

Minutes

of the

Seventy 2nd Annual Session

of the

State Line Free Will

Baptist Association

of

Mississippi - Alabama

Held With

COOPER CHURCH

Friday, October 9, 1976

and

MT. HOPE CHURCH

Saturday, October 10, 1976

OFFICERS

Rev. Hubert Gardner

Rev. George Page

Bro. J. C. Hood

Sis. Shirley Black

Rev. Doyle Chandler

Bro. Harold Shotts

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk and Treasurer

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer

Associational Pastor

Trustee to Children's Home

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The next session will be held with Ballard on Friday and Friday night with Pleasant Ridge on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1977.



Proceedings

Session opened with song led by Bro. William Atkins, prayer by Bro. Doyle Chandler.

Friday Morning Session

Association called to order by Assistant Moderator, Bro. Bobby Duncan, who will fill the office of Moderator due to the death of Bro. Herdis Sullins.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

Appointing Bro. W. C. Rayburr to fill Bro. Jack Harder's place on the Ordaining Council.

Appointing Finance Committee: Bro. Jimmy Reese, Bro. Duane Taylor, Bro. Mon Howell.

Appointing Devotional Committee: Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Jerry Cooper, Bro. Robert Avery.

Reading Clerks: Sis Ruth Vann, Sis. Agnes Crowe.

Bro. Royce Cooper and Bro. Golden Harris to fill places of Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Gary Yeilding on Credential Committee.

Prayer by Bro. Marvin Winsett

Intermission

song by Bro. Edgar Childers, Prayers by Bro. Howard Simmons.

Songs by Bonnie Cooper and Girls.

Devotional Committee Report

Devotional Friday Bro. Johnny Sexton, Message Bro. Bobby Duncan, Devotional Friday night Bro. Doyle Chandler, Message Bro. Williard Westbrooks. Saturday Devotional Bro. William Atkins, message Bro. W. C. Rayburn. Deceased members, Bro. Howard Simmons.

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

Credential Committee Report (Partial)

We the Credential committee have read letters and find them in order. We recommend they be read and delegates seated.

Move in order to accept report. Carried.

Reading Of Church Letters And Seating Of Delegates

ANTIOCH - Bro. Dank Winsett, Sis Eula Winsett, Sis Jessie Howell, Att. Bro. Taylor Peoples.

BALLARD - Sis. Pat Gardner, Sis Bobbie Kerr, Sis. Loise Fae Lindley, Alt. Bro. Dick Gilliland.

BARNESVILLE - Bro. Ivon, Boyett, Bro. Bulb Taylor, Sis. Manilla Brown, Alt. Bro. G. O. Kerr.

COBB TOWN - Bro. Rex Colburn, Sis. Magdlean Colburn, Sis. Omega Stivner.

COOPER - Bor. Harvey Otts, Bro. Wize B. Lewis, Bro. Oscar Jeffreys, Bro. Cordie Lewis, Sis. Lillie Cantrell, Sis Willodean Spratlin.

FAIRVIEW -

LIBERTY - Sis. Lucille Childers, Sis. Lil Childers, Sis Donnie Cole, Sis. Bertha Childers, Sis. Stella Lynch.

LOVEJOY - Bor. Gip McKinley, Sis. Pearlle McKinley, Sis. Verta Giddie.

MT. HOPE - Bro. James McCarley, Bro. Charles Cochran, Sis. Verdine Purser, Bro. Johnny Reed, Alt. Bro. Billy Yeilding.

NEW CENTER POINT - Sis. Mildred Tate, Sis. Wanda Blaylock, Sis. Futh Vann, Bro. Charles Clifton.

NEW HOPE - Sis. Ovaline Avery, Sis. Jean Godsay, Bro. Henry Tice.

NEW SALEM - Sis. Maxine Adams, Sis. Eillie Lindsey, Sis. Vida Gilliland, Alt. Bro. Earnest Brown.

PLEASANT RIDGE - Bro. Gene Avery, Bro. Robert Cochran, Sis. Beatrice Harris, Bro. Dennis Smith, Alt.

PLEASANT SITE - Sis. Alma Mills, Sis. Gladys Crowe, Bro. Dwight Irvin, Alt. Sis. Josephine Ballard.

ROCKY GROVE - Sis. Winsett, Sis. Colbrun, Sis. McKay.

ROCKY TOP - Sis. Teresa Black, Sis. REgena Roberson, Sis. Lisa Hill, Bro. Ronald Hood, Alt. Sis. Christeen Hood, Sis. Bonnie Cooper.

SPLUNGE - Sis. Linda Frye, Sis. Gwen Duncan, Sis. Ida Lee Palmer.

UNION RIDGE - Sis. Billy Joyce Clifton, Bro. Johnny Clifton, Sis. Rushie Boyett, Sis. Wynette Knight.

SOUTHSIDE INDEPENDENT - Sis. Velman Carter, Sis. Joe Rye, Sis. Wayne Miles, Sis. John Moore, Alt.

Move in order to accept letters as read, retain reading clerks and seat delegates. Carried.

Credential Committee Report

We the Credential Committee find the letter from Splunge in order and recommend it be read and the delegates seated.

Move in order to accept Splunge letter as read, retain reading clerks and seat delegates. Carried.

Credential Committee Report

We recommend that Southside Independant Freewill Baptist Church be accepted into this Association.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Credential Committee Report

We have examined Southside Independant church letter. We recommend it be read and delegates seated.

Move in order to accept report and read letter. Carried.

Move in order to accept report, discharge reading clerks and seat the delegates. Carried.

Song led by Bro. Duane Taylor. Special song; J. C. Hood Shirley Black and Boonie Cooper.

Friday morning devotional, Bro. Johnny Sexton.

Song by Sis. Barbara Taylor.

Message Bro. Bobby Duncan. 'Looking Back' Luke 9:57-62, Matthew 25:24.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Dale Ford.

Friday Afternoon Session

Song led by Bro. Hubert Gardner, Prayer by Bro. J. E. Cheek.

Moderator appointed Bro. Edward Puckett as Asst. Moderator.

Seating Visiting Ministers: Bro. W.O. Miller, Bro. Ambers, Aldridge, Bro. Johnny Sexton.

Credential Committe Report

We have examined the letter of request for membership into this Association for Rev. Johnny Sexton. We recommend he go before the Ordaining Council.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

We have examined the letter for membership into this Association for Rev. Ambers Aldridge. We recommend he go before the Ordaining Council.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

We have examined the letter of request for membership into this Association for Rev. W. O. Miller. We recommend he go before the Ordaining Council.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

We have examined the letter of request for Ordination for Bro. Dale Ford. We recommend he go before the Ordaing Council.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Appointing Of Committees

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Mildred Tate, Sis. Be Harris, Sis. Ovalive Avery.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. O. C. Mitchell, Bro. Charles Yeilding.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bro. C. L. Scott, Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Clyde Parmer.

DECEASED MEMBERS: Bro. C. C. Berryhill, Bro. J. E. Cheek, Bro. Hubert Gardner.

Song led by Bro. William Atkins.

Finance Committee Report (Final)

We find in Associational minute fund at this time \$521.11.

Balance from last year \$51.43. \$572.54 Total.

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 his many blessings he has given us to enjoy. We thank Cooper and Mt. Hope for asking for the association and for the dellicious meal.

Move in order to accept report as read, table it to be reread tomorrow at Mt. Hope and discharge committee. Carried.

Song led by Bro. Dale Ford.

A short message given by Bro. Dale Ford.

Ordaining Council Report

We the ordaining council have examined and request that Bro. Miller, Bro. Aldridge and Bro. Sexton be accepted into this Association.

Move in order to accept report. Carried.

We the ordaining council recommend that Bro. Dale Ford be ordained. Requested that Bro. Edward Puckett give the charge.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Temperance Committee Report

We the committe on Temperance find it more commanding and necessary that our preachers preacher more on temperance. Gal. 5: 22-23, but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, faith meekness, temperance against such there is no law. 2 Peter 1: 5-7.

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

Sunday School Committee

We the Sunday School Committee think we should have the word of God taught through the medium of Sunday School. We suggest that each Church strive for better attendance.

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

Deceased Members Report

We your committee on deceased members have checked the records and find 18 members from our association have gone to Heaven. We miss them very much, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

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

New Ministers and delegates from the Independant Church were welcomed by the body.

Ordaining Council Report

We the ordaining council ordained Bro. Dale Ford. Bro. Edward Puckett gave the charge. Prayer by Bro. W. C. Rayburn.

We the ordaining council recommend Bro. C. D. Paden's Credentials be cancelled.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

APPOINTING BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk, Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Johnny Sexton.

Dismissed by Bro. Johnny Sexton.

Friday Night Session

Devotional by Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Message Bro. Williard Westbrooks, Scripture John 13:1*14. Prayer by Bro. Golden Harris. 48 took part in communion and feet washing.

Saturday Morning Session

Song led by Bro. William Atkins. Prayer by Bro. James Cuttis.

Trustee to Children's Home Report

I would like to thank each church who supported the home this past year. I believe the home is a worthwhile cause for our association to support. The home now has 22 children to care for. Our donations from the State Line Association this past year amounted to approximately \$1500.00.

Since we agree to support this home at our association, I think it would be good for each church, individually, to support it monthly, if possible, and not just once or twice a year. I appreciate your letting me serve as your trustee this past year to the home.

Harold Shotts

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried

Seating visiting ministers; Bro. Billy Robbins, Jasper Assoc., Bro. Jay Sullins, Jasper, Bro. Randall Tice, Bear Creek.

A short message was brought by Bro. Doyle Chandler.

A short message in honor of our deceased members was brought by Bro. Howard Simmons. Prayer by Bro. Ghillie Parrish.

Intermission

Song led by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. James McCarley. Prayer by Bro. Redus Hall.

Seating visiting ministers; Bro. O. Z. Johnson, Jasper Assoc. Special songs by the Billy Robbins Family and by Bobby and Joann Cook.

Saturday morning devotional by Bro. William Atkins. Saturday morning message Bro. W. C. Rayburn, Chronicles 7:14.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Ottis Palmer.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Song led by Bro. Gary Yeilding, Prayer by Bro. Duane Taylor.

Association Pastor Report

I have enjoyed this year being your association pastor, and I wish to thank each and everyone of you for the kindness and love you have shown. I thank God most of all for giving me this opportunity. I hope I have helped someone along the way. May God Bless all of you. I have enjoyed it very much. I have received approximately \$500.00 in offerings.

Your brother in Christ,
Charles Lindley

Rereading of Appreciation Report.

Business Committee Report

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business recommend we adopt Items 1 thru 18 as laid down in our minutes.

We recommend the Association buy pins for each delegate to wear during the session.

We recommend the Association have a committee on committees.

Move in order to accept report as read and adopt Item by Item. Carried.

Move in order to elect a committee to appoint committees from a list of delegates to be sent to the clerks no later than one (1) week in advance of the Association. Carried.

Move in order to buy pins for each delegate, deacon or minister to wear at each Association. Carried.

Item 1. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$30.00 plus expenses for printing of minutes and postages for associational mailing; the moderator, \$15.00; assistant moderator, \$10.00; the 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 ministers with 2 living wives nor his wife with two living with two husbands.

Item 12. We recommend that any minister for two years failing to respresent 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 parliamentary procedure of this association

Item 17. We recommend that all churches separate their finance and church better 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.

Ordaining Council Report

We recommend that all ministers receive a card of good standing.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Move in order to discharge Devotional Committee. Carried.

Credential Committee Report

We the Credential Committee recommend that we receive Bear Creek FreeWill Baptist Church of the Jasper association into the State Line Association.

Move in order to accept report. Carried.

Move in order to drop Item 11 of the Constitution. Carried.

Move in order to discharge Business Committee. Carried.

Standing Credential Committee

Bro. Iris Mills, Bro. Royce Cooper, Bro. Golden Harris.

Ordaining Council

Bro. Jimmy Reese, Bro. Edgar Childers, Bro. William Atkins.

Officers Of Association

Bro. Hubert Gardner

Bro. George Page

Bro. J C. Hood

Sis. Shirley Black

Bro. Doyle Chandler

Bro. Harold Shotts

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk and Treasurer

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer

Associational Pastor

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Delegates To Vernon Association: Bro. Marvin Winsett, Bro. Charles Yeilding, Bro. C. C. Berryhill, Bro. W. O. Miller.

Delegates To State Association: Sis. Verdie Dobbs, Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge, Sis. Shirley Black.

Committee On Committees

Bro. J. W. Vann, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Dewey Crowe.

The next associational session will convene with Ballard on Friday and Friday night and with Pleasant Ridge on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1977.

Credential Committee Report

We the Credential Committee recommend that we grant Br. Bobby Duncan a letter of standing to the Jasper Association.

Move in order to accept as read. Carried.

We the Credential Committee Recommend that we grant Bro. Edward Puckett a letter of good standing to the Vernon association.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

We the Credential Committee recommend that we grant Bro. Bobby Cook a letter of good standing to the Jasper association.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

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

Move in order to take offering for Children's Home Foster Parent plan. Received \$173.73.

Move in order to adjourn this session until we meet next year with Ballard Church. Carried.

Clerk's Financial Report

Paid Moderator Bro. Bobby Duncan	15.00
Paid Asst. Mod. Bro. Edward Puckett	10.00
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk & Treas.)	35.00
Paid Shirley Black (Asst. Clerk & Treas.)	10.00
Printing of Minutes (Est)	

Paid Moderator Bro. Bobby Duncan	15.00
Paid Asst. Mod. Bro. Edward Puckett	10.00
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk & Treas.)	35.00
Paid Shirley Black (Asst. Clerk & Treas.)	10.00
Printing of Minutes (Est)	225.00
State Fees	20.00
Expense	20.00
	100.00
Total Disbursements	415.00
Amount in Bank	51.46
Amount in Bank	51.46
Received in Assoc. & Minute Fund	521.11
Total	572.57
Less Disbursements	415.00
Balance	157.57

Names Of Deacons

Antioch: Bro. J. M. Howell, Bro. Charles Howell.

Ballard: Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. Iris Mills

Barnesville: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Charles Palmer, Bro. Lynwood Clark, Bro. Gus Ferguson, Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Dwayne Rye, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Hansel Taylor.

Bear Creek: Bro. Truman Scott, Bro. Henry Grissom, Bro. Lon Gunnin, Bro. Roland Williams, Bro. Lowell Thomas, Bro. Clarence Engle.

Cooper: Bro. Burley Finch, Bro. Edward Gilmore, Bro. Jerry Ray Cooper, Bro. Jack Polland.

Cobbtown: Bro. Hubert Mays, Bro. 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. Gary Yeilding.

New Center Point: Bro. C. L. Scott, Bro. D. L. Brown, Bro. Susie Tate.

New Hope: Bro. Robert Avery.

New Salem: Bro. C. D. Stone, Bro. W. D. Walton, Bro. W. W. Gilliland.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value Of Church Property	Church Improvement
ANTIOCH	W. C. Rayburn	45		4	1	983.95	112.00		
BALLARD	Hubert Gardner	22	4			3884.49	390.00	18,000.00	600
BARNESVILLE	W. D. Miller	155	5	1	4	6260.00	310.00	6,000.00	343
BEAR CREEK	Elmer Lee Stewart	70	8			3000.00	700.00	25,000.00	150
COOPER	Johnny Sexton	201	9		2	10195.00	375.00		22
COBB TOWN	Danny Smith	60	5			125.00	75.00	1,000.00	
FAIRVIEW	Jack Harder	161	8	4		4747.09	574.00	50,000.00	1262
LIBERTY	Oscar Smith	32				285.00	200.00	6,730.00	85
LOVE JOY	O. S. Gardner	38				457.00	89.72	7,650.00	12
MT. HOPE	Billy Robins	154			2	4630.60	418.00	30,000.00	160
NEW CENTER POINT	O. Z. Johnson	78				2160.86	406.63	20,000.00	92
NEW HOPE	J. E. Cheek	36	5			692.50	100.00	5,000.00	
NEW SALEM	Edgar L. Childers	65	1	2	1	1143.83	108.25	6,000.00	
PLEASANT RIDGE	Duane Taylor	75	3		2	4880.00	330.00	40,000.00	133
PLEASANT SITE	William Atkins	87	10		1	4930.00	175.00	30,000.00	386
ROCKY GROVE	Ottis Farmer	65	12		1	2047.09	122.00	25,000.00	73
ROCKY TOP	Ambers Aldridge	117	11		2	3177.00	477.00	16,000.00	64
SO. SIDE IND.		85	18	2		1740.00	200.00	200,000.	519
SPLUNGE	Conrad Whitson	51	4		2	2691.91	190.00	29000.00	94
UNION RIDGE	Dale Ford	150	7			4138.00	190.00	15000.00	15

Church Improvement	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Literature	Ordained Ministers Deacons	League of C.T.S.	No. In. Sun School	Teachers	Miscellaneous	Prayer Meetings	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
	15.00			2		10	1	158.30		J. M. Howell
6000.00	25.00		280.00	3 2		23	3	308.97	X	Dick Gilliland
3438.72	35.00	75.00	1147.88	2 8		130	8	4180.92	X	Hershel Emerson
1500.00				1 6		70	5		X	Dennis Anglin
223.65	50.00	360.24	532.04	3 4	X	130	6	135.70	X	Tony Clark
	25.00	25.00	18.00	2		39	3	100.00	X	Romie Woods
12629.74	35.00	266.05	316.73	5 7	X	95	9	1529.79	X	Teddy Sims
850.00	25.00	42.00	50.00	2 2		25	3		X	Jim L. Cole
123.00	11.00		59.20	2 3		20	2	347.62		Odell Peterson
3604.56	25.00	150.00	250.80	3 3		79	6	1458.69		Bob Yeilding
920.18	25.00	37.00	214.32	1 3		60	5	863.99	X	Lester Ford
	20.00		50.00	1 1						
	32.86	19.00	138.32	2		31	3	28.23		W. W. Gilliland
1334.25	42.25	75.00	316.32	2 5		66	5	3883.58	X	Elma Hugh Taylor
3864.38	25.00	288.71	301.48	1 7	X	77	5	1123.44		Danny Millican
739.82	15.00	15.00	166.73	5 3		45	4	594.90		Robert Burleson
640.15	40.00	431.52	361.38	2 3	X	50	5	812.09	X	Ronald Hood
5190.71	25.00	50.00	1124.56	2	X	70	7	1590.52	X	Ken Reynolds
946.34	25.00	100.00	125.18	3		26	4	566.91	X	Larry Frye
150.00	25.00	38.00	165.00	4		65	3		X	Troy Clifton

Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crowe, Bro. Alfred Jones, Bro. Jimmy Avery.

Pleasant Site: Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro. Vester Watson, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Sam Nix, Bro. Don Nix, Bro. Hudon Stone, Bro. Orville Scoggins.

Rocky Grove: Bro. Travis Hall, Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay.

Rocky Top: Bro. Burton, Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Royce Cooper.

Southside Independent: Bro. John H. Moore, Bro. Joe Rye.

Splunge: Bro. J. C. Palmer, Bro. Clovis Blaylock, Bro. J. W. Vann.

Union Ridge: Bro. Johnnie Myers, Bro. Archie Turman, Bro. Troy Clifton.

Clerks

Antioch	Ray Howell ✓	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Ballard	J. R. Kerr ✓	Detroit, Al. 35552
Barnesville	Jay Nell Nixon ✓	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Bear Creek	Peggy Lawler ✓	Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, Al. 35581
Cooper	Burley Finch ✓	Rt. 1, Detroit, Al. 35552
Cobbtown	Romie Woods ✓	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Fairview	Jack Lindsey ✓	Rt. 5, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Liberty	Donnie Cole ✓	Rt. 1, Lot 20 Aldridge Tr. Pk. Cottondale, Al. 35453
Love Joy	Wendell Giddie ✓	Box 390, Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Mt. Hope	Charles Cochran ✓	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
New Center Point	Ruth Vann ✓	Rt. 2, Box 1-A, Sulligent, Al. 35586
New Hope	Ada Tice ✓	Hamilton, Al. 35570
New Salem	Elois Loden ✓	Rt. 1, Tremont, Miss.
Pleasant Ridge	Dewey Crowe ✓	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Pleasant Site	Willa Jean Mills ✓	Rt. 1, Box 71, Detroit, Al. 35552
Rocky Grove	Robert Burleson ✓	Rt. 3, Box 184-A, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rocky Top	Teresa Black ✓	Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Al. 35564
Southside Independent	Pat L. Coons ✓	Box 505, Winfield, Al. 35564
Splunge	Faye Northington ✓	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
Union Ridge	Grace Ray ✓	Rt. 1 Sulligent, Al.

Ministers Names & Addresses

Rev. Ambers Aldridge	475-9121	Rt. 1, Brilliant, Al.
Rev. William Atkins	468-2423	Rt. 2, Guin, Al. 35563
Rev. C. C. Berryhill	256-8225	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Ms. 38848
Rev. Hudson Burleson	921-2473	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Doyle Chandler		Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. J. E. Chesk	993-4350	Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, Al. 35581
Rev. Edgar Childers		Rt. 1, Vina, Al. 35593
Rev. Jimmy Lee Cole		Rt. 1, Lot 20, Cottondale, Al. 35453
Rev. Jimmy Mac Compton		Detroit, Al. 35552
Rev. James Cuttis		Rt. 1, Detroit, Al. 35552
Rev. Dale Ford		Sulligent, Al. 35586
Rev. Gary Gardner		Tarrant, Al.
Rev. Hubert Gardener	921-2008	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Oscar Gardner		Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Al. 35564

Rev. Dallas Gilliland	921-7353	Rt. 5, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Redus Hall		Sulligent, Al. 35586
Rev. Jack Harder	921-3711	Box 462, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Jimmy Howell		Hackleburg, Al. 35564
Rev. Charles Lindley		Detroit, Al. 35552
Rev. Michael Lindley		
Rev. W. O. Miller		Rt. 3, Box 40, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. W. O. Miller	921-4886	Rt. 3, Box 40, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. G. W. Page	921-7695	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Ottis Parmer		Rt. 1, Guin, Al. 35563
Rev. Ghillie Parrish		Rt. 3, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Bud Pugh		Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. W. C. Rayburn	468-2223	Rt. 2, Guin, Al. 35563
Rev. Jimmy Reese		Rt. 1, Guin, Al. 35563
Rev. Johnny Sexton		Rt. 1, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Clay Shotts		Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Larry Shotts	921-4899	Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Howard Simmons	921-3461	Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Duane Taylor	921-2602	Tr. 4, Box 271, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Williard Westbrooks	309-797-1348	438 49th St. Moline, Il. 61265
Rev. Marvin Winsett	921-3705	Rt. 1, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Rev. Charles Yeilding	921-4428	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570

Deceased Members

Sis. Cathryn Anderson, Bro. Banks Sanderson, Sis. Willie Bell Cantrell, Bro. C. D. Stone, Rev. Bobby Jeffreys, Sis. Jimmie Nell Hayes, Rev. Herdis Sullins, Bro. Hugh Von Cantrell, Bro. Felon Hollaway, Bro. Hubert Cochran, Sis. Velma Lynch, Bro. John Sanderson, Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Bro. Andy Powless, Bro. Ralph Sanderson, Bro. Delmo Thompson, Sis. Lona Mathis, Bro. Disie Alvis.

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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, Rev. Herdis, Sullins, Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Rev. Bobby Jeffreys.

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 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 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

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 every where 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 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 also be called upon to presents 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 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 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 mortal 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; 5 Mi. 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; Jer. 22:29.
10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, Jesus Christ, who brought them and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they are and such the Apostles sayeth because they receive not the love of the truth. That they might be saved herefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every son of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein, for there is no respect of person with God. Jude 1:4; 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 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, 19; 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 mininsters and churches wishing to become members of this bodily 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 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 ministers 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 regualr 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 the 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 the 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 other, but not vote unless there is 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 be attended 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 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 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 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 reproved by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

Form Of Church Letter

State of _____, County of _____

This 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

