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PROCEEDINGS

The Sixtieth Annual Session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with New Hope Church October 9 and with Union Ridge October 10, 1964.

The service was opened with a song led by Bro. J. C. Hood and prayer by Bro. William Adkins. Rev. Gurlie Roberts read Pslams 34 and made a short talk before introducing Moderator Rev. Hubert Gardner.

Move and carried to appoint Bro. Roberts as assistant moderator until our elected moderator arrives.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association was called to order by Moderator. Scripture reading: Matt. 5:15.

Reading of Rules of Dequorum and Constitution by Moderator.

Appointing of Credential Committee: Bro. Roy Franks, Bro. C. D. Paden, Bro. D. L. Brown.

Appointing of Finance Committee: Bro. J. D. Kelly, Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. John G. Sanderson.

Appointing of Devotional Committee: Bro. J. E. Harris, Bro. F. F. Terry, Bro. William Adkins, and deacons of New Hope Church.

Visiting Ministers were recognized: Bro. A. G. Lacy, Bro. Joe Frederick, Bro. Jim Godsey, Bro. W. E. Adkinson from Jasper Association; Bro. Roy Barnes from Vernon Association.

Song led by Bro. Nix. Prayer by Bro. Jim Godsey.

Move and second to seat visitors with us. Carried.

Appointing of Reading Clerks: Sis. Linda Frederick and Bro. Calvin Gardner.

Song led by Bro. Nix.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. Nix, prayer by Rev. O. S. Gardner.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. C. D. Paden to conduct Friday morning devotional; Moderator Bro. Hubert Gardner to bring the 11:00 o'clock message; Bro. Jimmy Martin to have Friday night devotional; message by Bro. L. V. Collier; Saturday morning devotional Bro. Wayne Martin; 11:00 o'clock by Rev. Joe Frederick.

Move and carried to receive the report and discharge committee.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, received \$178.03 Minute and Associational funds and \$20 for Orphan's Home. We find on hand \$703.37.

Howard Simmons, Chairman

Move and carried to receive report and discharge committee.

Friday morning devotional by Bro. C. D. Paden. Scripture: Luke 21:25. Song by Bro. J. C. Hood. Moderator Rev. Hubert Gardner to bring 11:00 o'clock message. Text: "Am I Pleasing God?"

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. L. V. Collier.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by Rev. L. V. Collier, prayer by Bro. Otis Parmer.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Move and carried to accept Love Joy Church into the State Line Association. 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.

We recommend the Association excuse Bro. William N. Martin for not being present at this session. He sent a letter.

We recommend that this Association exclude the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent on the account of the church breaking the rules of the Association.

We recommend that this Association recognize the ones that ask for their letters rather than to break the rules of the Association.

We recommend that all ministers get a card of standing. All present but two: Rev. Hudson Burleson and Rev. Jimmy Howell.

Rev. C. D. Paden, Bro. D. L.

Brown, Bro. Roy Franks

Move and carried to receive report and discharge committee.

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS AND SEATING OF DELEGATES:

ANTIOCH-Sis. Trixie Author, Sis. July Terrell, Bro.

Joe Howell, Alt. Bro. Tommy Palmer.

BARNESVILLE-Bro. Marvin Young, Sis. Manella Brown,

Sis. Ressie Palmer, Sis. Ann Clark.

COOPER-Sis. Etta Cooper, Bro. Oscar Jeffreys, Sis.

Etna Clark, Sis Ruby Finch.

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FAIRVIEW-Sis. Jeanette Carter, Sis. Sherry Triplett,
Sis. Pauline Cayson, Sis. Willie Mae Williams.
FREE WILL CHAPEL-Bro. Belton Smith, Bro. Murry Jackson,
Sis. Dorothy Gedion.
LIBERTY-Sis. Brenda Pharr, Sis. Emmie Lee Childers,
Sis. Versie Childers.
LOVE JOY-Bro. Mack Reynolds, Bro. Calvin Gardner,
Bro. Wendell Giddie, Alt. Sis. Linda Green.
MT. HOPE-Bro. William Hall, Bro. Coolege Lynch, Bro.
Osie Mitchell, Alt. Bro. Odis Mitchell.
NEW BETHLEHEM-Sis. Linda Jeffreys, Bro. Shirley Cantrell,
Sis. Dorothy Duncan.
NEW CENTER POINT-Bro. Guy Ford, Sis. Peral Brown,
Sis. Beatrice Scott.
NEW HOPE-Bro. W. E. Duncan, Sis. Hettie Duncan, Sis.
Verdie Dobbs.
NEW SALEM-Bro. David Gilliland, Bro. Douglas Walton,
Sis. Inez Walton, Alt. Sis. Vida Gilliland.
PLEASANT RIDGE-Bro. Arlie Raburn, Sis. Winnie Green,
Sis. Loys Pearce.
PLEASANT SITE-Sis. Donna Pearl Nix, Bro. Chuler
Pierce, Bro. Emmitt Mills, Bro. Toman Milligan.
ROCKY GROVE-Bro. Charles Linley, Sis. Lois Fay Linly,
Sis. Lora Stidham, Sis. Hilda Gardner.
ROCKY TOP-Sis. Christeen Hood, Sis. Leola Cantrell,
Bro. Jimmy Robinson, Alt. Sis. Marvin Robinson.
SPLUNGE-Bro. Clyde Palmer, Bro. B.B. Jones, Sis.
Nell Thompson, Sis. Clyde Palmer.
UNION RIDGE-Bro. Abie Weaver, Bro. Milton Harper,
Sis. Paye Cooper, Sis. Lillie May Franklin.
1st FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK, ILL.-
Bro. Norman Conner.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Business Committee: Bro. Gurlie Roberts, Bro.
L. V. Collier, Bro. Howard Simmons.
Ordaining Council: Bro. O. S. Gardner, Bro.
Wayne Martin, Bro. Jimmy Martin.
Deceased Members: Bro. William Adkins, Sis.
Ruby Finch, Sis. Manella Brown, Sis. Ressie Palmer,
Sis. Etna Clark.
Temperance: Bro. Lynwood Clark, Bro. William
Frederick, Bro. William Hall, Bro. Melton Harper.
Sunday School Literature: Bro. Ottis Parmer,
Bro. Burton Frederick, Sis. Ann Clark, Sis. Veto
Gedion, Sis. Lillie May Franklin.
Appreciation: Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Bes-
sie Childers, M. L. Thompson, Sis. Donna Nix, Sis.
Christeen Hood.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. L. V. Collier, prayer by Bro.
W. E. Atkinson

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REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We have examined these two men, Bro. Louie Nix and Bro. Brady Estes, and find them to be worthy of ordination.

Scripture reading by Bro. Wayne Martin, 1 Tim. 3:1. Charge given by Bro. O. S. Gardner. Prayer by Bro. Joe Frederick and Bro. Jimmy Martin. Hand shake by Associational body.

Closing prayer by Bro. Hubert Gardner.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by Bro. Mack Winsett, prayer by Bro. Herdis Sullins.

Devotional conducted by Bro. Jimmy Martin. Scripture Mark 3. Message by Rev. L. V. Collier. Scripture: Heb. 9:1-14; 10:1-2; John 13. After the message everyone enjoyed a very heart warming communion and feet washing service. Closed with a hymn.

SATURDAY SESSION

The body was called to order. Song led by Bro. Mun Howell. Prayer by Bro. C. C. Berryhill.

Bro. Wayne Martin conducted the devotional service.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

DECEASED MEMBERS:

We, your committee on deceased members, find that death has called from our churches 15 members: Bro. J. M. Stone, Bro. Jim Harris, Sis. Jane Dill, Sis. Fennie Rye, Bro. Raymond Belk, Bro. Claude Finch, Bro. Dee Stone, Bro. Frank Cantrell, Bro. William Lewis, 6 no names given.

Sis. Etna Clark, Sis. Ruby Finch, Sis. Manella Brown, Sis. Ressie Palmer, Bro. William Atkins: Committee.

TEMPERANCE:

We, the 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.

Bro. Lynwood Clark, Bro. William Frederick, Bro. William Hall, Bro. Melton Harper.

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

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have Sunday School regularly. Ottis Parmer, Ann Clark, Sis. Veto Giddien, Sis. Lillie May Franklin.

APPRECIATION:

We, your committee on appreciation, thank God for the many blessings he has blessed us with during this session. We appreciate the wonderful fellowship of the host churches. We thank the pastors, their wives and everyone who prepared the good food and the warm welcome extended.

Christeen Hood

Reports were all accepted and committees discharged.

EVANGELIST REPORT

As your Evangelist, I visited all of our churches except two. I hope to be able to visit these churches some day if God sees fit. I received \$149.70 plus an abundance of happiness.

Bro. Ottis Parmer

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. Nix. Love offering taken up for Bro. Terry.

11:00 O'clock message by Bro. Joe Frederick. Scripture 2 Kings 20:1. Text: "Set your house in order for you shall die and not live".

Song by Bro. J. C. Hood. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Roy Barnes.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Rev. L. V. Collier, prayer by Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys. Move and carried to receive Evangelist report.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee on documents and order of business recommend that we receive items 1-15 as laid down in our minutes. We recommend that we add items 16-20.

Move and carried 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.

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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 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 intergration 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.

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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.

Item 16. (A) We recommend that we go back to the original Articles of Faith and that they be printed in the minutes instead of the present ones. We recommend that 500 Disciplines be printed with the original Articles of Faith. (B) We recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee to draw up a form of church letter to the Association and for clerk to mail to the churches.

Item 17. We recommend that we adopt the Roberts Rules of Order as the Rules of Parliament of this Association.

Item 18. We recommend that no minister preach in the churches of the State Line Association except by permission of the pastor and deacons of that church.

Item 19. We recommend that we drop Item 10 of Order of Business.

Item 20. We recommend that the Association have a seal made to put on our ministers credentials and official papers.

Move and carried to represent in State Association. Delegates: Sis. Manella Brown and Sis. Christeen Hood.

Move and carried to empower Clerk to deposit \$500 in a savings account for the Association.

Move and carried to elect Bro. Gurlie Roberts Assistant Moderator of this session.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. C. D. Paden	Moderator
Rev. Gurlie Roberts	Assistant Moderator
J. C. Hood	Clerk and Treasurer
Linda Frederick	Asst. Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. Newt Martin	Evangelist

Move and carried that clerks of churches write the Evangelist a letter telling him the days they want him to preach.

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NEXT ASSOCIATION SESSION

The next session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with Pleasant Site Church on Friday and Friday Night before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1965 and with Barnesville church on Saturday and Saturday night.

Move and carried to adjourn this association until Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1965.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by J. C. Hood, prayer by Rev. C. D. Paden. Devotion by Rev. Howard Simmons. Message by Rev. Gurlie Roberts. Text: "What Mean Ye by this service?" Scripture: Ex. 12:11 & 24; 1st. Cor. 11; John 13.

NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH-Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. Charles Howell,
Bro. J. T. Satterwhite.

BARNESVILLE-Bro. Ixel Brown, Bro. Else Avis, Bro.
Charles Palmer, Bro. Lynwood Clark, Bro. Gus
Ferguson.

COOPER-Bro. Russell Cooper, Bro. Lowell Parker,
Bro. Hubert Peoples, Bro. Burley Finch.

FAIRVIEW-Bro. Sam Carter, Bro. Ira Triplett, Bro.
Jack Lindsey.

FREE WILL CHAPEL-Bro. Roy Franks, Bro. Edward
Barnes, Bro. Edsil Gedion.

LIBERTY-Bro. O'Neal Childers, Bro. Odis Childers.

LOVE JOY-Bro. Blanch Green, Bro. Delton Giddie.

MT. HOPE-Bro. J. D. Kelly, Bro. Y. D. Howell, Bro.
Hubert Cochran.

NEW BETHLEHEM-Bro. Hicks Hester, Bro. Troy Duncan.

NEW CENTER POINT-Bro. Curtiss Scott, Bro. Ausie
Tate, Bro. D. L. Brown.

NEW HOPE-Bro. F. F. Terry, Bro. B. R. Arthur, Bro.
Malone Tice, Bro. Delbert Lee Dobbs, Bro.
Bobby Duncan.

NEW SALEM-Bro. Woodrow Gilliland, Bro. Neb McPherson.

PLEASANT RIDGE-Bro. J. H. Sanderson, Bro. Cal
Pearce.

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PLEASANT SITE-Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro. Vester Watson, Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. Marshal Watson, Bro. Paul Nix.

ROCKY GROVE-Bro. J. G. Sanderson, Bro. J. E. Harris, Bro. Calborn Thomas, Bro. Larkin Townly.

ROCKY TOP-Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. William Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Huey Webb.

SPLUNGE-Bro. B. B. Jones, Bro. Delmo Thompson, Bro. Clyde Palmer.

UNION RIDGE-Bro. Johnnie Myers, Bro. Archie Truman, Bro. Troy Clifton.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK, ILL.
Bro. Basil Martin, Bro. John Tidwell, Bro. Williard Westbrooks.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ANTIOCH
Ray Howell Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.

BARNESVILLE
Bud McCarley Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.

COOPER
Burley Finch Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.

FAIRVIEW
Jack Lindsey Rt. 1, Bexar, Ala.

FREE WILL CHAPEL
Georgie Lee Hall Rt. 2, Sulligent, Ala.

LIBERTY
Brenda Pharr Rt. 1, Vina, Ala.

LOVE JOY
Wendell Giddie Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.

MT. HOPE
Yancey Howell Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.

NEW BETHLEHEM
Linda Jeffreys Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.

NEW CENTER POINT
Lester Ford Greenwood Springs, Miss.

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NEW HOPE	
Evie Tice	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW SALEM	
Ila Howell	Bexar, Ala.
PLEASANT RIDGE	
Wesley A. Green	Hamilton, Ala.
PLEASANT SITE	
Iris Mills	Rt. 2, Bexar, Ala.
ROCKY GROVE	
J. E. Harris	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
ROCKY TOP	
Linda Frederick	Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Ala.
SPLUNGE	
B. B. Jones	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
UNION RIDGE	
Ercell Thompson	Rt. 4, Sulligent, Ala.
1st FWB CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK, ILL.	
Reba Lawrence - Rt. 2, Box 309C East Moline, Ill.	

MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Rev. William Adkins--3327 2nd St. East Moline, Ill.	
Rev. C. C. 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. Brady Estes	Rt. 1, Box 289 Colona, Ill.
Rev. Hubert Gardner	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. O. S. Gardner	Rt. 1, Box 218 Colona, Ill.
Rev. Jimmy Howell	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. U. G. Howell	Bexar, Ala.
Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
Rev. Jimmy Martin	Rt. 1, Box 270A Colona, Ill.
Rev. Wayne Martin	Rt. 1, Box 270A Colona, Ill.

	Churches	Pastors Ending October, 1964	Pastors Ending October, 1965	Church Membership	Received By Baptism	Received Letter	Dismissed Letter	Deceased
24	Antioch	Howard Simmons	J. W. Spencer	80	1		3	
2-4	Barnesville	Gurlie Roberts	Gurlie Roberts	111	8	4	5	
1-3	Cooper	Gurlie Roberts	Gurlie Roberts	130	2	2	4	1
1-3	Fairview 1-3	Hubert Gardner	Hubert Gardner	108			1	
2-4	Free Will Chapel	Hubert Gardner	Hubert Gardner	79	3	1	1	1
4	Liberty	C. D. Paden	Richard Humphres	20				
	Love Joy	Hubert Gardner	Hubert Gardner	11	3	7		
2-4	Mt. Hope	A. G. Lacy	A. G. Lacy	55	21	3	1	
3	New Bethlehem	Bobby Jeffreys	Bobby Jeffreys					
③	New Center Point	Clevert Berryhill	Ottis Parmer	81			2	1
1-3	New Hope	Joe Frederick	Joe Frederick	74	5			
	New Salem	Jerome Spencer	Jerome Spencer	52			2	
1-3	Pleasant Ridge	Jimmy Howell	Jimmy Howell	87	4		4	1
2-4	Pleasant Site	A. G. Lacy	A. G. Lacy	165			3	2
2-4	Rocky Grove	Booker Tice	Booker Tice	81	2	2		
1-3	Rocky Top	L. V. Collier	L. V. Collier	90	2	1	2	
1-3	Splunge	C. C. Berryhill		15				
1-3	Union Ridge	Howard Simmons	Howard Simmons	141				
F.T.	1st FWB Green Rock, Ill.	O. S. Gardner	O. S. Gardner	56	5	3		

Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Church Improvement	Association and Minute Fund	Childrens' Home	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	No. in League	Average in Sunday School	No. of Teachers	Sunday School Superintendents
84.05	62.00			10.83		3		20	3	J. M. Howell	
31.75	140.00	10,000	2451.05	11.50	19.51	2	5	20	60	5	Ivon Boyett
77.00	150.00	8,000	550.00	10.00	10.00	1	4	50	65	6	Ordie Lewis
30.00	166.80	6,000	47.00	10.00	11.55	3	3	35	59	4	Sam Carter
30.00	120.97	2,000		10.00	60.00	3			53	4	Raymond Smith
64.90	32.00	3,500		6.00	10.00	1	2		30	3	O'Neal Childers
82.63	37.00	5,000	150.00	11.00		2		28	4	Veto Emerson	
55.00	48.00	3,000	500.00	6.00		1	3	50	4	Dorothy Ballard	
00.00		2,000		4.00		1	2				
16.63		4,000		10.00		2	3	40	4	Curtiss Scott	
22.60	100.00	4,213	200.00	26.20			5	48	4	Delbert Lee Dobbs	
58.00		800		3.00	7.00	1	2	35	4	U. G. Howell	
45.31	50.00	5,000		10.50			2	40	4	John L. Howell	
68.96	243.00	6,950	10.00	10.00			5	66	3	Bobby Sullins	
41.44	57.00	6,000	130.00	10.00	30.00	3	4	30	4	J. E. Harris	
43.18	99.18	16,000	New Church	6.00		2	4	50	4	Burton Frederick	
34.84	86.00	2,000		8.00	19.00	3	24	Union		Sunday School	
64.77	40.00	2,000		8.00	3.00	3		41	3	Troy Clifton	
21.85	157.00	75,000		10.00	25.00	5	3	50	70	4	Basil Martin

Rev. William Martin	Rt. 1, Box 270A Colona, Ill.
Rev. Louie Burl Nix	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Miss.
Rev. C. D. Paden	Rt. 1, Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Ottis Parmer	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Gurlie Roberts	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
Rev. Clay Shotts	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Howard Simmons	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Herdis Sullins	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. Marvin Winsett	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount in bank, October, 1964	\$703.37
Amount received as Minute & Association Funds	198.03
TOTAL	<u>\$901.40</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Hubert Gardner (Moderator)	10.00
Paid Gurlie Roberts (Assistant Moderator)	5.00
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk & Treas.)	25.00
Sent to Childrens' Home (Received in Church Letters)	20.00
Printing of Minutes	79.50
Printing of Church Disciplines	132.50
Printing Ministers' Cards	9.54
Printing forms of Church Letter	24.27
Deposited in Savings Account	500.00
Associational Seal (estimated)	10.00
State Association Fees	38.00
Expense and Postage	10.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$863.81</u>
BALANCE	37.39

CLERK: J. C. Hood, Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Ala.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one True Eternal God, the Father of whom are all things, from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable to all his attributes.--1 Cor. 8, 6, Isa. 40, 28.

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

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through his dear son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. St. John 16, 7, 8; Acts 2, 4; Eph. 2, 1; Eph. 4:4, 6.

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

X 5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ had commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16: 15; John 3: 15, 17. Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ, who died for him, but as the scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought the, because they believe not in the name of the holy begotten Son of God, unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all contradictions that all men at one time or another, are found in such a capacity, as that through the Grace of God they may be saved. Acts 17, 30. Mark 6:6; Hebrews 3:10; 1 John 5-10.

7. We believe the whole scripture is infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provisions made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the gospel. Luke 14, 16, 20. Matt. 28, 19, 20. Luke 13:3, 5. Luke 24:47. Acts 3:19. Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ, his son, and that the Holy Ghost offers his divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to his divine teachings, whereas such as do not receive the divine impressions of his Holy Spirit shall at a future day own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44, 65; Psalms 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jef. 22, 29.

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

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not that any one of them dying in the state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for such is the Kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 15:22. Matt. 18:2, 5. Mark 9:36, 37. Matt. 19:16.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith and that in the use of the means of the grace and not out of the use of those means eternal life is promised to men. Rev. 22:14, 15. Isa. 1:19, 20. Matt. 7:8. Jer. 6:16. Luke 13:34, 35.

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13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the holy scripture for justification before God through his own works, power or ability which he has in and of himself, only by the grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ, believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Rom. 4:24. Acts 8:20, 21.

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

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

16. We believe the gospel mode of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism. Matt. 3:16. Mark 1:9, 10. Acts 2:38-39. Rom. 6:4. Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and final judgment at the last day. John 5:28, 29. 2 Cor. 5:10.

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

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the Church to order by the Moderator.
2. Call for the Peace of the Church.
3. Opportunity for members.
4. Inviting Brothers and Sisters to seat with us.
5. Reading of the minutes of the last conference.
6. Is there any reference?
7. Appointing of committees.
8. Any acknowledgements?
9. Report of committees.
10. Unfinished business.

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11. New business.
12. Distressed members.
13. Adjournment.

RULES FOR THE PREACHERS

1. All ministers wishing to become a member of the Association will be required to go before the Credentials Committee with a recommendation from the church of which they are a member, and also be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask of them.
2. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.
3. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the credential committee to the Association, who shall deal with him.
4. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptist, according to the Articles of Faith.
5. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by this Association and do their utmost to make them a success.
6. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.
7. All ministers are required to make an annual report of the work done by him and submit the report to the Association at the regular session.
8. Any minister who draws his letter from the church to which he belongs automatically cancels his credentials until he joins some other church of the same faith and order and he is not allowed to minister any rights that is allowed the minister of the gospel to perform.
9. 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 church.

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

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves 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 amusement and unholy conformity in 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 scripture, secret prayers, family doctrines and social worship and by self denial, faith and good works, endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ;

We will not forget the assembling together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, 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, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit, in the bonds of peace, 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 obligations 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 School 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.

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RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with 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 the Moderator.
10. The names of all ministers, deacons, and delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as deemed necessary by the Moderator.
11. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it; those failing to do so shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.
12. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these 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.

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CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be known as the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama and Mississippi.
2. This Association shall be composed of Ministers, Deacons and Delegates of different churches forming the same.
3. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of the same.
4. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members or fractions thereof and one delegate for every additional fifty members.
5. This Association shall have a Credentials Committee composed of the three members who shall be appointed by the Moderator at the convening of each regular session, whose duty shall be to examine all church letters and applications for membership for both churches and ministers and make report of same to the body.
6. Officers of this 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 Association shall vote on where the next Association shall be held, until one church gets the majority votes.
9. The Constitution, By-Laws, may be altered or amended by a majority vote of any regular meeting and approved by that body and published in the Minutes with notice that it will be acted upon at the next meeting.
10. No ministers, deacons, or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are providentially hindered.

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11. Each church represented in this Association shall be required to bring annually 5 per capita as an Association Fund for the purpose of printing the minutes and associational expense.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. All ministers pastoring churches in the Mississippi - Alabama Association shall abide by the Rules of the same.

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 throughout the world;
2. We agree to meet in conference quarterly, or oftener, if necessary, to transact the 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 voice of the church on them and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there be a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.
4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of the expense.

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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 taking gospel steps. See Matt. 18:15, 16, 17.
7. All business 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 reflection on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.
9. No member shall speak twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at the time.
10. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present at all church meetings, to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the Moderator, or any member of the church who desires to obtain the mind of the whole church.
11. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the church, and afterward complain of what was done the same shall be deemed disorderly, and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.
12. The members of the church shall not talk about one another slanderously, nor shall give any report of circulation that may arise again at any church meeting, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else, and any member doing otherwise, shall be dealt with accordingly.
13. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present, at any regular or called conference, providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.
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.

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

