

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Sixty-Eighth Annual Session**  
of the  
**Mississippi - Alabama**  
**State Line Free Will Baptist**  
**Association**

Held With  
Union Ridge Church  
Friday, October 6, 1972  
and  
Free Will Chapel Church  
Saturday, October 7, 1972

**OFFICERS**

Rev. Gurley Roberts  
Rev. Jack Harder  
Bro. J. C. Hood  
Sis. Shirley Black  
Rev. Clay Shotts  
Bro. Charles Cochran

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 Cobb Town on Friday and Friday night before the second Sunday in October and with Fairview on Saturday, October 1972.

# STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-eighth Annual Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met with Union Ridge on Friday, October 6, 1972, and with Free Will Chapel on Saturday, October 7, 1972.

Session was opened with a song led by Bro. J. C. Hood. Prayer was led by Bro. Dwayne Rye.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator, Rev. C. D. Paden.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

Appointing of Devotional Committee: Rev. W. C. Rayburn, Bro. Dwayne Rye, Bro. J. D. Kelly.

Seating of Visiting Ministers: Rev. George Page, Bear Creek Assoc.; Rev. Hank Hollis, Vernon Assoc.

Appointing Reading Clerks: Sis. Bobby Duncan, Sis. Lucille Childers.

Appointing Finance Committee: Bro. James McCarley, Rev. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Eddie Howell.

### INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. William Atkins, prayer by Rev. George Page.

### REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Friday morning devotional, Rev. Williard Westbrooks; Friday morning message, Rev. C. D. Paden; Friday night devotional, Rev. William Atkins; Friday night message, Rev. Gurlie Roberts; Saturday morning devotional, Rev. Jack Harder; Saturday morning message, Rev. Edward Puckett.

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

Short devotion by Rev. Redus Hall.

Visiting Ministers: Rev. Roy Barnes, Vernon Assoc.; Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Jasper Assoc.

Special Songs by J. C. Hood, Bonnie Cooper and Shirley Black.

### REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your committee on credentials report all letters in good standing that are here. We recommend that they be read and seat the delegates. Free Will Chapel not present.

Move in order to accept report and proceed with reading of letters. Carried.

### READING OF CHURCH LETTERS

#### AND

### SEATING OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH — Bro. Tylor Peoples, Sis. Julie Terrell, Sis. Mary Lou Loden, Alt. Bro. Eddie Howell.

BARNESVILLE — Sis. Brown, Bro. Boyette, Sis. Weeks, Bro. McCarley.

COOPER — Sis. Etna Clark, Sis. Lena Mae Rye, Bro. Clinton Warren, Sis. Clinton Warren, Sis. Ruby Finch, Alt. Sis. Lois Lewis, Sis. Velma Jeffreys.

COBB TOWN — Sis. Exine Cantrell, Sis. Elizabeth Head, Bro. & Sis. Fred Bayrd, Alt. Bro. & Sis. Rex Colburn.

FAIRVIEW — Sis. Betty Shotts, Bro. Clyde Williams, Sis. Alice Carter, Sis. Willie Mae Williams.

FREE WILL CHAPEL — Bro. Wallace Harris, Sis. Brenda Hall, Sis. Loretta Sizemore, Alt.

LIBERTY — Sis. Lucille Childers, Sis. Emma Lee Childers, Alt., Sis. Betty Childers.

LOVE JOY — Bro. Denver Green, Sis. Geraldine Green, Sis. Cleo Rayburn, Sis. Lennie Green, Sis. Lucille Pearce, Sis. Verta Giddie.

MT. HOPE — Bro. James McCarley, Bro. Charles Cochran, Bro. Bobby Yeilding, Alt., Bro. O. C. Mitchell.

NEW CENTER POINT — Bro. Wade Vann, Sis. Ruth Vann, Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Pearl Brown.

NEW HOPE — Bro. Robert Avery, Sis. Ovaline Avery, Sis. Vonie Williams.

NEW SALEM — Bro. Charles Loden, Bro. Gail Gilliland, Alt., Sis. Minnie Mae Gilliland.

PLEASANT RIDGE — Bro. Loyd Ponds, Sis. Shirley Ponds, Sis. Verdie Dobbs, Alt., Sis. Beatrice Harris.

PLEASANT SITE — Sis. Bobbie Kerr, Sis. Ivy Watson, Sis. Delores Watson, Alt., Sis. Robbie Irvin.

ROCKY GROVE — Sis. Tessie Winsett, Sis. Mattie Colburn, Bro. McKinney, Sis. McKinney.

ROCKY TOP — Sis. Nora Robinson, Sis. Christeen Hood, Sis. Shirley Black, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Alt., Sis. Bobbie King.

SPLUNGE — Sis. Fay Blaylock, Sis. Carolyn Vann, Sis. Joann Guyton, Sis. Ruby Pickle.

UNION RIDGE — Sis. Lillie Mae Franklin, Bro. Mathis Franklin, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Dorothy Turman, Bro. Elmer Brown.

Friday morning devotional by Rev. Williard Westbrooks, James 5.  
 Song led by Bro. Calvin Pearce, prayer by Bro. Yeilding.  
 Friday morning message by Rev. C. D. Paden. Scripture James 3.  
 Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Wayne Williams.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes, prayer by Bro. Hubert Cochran.  
 Completed reading of Church letters. Move in order to accept letters as read and seat the delegates. Carried.

#### PARTIAL REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Howard Simmons to say a few words in honor of deceased members. Move in order to accept report. Carried.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We your finance committee find on hand \$431.95, associational and minute fund \$256.24. Total \$688.19.  
 Move in order to accept report and retain committee. Carried.

#### APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE — Sis. Cleo Rayburn, Sis. Emma Lee Childers, Sis. Verdie Dobbs.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE — Bro. C. L. Scott, Bro. O. C. Mitchell, Bro. Mon Howell.

ORDAINING COUNCIL — Rev. William Atkins, Rev. Herdis Sullins, Rev. Wise Holcomb.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE — Rev. Edward Puckett, Rev. Howard Simmons, Rev. Jimmy Reece, Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Sis. Delores Watson, Bro. Tommy Wooten, Bro. Wayne Williams.

DECEASED MEMBERS — Rev. William Atkins, Bro. & Sis. Loyd Ponds.

## INTERMISSION

Song by congregation. Special songs by J. C. Hood, Bonnie Cooper and Shirley Black.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School committee wish to stress the importance of Bible study in the home and in the Church. Our nation was founded on the teachings of God's Holy Word and it should remain so. So, we feel Sunday School should be one of the central themes in our religious life. We find all churches in the State Line FWB Association are having Sunday School. We recommend that all Churches use Free Will Baptist Literature.

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

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We thank God for the many blessings of life. We also appreciate the love and fellowship of everyone. May God bless each and every one and the good food prepared.

Move in order to accept report and hold to reread tomorrow and dismiss committee. Carried.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on temperance find it necessary for all preachers to preach more on temperance for the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace against such there is no law.

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

## DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We your committee on deceased members find that there have been 16 members called from this walk of life. Although their presence cannot be replaced, their memory will live on with us today.

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

In the absence of Free Will Chapel's letter, a move was made to add any additional numbers. Carried.

Dismissed by Rev. Williard Westbrooks.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by Bro. Pearce. Prayer by Sis. Pearce. Devotional by Rev. William Atkins. Message by Rev. Gurlie Roberts. Scripture: Gen. 22:7-8, Exo. 12:26, Numbers 25.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes, prayer by Rev. Hudson Burleson.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on documents and order of business recommend that Items 1 thru 16 remain as is.

We recommend we add an Item 17 to read as follows:

We recommend that all churches separate their finance & church letter to the Association and hand finance in to the Finance Committee, and the Church letter to be handed to Credential Committee and mark their finance the same as their church letter but separately.

We recommend we have 500 Discipline printed.

We also recommend that the 11 Items recommended by the business committee last year and printed in our minutes be adopted to bring our minutes and treaties in



line with our National Treaties.

Move in order to accept report as read and discharge committee and reread each new item and adopt one at a time. Carried.

Move in order to adopt Item 17. 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 will 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 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 o'clock.

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

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

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

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

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

Item 10. We recommend 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 husbands.

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 we abide by the National Treaties.

Item 16. We recommend we adopt the Roberts Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure of this association.

Item 17. We recommend that all churches separate their finance and church letter to the association and hand finance in to the finance committee and the church letter be handed to credential committee and mark their finance the same as their church letter but separately.

## NEW ITEMS

We recommend that Item 7 be dropped from the rules for the preachers in our Discipline. Adopted.

We recommend that we drop Item 1 of the rules for the preachers in our Discipline. Adopted.

We recommend that Item 5 of our Constitution in our Discipline be changed to read the same as our Minutes. Adopted.

We recommend that Item 6 of our Constitution in our Discipline be changed to read the same as our Minutes. Adopted.

We recommend that Item 9 of our Constitution in our Minutes be changed to read the same as our Discipline. Adopted.

We recommend we drop Item 12 of our Constitution from our Minutes. Rejected.

We recommend Item 2 of our Church Rules be amended to read, "We agree to meet in conference as often as necessary" instead of quarterly. Adopted.

We recommend we add Items 15 and 16 of Church Rules in our Minutes to Church Rules of our Discipline. Item 15 Rejected; Item 16 Adopted.

We recommend we drop Item 17 of Church Rules in our Minutes. Adopted.

We recommend we add Item 13 of Rules of Decorum in our Minutes to our Discipline. Adopted.

We recommend that Item 9 of Rules for the Preachers in our Discipline be added to the Church Rules and the word church be used instead of minister. Rejected.

### FINAL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Received in church letters \$271.24. Total \$703.19. Move in order to accept report as read and discharge committee. Carried.

### INTERMISSION

Visiting ministers: Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Vernon Assoc.; Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, East Ala. Assoc.; Rev. Louie Nix, Progressive Assoc.

Special songs by the Glory Echoes, Teresa Black, Angela and Schawana Cooper.

Saturday morning message Rev. William Atkins, scripture Gen. 18:14, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Joe Ledlow.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Special songs by the Gideon Trio, prayer by Rev. Louie Nix.

### FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your credential committee have examined all ministers and find them in good standing. We recommend they be granted a card of good standing.

We have also examined Rev. Joe B. Ledlow and recommend he be accepted into this association.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We your ordaining council have examined Bro. Redus Hall and recommend that we proceed with ordination and that he be received as a minister of this association. Charge to be given by Rev. Edward Puckett. Move in order to accept report and proceed with ordination. Carried.

The association ordained Bro. Hall. Charge by Rev. Edward Puckett, prayer by Rev. Herdis Sullins.

Rereading of Appreciation Committee Report.

Rev. Howard Simmons gave a short talk in honor of deceased members.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Gurlie Roberts  
Rev. Jack Harder  
Bro. J. C. Hood  
Sis. Shirley Black  
Rev. Clay Shotts  
Bro. Charles Cochran

Moderator  
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### STANDING CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. Edsel Gideon.

Move in order to discharge devotional committee. Carried.

Move in order to discharge ordaining council. Carried.

## NEXT ASSOCIATIONAL SESSION

The next session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with Cobb Town on Friday and Friday night before the second Sunday in October, 1973 and with Fairview on Saturday, October 1973.

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

Delegates to State Association: Bro. Charles Cochran.

Delegates to Vernon Association: Rev. Puckett, Rev. Rayburn, Rev. Roberts, Rev. Atkins, Rev. Collier.

Move in order to receive offering for the Children's Home Foster Parent plan. Carried. Received \$80.50.

Move in order to adjourn this session of the association until we meet with Cobb Town next year. Carried.

## CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Rev. C. D. Paden (Moderator)	\$ 15.00
Paid Rev. Gurlie Roberts (Asst. Moderator)	10.00
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk & Treasurer)	35.00
Paid Shirley Black (Asst. Clerk & Treasurer)	15.00
Printing of Minutes (Est.)	125.00
State Association Fees	90.00
Orphanage (offering)	80.50
Expense	15.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$385.50</b>
Amount in Bank Oct. 1972	\$431.95
Minute Fund & Offering for Orphanage	351.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$783.69</b>
Less Disbursements	385.50
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$398.19</b>

J. C. Hood, Clerk  
Rt. 1

Hackleburg, Al. 35564

## PREACHING DAYS OF THE CHURCHES

ANTIOCH: Full Time; BARNESVILLE: Full Time; COOPER: Full Time; FAIRVIEW: Full Time; FREE WILL CHAPEL: Full Time; LOVE JOY: 2nd and 4th; MT. HOPE: Full Time; COBB TOWN: Full Time; NEW HOPE: 1st and 3rd; PLEASANT RIDGE: Full Time; PLEASANT SITE: Full Time; ROCKY GROVE: Full Time; ROCKY TOP: 1st and 3rd; SPLUNGE: Full Time; UNION RIDGE: 1st and 3rd; NEW CENTER POINT: 2nd and 4th; LIBERTY: Full Time.

## NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. Charles Howell, Bro. Ray Stidham.

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Else Aves, Bro. Charles Palmer, Bro. Lynwood Clark, Bro. Gus Fergeson, Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Dwayne Rye, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Hansel Taylor.

COOPER: Bro. Burley Finch, Bro. Edward Gilmore, Bro. Thomas Peoples.

COBB TOWN: Bro. Hicks Hester, Bro. Bill Colburn.

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Sam Carter, Bro. Ira Triplett, Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Benice Shotts, Bro. Hugh Carter.

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

LIBERTY: Bro. Oneal Childers.

LOVE JOY: Bro. Marvin Pearce, Bro. Veto Emerson, Bro. Wendell Giddy.



MT. HOPE: Bro. J. D. Kelly, Bro. O. C. Mitchell, Bro. Hubert Cochran, Bro. Gary Yeilding, Bro. Thomas Wooten.  
 NEW CENTER POINT: Bro. C. L. Scott, Bro. D. L. Brown, Bro. Ausie Tate.  
 NEW HOPE: Bro. Malone Tice, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Calvin Pearce.  
 NEW SALEM: Bro. C. D. Stone, Bro. W. Walton, Bro. W. W. Gilliland.  
 PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crowe, Bro. Cal Pearce.  
 PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro. Vester Watson, Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Sam Nix.  
 ROCKY GROVE: Bro. J. G. Sanderson, Bro. Claborn Thomas, Bro. Earkin Townley, Bro. Travis Hall, Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay.  
 ROCKY TOP: Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. William Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell.  
 SPLUNGE: Bro. Delmo Thompson, Bro. J. C. Palmer, Bro. Clovis Blaylock, Bro. J. W. Vann.  
 UNION RIDGE: Bro. Johnnie Myers, Bro. Archie Turman, Bro. Troy Clifton.

### CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ANTIOCH	
Ray Howell	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.
BARNESVILLE	
Becky Stidham	Box 265, Hamilton, Ala.
COOPER	
Burley Finch	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
COBB TOWN	
Elizabeth Head	Guin, Ala.
FAIRVIEW	
Jack Lindsey	Rt. 1, Bexar, Ala.
FREEWILL CHAPEL	
Annette Taylor	Rt. 3, Vernon, Ala.
LIBERTY	
Emma Lee Childers	Rt. 1, Vina, Ala.
LOVE JOY	
Wendell Giddie	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
MT. HOPE	
Dorothy Ballard	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW CENTER POINT	
Audine Puckett	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Miss.
NEW HOPE	
Calvin Pearce	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW SALEM	
Ethelene Brown	Rt. 1, Bexar, Ala.
PLEASANT RIDGE	
Dewey Crowe	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
PLEASANT SITE	
Bobbie Jean Stone	Rt. 2, Detroit, Ala.
ROCKY GROVE	
Charles Lindley	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
ROCKY TOP	
Christeen Hood	Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Ala.
SPLUNGE	
Fay Northington	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
UNION RIDGE	
Billie Joyce Clifton	P. O. Box 97, Sulligent, Ala.



Churches	Pastors	Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Church Improvement	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Literature	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	No. in League	No. in Sunday School	No. Teachers	Missions	Miscellaneous	Sunday School Superintendent
ANTIOCH	C. D. Paden	52	2	0	1	\$ 966.77	\$ 110.00			\$ 10.50		\$ 37.15	0	3	0	25	2	\$ 0	\$ 40.04	J. M. Howell
BARNESVILLE	G. C. Lawrence	130	3	0	2	4,125.00	225.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	25.00	\$ 75.00	308.69	4	9	0	109	7	0	805.43	Wayne Williams
COOPER	Edward Puckett	178	21	1	2	7,270.00	230.00	20,000.00	6,371.85	25.00	474.82	360.06	2	3	63	125	6	19.00	321.00	Thomas Peoples
COBBTOWN	Jimmy Reese	39	12	6	0	177.45	43.67	4,500.00	175.67	5.00		69.13	1	2	0	39	3	0	0	Fred Bayrd
FAIRVIEW	W. C. Rayburn	130	18	0	0	3,268.72	455.00	6,500.00	730.00	10.00	45.45	102.00	2	5	35	45	4	235.00	120.00	Buster Shotts
FREEWILL CHAPEL	Joe B. Ledlow	114	18	2	1	4,862.33	280.00	20,000.00		15.00	60.00	171.30	2	3	0	70	5	0	0	Leon Sizemore
LIBERTY	Edgar Lee Childers	20	0	1	0	556.78	79.28	5,039.34	974.34	10.00	95.00		1	1	0	0	15	0	0	
LOVE JOY	O. S. Gardner	33	7	0	1	567.87	85.37	6,600.00	62.00	10.00		56.42	2	3	0	30	4	0	230.75	Veto Emerson
MT. HOPE	George Page	146	46	0	0	3,550.07	348.00	11,000.00	997.68	20.00	275.00	184.21	1	5	0	140	4	0	196.78	Max Howell
NEW CENTER POINT	Howard Simmons	60	3	0	2	1,346.30	150.00	12,000.00	762.11	20.00	56.20	108.11	1	3	0	50	4	0	200.00	
NEW HOPE	Wise Holcomb	75	0	2	1	935.19	140.00	4,600.00		12.24	27.92		0	3	0	47	3	0	0	Bobby Duncan
NEW SALEM	O. S. Gardner	65	0	1	2	612.75	93.75	4,000.00		7.50	7.50	85.00	0	3	0	20	4	0	52.67	C. D. Stone
PLEASANT RIDGE	William Atkins	75	16	0	2	3,465.00	220.00	17,000.00	1,018.42	18.50	97.50	191.81	1	4	0	66	5	0	1,170.80	Gene Avery
PLEASANT SITE	Gurlic Roberts	75	0	2	1	4,794.44	318.76	16,000.00	538.29	10.00		168.60	1	5	30	60	3	0	0	Marshall Watson
ROCKY GROVE	Booker Tice	72	8	0	0	2,080.00	209.00	12,000.00	2,476.00	15.00	22.45	141.30	2	6	0	60	4	0	0	Bud Pugh
ROCKY TOP	Cecil Hood	112	1	1	0	1,587.62	218.25	16,000.00	944.63	20.00	222.94	142.07	1	3	0	54	4	0	439.50	Dwight Wiginton
SPLUNGE	Hubert Gardner	50	1	4	1	1,750.00	325.00	14,000.00	1,692.00	15.00	130.00	133.90	1	4	25	25	4	0	259.31	J. W. Vann
UNION RIDGE	Howard Simmons	152	12	0	0	615.70	151.50	6,000.00	1,691.64	15.00	22.50	106.52	0	3	0	40	3	0	0	Troy Clifton
TOTALS		1,578	167	20	16	\$43,632.09	\$3,682.58	\$202,639.34	\$22,938.70	\$271.24	\$1,612.28	\$2,366.27	25	68	153	1,005	84	\$254.00	\$3,836.28	

## MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Rev. William Atkins	468-2423	Rt. 2, Guin, Ala. 35563
Rev. C. C. Berryhill	601-256-8225	Greenwood Springs, Miss. 38848
Rev. Hudson Burleson	921-2473	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Edgar Childers		Rt. 1, Vina, Ala. 35593
Rev. L. V. Collier	921-2612	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. James Cutts		Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala. 35552
Rev. Roy Franks		Guin, Ala. 35563
Rev. Hubert Gardner	921-2008	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Oscar Gardner		Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Ala. 35564
Rev. Wise Holcomb	468-3910	Rt. 2, Guin, Ala. 35563
Rev. Jack Harder	921-3711	Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys	921-3346	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala. 35552
Rev. Redus Hall		
Rev. C. D. Paden	356-4360	Rt. 1, Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Edward Puckett	601-256-3374	Greenwood Springs, Miss. 38848
Rev. W. C. Rayburn	465-2433	Rt. 1, Brilliant, Ala. 35548
Rev. Jimmy Reese		Box 221, Guin, Ala. 35563
Rev. Gurlie Roberts	273-4360	Detroit, Ala. 35552
Rev. Clay Shotts		Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Howard Simmons	921-3461	Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Jerry Smith	695-7418	Vernon, Ala. 35592
Rev. Arvin Stidham	921-2684	Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Herdis Sullins	935-3500	Hackleburg, Ala. 35564
Rev. Williard Westbrook	797-1348	1450 1st, Moline, Ill. 61265
Rev. Marvin Winsett	921-3705	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala. 35570

## DECEASED MEMBERS

Bro. Ordie Lewis, Bro. Ben Jeffreys, Sis. Ila Howell, Sis. Ollie Stone, Sis. Learlie Tice, Bro. Lonnie Spruell, Bro. Woodie Puckett, Sis. Clim-Black, Bro. John Harris, Bro. Blanche Green, Sis. Susie Templeton, Sis. Rosa Whitehead, Sis. Rosa Alvis.

## 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. M. L. Nichols, Rev. U. G. Howell, Rev. Walter Colburn.

## 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.

### 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. I 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. I Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2; John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; I 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; 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; 3:10.
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; Heb. 3:10; I John 5:10.
7. We believe the whole scripture is infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. II 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; II Peter 2:1-2; II 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 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; 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; II 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. The Association shall be composed of ministers, deacons and delegates of different churches forming the same.
3. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to 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 majority 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 as often as 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 arise at the same time the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first, and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.
9. No member shall speak twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at the time.
10. It shall be the duty of all 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. We recommend that each church in this Association have as many as two Sunday services each month.
16. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference and strictly enforced by the Moderator.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
2. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the opening of each regular session.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address the Moderator and when recognized he shall proceed.

4. No person shall be interrupted while speaking by anyone except 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 reprovved by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

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

