermon; the Assistant Moderator preach the Friday night sermon, and holy communion service with feet-washing. Also, that we have communion and feet-washing services on Saturday night and that the Moderator appoint the Preacher to preach on Saturday night.

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

Item 4. We recommend that our Friday session convene at 9:00 o'clock.

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

Item 6. We recommend that all pastors explain the value of tithing to

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various churches.

Item 7. We recommend that we go on record opposing all liquor traffic and legalizing of intoxicating beverages.

Item 8. We recommend that our pastors preach one doctrinal sermon a year in each church.

Item 9. We recommend that the Association grant each ordained minister a card of good standing each year.

Item 10. We recommend we go on record against the integration of the races in our churches and Association, that we will not affiliate with those that do.

Item 11. We recommend that we do not ordain any minister with two living wives, nor his wife with two living men.

Item 12. We recommend that when a deacon without providential reason, absents himself from the meeting of the church, or refuses to support for three months, it is considered a violation of the covenant and sufficient reason for dismissal as a deacon.

Item 13. We recommend that any minister for two years failing to represent himself in person or by letter to the Association, his credentials will be cancelled.

Item 14. We recommend that each church letter to the Association remain the same as was adopted in church conference.

Item 15. We recommend our Friday and Friday Night associational service convene at one church of our association and the Saturday service convene at another church of our association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved and seconded to elect officers by acclamation.

Rev. Hubert Gardner	Moderator
Rev. Hudson Burleson	Assistant Moderator
J. C. Hood	Clerk and Treasurer
Linda Frederick	Asst. Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. Otis Palmer	Evangelist

Moved and seconded to print deceased ministers names in each minute.

DECEASED MINISTERS NAMES

Bros. J. D. Dove, W. G. Howell, C. R. Puckett, J. B. Watts, I. K. Boyette, J. G. Boyette, M. L. Nichols.

NEXT ASSOCIATION SESSION

The next session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with New Hope Church Friday and Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1964 and with Union Ridge on Saturday and Saturday night.

Voted not to represent in the State Association.

Moved and seconded to grant Bro. Roy Barnes and Bro. Fermon Wright a letter of good standing from this Association.

Moved and seconded to adjourn this association until Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1964.

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NAMES OF DEACONS

- ANTIOCH — J. T. Satterwhite, James M. Howell, Charles Howell.
BARNESVILLE — Exel Brown, Charlie Parmer, Elsie Alvis.
COOPER — Russell Cooper, Dee Stone, Redis McKay, Lowell Parker, Burlesy Finch, Hubert Peoples.
FAIRVIEW — Sam Carter, Ira Tripplett.
FREE WILL CHAPEL — Roy Franks, Edsel Gideon, Edward Barnes.
LIBERTY — O'neal Childers, Otis Childers.
MT. HOPE — J. D. Kelley, Hubert Cochran, Y. D. Howell.
NEW BETHLEHEM — Hicks Hester, Troy Duncan.
NEW CENTER POINT — Curtis Scott, Aussie Tate, D. L. Brown.
NEW HOPE — Malone Tice, Ben Arthur, F. F. Terry.
NEW PLEASANT RIDGE — B. B. Jones, Clyde Palmer, Delmo Thompson.
NEW SALEM — N. C. McPherson, Woodrow Gilliland.
PLEASANT RIDGE — J. H. Sanderson, Claude Winsett, Delton Giddy, Call Pierce.
PLEASANT SITE — Archie Satterwhite, Paul Nix, J. R. Kerr, Vester Watson, Marshall Watson.
ROCKY GROVE — J. E. Harris, J. G. Sanderson, Claborn Thomas, Larkin Townley.
ROCKY TOP — Burton Frederick, William Frederick, Leonard Howell, Huey Webb.
UNION RIDGE — Johnny Myers, Troy Clifton, Archie Truman.
1st FWB CHURCH OF SULLIGENT — L. G. Boyett, Quinton Boyett, Isiah Hollis.
1st FWB CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK, ILL. — John Tidwell, Basil Martin, Newton Martin.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

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| ANTIOCH — Ray Howell | Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala. |
| BARNESVILLE — Exel Brown | Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala. |
| MT. HOPE — Yancey Howell | Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala. |
| FAIRVIEW — Jack Lindsey | Rt. 1, Bexar, Ala. |
| FREE WILL CHAPEL — Georgie Lee Hall | Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala. |
| NEW HOPE — Evie Tice | Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala. |
| NEW SALEM — Ila Howell | Rt. 1, Bexar, Ala. |
| NEW PLEASANT RIDGE — Burley Jones | Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Miss. |
| NEW CENTER POINT — Lester Ford, | Greenwood Springs, Miss. |
| NEW BETHLEHEM — Noble Grey Duncan | |
| PLEASANT RIDGE — Wesley A. Green | P. O. Box 30A Hamilton, Ala. |
| PLEASANT SITE — Hudson Stone | Detroit, Ala. |
| ROCKY GROVE — J. E. Harris | Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala. |
| ROCKY TOP — Linda Frederick | Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Ala. |
| COOPER — Burley Finch | |
| UNION RIDGE — Ercell Thompson | Rt. 4 Sulligent, Ala. |
| LIBERTY — Brenda Pharr | Rt. 1, Box 84, Vina, Ala. |
| 1st FWB CHURCH OF SULLIGENT — Mrs. Charles Crosley, | Sulligent, Ala. |
| 1st FWB CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK, ILL. | Rt. 2, Box 309C, East Moline, Ill. |

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Churches	Pastors Ending October, 1962	Pastors Ending October, 1964	Church Membership	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Paid Pastor
Antioch	Howard Simmons	Howard Simmons	62	0	0	1	0	290.00
Barnesville	L. V. Collier	Gurlie Roberts	101	6	1	0	1	648.00
Cooper	Gurlie Roberts	Gurlie Roberts	131	4	4	4	2	1028.67
Fairview	O. S. Gardner	Hubert Gardner	98	0	0	0	0	530.26
Freewill Chapel	Roy Barnes	Hubert Gardner	81	5	0	0	0	844.55
Liberty	C. D. Paden	C. D. Paden	19	0	0	0	0	113.25
Mt. Hope	A. G. Lacey	A. G. Lacey	35	3	0	0	0	515.00
New Bethlehem	Bobby Jeffreys	Bobby Jeffreys	50	1	0	0	0	132.00
New Center Point	Clevert Berryhill	Clevert Berryhill	84	0	0	3	0	306.25
New Hope	Joe Frederick	Joe Frederick	71	10	0	0	2	251.85
New Pleasant Ridge	C. C. Berryhill	C. C. Berryhill	19	0	0	0	0	324.40
New Salem	Jerome Spencer	Jerome Spencer	54	0	0	1	0	229.61
Pleasant Ridge	C. D. Paden	Jimmy Howell	88	0	3	2	1	272.18
Pleasant Site	A. G. Lacey	A. G. Lacey	170	4	1	0	1	678.75
Rocky Grove	O. S. Gardner	Booker Tice	74	3	0	2	0	397.93
Rocky Top	Jimmy Howell	L. V. Collier	87	2	1	0	0	508.47
Union Ridge	Howard Simmons	Howard Simmons	141	3	0	2	0	290.00
1st FWB Sulligent	Grady Hudson	M. L. Hollis	83	0	2	0	0	900.00
1st FWB Green Rock, Ill.	O. S. Gardner	O. S. Gardner	47	19	28	0	0	244.00

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Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Church Improvement	Association and Minute Fund	Foreign Mission	Children's Home Direct	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	No. in League	Average in Sunday School	No. of Teachers	Sunday School Superintendents
58.20			7.50	0	9.00		3		25	3	J. M. Howell
100.00	6,000		10.70	0	12.46	2	3		60	4	Emmett Hall
130.00	6,800	423.99	10.00	0		1	6	60	75	6	Orbie Lewis
167.00	6,000	176.66	10.00	0	7.84	3	2	59	59	4	Ira Triplett
88.00	2,000		10.00	0	60.00	1	3	0	53	4	Buddy Gideon
34.00	3,500		6.00	0	15.00	1	2	0	30	3	O'Neal Childers
50.00	2,500		10.75	0	0	1	3	0	43	3	Dorothy Ballard
	2,000		4.00	0	0	1	2	0			
51.00	4,000	3,000	10.00	0	8.11	2	3	0	40	4	Ausie Tate
85.24	4,000	13.39	18.32	0	0	0	3	0	59	3	Delbert Lee Dobos
69.62	2,000	25.00	8.00	0	32.00	0	3	0			
7.98	800		5.50	0	7.75	1	2	0	35	4	U. G. Howell
30.00	5,000	6.00	8.00	0	0	0	4	0	30	4	J. L. Howell
221.73	5,950	150.00	10.00	0	50.00	0	5	0	66	3	Stanford Nix
55.00	4,500	471.00	10.00	0	20.00	3	4	0	30	4	J. E. Harris
109.67	4,500		6.00	0	0	2	4	0	60	4	Burton Frederick
36.50	1,000		10.00	0	0	0	3	0	41	3	Troy Clifton
196.60		24.24	10.00	20.05	0	0	0	0	34	5	
221.00	9,000		10.00	0	26.75	4	3	3	70	3	Basil Martin

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MINISTERS NAMES AND ADRESSES

Rev. Clevert Berryhill	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
Rev. Hudson Burleson	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Walter Colburn	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. O. S. Gardner	615 7th St. Green Rock, Ill.
Rev. Jimmy Howell	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. Bobby Jefferys	Rt. 1, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. C. D. Paden	Rt. 1, Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Otis Palmer	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. W. C. Shotts	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Marvin Winsett	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. U. G. Howell	Bexar, Ala.
Rev. Hubert Gardner	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Howard Simmons	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Gurley Roberts	Detroit, Ala.
Rev. William N. Martin	Rt. 1, Box 270A Colona, Ill.
Rev. Wayne Martin	Rt. 1, Box 270A Colona, Ill.
Rev. Jimmy Martin	Rt. 1, Box 270A Colona, Ill.
Rev. William Adkins	3322 2nd St. East Moline, Ill.

All the above named ministers were present except Rev. Walter Colburn, who was sick.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount in bank, October 11, 1963	\$ 648.12
Amount received as minute & Association Funds	187.54
TOTAL	835.66

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Gurlie Roberts, (Moderator)	10.00
Paid L. V. Collier (Assistant Moderator)	5.00
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk & Treas.)	25.00
Sent to Children's Home (Received in Church letters)	12.75
Printing of Minutes	78.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	130.75
BALANCE	704.91

Clerk, J. C. Hood, Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Ala.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide, and sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherent a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow of sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, free from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in Water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

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14. **TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gosvel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

RULES OF THE PREACHERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ministers or churches receiving members otherwise shall be dealt with by the Association.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to the study of scripture, secret prayers, family doctrines and social worship and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;

We will not forget the assembling together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pray according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all of its benevolent work;

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and watch over one another in love, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel;

We will everywhere hold the Christian principles sacred and Christian obligation supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven;

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprise, support the mission, the success of the Sabbath Schools and evangelistic effort for salvation of souls and conversion of the world, and may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall open and close by singing and prayer.
2. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the opening of each regular session.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address the Moderator and when recognized he shall proceed.
4. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, by anyone except the Moderator, and not by the Moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.
5. The person speaking must adhere to the subject in question and shall not use words of personal reflection.
6. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, and not more than five minutes each time.
7. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.
8. No person shall address another except by the appellation of Brother or Sister.
9. No member shall absent himself without leave of Moderator.
10. The names of all ministers, deacons and delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as deemed necessary by the Moderator.

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11. Every member of this body must vote for or against every move that comes before it; those failing to do this shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

12. Any person knowingly breaking any of the rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, according to directions of the Association.

13. We recommend that each church in this Association have as many as two Sunday services each month.

CHURCH RULES

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

2. We agree to meet in conference, quarterly, or oftener, if necessary to transact business of the church.

3. The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the pastor; the Moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the vote of the church on them and shall have the liberty to speech as any other, but not vote unless there be a tie, when he shall give his deciding vote.

4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in the conference and bear their part of the expenses.

5. No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the Moderator.

6. No member shall arraign another before the church for any grievance without first taking gospel steps. — See Matt. 18:15-17

7. All members brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel-like order, shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawn by mover.

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

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

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

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

12. We agree to do all our business by a majority of the members.

13. These rules shall be read at opening of each conference.

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

Item 15. No business can be transacted in a church as long as there are members out of fellowship in the church until an effort has been made in that Conference to bring it to peace.

Item 16. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference, and strictly enforced by the Moderator.

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Item 17. Any member who willfully absents his or herself for a period of six months and fails to discharge their duty according to the church Covenant shall be deemed as inactive and shall not be reinstated into full fellowship of the church until they have made restitution.

Item 18. Any Member desiring to move his membership from one church to another in the Association must have a letter. Failing to do so, he is taken under the watch care of the church until he presents the letter.

Item 19. Concerning the ordination of deacons: (A) He must be elected by the church of which he is a member. (B) He must be approved for the work of the church by the Credentials Committee. (C) Any local church in good standing in the Association, if it so desires may ordain deacons with the help of any two ordained ministers and one ordained deacon, who are approved by the Moderator of the Association.

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Each church represented in this Association shall be required to bring annually 6 per cent capita as an Associational fund for the purpose of printing the minutes and Associational expenses.

Item 11. All Ministers of the association in good standing shall be a standing committee who shall have the power of the association between sessions to settle trouble which may arise between Minister or church members when request is made by party or parties involved. They may elect an executive committee of three or more ministers whose decision shall be final unless reversed by the Association. A quorum (7) of the ministers shall have the power to rule a minister out of good standing between sessions.

Item 12. No church shall withdraw from the association except it be announced from one regular meeting day to the next and a two thirds majority vote of the total membership be cast in favor of the withdrawal.

Item 13. All ministers pastoring churches in the Mississippi-Alabama Association shall abide by the Rules of the same.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

State of Alabama, County of _____

This is to certify that our beloved _____
is in full fellowship with us and is thereby dismissed from us when
joined in some other church. This done by order of church in Con-
ference at _____ and
signed by order of same.

This _____ day of _____, 19____
_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk

CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

State of _____, County of _____

We, the Church of Christ, of the Free Will Order of _____
_____ Church, send greetings to the Ministers and
Messengers and Delegates, composing the _____
annual session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association.

We send as delegates _____

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

Received by confession _____, by letter _____, by restora-
tion _____, by recommendation _____, dismissed by letter _____,
died _____, expelled _____, No. of Deacons _____,
Names _____

We send as Minute fund \$ _____; Associational fund \$ _____;
Orphans' Home \$ _____; Sent direct to Orphans' Home \$ _____;
United Program \$ _____; No. Ordained Ministers _____; their
names and post offices: _____

Former pastor _____; present pastor
_____; His Address _____;
Total Membership _____; Active _____; Value of Church
property \$ _____; improvements done on church \$ _____;
paid pastor \$ _____; paid Evangelist or helper \$ _____;
missions \$ _____; Number in Sunday School _____;
Supt. _____; No. Teachers _____;
No. in League _____.

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

Clerk's Address _____

