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# Minutes

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of the

## Sixty - Fifth Annual Session

of the

# Mississippi - Alabama State Line Free Will Baptist Association

Held With  
Pleasant Site Church  
Friday, October 10, 1969  
and  
Rocky Grove Church  
Saturday, October 11, 1969

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### OFFICERS

Rev. Gurley Roberts  
Rev. Herdis Sullins  
Bro. J. C. Hood  
Sis. Shirley Black  
Rev. C. C. Berryhill  
Rev. Edward Buckett

Moderator  
Assistant Moderator  
Clerk and Treasurer  
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer  
Associational Pastor  
Trustee to Children's Home

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The next session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with New Hope Church on Friday and Friday night before the second Sunday in October and with Cooper on Saturday, October 1970.



# STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-fifth Annual Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met with Pleasant Site Church on Friday October 10, 1969 and with Rocky Grove Church on Saturday, October 11, 1969.

Session was opened with song led by J. C. Hood, prayer by Rev. C. D. Paden. New moderator was introduced by Rev. Edward Puckett.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator, Rev. William Atkins.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

Election of a new Assistant Moderator, Rev. Gurley Roberts.

Appointing of Finance Committee: Rev. Edward Puckett, Rev. Clay Shotts, Rev. C. D. Paden.

Appointing of Devotional Committee: Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. G. O. Karr, Bro. Troy Clifton.

Seating visiting Ministers & Deacons: Rev. Roy Barnes, Rev. Louis Nix, Rev. W. C. Rayburn, Rev. Roy Franks, Rev. Wise Holcomb, Rev. Frank Collins, Rev. Jimmy Reece, Rev. Ottis Palmer, Rev. Booker Tice, (Deacons) Bro. Greely Brown, Amory, Miss., Bro. & Sis. Harvey May, Jasper Assoc.

Appointing Reading Clerks: Rev. Larry Nix, Sis. Christeen Hood, Sis Donna Hill.

Short talk by Rev. Larry Nix.

Prayer by Rev. Wise Holcomb.

### INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. Virgil Collier, prayer by Rev. Roy Barnes.

### REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Friday morning devotional Rev. Larry Nix; 11 o'clock message by Rev. William Atkins. Friday night devotional Rev. Howard Simmons; message by Rev. Gurley Roberts. Saturday morning devotional Rev. Herdis Sullins; message Rev. Hudson Burleson.

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

Friday morning devotional by Rev. Larry Nix, Matthew 28:18-20.

Song led by Rev. L. V. Collier.

11 O'clock message by Rev. William Atkins. Text Isaiah 12:6, "Where is Christ."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Oscar Gardner.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. J. C. Hood. Prayer by Rev. Louie Nix.

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Move in order to accept report. Carried.

## STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### READING OF CHURCH LETTERS AND SEATING OF DELEGATES

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

BARNESVILLE—Sis. Vera Stidham, Sis. Hester Ferguson, Sis. Jean Brown, Bro. Ivon Boyett.

COOPER—Sis. Etna Clark, Sis. Annette Lamb, Sis. Luna Stidham, Sis. Ruby Finch.

FAIRVIEW—Bro. Claburn Abbott, Sis. Corlee Abbott, Bro. Hubert Chandler, Sis. Bertha Chandler.

FREE WILL CHAPEL—Bro. John Wilson, Bro. Murry Jackson, Bro. Belton Smith, Sis. Lona Flynn.

LIBERTY—Sis. Betty Jean Childers, Bro. & Sis. Edgar Lee Childers.

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

MT. HOPE—Sis. Verdie Purser, Sis. Marvie Kelly, Sis. Dycie Anglin, Alt., Sis. Lizzie Cochran.

~~NEW BETHLEHEM~~

NEW CENTER POINT—Bro. Bobby Puckett, Sis. Audine Puckett, Sis. Pearl Brown, Sis. Wanda Lee Puckett.

NEW HOPE—Bro. & Sis. Robert Avery, Sis. Gwen Duncan.

NEW SALEM—Bro. & Sis. Paul Gilliland, Bro. & Sis. C. D. Stone.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Bro. Wesley A. Green, Sis. Winnie Mae Green, Sis. Cleo Rayburn, Sis. Patricia Watts, Alt.

PLEASANT SITE—Sis. Shelbie Gilland, Sis. Deloris Watson, Bro. G. O. Karr, Alt. Sis. Pat Gardner.

ROCKY GROVE—Sis. Marvin Winsett, Sis. Claborn Thomas, Sis. Eli Stidham, Sis. Sandra Burleson.

ROCKY TOP—Sis. Shirley Black, Sis. Nora Robinson, Sis. Christeen Hood, Bro. Allen Davis, Alt., Sis. Donna Hill.

SPLUNGE—Bro. John Harris, Sis. Patsy Puckett, Sis. Faye Blaylock, Alt., Sis. Cora Irvin, Sis. Nell Thompson.

FWB-OF SULLIGENT—Sis. Wilma Boyett, Sis. Johnnie Boyett, Bro. Lemuel Boyett.

UNION RIDGE—Bro. Clarence Johnson, Sis. Nora Bell Johnson, Sis. Ellen Gibbs, Bro. Earsell Thompson.

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

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Finance Committee received \$262.66 minute and associational funds. We have on hand \$485.68. Total \$748.34.

We find clerks books in order. Chm. Bro. Puckett.

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

### APPOINTING OF COMMITTEE

DECEASED MEMBERS—Bro. Hubert Cochran, Sis. Lucille Pearce.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Howard Simmons, Bro. G. O. Karr.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—Rev. Hubert Gardner, Rev. Oscar Gardner, Bro. Claborn Abbott.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—Sis. Cleo Rayburn, Sis. Bertha Chandler, Sis. Winnie Green.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Moderator, Moderator, Clerk, Rev. L. V. Collier, Rev. Edward Puckett.

ORDAINING COUNCIL—Rev. O. S. Gardner, Rev. Hubert Gardner, Rev. Gurlie Roberts, Rev. C. D. Paden.

Prayer by Rev. L. V. Collier.



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### INTERMISSION

Song by J. C. Hood and Shirley Black.

### REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We your committee on deceased members find that there have been 15 members departed from this walk of life and gone to be with their maker. Although their presence cannot be replaced their memory will live on.

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee wish to report as follows: We find all churches have Sunday School except 1st Free Will Baptist Church, Sulligent. We recommend all our churches have Sunday School and that they use Free Will Baptist Literature.

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

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We thank God for his many blessings and for the respect and love we have been shown during this association. May God Bless All.

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

Song led by Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Bro. G. O. Karr.

### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We your Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Roy Franks and Bro. Larry Nix and ask that they be ordained to preach.

We your Ordaining Council have examined Rev. W. C. Rayburn and Rev. Wise Holcomb and ask that they be received into the body. Rev. O. S. Gardner.

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

The Association ordained Rev. Franks and Rev. Nix. The charge was given by Rev. Hubert Gardner. Prayer by Rev. C. D. Paden. Fellowship and handshake by congregation, singing led by Bro. G. O. Karr.

Closing prayer by Rev. Howard Simmons.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by Bro. G. O. Karr, prayer by Bro. Rye. Devotional by Rev. Howard Simmons, Scripture 6th Chap. Galatians.

Message by Rev. Gurlie Roberts. Scripture, John 6:47-58. "What Mean Ye by this Service?" John 13:1-18.

Thirty two took part in Communion and feet washing service. Closed with altar prayer and hymn.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes, prayer by Bro. Frank Collins.

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on Temperance find it more commanding and necessary that our preachers preach more on Temperance. 1 Cor. 9:27, But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection lest that by any means when I have preached to others; I myself should be a castaway. Gal. 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance against such there is no law.

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

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on documents and order of business recommend that Item 1 be amended to read; We recommend that the clerk be paid \$30.00 plus all expenses for printing of minutes and postage for associational mailing; the moderator \$15.00; assistant moderator \$10.00; treasurer \$5.00; assistant clerk \$10.00 for their services, the clerk superintendent the printing of the minutes and distribute them.

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Items 2 thru 16 to remain as is.

Move in order to adopt Item 1. Carried.

Item 1. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$30.00 plus all expenses for printing of minutes and postage for associational mailing; the moderator \$15.00 assistant moderator \$10.00; treasurer \$5.00; assistant clerk \$10.00 for their services, the clerk superintendent 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 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 16. We recommend we abide by the National Treaties.

Move in order to empower clerk to write check to buy flowers in case of death of any minister of this Association. Carried.

Move in order to discharge Ordaining Council. Carried.

### REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELIST

I visited all churches except two. I received \$311.32. I want to thank each pastor and church for the wonderful welcome and the good fellowship extended to me this past year. I have enjoyed my work this year and ask for your prayers that God may use me to do his will and that I may be led by the Spirit in all things. May God Bless you all. Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Move in order to make Sis. Sue Collier a standing delegate to this Association with a card of good standing. Carried.

Prayer by Rev. Otis Palmer.

### INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes.

### REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your credential committee find all ministers in good standing, all present except Rev. Colburn. He is not here due to sickness. We recommend Rev. Hubert Peoples be dropped as he went to another association. We recommend all be given a card of good standing.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

# STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee appoint Rev. Edward Puckett to replace Rev. Burleson in case of his absence.

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

Devotional by Rev. Herdis Sullins. Scripture St. Luke 24:15.

Message by Rev. Edward Puckett. Scripture St. Luke 6:46.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Booker Tice.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. Ivon Boyett and Rev. Roy Barnes. Prayer by Rev. Burleson.

Move in order to reread appreciation committee report. Carried.

## STANDING CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Fred Stidham, Chm., Bro. Clovis Blaylock, Bro. Burton Frederick.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Gurley Roberts	Moderator
Rev. Herdis Sullins	Assistant Moderator
Bro. J. C. Hood	Clerk and Treasurer
Sis. Shirley Black	Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. C. C. Berryhill	Associational Pastor
Rev. Edward Puckett	Trustee to Children's Home

Move in order that any lay member from this Association attending the State Association shall be a delegate from their respective churches. Carried.

Move in order to take an offering for the Children's Home Foster Parent Plan. Carried. Received \$70.50.

Move in order to receive an offering for Bro. J. E. Harris, a deacon at Rocky Grove Church. Carried. Received \$56.13.

Move in order to receive an offering for Rev. Colburn. Carried. Received \$30.48.

Move in order to empower clerk to write all necessary checks for the expense of the association. Carried.

## NEXT ASSOCIATIONAL SESSION

The next session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with New Hope Church on Friday and Friday night before the second Sunday in October and with Cooper on Saturday October 1970.

Move in order to close this session of Association until we meet again next October with New Hope Church on Friday. Carried.

## CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Rev. William Atkins (Moderator)	15.00
Paid Rev. Gurley Roberts (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
Expense (Est.)	15.00
Orphanage (offering)	70.50
Offering received for Bro. Harris	56.13
Offering received for Rev. Colburn	30.48
TOTAL DISURSEMENTS	436.11
Amount in Bank October 1969	485.68
Amount received in letters and offerings	419.77
TOTAL	\$905.45
Less Disbursements	436.11
BALANCE	\$469.34



## STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### 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: Wednesday 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. Lynwood Clark, Bro. Gus Ferguson, Bro. Fred Stidham.  
COOPER: Bro. Russell Cooper, Bro. Burley Finch, Bro. Ordie Lewis, Bro. Olan Rye.  
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, Bro. Hubert Cochran.  
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, Bro. Calvin Pearce.  
NEW SALEM: Bro. C. D. Stone, Bro. W. D. Walton, Bro. Jerry Taylor.  
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, Bro. Travis Hall, Bro. Robert Burleson.  
SPLUNGE: Bro. Delmo Thompson, Bro. J. C. Palmer, Bro. Clovis Blaylock, Bro. Dulith Irvin, Bro. J. W. Vann.  
1st FREEWILL BAPTIST—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	
Joe Cheek	Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, Ala.
NEW CENTER POINT	
Lester Ford	Greenwood Springs, Miss.



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## NEW HOPE

Calvin Pearce

Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.

## NEW SALEM

David Gilliland

Star Rt. Hamilton, 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

Leola Cantrell

Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Ala.

## SPLUNGE

Linda Shields

Box 248, Sulligent, Ala.

## UNION RIDGE

Sonny Williams

Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.

## MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Rev. William Atkins

468-2423

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

921-2612

Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.

Rev. Roy Franks

Guin, Ala.

Rev. Hubert Gardner

Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.

Rev. Oscar Gardner

Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Ala.

Rev. Wise Holcomb

468-3910

Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.

Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys

Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.

Rev. Larry Nix

322 R 54th Ave. N. Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. C. D. Paden

354-4360

Rt. 1, Red Bay, Ala.

Rev. Edward Puckett

Greenwood, Miss.

Rev. W. C. Rayburn

Rt. 3, Kennedy, Ala.

Rev. Gurley Roberts

Hamilton, 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

Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.

## DECEASED MEMBERS

Bro. David Miles, Sis. Stella Hayes, Bro. Melton Harper, Sis. Hattie Roberson, Bro. William Gibbs, Sis. Curtis Harbor, Bro. Grady Williams, Sis. Bernice Pugh, Sis. Eva Dean Clark, Bro. J. D. Blaylock, Bro. Luther Childers, Sis. Jean Gilmore, Sis. Mae Brooks, Bro. E. M. Tice, Sis. Aldie George.

## DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Noah Robertson, 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~~.

Churches	Pastor	Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Church Improvement
ANTIOCH	Wise Holcomb	54	2	1	0	\$ 636.16	\$ 85.00		\$ 48.33
BARNESVILLE	Gurley Roberts	135	25	0	0	2305.00	140.00	\$ 12,000.00	605.88
COOPER	Herdis Sullins	125	6	0	2	2133.45	185.00	11,000.00	236.00
FAIRVIEW	Clay Shotts	100	0	3	2	700.09	200.00	6,000.00	920.00
FREEWILL CHA	G. C. Lawrence	87	5	0	0	1545.91	125.00	15,000.00	0
LIBERTY	Roy Humphries	23	4	1	2		123.00	4,063.52	397.52
LOVE JOY	O. S. Gardner	33	2	3	0	553.21	92.23	6,500.00	185.00
MT. HOPE	C. D. Paden	67	3	0	1	647.45	72.21	8,000.00	35.75
New Bethlehem									
New Center Point	Howard Simmons	74	5	2	1	1240.25	129.40	5,294.00	50.00
NEW HOPE	C. D. Paden	78	3	0	2	924.42	100.00	4,463.00	0
NEW SALEM	O. S. Gardner	52	6	3	0	400.55	92.51	4,000.00	67.00
Pleasant Ridge	L. V. Collier	50	2	1	0	2617.76	117.05	15,000.00	0
Pleasant Site	Hubert Gardner	153	4	3	1	3021.25	236.50	16,000.00	713.07
ROCKY GROVE	Booker Tice	53	12	1	2	1115.85	217.00	10,000.00	2540.00
ROCKY TOP	Cecil Hood	103	0	0	0	1116.71	143.17	16,000.00	0
SPLUNGE	Edward Puckett	60	8	0	1	1210.00	180.00	11,000.00	2480.50
SULLIGENT	Edward Puckett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNION RIDGE	Howard Simmons	140	1	0	3	425.23	76.00	2,500.00	0
TOTALS						20593.29	2314.07	146,820.52	8279.05

Association and Minute Fund	Missions	Children's Home	Literature	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	No. In League	No. In Sunday School	Teachers	Women's Auxiliary	Miscellaneous	Sunday School Superintendent
10.00		0	46.14	1	3	0	15	2	0	0	James M. Howell
25.00	26.00	65.00	278.44	2	5	50	110	5	0	266.28	Wayne Williams
25.00	193.30	45.00	197.59	1	4	40	70	5	20	0	Oscar Jeffreys
10.00	0	50.00	0	2	3	0	59	4	0	0	Hugh Carter
15.00	0	60.00	79.70	0	3	0	53	3	0	0	L. D. Hall
10.00	0	10.00	29.00	1	2	0	35	1	0	0	Neal Childers
12.00	0	0	70.00	2	4	0	35	5	0	0	Veto Emerson
10.00	0	5.00	58.89	1	3	0	30	4	0	51.47	J. E. Check
14.75	0	5.26	58.12	1	3	0	40	4	0	320.34	Charles Clifton
12.41	0	118.35	0	0	4	0	47	4	0	0	Calvin Pearce
11.00	0	0	176.00	0	3	0	40	4	0	0	C. D. Stone
17.05	0	0	141.34	0	6	0	80	5	0	507.36	Elma Hue Taylor
10.00	25.27	97.00	175.00	1	5	50	66	3	0	90.50	Iris Mills
15.00	0	35.00	120.00	2	6	0	50	4	0	0	Travis Hall
15.00	0	106.15	105.00	2	3	0	54	4	0	0	Dwight Wiginton
15.00	0	25.00	148.00	1	5	35	44	5	0	0	Roger Shields
15.00	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	
15.00	0	10.00	0	0	3	0	40	3	0	0	Troy Clifton
257.21	244.57	631.76	1683.22							1235.95	
										182,059.64	
						Grand Total					



## 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 unholty 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.

### 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.
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. 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, 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.
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 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 the church in conference at . . . . .

This . . . . . day of . . . . . 19 . . . . .

. . . . . Moderator

. . . . . Clerk





Rocky Top Church  
Haskellburg, Ala.



