

Minutes

of the

Seventieth Annual Session

of the

Mississippi - Alabama

State Line Free Will

Baptist Association

Held With
New Salem Church
Friday, October 11, 1974
And
Barnesville Church
Saturday, October 12, 1974

OFFICERS

Rev. Duane Taylor	Moderator
Rev. William Atkins	Assistant Moderator
Bro. J. C. Hood	Clerk and Treasurer
Sis. Shirley Black	Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. Charles Yeilding	Associational Pastor
Bro. James McCarley	Trustee to Children's Home

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The next session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with Splurge on Friday and Friday night before the second Sunday in October and with Pleasant Site on Saturday, October 1975.

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventieth Annual Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met with New Salem on Friday, October 11, 1974 and with Barnesville on Saturday, October 12, 1974.

Session opened with a song led by Bro. Gilliland. Prayer by Rev. Duane Taylor.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator Rev. Hubert Gardner.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

Appointing of Devotional Committee: Bro. Woodrow Gilliland, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Jimmy Reese.

Finance Committee: Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Jerry Smith, Bro. Gary Yeilding.

Bro. Burton Frederick appointed to serve on Credential Committee in the absence of Bro. Edsel Gideon.

Seating visiting Ministers: Rev. Roy Barnes - Vernon Assoc.; Rev. Duane Taylor-Bear Creek Assoc.; Rev. T. C. Barnes-Vernon Assoc.; Rev. Billy Sharps-Vernon; Rev. James Cutts-Jasper; Rev. Arvin Stidham-Metropolitan.

Reading Clerks; Sis. Ann Pugh, Sis. Faye Northington.

Song led by David Gilliland. Song led by Dallas Gilliland. Short Devotional by Rev. Roy Barnes.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (PARTIAL)

We your Credential Committee report all church letters are in order. We recommend that they be read and delegates seated.

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

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Friday morning Devotional, Rev. Duane Taylor, Friday morning message, Rev. Hubert Gardner. Friday night Devotional, Rev. Arvin Stidham, Friday night message, Rev. Edward Puckett. Saturday morning Devotional, Rev. James Cutts, Saturday morning message Rev. Dallas Gilliland. Deceased members, Rev. Edgar Lee Childers.

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

Song led by Rev. Roy Barnes.

Friday morning Devotional, Rev. Duane Taylor. 1 Kings 9. Friday morning message Rev. Hubert Gardner. Matt. 27. "What will you do with Jesus?"

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Gurley Roberts.

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS
AND
SEATING OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH - Sis. Jessie Howell, Bro. Taylor Peoples, Bro. Dank Winsett, Alt. Sis. Quinnie Peoples.
BALLARD - Sis. Lois Faye Lindley, Sis. Joyce Gardner, Sis. Ann Pugh, Alt. Sis. Louise Mills.
BARNESVILLE - Bro. Ivon Boyett, Sis. Jean Brown, Bro. L. J. Prestage, Sis. Bonnie Karr, Alt. Bro. James Cutts, Bro. G. O. Karr.
COBB TOWN - Bro. James Kimbrough, Sis. Wilma Kimbrough, Sis. Midge Stiverner.
COOPER - Sis. Willodean Spratlin, Sis. Carolyn Rye, Sis. Ruby Finch, Alt. Sis. Vernie Jeffreys, Sis. Edna Dupree.
FAIRVIEW - Sis. Alice Carter, Sis. Betty Shotts, Sis. Doyle Chandler, Sis. Larry Shotts.
FREEWILL CHAPEL - Bro. Don Taylor, Bro. Murray Jackson, Bro. Albert Elliot, Bro. Don Crossley, Sis. Sue Merchant.
LIBERTY - Sis. Lil Childers, Bro. David Shotts.
LOVE JOY - Sis. Cleo Rayburn, Sis. Rosa Gardner, Sis. Verta Giddie, Sis. Betty Sue Giddie.
MT. HOPE - Bro. Lowell Yeilding, Bro. James McCarter, Bro. Charles Cochran, Sis. JoAnn Cook, Alt. Bro. Billy Yeilding.
NEW CENTER POINT - Sis. Mildred Tate, Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Pearl Brown, Bro. Ausie Tate, Bro. D. L. Brown, Bro. Dale Ford, Bro. C. L. Scott.
NEW HOPE - Sis. Evie Tice, Sis. Foris Pearce, Sis. Wanda Skinner, Alt. Sis. Ovaline Avery, Bro. Robert Avery.
NEW SALEM - Bro. David Gilliland, Sis. Wanda Gilliland, Sis. Ina Mae Jeffreys, Bro. Charles Loden, Alt.
PLEASANT RIDGE - Bro. Gene Avery, Bro. Robert Cochran, Bro. Billy Compton, Alt. Bro. Steven Harris.
PLEASANT SITE - Bro. Hudon Stone, Bro. Fornie Stone, Sis. Delores Watson, Alt. Bro. Bobby Sullins.

ROCKY GROVE - Sis. McKay, Sis. Thompson, Bro. Jim Craig.

ROCKY TOP - Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Sis. Shirley Black, Sis. Nora Robinson, Sis. Christeen Hood, Alt. Sis. Lydia Howell.

SPLUNGE -Sis. Faye Blaylock, Sis. Pat Gardner, Sis. Ruby Pickle, Alt. Sis. Nell Thompson, Sis. Faye Northington, Sis. Addie Harris.

UNION RIDGE - Bro. Mathis Franklin, Sis. Lilly Mae Franklin, Bro. Ercell Thompson, Bro. and Sis. Garvin Taylor.

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We have examined the Petitionary letter for membership of Ballard Church. We recommend that Ballard Church be received into this Association.

Move in order to receive Ballard Church into this Association. Carried.

We have examined Ballard Church letter and recommend the letter be read and delegates seated.

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

We your Credential Committee have examined the letter of request for Ordination of the following: Bro. Jimmy Lee Cole, Bro. Bobby Cook, Bro. J. E. Cheek, Bro. Charles Yeilding, Bro. Jimmy Mac Compton, Bro. Dallas Gilliland, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Larry Shotts. We recommend they be ordained.

Move in order to accept report and ordain these ministers. Carried.

We have examined the letter of request for ordination of Bro. Gary Gardner, Bro. Charles Lindley, Bro. Bud Pugh, from Ballard Church. We recommend they be ordained.

Move in order to accept report and ordain these ministers. Carried.

We recommend Bro. James Cutts and Bro. Duane Taylor be received into the Association on a forthcoming letter.

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

Appointing Ordaining Council: Rev. O. S. Gardner, Rev. C. D. Paden, Rev. W. C. Rayburn.

Seating Visiting Ministers: Rev. Gurley Roberts, Jasper; Rev. Danny Smith, Bear Creek.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE - Sis. Ralph Gilliland, Bro. Ivon Boyett, Sis. Ethelene Brown.
TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE - Bro. Mon Howell, Bro. Jerry Cooper, Bro. Roy Franks.
BUSINESS COMMITTEE - Rev. Jack Harder, Rev. William Atkins, Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk.
SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE - Bro. Iris Mills, Bro. James McCarley, Rev. Howard Simmons.
DECEASED MEMBERS - Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Malone Tice, Bro. Clovis Blaylock.
FINANCE COMMITTEE - Rev. William Atkins, Rev. Jerry Smith, Bro. Gary Yeilding.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. William Atkins, prayer by Bro. David Gilliland.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We your Credential Committee request that the State Line FWB Association grant Rev. Jerry Smith a letter from this Association to the Vernon Association.

Move in order to accept report as read and grant Bro. Smith letter of good standing. Carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We thank God for the blessings of life, the fellowship of the friends of this Association and all the good food we have been blessed with and all the many blessings of life.

Move in order to accept report as read, table it to be reread tomorrow at Barnesville. Carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the committee on temperance find it more commanding and necessary that our preachers preach more on temperance, 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.

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We the committee of deceased members have checked the records and find that 19 members from our Association have gone on to Heaven. We will this earthly loss is Heaven's gain.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee think that it is wonderful to have in our churches a way of God's word being taught. That is through the medium of Sunday School. We find this done in all State Line Churches.

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We your Ordaining Council have examined all these young ministers and recommend they be ordained.

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

The Association ordained the eleven young ministers. Charge given by Rev. C. D. Paden, Titus chapters 1 and 2. Prayer by Rev. Hubert Gardner.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Duane Taylor and by song and handshake.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Devotional by Bro. Arvin Stidham Rev. 12:10. Message by Bro. Edward Puckett. Luke 22:1 3-20.

Twenty-six men and twenty women took part in communion and footwashing service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Rev. Bobby Duncan, Prayer by Rev. Ottis Parmer.

Short Devotional by Rev. Redus Hall. Mark 16:15-16.

Seating visiting ministers: Rev. Ghillie Parrish, Jasper; Rev. Wise Holcomb.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We recommend that Rev. Duane Taylor and Rev. James Cutts be given the right hand of Christian fellowship this morning.

We your Credential Committee recommend that the State Line FWB Association grant Rev. Arvin Stidham a letter from this Association to the Metropolitan Association.

Move in order to grant letter. Carried.

We your Credential Committee recommend that the State Line Association grant Rev. Herdis Sullins a letter from this Association to the Jasper Association.

Move in order to grant letter. Carried.

We your Credential Committee recommend that Rev. Wise Holcomb be granted a letter of good standing from this Association going into the Jasper Association.

Move in order to grant letter. Carried.

ASSOCIATION EVANGELIST REPORT

I appreciate the opportunity that I have had to visit within and preach in all churches of the 1974 State Line Association.

I have received in offerings approximately \$478.50. It has been an enjoyable year for me to meet and learn to love so many people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Association, all pastors and churches for their welcome, kindness, cooperation and most of all their love of God and Brothers.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Rev. Hubert Gardner, prayer by Rev. G. Lawrence.

Devotional by Rev. James Cutts, Jer. 5:25. Saturday morning message, Rev. Dallas Gilliland. Bro. Gilliland gave a short talk and had singing and the congregation engaged in handshaking with one another.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Gary Gardner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Rev. William Atkins and Rev. Jack Harder, prayer by Rev. Herdis Sullins.

New Hope Church opened the doors of the church to receive Rev. Gillie Parrish.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Credential Committee ask that the State Line FWB Association accept Rev. Gillie Parrish from the Jasper Association.

Move in order to accept report and receive Rev. Parrish. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We find in Associational minute fund \$303.20, on hand \$95.35. Total \$398.55.

We recommend that each church send not less than \$25.00 for the expense of the Association.

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 we adopt Items 1 thru 14 and 16 and 17 as laid down in our minutes. We recommend we drop Item 15.

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

Item 1. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$30. 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 thithing 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 intergration 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 that our Friday and Friday night associational services convene at one church of our association and the Saturday services convene at another church of our association.

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.

Rereading of Appreciation Committee report.

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

Move in order to discharge reading clerks. Carried.

Short message in honor of our deceased members given by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers. Poem entitled "The World to Come" Scripture John 5:35, We Shall Rise.

Special effort made to recognize our elderly mem-

bers of our association who have been so faithful and been such as inspiration to all of us.

Move in order to give clerk power to amend Finance Committee report by \$10.00, due to misplacing of check from Ballard Church. Carried.

Report ammended to read; Association and Minute fund \$313.20 on hand \$95.35, total \$408.55.

FINAL CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Credential Committee have examined all ministers and recommend that they be granted a card of good standing, all except Bro. Roy Franks because he has failed to report in 2 years to this association.

Move in order to accept report as read." Carried.

Seating Visiting Ministers, Bro. Bill Duncan, Jasper.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Duane Taylor	Moderator
Rev. William Atkins	Assistant Moderator
Bro. J. C. Hood	Clerk and Treasurer
Sis. Shirley Black	Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. Charles Yeilding	Associational Pastor
Bro. James McCarley	Trustee to Children's Home

Move in order to receive an offering for Children's Home Foster Parent Plan. Carried. Received \$188.30.

Corresponding delegates to Vernon Association, Sis. Dobbs. Delegates to State Association, Sis. Dobbs.

STANDING CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Edsel Gideon, Bro. Calvin Pearce, Bro. Iris Mills.

NEXT ASSOCIATION SESSION

The next associational session will convene with Splunge on Friday and Friday night and with Pleasant Site on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1975.

Move in order to empower clerk to write necessary

checks for the expense of the association. Carried.
 Move in order to adjourn this session till we
 meet next year with Splunge. Carried.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Rev. Hubert Gardner(Moderator)	\$15.00
Paid Rev. Edward Puckett(Asst. Moderator)	10.00
Paid J. C. Hood(Clerk & Treasurer)	35.00
Paid Shirley Black(Asst. Clerk & Treasurer)	10.00
Printing of Minutes (Est.)	150.00
State Fees	95.00
Expense	20.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 335.00

Amount in Bank	95.35
Association & Minutes Funds	313.20
TOTAL	408.55
Less Disbursements	335.00
BALANCE	\$ 73.55

PREACHING DAYS OF THE CHURCHES

ANTIOCH: Full Time; BARNESVILLE: Full Time; COOP-
 ER: Full Time; FAIRVIEW: Full Time; FREEWILL CHAPEL
 Full Time; LOVEJOY: 2nd and 4th; MT. HOPE: Full
 Time; COBBTOWN: Full Time; NEW HOPE: 1st and 3rd;
 PLEASANT RIDGE: Full Time; PLEASANT SITE: Full Time
 ROCKY GROVE: Full Time; ROCKY TOP: Full Time;
 SPLUNGE: Full Time; UNION RIDGE: 1st and 3rd; NEW
 CENTER POINT: 2nd and 4th; LIBERTY: Full Time; NEW
 SALEM: 1st and 3rd; BALLARD: Full Time.

NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. Charles Howell,
 Bro. Ray Stidham.
 BALLARD: Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. Iris Mills, Bro.
 Charles Lindsey.
 BARNESVILLE: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Else Alvis, 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.
 COBBTOWN: Bro. Bill Colburn.
 FAIRVIEW: Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Denver Shotts,
 Bro. Talmadge Shotts, Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro.

Harold Shotts, Bro. Bernice Shotts, Bro. Ira Triplett.

FREEWILL CHAPEL: Bro. Roy Franks, Bro. Edward Barnes, Bro. Edsil Gedion, Bro. Charlie Elliott.

LIBERTY: Bro. John Lynch, Bro. Odis Childers.

LOVE JOY: Bro. Marvin Pearce, Bro. Wendell Giddy, Bro. Wallace Peterson.

MT. HOPE: Bro. J. D. Kelly, Bro. L. C. Mitchell, Bro. Hubert Cochran, Bro. Thomas Wooten, Bro. Gary Yeilding.

NEW CENTER POINT: Bro. C. L. Scott, Bro. D. L. Brown, Bro. Ausie Tate.

NEW HOPE: Bro. Malone Tice, Bro. Calvin Pearce.

NEW SALEM: Bro. C. D. Stone, Bro. W. D. Walton, Bro. W. W. Gilliland.

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crowe, Bro. Alfred Jones.

PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro. Vester Watson, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Sam Nix, Bro. Dom Nix.

ROCKY GROVE: Bro. J.G. Sanderson, Bro. Travis Hall, Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay.

ROCKY TOP: Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Royce Cooper.

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.
BALLARD	
Leon Pugh	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
BARNESVILLE	R
Jay Nell Nixon	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.
COOPER	
Burley Finch	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
COBBTOWN	
Mary Lois Compton	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
FAIRVIEW	
Jack Lindsey	Rt. 5, Hamilton, Ala.
FREEWILL CHAPEL	
Redus Wheat	Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala.
LIBERTY	
Donnie Cole	Rt. 1, Cottondale, Ala.

Churches	Pastors	Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property
ANTIOCH	W. C. Rayburn	49	0	1	1	1,048.17	100.00	\$
BALLARD	Hubert Gardner	15	0	0	0	1,366.39	125.00	10,000.00
BARNESVILLE	G. C. Lawrence	138	6	2	4	5,400.00	175.00	40,000.00
COOPER	Edward Puckett	174	24	4	5	8,008.00	295.00	25,000.00
COBB TOWN	T. C. Barnes	52	6	2	1	221.05	176.69	3,500.00
FAIRVIEW	Jack Harder	150	17	0	2	3,808.36	550.20	25,000.00
FREEWILL CHAPEL	Joe B. Iedlow	126	7	1	0	7,487.50	220.00	60,000.00
LIBERTY	Danny Smith	32	15	0	0	720.15	145.00	5,030.00
LOVE JOY	O. S. Gardner	36	0	0	0	564.00	59.00	7,400.00
MT. HOPE	Lester Hood	153	5	1	0	4,999.93	635.00	30,000.00
NEW CENTER POINT	Roy Barnes	60	0	0	0	4,147.78	190.00	20,000.00
NEW HOPE	Larry Shotts	78	0	3	2	1,062.65	100.00	4,600.00
NEW SALEM	Edgar Lee Childers	67	5	2	0	855.19	152.60	6,000.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	William Atkins	75	7	0	1	4,075.00	224.25	40,000.00
PLEASANT SITE	Duane Taylor	70	7	0	0	4,250.95	190.00	24,000.00
ROCKY GROVE	Otis Parmer	51	2	5	3	2,300.00	275.00	14,000.00
ROCKY TOP	Cecil Hood	105	2	0	2	2,710.15	271.46	16,000.00
SPLURGE	Bobby Duncan	54	0	6	0	2,971.01	200.00	20,000.00
TRION RIDGE	Howard Simmons	143	3	1	1	2,266.20	196.00	15,500.00
TOTALS		1633	112	35	22	\$58,262.48	\$4,280.20	366,030.00

Church Improvement	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Literature	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	League	No. in Sunday School	No. Teachers	Miscellaneous	Sunday School Superintendent
\$	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.95	0	3		23	2	\$ 56.84	J. M. Howell
1,228.69	10.00		98.52	0	3		17	3		Bud Pugh
5,498.55	25.00	75.00	506.20	3	9		81	8	1,358.92	L. J. Prestage
2,496.61	25.00	163.50	350.55	2	2	68	130	6		Edward Gilmore
28.00	10.00	10.00	12.30	0	1		23	3	135.98	James Kimbrough
8,713.50	10.00	50.40	162.45	4	7	50	95	5	1,710.63	Teddy Sims
38,825.87		60.00	438.78	2	4		121	6		James Davis
365.06	10.00		15.00	0	2		20	2		
63.00	10.00		55.00	3	3		20	3	171.02	Marvin Pearce
14,470.93	15.00	221.15	217.60	0	5		98	6	694.86	James McCarley
1,193.96	20.00	34.00	210.07	1	3		50	5		
	15.00	51.53		2	2		48	3		Austin Avery
38.00	12.50	12.50	92.00	0	3		31	4	50.00	W. W. Gilliland
18,031.38	18.20	50.00	210.14	2	5		66	5		Billy Compton
6,542.03	10.00	81.28	225.81	2	5	50	60	4	403.30	Danny Millican
275.00	20.00	15.00	200.00	3	4		60	4	1,640.00	Jim Craig
40.33	30.00	138.26	175.73	1	3		54	5	1,076.55	Ronald Hood
	20.00	100.00	168.91	2	4		31	4	425.04	Clovis Blaylock
27.00	15.00	20.00	124.52	0	3		63	3		Troy Clifton
97,837.91	313.20	1,107.62	3,299.53	36	71	168	1091	81	7,723.14	

LOVE JOY	
Wendell Giddie	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
MT. HOPE	
Charles Cochran	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW CENTER POINT	
Mrs. Bobby Puckett	Rt. 1 Greenwood Springs, Miss.
NEW HOPE	
Calvin Pearce	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
NEW SALEM	
Ethelene Brown	Rt. 5, Hamilton, Ala.
PLEASANT RIDGE	
Dewey Crowe	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.
PLEASANT SITE	
Marshall Watson	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.
ROCKY GROVE	
Robert Burleson	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.
ROCKY TOP	
Bonnie Cooper	Hamilton, Ala.
SPLUNGE	
Faye Northington	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
UNION RIDGE	
Billie Joyce Clifton	P.O. Box 97, Sulligent, Ala.

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Rev. Edgar Childers	
	Rt. 1, Vina, Ala.35593
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. Redus Hall	
	Rt. 2, Sulligent, Ala. 35586
Rev. Jack Harder	
921-3711	Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Jimmy Howell	
	Hackleburg, Ala. 35564
Rev. Bobbie Jeffreys	
921-3346	Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala. 35552

Rev. Gilbert Lacey	Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. G. C. Lawrence	Winfield, Ala.
487-6500	
Rev. Joe B. Ledlow	Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala. 35592
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797-1348	
Rev. Marvin Winsett	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala. 35570
921-3705	
Rev. James Cutts	
Rev. Duane Taylor	
Rev. Ghillie Parrish	
Rev. Jimmy Lee Cole	
Rev. Bobby Cook	Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. J. E. Cheek	
Rev. Charles Yeilding	Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. Jimmy Mac Compton	
Rev. Dallas Gilliland	
Rev. Bobby Duncan	
Rev. Larry Shotts	
Rev. Gary Gardner	
Rev. Charles Lindley	
Rev. Bud Pugh	

DECEASED MEMBERS

Sis. Julie Terrell, Bro. Sam Carter, Bro. C. Abbott, Bro. B. F. Williams, Sis. Deliah Harris, Bro. Shirley Belk, Bro. William Frederick, Sis. Tisha Cox, Sis. Gus Ferguson, Bro. O. B. Cooper, Sis. Dovie Ridings, Sis. Betty Cantrell, Bro. Sherman Frederick, Bro. A. C. Cook, Bro. D. H. Lockhart, Sis. Bessie Miles, Bro. Clayburn Thomas, Bro. Burton Thompson, Bro. Woodrow Holloway, Bro. Tommy Winton, Sis. Emily Gibbs.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Noah Robertson, Rev. J. D. Dove, 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, Rev. L. V. Collier.

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

- 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 through 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 by 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 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 owe 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 2:38, 39; 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 judgement 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 member 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 Associa-

- tion 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 expence.
 12. All ministers pastoring churches in the Alabama Mississippi Association shall abide by 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 expence.
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 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 reproved 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



