

Minutes

of the

Sixty - Fourth Annual Session

of the

State Line Free Will Baptist

Association

Held with Pleasant Ridge
and New Center Point
Free Will Baptist Churches
October 11 and 12, 1968

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OFFICERS

Rev. William Atkins
Rev. Hubert Peoples
J. C. Hood
Shirley Black
Rev. C. C. Berryhill

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk and Treasurer
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
Associational Pastor

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The next session of the State Line Freewill Baptist Association will convene with Pleasant Site Church on Friday and Friday night and with Rocky Grove Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1969.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-fourth Annual Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met with Pleasant Ridge Church on Friday October 11, 1968 and with New Center Point on Saturday October 12, 1968.

Session was opened with a song led by Rev. L. V. Collier; prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill. Scripture reading by Rev. Herdis Sullins from Heb. 12:14.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator Rev. Edward Puckett.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

APPOINTING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. Howard Simmons, Rev. C. D. Paden, Rev. Williard Westbrooks.

APPOINTING OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. William Frederick, Bro. Curtis Scott.

SEATING VISITING MINISTERS: Rev. Noah Robertson, Rev. Bill Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Jones, Rev. Roy Barnes, Rev. Pounders, Rev. James Walden, Rev. Robert Franks, Rev. Jimmy Reese. (Deacons) Bro. and Sis. MacDonald, Bro. E. E. Lay.

APPOINTING READING CLERKS: Bro. John Harris, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.
Song led by Rev. William Atkins.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, prayer by Rev. Roy Barnes.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Friday morning devotional by Rev. C. C. Berryhill; 11 o'clock message by Rev. Edward Puckett. Friday night devotional by Rev. William Atkins; Friday night message by Rev. L. V. Collier. Saturday morning devotional by Rev. Williard Westbrooks; message by Rev. Herdis Sullins.

Move in order to accept report and discharge committee. Carried.
Song led by Bro. J. C. Hood.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Friday morning devotional by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Psalms chapter 50 verses 14 and 15. Song led by Rev. L. V. Collier.

11 o'clock message by moderator. Text Jonah 1st Chapter, 1st verse. "Being Spiritually Asleep."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. James Walden.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. J. C. Hood. Prayer by Rev. Howard Simmons.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We your credential committee find all letters that we have read in good standing. We recommend they be read and seat the delegates.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS AND SEATING OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH — Bro. Dink Winsett, Sis. Susan Templeton, Sis. Elmer Palmer, Alt. Sis. Jessie Howell.

BARNESVILLE — Bro. Ivon Boyette, Bro. David Brown, Sis. Jean Brown, Sis. Gus Ferguson.

COOPER — Sis. Lois Lewis, Sis. Etna Clark, Sis. Willodean Spratlin, Sis. Ruby Finch.

FAIRVIEW — Sis. Alice Carter, Sis. Willie Mae Williams, Sis. Betty Ballard, Bro. Alford Ballard.

FREE WILL CHAPEL — Sis. Ozie Franks, Sis. Addie Gilmore, Bro. Roll Gilmore.

LIBERTY — Sis. W. L. Childers, Sis. Emma Lee Childers, Sis. Erma Childers, Alt. Sis. Betty Childers.

LOVE JOY — Bro. Mack Reynolds, Sis. Mandie Parr, Sis. Verta Giddie, Sis. Rosa Gardner, Alt. Sis. Lucille Pearce.

MT. HOPE — Sis. Marvie Kelly, Sis. Virdie Purser, Bro. Tommy Wooten, Alt. Sis. Velmer Lynch, Bro. Gene Evans.

NEW BETHLEHEM —

NEW CENTER POINT — Sis. Beatrice Scott, Bro. Bobby Puckett, Sis. Lilley Tate.

NEW HOPE — Bro. and Sis. Calvin Pierce, Bro. W. E. Duncan, Alt. Sis. Virda Dobbs.

NEW SALEM — Bro. Paul Gilliland, Sis. Elise Lindsey, Sis. Jewel Stone, Sis. Rema Harp Alt.

PLEASANT RIDGE — Sis. Ann Raborn, Bro. and Sis. Oaklin Nixon, Alt. Sis. Jones.

PLEASANT SITE — Sis. Eva Lou Watson, Sis. Minnie Lee Edgeworth, Alt. Sis. Lurah Mae Mills, Bro. Gladores Karr.

ROCKY GROVE — Bro. Lucian Hamilton, Sis. Hamilton, Sis. Ida Townley, Sis. Sandra Burleson.

ROCKY TOP — Sis. Nora Robinson, Bro. Odell Frederick, Sis. Tene Frederick, Sis. Lydia Howell, Alt. Bro. Allen Davis.

SPLUNGE — Bro. John Harris, Bro. William Pickle, Sis. Patsy Puckett, Alt. Bro. Rex Blaylock, Bro. Earnest Jackson.

F.W.B. of SULLIGENT — Sis. Johnnie Boyett, Sis. Daisy Frye, Sis. Lula Boyett, Alt. Bro. Lemuel Boyette.

UNION RIDGE — Bro. Clarence Johnson, Sis. Emily Gibbs, Alt. Bro. Ershel Thompson.

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

PARTIAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your finance committee received \$207.25 for minute and associational funds. We find on hand \$738.31.

Bro. Howard Simmons.

Move in order to accept report as read and retain committee. Carried.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

DECEASED MEMBERS: Bro. Ivon Boyette, Sis. Willodean Spratlin, Sis. Bea Scott.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bro. J. D. Kelly, Bro. Roll Gilmore, Bro. Shotts.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Sis. Ted Boyette, Sis. Betty Ballard, Rev. C. D. Paden.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Hester Fergeson, Sis. Virdie Purser, Sis. Doris Pearce.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk, Rev. Hubert Gardner, Rev. Williard Westbrooks.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Gurlie Roberts, Rev. Herdis Sullins, Rev. William Atkins, Rev. James Walden.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. J. C. Hood, prayer by Bro. Monroe Howell.

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We your committee on deceased members find that there have been 7 that have departed from this walk of life and gone to be with their maker. Although their presence cannot be replaced their memory will live on.

Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Willodean Spratlin, Bro. Ivon Boyette.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We thank God for all his blessings in the past year and up to this present time and the warm fellowship shown during this association. May God be with us all.

Sis. Hester Fergeson, Sis. Doris Pearce, Sis. Virdie Purser.

Move in order to table appreciation report to be read again Saturday. Carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Bro. C. D. Paden, Sis. Ted Boyette, Sis. Betty Ballard.

Move in order to accept and discharge committee. Carried.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We your ordaining council have examined Bro. Hubert Peoples, and find him worthy of ordination.

Rev. Gurlie Roberts, Rev. Herdis Sullins, Rev. W. L. Atkins, Rev. James Walden.

The Association ordained Rev. Peoples. The charge was given by Rev. Gurlie Roberts, prayer by Rev. James Walden.

Dismissed until 7 o'clock by Rev. Herdis Sullins.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by Rev. L. V. Collier, prayer by Rev. Clay Shotts.

Devotional by Rev. William Atkins, Scripture Deut. 32:11-12. Message by Rev. Roy Barnes, Scripture Matt. 26:26-28, 1 Cor. 11:23. There were 35 took part in the Communion and feet washing.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes, prayer by Rev. Jimmy Reese.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on documents and order of business recommend that Item 1 thru 16 remain as is recorded in the minutes.

Move in order to receive report. 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 superintend the printing of the 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.

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 cancelled.

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 services 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT

I your associational pastor for the past year would like to pass on my appreciation to the pastors and churches in our association. I visited all the churches as many times as was possible. I received \$505.22 and many blessings. Thank you very much for the opportunity to have had this job. I helped ordain one deacon. May God Bless you all.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Move in order to take offering for Childrens Home to be placed into the Childrens Foster Parent fund. Carried. Received \$75.32.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the credential committtee find Bro. Noah Robertson in good standing. We recommend the State Line Association receive him. Bro. Fred Stidham.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

FINAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received in letters	\$221.25
Balance in bank	531.06
Total	\$752.31

Move in order to accept report and discharge committee. Carried.

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INTERMISSION

Song by J. C. Hood and Shirley Black, "Standing Outside."
Devotional by Rev. Williard Westbrook. Scripture from Job.
Message by Rev. Herdis Sullins. Scripture 2 Cor. 5:17, Romans 12:1.
Dismissed for lunch by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, prayer by Rev. Marvin Winsett.

RE-READING OF APPRECIATION REPORT

Move in order to accept report and discharge committee. Carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Bro. J. D. Kelly.

Move in order to accept report and discharge committee. Carried.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on credentials report as follows: We find all ministers in good standing for the next associational year. All ministers were present except Rev. Colburn, Rev. O. S. Gardner and Rev. Jeffreys. We recommend that they be given a card of good standing. We recommend that Bro. Nix be given a letter as he has gone to another association.

Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. James Howell, Bro. L. G. Boyette.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Move in order to present Sis. Sue Collier a card of good standing as a standing delegate to this association. Carried.

Move in order to discharge Ordaining Council. Carried.

Move in order to empower clerk to write checks for State Fees and Postage. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. William Atkins	Moderator
Rev. Hubert Peoples	Assistant Moderator
Bro. J. C. Hood	Clerk and Treasurer
Shirley Black	Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. C. C. Berryhill	Associational Pastor
Rev. Marvin Winsett	Trustee to Children's Home

NEXT ASSOCIATIONAL SESSION

The next session of the State Line Freewill Baptist Association will convene with Pleasant Site Church on Friday and Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in October and with Rocky Grove Church on Saturday, October 1969.

STANDING CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. J. M. Howell, Chm., Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Clovis Blaylock.

Move in order to adjourn until Friday before the second Sunday in October 1969. Carried.

Closing prayer by Rev. L. V. Collier.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DECEASED MEMBERS

Bro. Bunion Harp, Sis. Lester Holmes, Sis. Ludie Avery, Bro. Jim Eastman, Sis. Katy Strawbridge, Sis. Ethel Loggins, Deacon Huey Webb, Sis. Arizona Scoggins, Deacon Ben R. Arthur, Bro. Carl Deline, Sis. Ila Armstrong.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. J. D. Love, Rev. W. G. Howell, Rev. C. R. Puckett, Rev. J. B. Watts, Rev. I. K. Boyette, Rev. J. G. Boyette, Rev. M. L. Nichols, Rev. U. G. Howell, Rev. Ralph Aldridge.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Rev. Edward Puckett (Moderator)	\$15.00
Paid Rev. L. V. Collier (Asst. Moderator)	10.00
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk and Treasurer)	35.00
Paid Shirley Black (Asst. Clerk and Treasurer)	10.00
Printing of Minutes (Est.)	100.00
State Association Fees	95.00
Postage	5.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$270.00
Amount in Bank October 1968	\$531.06
Amount received in letters	221.25
TOTAL	\$752.31
Less Disbursements	<u>270.00</u>
BALANCE	\$482.31

CLERK: J. C. Hood, Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Ala. 35564
Phone number 935-3365

PREACHING DAYS OF THE CHURCHES

ANTIOCH: 2nd and 4th; BARNESVILLE: Full Time; COOPER: Full Time; FAIRVIEW: 2nd and 4th; FREEWILL CHAPEL: 2nd and 4th; LOVE JOY: 2nd and 4th; MT. HOPE: 2nd and 4th; NEW BETHLEHEM: 3rd; NEW HOPE: 1st and 3rd; PLEASANT RIDGE: Full Time; PLEASANT SITE: Full Time; ROCKY GROVE: 2nd and 4th; ROCKY TOP: 1st and 3rd; SPLUNGE: Full Time; UNION RIDGE: 1st and 3rd; NEW CENTER POINT: 2nd and 4th; LIBERTY: 2nd and 4th; SULLIGENT: Wed. Night.

NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. Charles Howell, Bro. Ray Stidham.
BARNESVILLE: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Else Avis, Bro. Charles Palmer, Bro. Lynnwood Clark, Bro. Gus Fergeson, Bro. Fred Stidham.
COOPER: Bro. Russell Cooper, Bro. Burlev Finch.
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, Bro. Marvin Pearce, Bro. Veto Emerson.
MT. HOPE: Bro. J. D. Kelly, 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. Malone Tice, Bro. Delbert Lee Dobbs, Bro. Bobby Duncan.
NEW SALEM: Bro. Neb McPherson.

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PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. J. H. Sanderson, Bro. Cal Pearce, Bro. Claude Winsett,
Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Loyd Ponds.
PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro. Vester Watson, Bro. J. R. Karr,
Bro. Marshal Watson, Bro. Sam 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.
SPLUNGE: Bro. Delmo Thompson, Bro. Clyde Palmer, Bro. J. D. Blaylock.
1st FWB of SULLIGENT: Bro. L. G. Boyette, Bro. Judge Frye, Bro. Dennis
Boyette.
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Johnnie Myers, Bro. Archie Turman, Bro. Troy Clifton.

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 Chloe Otts	Rt. 3, Box 6-B, Sulligent, Ala.
LIBERTY Erma Childers	Rt. 1, Vina, Ala.
LOVE JOY Wendell Giddie	Rt. 2, Box 307, Hamilton, Ala.
MT. HOPE Danny Ballard	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW BETHLEHEM Linda Jeffreys	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
NEW CENTER POINT Lester Ford	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
NEW HOPE Calvin Pearce	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW SALEM David Gilliland	Bexar, Ala.
PLEASANT RIDGE Golden Harris	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
PLEASANT SITE Alma Mills	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
ROCKY GROVE Robert H. Burleson	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.
ROCKY TOP Linda Kelly	Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Ala.
SPLUNGE Addie Harris	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Miss.
1st FWB CHURCH OF SULLIGENT Ted Boyette	Box 248, Sulligent, Ala.
UNION RIDGE Sonny Williams	Detroit, Ala.

Churches		Church Membership	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed	Deceased	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Church Improvement	Association Minute Fund	Missions	Childers Home	Literature	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Number in League	Number in Sunday School	Teachers	Womens' Auxiliary	Sunday School Superintendents
ANTIOCH	Jimmy Reese	52	0	0	4	0	\$ 366.15	\$ 86.50	0	0	6.00	0	8.35	0	0	0	0	25	3	0	J. M. Howell
BARNESVILLE	Gurlie Roberts	110	2	2	2	0	2241.75	180.00	12,000	93.00	25.00	44.55	146.66	274.46	2	6	50	100	5	0	Lynwood Clark
COOPER	Herdis Sullins	121	6	1	4	0	1390.00	180.00	11,000	50.50	15.00	171.26	40.75	262.10	1	2	40	75	5	20	Oscar Jeffreys
FAIRVIEW	Clay Shotts	103	0	0	0	1	555.66	135.00	6,000	0	10.00	40.00	43.66	0	2	3	0	59	4	0	Hugh Carter
FREEWILL CHAPEL	Roy Barnes	82	4	0	3	0	1364.54	110.00	15,000	2514.24	10.00	30.00	60.00	73.30	0	3	0	53	4	0	L. D. Hall
LIBERTY	Noah Robertson	21	0	2	0	0	197.58	45.00	3,666	0	9.00	0	7.00	20.00	2	2	0	23	1	0	James Childers
LOVE JOY	O. S. Gardner	33	4	0	2	1	516.03	95.60	6,000	0	15.00	0	0	60.43	2	4	0	35	4	0	Marvin Pearce
MT. HOPE	C. D. Paden	59	1	0	1	0	601.61	54.00	7,000	1000.00	10.00	0	10.00	59.50	1	2	0	35	4	0	Tommy Wooten
NEW BETHELHEM																					
NEW CENTER POINT	Howard Simmons	72	0	0	1	0	566.73	131.51	5,294	0	10.00	0	5.00	50.57	1	3	0	40	4	0	Curtiss Scott
NEW HOPE	C. D. Paden	80	0	0	1	2	757.56	125.75	4,463	250.00	9.00	0	129.93	0	0	3	0	47	3	0	Calvin Pearce
NEW SALEM	O. S. Gardner	50	0	0	2	1	346.10	60.00	4,000	0	14.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	38	4	0	C. D. Stone
PLEASANT RIDGE	L. V. Collier	76	7	6	0	0	2129.91	143.03	8,000	800.00	16.00	0	0	129.90	0	6	0	80	5	0	Elma Hue Taylor
PLEASANT SITE	Hubert Gardner	158	1	1	0	1	2621.84	180.00	10,000	823.56	10.00	0	66.61	0	0	5	50	66	4	0	Bryan Watson
ROCKEY GROVE	Booker Tice	46	4	0	0	0	625.00	163.45	7,000	1286.86	15.00	0	22.00	75.00	3	4	0	36	3	0	Robert Burleson
ROCKY TOP	Cecil Hood	103	0	0	0	1	1146.93	230.00	16,000	0	12.25	0	58.00	45.76	2	3	0	55	5	0	Burton Frederick
SPLUNGE	Edward Puckett	54	3	2	2	0	1180.00	115.00	8,500	5250.40	10.00	0	53.50	150.46	1	4	35	40	5	0	Clovis Blaylock
SULLIGENT	Edward Puckett	19	0	0	0	0	640.00	120.00	0	0	10.00	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	
UNION RIDGE	Howard Simmons	140	0	3	0	3	347.00	95.00	2,500	0	15.00	0	6.00	60.00	0	3	0	40	3	0	Troy Clifton

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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. Bobbie Jeffreys	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
Rev. Louie Nix	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. C. D. Paden	Rt. 1, Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Gurlie Roberts	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
Rev. Clay Shotts	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Howard Simmons	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Herdis Sullins	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. Williard Westbrooks	5122 8th Ave., Moline, Ill.
Rev. Marvin Winsett	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Edward Puckett	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
Rev. Noah Robertson	Box 263, Guin, Ala.
Rev. Hubert Peoples	Guin, Ala.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rules of faith and practices, 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 Saviour, 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.

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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 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, 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.

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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 though the Grace of God they may be saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 16:6; 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; Jer. 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. 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.
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,

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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 8:17; Acts 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.

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. Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, Assistant 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 vote.
9. The Constitution by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
10. No minister, deacon or delegate 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 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.

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- 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 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 reprovod 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 the church in conference at
This day of 19
..... Moderator
..... Clerk