

# **Minutes**

*of the*

## **Seventy 1st Annual Session**

*of the*

### **State Line Free Will**

### **Baptist Association**

*of*

## **Mississippi - Alabama**

*Held With*

*SPLUNGE CHURCH*

*Friday, October 10, 1975*

*and*

*PLEASANT SITE*

*October 21, 1975*

#### *OFFICERS*

*Rev. Herdis Sullins*

*Moderator*

*Rev. Bobby Duncan*

*Assistant Moderator*

*Bro. J. C. Hood*

*Clerk and Treasurer*

*Sis. Shirley Black*

*Assistant Clerk and Treasurer*

*Rev. Charles Lindley*

*Associational Pastor*

*Bro. Harold Shotts*

*Trustee to Children's Home*

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*The next session will be held with Cooper on Friday and Friday night and with Mt. Hobe on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1976.*



## PROCEEDINGS

Session opened with a song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan. Prayer by Bro. Jack Harder.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator Rev. Duane Taylor.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

Appointing Bro. Gary Yeilding on Credential Committee in place of Bro. Calvin Pearce.

Appointing Bro. Jimmy Avery to fill Bro. Edsil Gideon on Credential Committee.

Appointing Finance Committee—Bro. Hubert Gardner, Bro. Mon Howell, Bro. J. W. Vann.

Visiting Ministers—George Page, Bear Creek, Roy Barnes, Vernon.

Appointing Devotional Committee—Bro. Harold Shotts, Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Danny Millican.

Reading Clerks—Sis. Bea Harris, Sis. Gwen Duncan.

Song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan.

### INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan.

### REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE(PARTIAL)

Friday morning devotional Bro. W. C. Rayburn, Friday morning message, Bro. Duane Taylor, Friday night Devotional. Friday night message, Bro. Otis Palmer. Saturday morning Devotion, Bro. Jack Harder. Saturday morning message, Bro. Bobby Duncan. Deceased Members—Bro. Howard Simmons.

Move in order to accept as a partial report.

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (PARTIAL)

We have examined all letters and we find all in order except New Hope. We recommend all except New Hope be read & seat Delegates.

Move in order to accept.

### READING OF CHURCH LETTERS

#### AND

### SEATING OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH—Bro. Dank Winsett, Bro. Taylor Peoples, Sis. Jessie Howell, Alt. Sis. Eula Winsett.

BALLARU—Bro. Leon Pugh, Sis. Judy Pugh, Sis. Pat Gardner, Bro. Dick Gilliland, Alt.

BARNESVILLE—Bro. Ivan Boyett, Sis. Jo Ann Williams, Sis. Manilla Brown. Alt. Fannie Bell Boyett.

COBB TOWN—Sis. Scereda Bostick, Sis. Rudy Finch, Sis. Willodean Spratlin, Sis. Flara Warren, Bro. Clinton Warren, Bro. Harvey Otts

COOPER—Bro. Grade Green, Sis. Stella Mae Green, Bro. Ronnie Woods.

FREEWILL CHAPEL—Dan Crossley, L. D. Hall, Belton Smith, Edna Smith, Buddy Gideon.

LIBERTY—Lucille Childers, Donnie Cole, Lil Childers, Stella Lynch, Bertha Childers.

LOVE JOY—Bro. Gip McKinley, Sis. Pearlle McKinley, Sis. Mae Parker, Sis. Verta Giddie, Sis. Odell Peterson, Alt.

MT. HOPE—Bro. Johnny Reed, Lowell Yeilding, Hoyt Cook, Sis. Verdie Purser, Eura Mae Mitchell, Vern Hall, Alt.

NEW CENTER POINT—Sis. Ruth Vann, Mildred Tate, Gail Tate, Marilyn Puckett, Bro. Wade Vann, Charles Clifton.

NEW HOPE—Sis. Ovaleen Avery, Sis. Velma Terry, Sis. Evelyn Williams, Alt. Sis. Gene Goosey.

NEW SALEM—Sis. Ellie Lindsey, Bro. Ralph Gilliland, Sis. Verna Lou Gilliland, Sis. Jewel Stone, Alt.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Bro. Arlie Green, Bro. Gene Avery, Sis. Verdie Dobbs, Sis. Beatrice Harris, Alt.

PLEASANT SITE—Bro. Dwight Ervin, Bro. Danny Millican, Bro. Bobby Crowe, Alt. Sis. Leatha Mills.

ROCKY GROVE—Bro. Oscar Pugh, Sis. Pearl Triplett, Sis. Stidham, Alt. Sis. Thompson.

ROCKY TOP—Sis. Teresa Black, Sis. Regenia Robinson, Sis. Lydia Howell, Bro. Ronald Hood, Alt. Sis. Viva Frederick.

SPLUNGE—Sis. Carolyn Vann, Sis. Faye Blaylock, Sis. Nell Thompson, Alt. Bro. Jae Northington.

UNION RIDGE—Sis. Rushie Boyett, Sis. Lillie Mae Franklin, Sis. Wynette Knight, Bro. Lynn Knight, Bro. Mathis Franklin.

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

APPOINTING OF ORDAINING COUNCIL—Jach Harder, Marvin Winscott, Edward Puckett.

SEATING VISITING MINISTERS—Bro. T. C. Barnes, Bro. Gurley Roberts, Jasper.

Friday Morning Devotional Bro. W. C. Rayburn-Psalm 23.

Friday Morning Message Bro. Duane Taylor

Luke 14:25

"Counting the Cost"

Matt, 13:44

Phillipians 3:8

Dismissed for Lunch by Bro. Calvin Pearce.

Song led by Bro. Edgar Childers.

We the Church of Freewill Chapel having met in a Called conference on Sept. 21, 1975 to vote changing from St. Line Association to Vernon Association and having voted to make the change, do hereby request a letter of recommendation from St. Line Association to Vernon Association.

Move in order to grant letter. Carried.

Move in order to accept Bro. George Page in this association. Carried.

Move in order to grant Bro. A. G. Lacey a letter in good standing to the South Eastern Association. Carried.

Move in order to accept New Hope letter & seat Delegates. Carried.

#### APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE-Sis. Jo Ann Williams, Sis. Mildred Tate, Sis. Verda Lou Gilliland.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE-Bro. Dick Gilliland, Bro. Harvey Otts, Bro. Gene Avery.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE-Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Charles Yeilding.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-Bro. Arlie Green, Bro. Edgar Childers, Bro. J. E. Cheek.

DECEASED MEMBERS-Sis. Ova Line Avery, Sis. Ruth Vann, Bro. Ivon Boyette.

Move in order to grant letter to Bro. Joe Ledlow to Vernon Association. Carried.

Move in order to accept Bro. Herdis Sullins from Jasper Association. Carried

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Bro. Marvin Winsett to have Friday night Devotional.

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



### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We appreciate being in this association and the fellowship of all. We thank God for his love and the many blessings he has given us in life. We thank Splunge Church for asking for the association and for the wonderful meal.

Move in order to table report to be reread tomorrow. Carried.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Doyle Chandler and Bro. Mike Lindley and we recommend that they be ordained to preach the Gospel at this session. Requested that Bro. Jack Harder give the charge.

Move in order to accept report as read and proceed with Ordination. Carried.

Bro. Jack Harder gave the charge. Prayer by Bro. Marvin Winsett, St. Matt 10:1 Timothy Laying on of Hands.

Prayer by Bro. Edward Puckett. Right Hand of Fellowship by body. Dismissed by Bro. Larry Shotts.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Thirty-five were present. Devotional Rev. Marvin Winsett. Message by Bro. Calvin Pearce. Scripture: Luke 22-7. Thirty-one took part in feet washing service.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Bro. Calvin Pearce. Prayer by Bro. George Page.

### 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.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your finance committee report. We find in Associational-Minute Fund \$491.00 on hand \$32.00. Total \$523.00

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

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

#### DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We the committee on deceased members have checked the records and find ten members from our Association have gone to Heaven. Our 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 church 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, but we suggest that each church strive for better attendance.

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

Short message by Bro. Howard Simmons in honor of our deceased Members. Prayer by Bro. Ottis Palmer.

SEATING VISITING MINISTERS—Bro. Randall Tice—Bear Creek Association, Bro. Lester Hood—Bear Creek, Bro. Oscar Smith—Bear Creek.

Song led by Bro. Calvin Pearce.

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Bro. Ottis Parmer request coming into this Association with forthcoming letter from the Vernon Association.

We the Credential Committee recommend we grant this request.

Move in order to accept Bro. Parmer. Carried.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on documents and order of business recommend we adopt Items 1 thru 17 as laid down in our minutes. We recommend we have a standing Ordaining Council to be appointed at the close of each session. We recommend we change the wording Credential Committee to read Ordaining Council in Items 1 & 3 of rules for preachers. We recommend we change the word wine to Fruit of the Vine in Item 15 of Art. of Faith. We recommend we abide by the National Treaties. We recommend we suspend Item 7 of rules for preachers for the

express purpose of granting Rev. Larry Shotts a card of good standing.

Move in order to accept Business Committee report as read and discharge committee. Reread and adopt Item by Item.

Item 1. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$30.00 plus 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 intergration of the races in our churches and association.

Item 11. We recommend that we do not ordain any minister with 2 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 service convene at one church of our association and the Saturday services 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 par-



limentary 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.

Item 18. We recommend we have a standing Ordaining Council to be appointed at the close of each session.

We recommend we change the word wine to read fruit of the vine in Item 15 Articles of Faith. Move in order to make this change. Carried.

#### INTERMISSION

Special songs by Sis. Barbara Taylor & children. Devotional by Bro. George Page. Message by Bro. Bobby Duncan. Matt 7: "Payday Someday!"

Obediah 1:

1 Thess. 4:

Dismissed for lunch.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. Marshal Watson, prayer by Bro.

Visiting Ministers: Bro. Bonnie Hughes, Jasper Association.

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Re-read. Move to accept report as read and discharge committee. Carried.

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Credential Committee have examined all Ministers and recommend that they be given a card of good standing.

Absent at this session—Bro. C. C. Berryhill, Oscar Gardner, Jimmy Howell, Williard Westbrook, Dallas Gilliland, Gary Gardner.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

### ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

I really have enjoyed being your Associational Pastor this year. I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to visit all the churches in the State Line Association. They have been real nice. Enjoyed every minute of it. Visiting with all you good Christians. I will never forget you for giving me this opportunity and have that much confidence in me. May God Bless and be with you. I enjoy doing God's work. I have received in offerings approximately \$768.00.

May God Bless you again.

Charles Yeilding

Move in order to accept.

Carried.

Move in order to give Sis. Sue Collier a card of good standing.

Carried.

### OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Moderator	Bro. Herdis Sullins
Asst. Moderator	Bro. Bobby Duncan
Clerk & Treasurer	Bro. J. C. Hood
Asst. Clerk & Treasurer	Sis. Shirley Black
Associational Pastor	Bro. Charles Lindley
'Trustee to Children' Home	Bro. Harold Shotts

Next Associational Session will convene with Cooper on Friday and with Mt. Hope on Saturday.

Delegates to Vernon Association—Bro. Jack Pallard, Cooper

Bro. Gary Yeilding, Mt. Hope

Delegates to State Association—Sis. Verdie Dobbs.

### STANDING CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Gary Yeilding, Iris Mills and Jimmy Avery.

Move in order to empower Moderator to appoint Ordaining Council.

Carried

### STANDING ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Edward Puckett, and Bro. Marvin Winsett.

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

Move in order to dis charge Reading Clerks. Carried  
 Move in order to adjourn this session until we meet next year  
 with Cooper. Carried

### CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Moderator & Asst. Moderator Donated their pay to Association.

Paid Rev. Duane Taylor (Moderator)	None
Paid Rev. William Atkins (Asst. Moderator)	None
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk & Treas.)	37.00
Paid Shirley Black (Asst. Clerk & Treas.)	10.00
Printing of Minutes (Est.)	200.00
State Fees	95.00
Expense	25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$467.00
Amount in Bank	42.00
Association & Minute Fund	491.00
TOTAL	\$523.00
Less Disbursements	305.00
BALANCE	\$218.00

### NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. Charles Howell, Bro. Ray Stidham.  
 BALLARD: Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. Iris Mills.  
 BARNESVILLE: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Else Alvis, Bro. Charles Palmer,  
 Bro. Lynwood Clark, Bro. Gus Ferguson, Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro.  
 Dwayne Rye, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Hansel Taylor.  
 COOPER: Bro. Burley Finch, Bro. Edward Gilmore, Jerry Ray Cooper.  
 COBBTOWN: Bro. Bill Colburn, Hubert Mays, Ronnie Woods.  
 FAIRVIEW: Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Denver Shotts, Bro. Talmadge Shotts,  
 Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Harold Shotts, Bro. Bernice Shotts,  
 Bro. Ira Triplett.  
 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. O. C. Mitchell, Bro. Hubert Cochran,  
 Bro. Gary Yeilding.

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

NEW HOPE: Robert Avery.

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. Don Nix, Hudon Stone, Orville Scoggins.

ROCKY GROVE: Bro. J. C. 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.

#### ANTIOCH

Ray Howell

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#### BALLARD

Danny Roberts

Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.

#### BARNESVILLE

Jay Nell Nixon

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Burley Finch

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Wendell Giddie

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#### MT. HOPE

Charles Cochran

Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.

#### NEW CENTER POINT

Mrs. Dale Ford

Greenwood Springs, Miss.



NEW HOPE

Bea Deland

Rt. 2, Hamilton, Ala.

NEW SALEM

Elois Loden

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PLEASANT SITE

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ROCKY TOP

Bonnie Cooper

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SPLUNGE

Faye Northington

Greenwood Springs, Miss.

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CHURCHES	PASTOR	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	RECEIVED	DISMISSED	DECEASED	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENT
ANTIOCH	W. C. Rayburn	49	0	0	0	1,175.55	117.00		
BALLARD	Hubert Gardner	20	8	3	0	2,883.35	295.00	11,000.00	850.00
BARNESVILLE	G. C. Lawrence	153	14	0	1	6,675.00	125.00	55,000.00	15,026.00
COOPER	Edward Puckett	194	26	5	1	8,670.00	310.00	30,000.00	280.00
COBB TOWN	J. W. Spencer	49	8	2	0	Donated to Church	143.92	40,000.00	275.00
FAIRVIEW	Jack Harder	153	8	3	2	6,710.36	562.00	25,000.00	3,551.80
FREEWILL CHAPEL	Joe B. Ledlow	128	4	1	1	7,887.50	255.00	60,000.00	10,663.20
LIBERTY	Danny Smith	32	0	0	0	650.00	150.00	5,730.00	625.00
LOVE JOY	O. S. Gardner	38	2	0	0	434.46	80.00	7,500.00	90.20
MT. HOPE	Lester Hood	154	3	3	3	4,982.01	390.00	30,000.00	4,045.00
NEW CENTER POINT	Hudson Burleson	95	0	5	0	4,638.68	154.11	15,000.00	700.00
NEW HOPE	Bobby Cook	33	3	14	1	666.77	100.00	5,000.00	16.10
NEW SALEM	Edgar Childers	68	1	0	1	1,107.09	138.50	6,000.00	
PLEASANT RIDGE	William Atkins	75	9	0	0	4,285.00	225.00	40,000.00	93.00
PLEASANT SITE	Duane Taylor	77	11	3	1	5,049.00	334.00	20,000.00	4,235.00
ROCKY GROVE	Otis Parmer	53	7	5	1	1,832.18	150.00	14,000.00	589.40
ROCKY TOP	Herdie Sullins	113	9	1	0	2,800.00	250.00	16,000.00	10.00
SPLUNGE	Bobby Duncan	49	2	2	0	2,189.86	150.00	27,000.00	50.00
UNION RIDGE	Howard Simmons	143	2	0	0	2,462.23	100.00	25,000.00	500.00

	MINUTE FUND	ORPHANAGE	LITERATURE	ORDAINED MINISTERS	DEACONS	LEAGUE	NO. IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	NO. TEACHERS	MISCELLANEOUS	PRAYER MEETINGS	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
	15.00	0	39.91	0	3	0	20	2	178.70		James M. Howell
70	25.00	0	131.41	3	2	0	20	3	248.82	X	Dick Gilliland
89	35.00	75.00	922.28	3	9	0	109	8	1642.73	X	L. J. Prestage
23	50.00	528.66	481.86	3	3	70	130	5	517.52	X	Tony Clark
00	25.00	29.16	0	0	2	0	45	3	0		Hubert Mays
81	35.00	300.00	411.74	5	7	50	95	6	2,786.08	X	Teddy Sims
28	15.00	60.00	423.21	2	5	0	120	10		X	James Hollis
00	25.00	0	0	2	2	0	20	1		X	Jimmy Cole
25	10.00	5.00	65.69	2	3	0	20	2	480.70	X	Odell Peterson
46	25.00	150.00	272.39	3	4	0	19	6	1765.83	X	David Tice
00	20.00	30.00	197.02	1	3	0	45	5	446.45		Lester Ford
8	25.00	0	37.14	1	1	0					
	26.00	34.00	118.67	0	3		31	4			C. D. Stone
0	25.00	75.00	306.25	2	5		66	5	2507.67	X	Alfred Jones
00	25.00	111.69	256.87	1	7	50	76	5	491.11		Bobby Crowe
15	15.00	15.00	207.39	5	4		53	4	830.62		Travis Hall
0	25.00	32.92	180.38	2	2		45	5	461.00		Royce Cooper
	25.00	100.00	167.44	2	4	20	28	4	1094.51	X	J. W. Vann
	25.00	25.00	142.00	0	3		63	2		X	Toby Clifton

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### 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. Nicholls, 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 Ordaining Council 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 Ordaining Council 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 where 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; 5im. 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 use 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 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 Fruit of The Vine, 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 of 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 Association by a majority vote of the members present.
10. No minister, deacon or delegate shall be seated in this holy unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are providentially hindered.
11. Each church represented in the 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 through out 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 sufferage 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 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 offering 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 be re-proved 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Moderator

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk





