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of the

Sixty - Second Annual Session

of the

State Line Free Will Baptist Association

Held with Love Joy and Cooper Free Will
Baptist Churches

October 7 and 8, 1966

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OFFICERS

Rev. Herdis Sullins

Moderator

Rev. William Atkins

Assistant Moderator

J. C. Hood

Clerk and Treasurer

Linda F. Kelley

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer

Rev. C. D. Paden

Evangelist

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The next session of The State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with the Splunge Church on Friday and Friday night and with New Salem Church on Saturday and Saturday night before the second Sunday in October, 1967.

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STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Second Annual Session of the Mississippi - Alabama State Line Association met with Love Joy Church on Friday, October 7, 1966 and with Cooper Church on Saturday, October 8, 1966.

Service was opened with a song led by Rev. L. V. Collier. Prayer by Rev. Willard Westbrook. Rev. C. D. Paden read from 14th Chapter of St. John before introducing new moderator Rev. Jimmy Howell.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association was called to order by Moderator.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

Assistant Moderator appointed Bro. James M. Howell to replace Bro. Linwood Clark on Credential Committee.

Appointing of Finance Committee: Bro. Burton Frederick, Rev. Willard Westbrook, Rev. William Atkins.

Appointing of Devotional Committee: Deacons of Love Joy and Cooper Churches and Bro. J. D. Kelley.

Rocky Top Church extended the invitation for church membership received 1, Rev. William Atkins. Move in order by Rocky Top Church to receive him into full fellowship of the church.

Seating visiting Ministers: Rev. Jim Godsey, Rev. William E. Atkinson, Rev. James Walden - Jasper Association; Rev. G. P. Perkins - Northeast Miss. Association; Bro. & Sister Jack McDonald, Vernon Association.

Appointing Reading Clerks: Rev. Howard Simmons, Bro. W. A. Green.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. L. V. Collier; prayer by Rev. Louie Nix.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Friday morning devotional: Rev. Howard Simmons; 11:00 O'clock message, Rev. Jimmy Howell; Friday night devotional Rev. Marvin Winsett; Friday night message, Rev. Herdis Sullins; Saturday morning devotional Rev. Bobby Jeffreys; 11:00 O'clock message, Rev. C. D. Paden; Saturday night devotional Rev. L. V. Collier.

Move in order to receive report; carried. Moderator appointed Rev. William Atkins to bring message Saturday night.

Friday morning devotional by Rev. Howard Simmons; Scripture 23rd Psalm. Song led by Rev. L. V. Collier. 11:00 O'clock message by moderator Rev. Jimmy Howell. Scripture: James 1-24. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. J. C. Hood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credential Committee, reports as follows: We have examined all church letters and all in good standing. We also recommend that the association ordain Bro. Edward Puckett to preach the gospel at this session.

We recommend that all ministers receive a card of good standing for the next associational year. All present except: Rev. Walter Coburn, Rev. Jimmy Martin, Rev. Wayne Martin, Rev. William Martin.

Move in order to receive report. Carried.

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS
AND
SEATING OF DELEGATES:

ANTIOCH — Sis. Jessie Howell, Sis. Julia Terrell, Sis. Susan Templeton.
BARNESVILLE — Bro. Ivan Boyett, Sis. Myrle Powless, Sis. Gus Ferguson.
COOPER — Sis. Ruby Finch, Bro. Robert Peoples, Sis. Robert Peoples, Sis. Willodean Spratin.
FAIRVIEW — Sis. Jewell Williams, Sis. Alice Carter, Bro. Clabe Abbott, Bro. Grady Williams.
FREEWILL CHAPEL — Bro. Belton Smith, Sis. Edna Smith, Bro. L. D. Hall.
LIBERTY — Sis. Ermarie Childers, Sis. Jonnah Childers, Sis. Brenda Pharr.
LOVE JOY — Sis. Ludia Avery, Sis. Chlee Emerson, Sis. Betty Giddie.
MT. HOPE — Sis. Verdine Purser, Sis. Velma Lynch, Sis. Dicie Anglin.
NEW BETHLEHEM — Sis. Dorothy Duncan, Sis. Velma Jeffreys, Sis. Mae Hayes.
NEW CENTER POINT — Sis. Pearl Brown, Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Lillie Tate.
NEW HOPE — Sis. Verda Dobbs, Bro. & Sis. Calvin Pearce.
NEW SALEM — Bro. Bunyon Harp, Bro. W. D. Walton, Bro. Daird Gillian.
PLEASANT RIDGE — Sis. Vernie Williams, Bro. W. A. Green, Sis. Maggie Sue Giddy.
PLEASANT SITE — Bobbie Kerr, Sis. Eva Lou Watson, Sis. Betty Ann Watson.
ROCKY GROVE — Sis. May Parker, Sis. Matie Thomas, Sis. Verba Hamilton.
ROCKY TOP — Sis. Bobbie King, Sis. Viva Frederick, Bro. Allen Davis.
SPLUNGE — Bro. John Harris, Bro. Frankie Camp, Bro. Wayne Hall.
SULLIGENT — Sis. Dennis Boyett, Bro. Ted Boyett, Bro. Lemuel Boyett.
UNION RIDGE — Bro. Clarence Johnson, Sis. Nora Bell Johnson, Sis. Emily Gibbs
1ST F. W. B. CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK

Move in order to receive church letters as read and seat the delegates.
Carried.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEE

Ordaining Council: Rev. L. V. Collier, Rev. Gurlie Roberts, Rev. Clay Shotts.
Deceased Members: Sis. Bobbie King, Sis. Dobbs, Rev. Berryhill.
Temperance: Rev. Westbrook, Rev. Hudson Burleson, Rev. Louie Nix.
Appreciation: Sis. Chloe Emerson, Bobbie Kerr, Sis. Eva Lou Watson.
Sunday School Committee: Bro. Ivan Boyett, Rev. Howard Simmons, Rev. L. V. Collier.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the ordination committee, have examined Bro. Julius Edward Puckett and recommend he be ordained. Move in order to receive the report. Carried.
Charge given by Rev. Gurlie Roberts, prayer by Rev. L. V. Collier.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance, received \$225.75 for minute and associational fund and Children's Home. We find on hand \$745.75.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

DECEASED MEMBERS:

We, your committee on deceased members, find that death has called from our churches ten members. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

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APPRECIATION:

Read move in order to table report until Saturday Session.

TEMPERANCE:

We, your committee on temperance, find it commanded by the word of God that we should be temperate in all things. Titus 2:11 and 12, looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13.

Move in order to receive reports and discharge committees. Carried.

Appointing of Business Committee: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Rev. William Atkins, Rev. C. D. Paden.

Dismissed until 7:00 o'clock, prayer by Bro. J. C. Hood.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by Rev. L. V. Collier, prayer by Rev. C. D. Paden.

Devotional by Rev. Marvin Winsett. Message by Rev. Herdis Sullins; text - "Our Passover"; Scripture 1st Cor. 6:7 & 8. There was about 50 took part in the communion and feet washing service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes, prayer led by Rev. William Atkins. Visiting ministers seated. Rev. Roy Barnes, Vernon Association; Rev. J. W. Spencer, Jasper Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We beg leave to report as follows: we find all the churches have Sunday School, except 2. We recommend all our churches have Sunday School and that they use Freewill Baptist Literature.

EVANGELIST REPORT

I visited all churches except one (Sulligent). I regret I didn't get to visit it. I received \$225.75. I thank each of you for the fellowship you extended me. My prayer is for each of you. Move on for the Lord.

Rev. Hudson Burleson.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee on documents and order of business, recommend we adopt Item 1 thru 15 as laid down in our minute. We recommend we adopt Item 16 to read: "We recommend we abide by the National Treaties."

We recommend we drop item 9 of our Constitution in our minute and adopt item 9 of our National Treaties.

We recommend that our Quarterly Fellowship meeting be handled by a moderator and program committee. The moderator to be elected for one year. The program committee to make our program and notify the ministers who are to preach at least two weeks in advance. To have devotional and one message in the morning and not over four speakers in the afternoon and to rotate the ministers in this association.

Move in order to receive report. Reread and adopt item by item; carried.

Item 1. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$30.00; the moderator \$15.00; assistant moderator \$10.00; treasurer \$5.00; assistant clerk \$10.00 for their services; the clerk to superintend the printing of the 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

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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 intoxication 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 that we go on record against the integration of the races in our churches and Association.

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 any minister for two years failing to represent himself in person or by letter to the Association, his credentials will be canceled.

Item 13. We recommend that each church letter to the Association remain the same as was adopted in church conference.

Item 14. 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 15. We recommend that we adopt the Robert's Rules of Order as the Rules of Parliament of this Association.

Item 16. We recommend we abide by the National Treaties.

Move in order to print this in the minute with notice that it will be acted upon at the next annual session; "We recommend we drop Item 9 of our Constitution in our minute and adopt Item 9 of the Constitution of our National Treaties."

Move in order to leave saving account as is; carried.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes; prayer by Rev. W. C. Shotts. Devotional by Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys; 11:00 o'clock message by Rev. C. D. Paden. Scripture; 1st Tim. 1-19. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. J. C. Hood.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes; prayer by Rev. L. V. Collier.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We thank God for the 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 to all. Move in order to receive report and discharge committee; carried.

Move in order to discharge Devotional Committee; carried.

NEXT ASSOCIATIONAL SESSION

The next session of the State Line Freewill Baptist Association will convene with Splunge Church on Friday and Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in

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October 1967, and with New Salem Church on Saturday and Saturday night.

Standing Credential committee: Bro. D. L. Brown, Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. W. L. Frederick.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Herdis Sullins	Moderator
Rev. William Atkins	Assistant Moderator
J. C. Hood	Clerk and Treasurer
Linda F. Kelley	Asst. Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. C. D. Paden	Evangelist

Move in order to ordain Rev. Jimmy Howell as trustee to Children's Home; carried.

Delegates to State Association: Sis. Verda Dobbs, Sis. Manella Brown, Sis. Howard Simmons, Bro. W. D. Walton.

Move in order for clerk to write check for state fees; carried.

Move in order to adjourn until Friday before second Sunday in October 1967; carried.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song by the Collier children; prayer by Bro. Hubert Peoples. Devotional by Rev. L. V. Collier. Scriptures: 23rd Psalm. Special song by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Rye. Message by Rev. William Atkins. We heard a wonderful message and 34 took part in communion and feet washing service.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Rev. Jimmy Howell (Moderator)	\$ 15.00
Paid Rev. Herdis Sullins (Assistant Moderator)	10.00
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk and Treasurer)	35.00
Paid Linda Kelley (Asst. Clerk and Treasurer)	10.00
Sent to Children's Home (received in church letters)	10.00
Printing of minutes (Est.)	80.00
State Association Fees	100.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

Amount in bank October 1966 (Savings and Checking Account)	\$576.37
Amount received	225.75

TOTAL	\$802.12
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PAID OUT	260.00
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BALANCE	\$542.12
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CLERK: J. C. Hood, Rt. No. 1, Hackleburg, Alabama.

PREACHING DAYS OF THE CHURCHES

ANTIOCH: 2nd & 4th; BARNESVILLE: ~~2nd & 4th~~; COOPER: 1st & 3rd; FAIRVIEW: 1st & 3rd; FREWILL CHAPEL: ~~2nd & 4th~~; LOVE JOY: 2nd & 4th; MT. HOPE: 2nd & 4th; NEW BETHLEHEM: 3rd; NEW HOPE: 1st & 3rd; PLEASANT RIDGE: ~~1st & 3rd~~; PLEASANT SITE: ~~2nd & 4th~~; ROCKY GROVE: 2nd & 4th; ROCKY TOP: 1st & 3rd; SPLUNGE: ~~1st & 3rd~~; UNION RIDGE: 1st & 3rd; GREEN ROCK: Full Time.

NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH — Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. Charles Howell, Bro. J. T. Satterwhite.
BARNESVILLE — Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Else Avis, Bro. Charles Palmer, Bro. Lynwood Clark, Bro. Gus Ferguson, Bro. Fred Stidham.
COOPER — Bro. Russell Cooper, Bro. Lowell Parker, Bro. Hubert Peoples, Bro. Burley Finch.

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FAIRVIEW — Bro. Sam Carter, Bro. Ira Triplett, Bro. Jack Lindsey.
 FREEWILL 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, Bro. Odis Mitchell.
 NEW BETHLEHEM — Bro. Hicks Hester, Bro. Troy Duncan.
 NEW CENTER POINT — Bro. Curtis Scott, Bro. Ausie Tate, Bro. D. L. Brown.
 NEW HOPE — Bro. B. R. Arthur, Bro. Malone Tice, Bro. Delbert Lee Dobbs, Bro. Bobby Duncan.
 NEW SALEM — Bro. Neb McPherson.
 PLEASANT RIDGE — Bro. J. M. Sanderson, Bro. Cal Pearce, Bro. Claude Winsett.
 PLEASANT SITE — Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro. Vester Watson, Bro. J. R. Karr, Bro. Marshal Watson, Bro. Paul Nix.
 ROCKY GROVE — Bro. J. G. Sanderson, Bro. J. E. Harris, Bro. Claborn Thomas, Bro. Larkin Townly.
 ROCKY TOP — Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. William Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Huey Webb.
 SPLUNGE — Bro. Delmo Thompson, Bro. Clyde Palmer, Bro. Edward Puckett, Bro. J. D. Blaylock.
 1ST FWB OF SULLIGENT — Bro. L. G. Boyette, Bro. Judge Frye, Bro. Dennis Boyett.
 UNION RIDGE — Bro. Johnnie Myers, Bro. Archie Turman, Bro. Troy Clifton.
 1ST FWB OF GREEN ROCK, ILL. — Bro. Basil Martin, Bro. John Tidwell, Bro. Clyde Lawrence, Bro. Wallace Sanderson, Bro. Clyde Wailes, Bro. Norman Conner.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ANTIOCH	
Ray Howell	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.
BARNESVILLE	
Ezma Hall	Rt. 4, Box 98, Hamilton, Ala.
COOPER	
Burley Finch	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
FAIRVIEW	
Jack Lindsey	Rt. 1, Bexar, Ala.
FREEWILL CHAPEL	
Georgie Lee Hall	Rt. 2, Sulligent, Ala.
LIBERTY	
Brenda Pharr	Rt. 1, Vina, Ala.
LOVE JOY	
Wendell Giddie	Rt. 2, Box 307, Hamilton, Ala.
MT. HOPE	
Danny Ballard	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW BETHLEHEM	
<u>Linda Jeffreys</u>	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
NEW CENTER POINT	
Lester Ford	Greenwood Springs, Miss.

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NEW HOPE	Delbert Dobbs	Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.
NEW SALEM	David Gilliland	Bexar, Ala.
PLEASANT RIDGE	John L. Howell	Box 421, Hamilton, Ala.
PLEASANT SITE	Stanford Nix	1901 4th Ave. S., Irondale, Ala.
ROCKY GROVE	J. E. Harris	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
ROCKY TOP	Linda Kelley	Hackleburg, Ala.
SPLUNGE	Addie Harris	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Miss.
1ST FWB CHURCH OF SULLIGENT	Ted Boyett	Box 248, Sulligent, Ala.
1ST FWB CHURCH OF GREEN ROCK, ILL.	Reba Lawrence	Rt. 2, Box 309C, East Moline, Ill.
UNION RIDGE	Sonny Williams	Detroit, Ala.

MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Rev. William Atkins ✓	Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.
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. Hubert Gardner ✓	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. O. S. Gardner ✓	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. Jimmy Howell	Phil Campbell, Ala.
Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys ✓	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
Rev. Jimmy Martin	Rt. 1, Colona, Ill.
Rev. Wayne Martin	Rt. 2, Box 400, Colona, Ill.
Rev. William Martin	Rt. 2, Box 400 Colona, Ill.
Rev. Louie Nix ✓	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Miss.
Rev. C. D. Paden ✓	Rt. 1, Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Otis Parmer ✓	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. Gurlie Roberts ✓	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
Rev. Clay Shotts ✓	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Howard Simmons ✓	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Herdis Sullins ✓	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. William Westbrook ✓	5122 8th Ave., Moline, Ill
Rev. Marvin Winsett	Hamilton, Ala.

Rev. EDWARD PUCKETT

	Churches	Present Pastors	Church Membership	Rec. By Baptism	Rec. By Letter	Dismissed	Deceased	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist
20	Antioch X	Howard Simmons	57	0	0	0	1	\$342.19.	75.00
35	Barnesville X	Gurlie Roberts	98	2	4	1	0	1113.50.	140.00
35	Cooper X	Herdie Sullins	118	0	0	2	0	1400.00	160.00
30	Fairview X	Hubert Gardner	104	0	0	0	0	945.98	105.00
20	Free Will Chapel X	Grover Perkins	81	1	0	0	0	1158.24	75.00
15	Liberty X	Clay Shotts	20	1	0	0	0	184.00	31.50
20	Love Joy X	O.S. Gardner	29	10	3	0	1	633.10	84.49
20	Mt. Hope X	L.V. Collier	70	11	0	0	0	534.50	65.00
10	New Bethlehem X	Bobbie Jeffreys	50	0	0	0	0	130.00	30.00
20	New Center Point	Roy Barnes	73	0	0	0	3	478.78	50.00
25	New Hope X	Booker Tice	78	9	4	0	1	712.10	100.00
20	New Salem	O.S. Gardner	51	0	0	0	0	330.00	72.47
20	Pleasant Ridge X	L.V. Collier	81	1	0	0	0	467.68	47.00
25	Pleasant Site X	Roy Barnes	163	0	0	2	0	763.85	119.81
20	Rocky Grove X	Gilbert Lacy	83	1	3	0	1	552.99	60.00
	Rocky Top X	Gurlie Roberts	99	3	2	0	0	1190.77	182.82
20	Splunge	Louie Nix	45	19	7	0	1	680.00	210.00
15	Sulligent X	L.V. Collier	19	0	0	0	0	671.00	0
20	Union Ridge X	Howard Simmons	141	1	1	0	2	308.31	47.00
	Green Rock								

Value of Church Property	Church Improvement	Association Minute Fund	Missions	Childrens' Home	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Number in League	Number in Sunday School	Teachers	Womens'	Auxiliary	Sunday School Superintendents
		8.75	0.	0	0	3	0	25	4	0		J.M. Howell
11,000	468.24	20.00	44.50	30.00	2	6	0	70	5	0		Linwood Clark
9,000	904.56	15.00	187.50	0	1	4	45	85	6	26		Ordie Lewis
6,000	160.00	15.00	0	12.50	3	3	0	59	5	0		Oscar Osbirn
7,500	1168.68	15.00	0	30.00	0	3	0	53	4	0		Edsil Gedion
3,500	0	8.00	0	10.00	1	2	0	15	3	0		
6,000	185.34	10.00	0	0	1	2	0	40	4	0		Delton Giddie
4,350	850.00	5.00	12.35	5.00	1	4	0	64	4	0		Gene Evans
2,000	0	6.00	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0		
5,084	284.30	10.00	0	5.58	1	3	0			0		Guy Ford
4,213	375.00	10.00	0	103.00	0	4	0	47	4	0		Delbert Dobbs
4,000	1100.00	11.00	0	0	0	1	0	32	4	0		C.D. Stone
6,000	204.25	12.00	0	0	0	3	0	57	4	0		Hugh Taylor
8,500	187.99	10.00	0	49.85	1	5	0	66	3	0		Marshall Watson
6,000	310.25	10.00	0	20.00	3	4	0	35	4	0		Lucian Hamilton
16,000	0	10.00	13.44	58.00	2	4	0	55	4	0		Leonard Howell
5,200	65.40	10.00	0	98.00	1	4	36	46	4	0		John Harris
		5.00	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0		
2,500		20.00	0	10.00	0	3	0	40	3	0		Troy Clifton

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rules 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 appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements 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 pay 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.

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 committee
10. Unfinished business
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

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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 credentials 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. 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true Eternal God, the Father of whom are all things, from 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 lasting 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 24:15; 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.
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 has 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 them, 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 thought 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 teaching, 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 them, 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 herefore, 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 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. I 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.
 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; Act. 8:17; Act. 19:6; Luke 22:19; John 13:5; James 5:14.
 16. We believe the gospel made 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 a 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.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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 standing Credentials Committee composed of three members, which shall be composed of deacons. The oldest members shall be dropped each year and a new one appointed by the Moderator. Their duty shall be to examine all church letters and applications for membership, both churches and ministers, and make report of same to the body.
6. *Asst. Clerk* ← 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 minister, deacons, or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session they are provisionally hindered.
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 pastoring churches in the Mississippi-Alabama Association shall abide by the Rules of the same.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree as members for 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.
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. 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 arises 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 churches 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 (7) 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 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.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
2. The officers elect 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 by 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

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- 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.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

State of _____, 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 conference at _____

This _____ day of _____ 19____.

Moderator

Clerk

D. C. Good
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Sallyburg Ala. 350

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Sharon
Steven

