# Minutes

of the

# Seventy Third Annual Session

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

of

# MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA

Held With Ballard Church Friday, October 7, 1977 and Pleasant Ridge Church Saturday, October 8, 1977

# OFFICERS

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The next session will be held with Rocky Top on Friday and Friday night and with Union Ridge Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1978.



### PROCEEDINGS

Session opened with song, prayer by Bro. Jack Harder

# FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator, Bro. Hubert Gardner read Psalm 139. Prayer by Bro. Mickey Crane.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

Seating visiting Ministers - Bro. Edward Puckett, Vernon, Bro. Sergent, Progressive, Bro. Billy Robbins, Bro. Gurley Roberts, Bro. Mickey Crane, Bro Kelton, Bro. Conrad Whitson, Bro. Oscar Smith, Bro. Delmus Miller, Vernon.

# $\checkmark$ devotional committee report

Friday Devotional, Bro. W. O. Miller, Friday, Message, Moderator, Bro. Hubert Gardner, Friday Night Devotional, Bro. Marvin Winsett, Message Assistant Moderator. Saturday Morning Devotion, Bro. Jack Harder, message, Bro. Duane Tayor.

Move in order to accept as a partial report. Carried.

# V FINANCE COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We the finance committee find \$552.44 in Associational Minute fund at this time. Move in order to accept as read and retain committee. Carried.

# DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

Deceased members message to be brought by Bro. William Atkins. Move in order to accept as read and discharge committee. Carried.

# CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

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

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

# INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. Mickey Crane and Bro. William Atkins. Prayer by Bro. Sergant.

# READING OF CHURCH LETTERS and SEATING OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH - Sis. Jessie Howell, Bro. Taylor Peoples, Bro. Dank Winsett, Alt. Sis. Eula Winsett,
BALLARD - Bro. Victor Ballard, Bro. Dick Gilliland, Sis. Inez Watts, Alt. Sis. Mary Frances Johnson.

BARNESVILLE - Bro. Ivon Boyett, Sis. Jean Brown, Bro. Bulb Taylor, Alt. Sis. Manila Brown.

BEAR CREEK - Sis. Lenar Ingle, Sis. Ive Lee Jackson, Sis. Maudie Grissom, Sis. Monelle Gann.

COBBTOWN - Sis. Johnnie May, Sis. Sandra Peoples, Sis. Ruby Woods,

- COOPER Sis. Lena Mae Rye, Sis. Lillie Cantrell, Sis. Edna Dupree,
- Sis. Gail Rye, Sis. Velma Jeffreys, Bro. Mack Tucker.
- FAIRVIEW Bro. Alfred Ballard, Bro. Teddy Sims.
- LIBERTY Sis. Bertha Childers, Sis. Lil Childrers, Sis. Stella Lynch, Sis. Donnie Cole.
- LOVE.JOY Bro. & Sis. Austin Avery, Sis. Cleo Raburn, Sis. Verta Giddy.
- MT. HOPE Bro. Bill Hall, Daniel Cochran, James McCarley, Charles Cochran, Sis. Verdie Purser, Alt.
- NEW CENTER POINT Sis. Pearl Brown, Beatrice Scott, Wanda Blaylock Sis. Ruth Vann.
- NEW HOPE Bro. Robert Avery, Sis. Ovaleen Avery, Sis. Betty Ann Carter, Sis. Ada Tice.
- NEW SALEM Sis. Vida Gilliland, Ellie Lindsey, Jewel Stone, Bro. Earnest Brown, Alt.
- PLEASANT RIDGE Bro. Robert Cochran, Bro. Gene Avery, Bro. Hoyt Cook, Alt. Bro. Dennis Smith.
- PLEASANT SITE Bro. Verlon Watson, Sis. Gladys Crow, Sis. Barbara Ballard, At. Bro. Danny Millican.
- ROCKY GROVE Sis. Lessie Winsett, Sis. Redus McKay, Sis. Burton Thompson, Alt. Sis. Mattie Colburn.
- ROCKY TOP Sis. Christeen Hood, Sis. Nora Robinson, Sis. Viva Frederick, Bro. Ronald Hood, Alt. Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge, Bro. Allen Davis.
- SOUTHSIDE Sis. Leola Carter, Bro. Velmon Carter, Sis. Maggie Lawrence, Bro. Bill Webb, Alt.
- SPLUNGE Sis. Carolyn Vann, Sis. Ida Lee Palmer, Sis. Addie Harris Alt. Sis Faye Northington.
- MT. CALVARY Bro Elzie Vickery, Bro. Doc. Lemon, Sis. Pat Reese, Alt. Sis. Maimee Lewis, Sis. Lillie Franks.
  - Move in order to accept letters as read and seat delegates. Carried.

Move in order to allow clerk to update Finance Committee report due to an error of \$1.00. Total should be \$551.44. Carried.

# FRIDAY MORNING DEVOTIONAL

Bro. W. O. Miller, Phillipians 4:8, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

### FRIDAY MORNING MESSAGE

Bro. Hubert Gardner, Scripture Rev. 2:10. "Taking a Flight" Rev. 20:12, Titus 2:11. Dismissed for lunch by song Amazing Grace.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. Williams Atkins, Bro. Mickey Crane, Bro. Edgar Childers. Prayer by Bro. Mac Compton.

# **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Credential Committee recommend that we grant Bro. Howard Simmons a letter in good standing.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

We have examined the letters of request for membership into this Association for: Revs. Oscar Smith, Conrad Whitson, Billy Robbins, Bobby Cook, Mickey Crane. We recommend they go before the ordaining council.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

We the Credential committee have examined the letter of request that Bro. Harlan Johnson be ordained. We recommend he go before the ordaining council.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

# **APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES**

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Mary Dean Avery, Bro. Charles Cochran Sis. Manila Brown.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Sis. Inez Watts, Sis. Wanda Blaylock, Sis. Nora Robinson, Sis. Lemar Ingle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Sis. Maggie Lawrence, Bro. Robert Cochran, Sis. Barbara Ballard, Sis. Carylon Vann, Sis. Jessie Howell.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE: Bro. Verlon Watson, Bro. Henry Tice, Sie Burt Thompson Bro. Alfred Bellard

Sis. Burt Thompson, Bro. Alfred Ballard.

# **REPORT: Trustee to Children's Home**

I appreciate each church in the State Line Association for your support of the children's home this past year. Donations to the home this year amounted to approximately \$1, 450,00.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your trustee this past 2 years. I hope each of our churches can continue to support this cause in the future.

# Harold Shotts, Trustee

Move in order to accept report as read, Carried.

Move in order to empower the Moderator to appoint an Asst. Moderator in the absence of Bro. George Page who couldn't be present due to illness in his family. Carried.

Moderator appointed Bro. Jack Harder as Assistant Moderator.

Song led by Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Mickey Crane. Short message by Bro. Edgar Childers. Romans 8:1-3.

Appointed Bro. Oscar Gardner to fill place of Bro. Jimmy Reese on Ordaining Council.

# **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

We appreciate the good fellowship of God's people and the great effort of Ballard Church for their very fine meal and welcome in hosting our association.

Move in order to accept report as read and retain committee until tomorrow. 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" "Peter 1:5-7.

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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee, have checked all church letters and found we have 19 active Sunday School's.

We your committee urge each church to make a special effort to enlist more in our Sunday School's.

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

# **DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT**

We your committee on deceased members have checked the records and find 15 members from our association have gone to Heaven. We will miss them very much, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

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

# **INTERMISSION**

A song by congregation, prayer by Bro. Johnson.

# **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT**

We the Ordaining Council have examined and request that Bro. Robbins, Bro. Whitson, Bro. Crane and Bro. Smith be accepted into this Association and that Bro. Johnson go before the body for ordination. Bro. O. S. Gardner to give Charge.

Move in order to accept report as read and proceed with ordination. Carried. Bro. Gardner gave the charge.

# **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Credential Committee recommend we recieve Mt. Calvary FWB Church into the State Line Association.

Move in order to accept as read. Carried.

Letter was read from Mt. Calvary.

Move and Second to accept letter and discharge Reading Clerk.

# CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We the Credential Committee have read the request and recommend that Bro. E. C. Kelton go before the Ordaining Council.

Move to accept as read. Carried.

# SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Bobby Cook. Prayer by Redus Hall.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT [FINAL]

We the Finance Committee find in Associational Minute Fund \$577.44 on hand \$120.07. Total \$697.51.

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

# **ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT**

I would like to say that I have really enjoyed being the Associational Pastor and thank God for the privilege. I want to thank all the Christians for their love and concern they have shown. I have received about \$400.00 In offerings.

# Bro. Doyle Chandler

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

# **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

We the Credential Committee recommend that we grant Bro. Larry Shotts a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association.

Move in order to accept as read and grant letter. Carried. Seating visiting ministers. Bro. Roy Barnes, Bro. Calvin Pearce. Testimony Service conducted by Bro. Sergent.

# **INTERMISSION**

Song led by J. C. Hood. Prayer by Bro. Clay Shotts.

# CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We the Credential Committee recommend that we grant Bro. Doyle Chandler a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association.

Move in order to accept as read and grant letter.

# **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. E. C. Kelton be accepted into this association.

Move in order to accept as read. Carried. Devotion by Bro. Billy Robbins. I Corn. 9:23. Saturday Morning Message: Bro. Duane Taylor Gen. 3 "Where Are You?" Chronicles 28:9 Amos 9:3 John 22:24 Matt. 23:25 Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Charles Yielding.

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by William Atkins and Edgar Childers. Prayer by Bro. W. C. Rayburn.

# **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

We appreciate the good fellowship of God's people and the great effort of Pleasant Ridge for their very fine meal and welcome in hosting our Association.

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

# **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT**

We recommend that Bro. Bobby Cook be accepted into this Association. Move in order to accept as read. Carried.

#### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business recommend we adopt Items 1 through 3 as laid down in our minutes, we recommend we change Item 4 to read "Friday and Saturday session convene at 9 o'clock". We recommend we adopt Items 5 through 9 as laid down in our minutes. We recommend we drop Item 10. We recommend we adopt Items 11 through 18 as laid down in our minutes.

Move in order to accept report as read, reread each items and accept or reject as read. Carried.

We recommend that a youth director be appointed to establish a young people's program in our association.

Move in order to accept. Carried.

Bro. Dale Ford and Bro. Jack Harder were voted by the body to direct this program.

I tem 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.

I tem 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. I tem 3. We recommend that the body decide where the next association shall convene.

I tem 4; We recommend that our Friday and Saturday session convene at 9 o'clock.

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

I tem 6. We recommend that all pastors explain the value of tithing to various churches. I tem 7. We recommend that we go on record opposing all liquor traffic and legalizing of intoxicating beverages.

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

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

I tem 10. We recommend that we do not ordain any ministers with 2 living wives nor his wife with two living husbands.

I tem 11. 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.

I tem 12. We recommend that each church letter to the Association remain the same as was adopted in church conference.

I tem 13. 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.

I tem 14. We recommend we abide by the National Treaties.

I tem 15. We recommend we adopt the Roberts Rules of Order as parlimentary procedure of this association.

I tem 16. 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.

I tem 17. We recommend we have a standing Ordaining Council to be appointed at the close of each session.

I tem 18. We recommend that a youth director be appointed to establish a young people's program in our association.

# ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We recommend that all ministers be given a card of standing We also recommend that a

list of all those absent this year without any cause be read and carried over to next year to be read at that session and unless they are represented by person or by letter to the association that they be dropped according to I tem 11 in our minutes.

Move in order to accept as read. Carried.

Those absent without cause: Bro. Gary Gardner, Dalla Gilliland, Charles Lindley, Michael Lindley, Williard Westbrooks.

Bro. William Atkins brought short message in honor to our deceased. He read the list of deceased ministers on the placque the association has.

Short talk by Bro. Kelton.

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

# STANDING CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Royce Cooper, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. O. C. Mitchell.

# **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Clay Shotts, Bro. Redus Hall.

# **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

Bro. Henry Grissom, Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Johnny Myers. 🖊

# **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Moderator Asst. Moderator Clerk and Treasurer Asst. Clerk and Treasurer Associational Pastor Trustee to Children's Home Bro. Edgar Lee Childers Bro. Ottis Parmer Bro. J. C. Hood Sis. Shirley Black Bro. Oscar Gardner Bro. Harold Shotts

# NEXT ASSOCIATION SESSION

The next session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association will convene with Rocky Top Church on Friday and Friday night and with Union Ridge on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1978.

Move in order to empower Clerk to write all necessary checks for the expense of the Association.

Received an offering for Bro. Oscar Gardner, \$130.54.

Received an offering for the Free Will Baptist Children's Foster Parent Plan, \$107.13.

Bro. Jack Harder turned the Assistant Moderatorship back to Bro. George Page to finish out the year.

Move in order to adjourn until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1978 at Rocky Top Church.

#### **CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

Paid Moderator Bro. Hubert Gardner	\$15.00
Paid Asst. Moderator Bro. Jack Harder	\$10.00
(Donated to Children's Home)	
Paid J. C. Hood (Clerk and Treas.)	\$35.00
Paid Shirley Black (Asst. Clerk and Treas.)	\$10.00
State Fees	\$105.00
Expense	\$25.00
Printing of Minutes (Est)	\$300.00
Total Disbursements	\$500.00
Amount in Bank	\$120.07
Received in Assoc. and Minute Fund	\$577.44
Less Disbursemments	\$500.00
BALANCE	\$197 51

### 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 William, 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 May, Bro. Ronnie Woods.

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Denver Shotts, Bro. Talmadge Shotts, Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Harold Shotts, Bro. Bernice Shotts, Bro. Flora Shotts.

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

LOVE JOY: Bro. Henry 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. Lester Ford, Bro. Wayne Puckett.

NEW HOPE: Bro. Robert Avery.

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

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: Bro. John H. Moore, Bro. Joe Rye, Bro. Ray Weeks.

SPLUNGE: Bro. J. C. Palmer, Bro. Covis Blaylock, Bro. J. W. Vann.

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Johnnie Myeres, Bro. Archie Turman, Bro. Troy Clifton. LYNN KNIGHT

MT. CALVARY: Bro. Lynn Knight, Bro. Luard Kizzine.

# CLERKS

ANTIOCH BALLARD BARNESVILLE **BEAR CREEK** COOPER **COBBTOWN** FAIRVIEW LIBERTY LOVE JOY MT. HOPE NEW CENTER POINT NEW HOPE **NEW SALEM** PLEASANT RIDGE PLEASANT SITE **ROCKY GROVE ROCKY TOP** SOUTHSIDE SPLUNGE UNION RIDGE MT. CALVARY

Ray Howell J. R. Kern Jay Nell Nixon Jane Cook **Burley Finch** Sandra Peoples Jack Lindsey Stella Lynch Austin Avery James McCarley Ruth Vann Ada Tice Elois Loden **Dewey Crowe** Willa Jean Mills Sheila Raye Hall Shirley Black Ken Reynolds Faye Northington Grace Ray Pat Reese

### MINISTERS NAMES & ADDRESSES

Rev. Ambers Aldridge	475-9121
Rev. William Atkins	468-2423
Rev. C. C. Berryhill	256-8225
Rev. Hudson Burleson	921-2473
Rev. J. E. Cheek	993-4350
Rev. Edgar Childers	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Rev. Jimmy Lee Cole	
Rev. Jimmy Mac Compton	921-4925
Rev. Bobby Cook	
Rev. Micky Crane	
Rev. James Cutts	
Rev. Dale Ford	
Rev. Gary Gardner	
Rev. Hubert Gardner	921-2008
Rev. Oscar Gardner	
Rev. Dallas Gilliland	921-7353
Rev. Redus Hall	
Rev. Jack Harder	921-3711
Rev. Jimmy Howell	
Rev. Harlan Johnson	
Rev. Charles Lindley	
Rev. Michael Lindley	
Rev. W. O. Miller	921-4886
Rev. G. W. Page	921-7695
Rev. Ottis Parmer	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Rev. Bud Pugh	
Rev. W. C. Rayburn	468-2223
Rev. Jimmy Reese	
Rev. Billy Robbins	

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value Of Church Property	Church Improvements
ANTIOCH	Wise Holcomb	48		1		801.43	125.00		
BALLARD	Hubert Gardner	24	2			3766.50	400.00	18000.00	2110.
BARNESVILLE	W. O. Miller	157	4	2	2	8100.00	175.00	65000.00	1271.6
BEAR CREEK	Micky Crane	62	3	10	1	2816.67	450.00	25000.00	2478.9
COOPER	Johnny Sexton	213	22	9	1	8730.00	320.00	30000.00	1246.0
COBB TOWN	Jimmy M. Compton	69	10		1	114.70	77.65	4000.00	
FAIRVIEW	Jack Harder	165	6	2	1	5618.67	500.00	5000.00	7426.0
LIBERTY	Danny Smith	31	1	2		569.53	156.00	670.00	
LOVE JOY	Delmos Miller	42	5			267.63	95.00	7650.00	
MT. CALVARY	Jimmy Reese	26				960.00	191.10	6000.00	861.
MT. HOPE	Billy Robbins	163	17	2	1	5740.25	509.00	35000.00	1186.0
NEW CENTER POINT	Dale Ford	77	1	2	2	2715.69	347.00	25000.00	4561.0
NEW HOPE	J. E. Cheek	36	2	3	3	520.00	120.00	8000.00	170.
NEW SALEM	Edgar Lee Childers	66	2	1		1213.19	169.50	6000.00	
PLEASANT RIDGE	Duane Taylor	90	25	3		7120.00	380.00	40000.00	465.1
PLEASANT SITE	William Atkins	83	2	5	2	4640.00	165.00	40000.00	6163
ROCKY GROVE	Otis Parmer	58	10	2		2751.00	242.00	25000.00	
ROCKY TOP	Ambers Aldridge	116	1	2		3585.24	305.24	300000.00	3114
SOUTHSIDE	E. T. Sargent	55	7	20		3055.00	225.00	200000.00	716.
SPLUNGE	Conrad Whitson	51	4	2	1	3622.44	265.00	30000.00	1000
UNION RIDGE	Roy Barnes	150	3	3		4500.00	175.00	15000.00	449.
<u></u>	TOTALS	1782	127	71	15	71207.94	5392.49	666400.00	33221.

	Minute Fund	Orphange	Literature	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	League or C. T. S.	No. In Sunday School	Teachers	Prayer Meeting Bible Study	Miscellaneous	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
	15.00				2		15	1			J. M. Howell
.11	25.00		180.00	3	2		23	3	XX	421.79	Dick Gilliland
.63	35.00	100.00	934.89	2	8	12	84	8	X	3437.99	Hershel Emerson
.90	30.00	20.00	224.33	1	6		35	6		80.00	Royce Elrod
.00	50.00	207.74	897.47		4	70	130	7	X	430.60	Tony Clark
	25.00	25.00		1	2		33	3	X	114.80	Romie Woods
.01	35.00	256.48	305.77	3	7	50	95	9	X	2354.34	Teddy Sims
	25.00		36.00	2	2		20	2			Tony Lynch
	12.79	1		2	2		42	2			Austin Avery
45	25.00	1.1	43.82	1	1		32	4	X	102.38	Elzie Ray Vickery
05	35.00	150.00	269.91	5	3		83	5	X	4262.47	Gary Yeilding
.08	25.00	140.28	288.58	1	4		60	5	X	1102.12	Ray Blaylock
.33	15.00		93.39		1		15	2	X		Gary Carter
	25.00		136.51		2		31	3			David Gilliland
42	39.65	328.00	340.62	2	5		70	5	Х	8549.98	Alfred Jones
3.41	25.00	139.73	483.70	1	7	50	76	5	Х	1547.55	Sam Nix
	20.00	180.00	180.00	6	3		37	5		867.51	Travis Hall
+.20	40.00	9503	319.09	2	3	25	50	5		1117.20	Ronald Hood
.81	25.00		372.51		3		35	3	X	2964.56	Ken Reynolds
.00	25.00	179.30	126.00	1	3		25	4		116.79	J. W. Vann
92	25.00	31.61	341.58		4		65	4	Х	487.83	Glenn Crawford
.26	557.44	1673.17	5574.17	33	74	207	1056	91		27955.91	

receive the divine impressions of his Holy Spirit shall at a future day own their condemanation just and charge themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovreign 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 godly 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. Judge 1:4; 2 Peter 2:1-2; 2 Thess. 2:11-12; Rom. 2.9-11.

11. We believe that all chidren 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. 19:26.

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 Righeousness 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 of respect or mere choice, rather that 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, annointing 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 immerson 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, 2 Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matt. 25:46.

# **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 present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask of them.

2. All preachers shall attend all business meeting 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.

# **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 no. 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.

# **CHURCH RULES**

1. We agree as members of 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 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 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 wihtout permission from the Moderator.

6. No member shall arraign another before the Church for any grievance without taking gospel steps. Matt. 18:15-17.

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 or any subject with out 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 the mind of the whole church.

11. If any member shall remain silent during the transcripture of any business of the church and afterdward 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 slanderousely, 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 of sister slanderoulsy shall be dalt with according as the church sees fit.

15. We recommend that each church in this Association nave 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.

# 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 ministers and applications for membership, both churches and ministers and make report for same to the body.

6. Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer who shall be elected by ballot at each regular session.

7. This Association shall meet on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October of each year and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted.

8. The Association shall vote on where the next Association shall be held until one church gets the majority vote.

9. The Constitution by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.

10. No minister, deacon or delegate shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are providentially hindered.

11. Each church represented in 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.

# 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

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