

MINUTES
of the
Seventy Fourth Annual Session
of the

**STATE LINE FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

of
MISSISSIPPI — ALABAMA

Held With
Rocky Top Church
Friday, October 6, 1978
and
Union Ridge Church
Saturday, October 7, 1978

OFFICERS

Rev. Ghillie Parrish	Moderator
Rev. Gurlie Roberts.	Assistant Moderator
Bro. J. C. Hood.	Clerk and Treasurer
Sis. Shirley Black	Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. Oscar Gardener	Associational Pastor
Bro. Harold Shotts.	Trustee to Children's Home

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The next session will be held with Pleasant Site, Friday and Friday night, and with South-side on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1979.

PROCEEDINGS

Session opened with song led by Bro. Dale Ford, prayer by Bro. Gurlie Roberts.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Short talk by Bro. Hubert Gardner before turning the chair over to the new moderator, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers. Scripture reading: Rom. 1:18, 19, 21. Session called to order.

APPOINTING DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Bro. Marvin Winsett.

APPOINTING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Victor Ballard, Bro. Glenn Crawford, Bro. J. M. Howell.

READING CLERKS

Sis. Beatrice Harris, Sis. Wanda Blaylock.

Seating visiting ministers: Bro. E. T. Sergent (Progressive), Bro. Roy Barnes (Vernon), Bro. Jim Godsey (Jasper), Bro. Randall Tice (Bear Creek), Bro. Howard Simmons (N. E. Miss.).

Corresponding delegates from other associations; Sis. Jim Godsey.

Bro. W. W. Gilliland was appointed to fill the place of Bro. O. C. Mitchell on the Credential Committee for this session.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday morning Devotional Bro. Gurlie Roberts, Friday morning message by Moderator. Friday night devotional, Bro. Johnny Sexton, Friday night message by Assistant Moderator. Saturday morning devotional Bro. Roy Barnes, Sat. Morning message Bro. Conrad Whitson.

Move and second to receive as partial report. Carried.

Short talk by Bro. Randall Tice.

Rules of Decorum and Constitution read by Moderator.

Song led by Bro. Duane Taylor.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We the Credential committee have examined all church letters and find them in order.

Move in order to accept as partial report. Carried.

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS AND SEATING OF DELEGATES

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

BALLARD: Bro. Victor Ballard, Bro. Dick Gilliland, Sis. Lily Thompson, Alt. Sis. Inez Watts.

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Ivon Boyett, Sis. Bonnie Karr, Bro. G. O. Karr, Alt. Sis. Manilla Brown, Sis. Jean Brown.

BEAR CREEK: Sis. Leaner Engle, Sis. Monell Gann, Sis. Maudie Grissom.

COBBTOWN: Sis. Tince May, Sis. Sandra Knight, Sis. Johnnie May.

COOPER: Sis. Ruby Finch, Sis. Lillie Cantrell, Sis. Etna Clark, Sis. Velma Jeffreys, Sis. Wilma Dupree, Alt. Sis. Peggy Sexton.

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Alfred Ballard.

LIBERTY: Sis. Wilba Smith, Sis. Lil Childers, Sis. Bertha Childers.

LOVEJOY: Sis. Tammy Pearce, Bro. Dave Britt, Sis. Britt, Sis. McKinley.

MT. CALVARY: Bro. David Lemons, Bro. Elzie Ray Vickery, Sis. Pat Reese Alt. Sis. Mamie Lemons, Sis. Ellen Kizzire.

MT. HOPE: Bro. Bobby Yeilding, Sis. Vernie Hall, Bro. Billy Yeilding, Bro. James McCarley, Alt. Sis. Ann Collier.

NEW CENTER POINT: Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Linda Ford, Sis. Wanda Blaylock.

NEW HOPE: Sis. Ovaleen Avery, Sis. Betty Ann Carter, Sis. Ada Tice, Alt. Sis. Vona Williams.

NEW SALEM: Bro. Earnest Brown, Sis. Jewel Stone, Sis. Ellie Lindsey, Alt. Sis. Ina May Osburn.

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Robert Cochran, Bro. Dorsey Taylor, Sis. Beatrice Harris, Alt. Sis. Verda Dobbs.

PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Verlon Watson, Bro. Forna Stone, Sis. Alma Mills, Alt. Sis. Evelyn Mills.

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Betty Tucker, Sis. Eva Plunkett, Sis. Burton Thompson, Sis. Wilma Tucker.

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Teresa Black, Sis. Viva Frederick, Sis. Nora Robinson, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Alt. Sis. Bobbie King, Bro. Allen Davis.
SOUTHSIDE: Sis. Maggie Lawrence, Sis. Leola Carter, Bro. Velmon Carter.
SPLUNGE: Sis. Faye Blaylock, Sis. Addie Harris, Sis. Ida Lee Palmer, Alt. Sis. Linda Shields.
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Glenn Crawford, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Judy Stephenson, Sis. Rushie Boyette.

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

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. Billy Robbins.

Bro. Ambers Aldridge to bring Friday night devotional in Bro. Johnny Sexton's Place.

Friday morning devotional by Bro. Gurlie Roberts. Psalm 118:22-24. "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Song led by Bro. James McCarley, prayer by Bro. Larry Davis.

Friday morning message, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Moderator. Acts 10:38-39, Acts 4:7. "We need church leaders filled with the Spirit of God."

Short talk by Bro. Ambers Aldridge, pastor of Rocky Top Church. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Hubert Gardner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led By Bro. William Atkins.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Bro. James McCarley, Sis. Vernie Hall, Bro. Billy Yeilding.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Jimmy Avery, Sis. Pat Reese.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:E: Bro. Joe Rye, Bro. Elzie Ray Vickery, Bro. Laurd Kizzire.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE: Bro. Johnny Sexton, Bro. Flora Shotts,
Bro. Odis Childers.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk, Bro. Hubert
Gardner, Bro. Jimmy Reese.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credential Committee recommend Bro. Gurlie Roberts be accepted into
the State Line Association.

Move in order to accept. Carried.

We the Credential Committee recommend Bro. E. T. Sergent into this
Association.

Move in order to accept report and Bro. Sergent go before the Ordaining
Council. Carried.

Bro. William Atkins was appointed by the Moderator to fill Bro. Redus Hall's
place on the Ordaining Council.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credential Committee recommend Bro. Larry Davis go before the
Ordaining Council.

Move in order to accept report. Carried.

We the Credential Committee recommend that Bro. Ghillie Parrish be accepted
in to the State Line Association.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee find as follows;

Received in Associational funds	\$603.30
Balance from 1977	152.39
Total now in fund	755.69

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

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT

I, your Associational Pastor for the past year would like to thank the association for the privilege to be your Associational Pastor. It has been a great joy to visit all the churches and to see all the people.

I found a good sunday school and also an altar in all the churches. I want to thank and praise our God above all... I received \$901.06 in offerings. Thank you very much for this opportunity and may God bless you all.

Bro. Oscar Gardner

Move in order to accept as read. Carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Move in order to accept as read, add Union Ridge Church to report and table to reread tomorrow. Carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the committee on Temperance find it more demanding and most 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. 2 Peter 1:5-7.

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

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We your committee on deceased members have checked the records and find that 31 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 report and discharge committee. Carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee have checked all 21 churches and have found them all active in Sunday School. We urge each church to continue to make a special effort to enlist more in our Sunday School classes.

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We recommend Bro's. Ghillie Parrish, Gurlie Roberts, E. T. Sergent be accepted into this association in full fellowship.

Move to accept report as read. Carried.

INTERMISSION

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We recommend that Bro. Larry Gene Davis be ordained to preach the Gospel at this session. Bro. Clay Shotts to bring the message.

Move in order to accept report and proceed with ordination. Carried.

Bro. Davis was ordained, charge given by Bro. Clay Shotts, prayer by Bro. William Atkins with laying on of hands.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Credential Committee request that the association empower the clerk to write a letter of good standing for Bro. Ambers Aldridge, if he so request in the next 12 months.

Move to grant request and empower clerk to write letter. Carried.

Dismissed by Bro. Oscar Smith.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Devotional by Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Scripture Psalms 84. Message by Bro. Ottis Parmer, Scripture 1 Cor. 11:23.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Bro. James McCarley, prayer by Bro. E. T. Sergeant.

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each church in our association who supported the children's home this past year. I feel our contributions are going for a worthy cause. Although, I do feel we could do more in the future to benefit the home. I would like to see each church take an interest in supporting this cause on a monthly basis, if possible and invite each church to visit and show their interest and concern.

Our contributions this past year were approximately \$1,880.00. There are now 24 children in the children's home.

Thank you for the confidence you showed in allowing me to be your trustee this past year.

Bro. Harold Shotts

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

Short talk by Bro. Randall Tice.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business beg your leave to report as follows:

We recommend we amend Item 1 to read: Clerk to be paid \$35.00, Asst. Clerk \$30.00.

We recommend we adopt Items 1 thru 6, amend item 7 to read: Opposing all drugs and liquor traffic.

We recommend we adopt Items 8 thru 15, drop Item 16 and adopt Items 17 and 18.

Move in order to accept report as read, reread and adopt item by item. Carried.

Report was reread and each recommendation was adopted as recommended by Business Committee.

Item 1. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$35.00 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, \$30.00; for their services. The clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribute them.

CHURCHS	PASTORS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	RECEIVED	DISMISSED	DECEASED	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS
ANTIOCH	WISE HOLCOMB	45		1	2	\$109.00	\$110.00		
BALLARD	HUBERT GARDNER	41	15			\$4,020.32	\$400.00	\$21,000.00	\$3,163.20
BARNESVILLE	WILLIAM ATKINS	162	8	4	7	\$7,000.00	\$310.26	\$65,000.00	\$2,810.40
BEAR CREEK	ELMER LEE STEWART	50	1			\$3,751.17	\$400.00	\$25,000.00	\$1,759.50
COOPER	JOHNNY SEXTON	216	7		4	\$8,905.00	\$460.00	\$30,000.00	
COBB TOWN	MAC COMPTON	36		1		\$255.00	\$100.00	\$7,000.00	\$200.00
FAIRVIEW	JACK HARDER	165	1	1	1	\$5,950.23	\$557.00	\$50,000.00	\$2,597.67
LIBERTY	OSCAR SMITH	15		2		\$947.50	\$225.00	\$7,230.00	\$500.00
LOVE JOY	DELAHOUS MILLER	44	4	1	2	\$832.00	\$107.00	\$7,650.00	
MT. CALVARY	JIMMY REESE	32	7			\$3,120.00	\$300.00	\$6,000.00	\$126.01
MT. HOPE	RANDALL TICE	177	8	5		\$6,017.44	\$510.00	\$30,000.00	\$268.07
NEW CENTER POINT	DALE FORD	77	8			\$3,561.59	\$572.26	\$25,000.00	\$696.33
NEW HOPE	J. E. CHEEK	35	1	1		\$650.00	\$100.00	\$8,000.00	\$80.00
NEW SALEM	W. C. RAYBURN	65	2	2	1	\$1,486.53	\$150.00		
PLEASANT RIDGE	DUANE TAYLOR	9	10		2	\$10,800.00	\$360.00	\$40,000.00	\$102.20
PLEASANT SITE	GILLIE PARRISH	86	4	1	4	\$5,020.00	\$175.00	\$40,000.00	
ROCKY GROVE	OTTIS PARMER	56	6	2	3	\$2,810.47	\$230.00	\$25,000.00	\$37.31
ROCKY TOP	GURLIE ROBERTS	117	4			\$3,528.00	\$410.68	\$50,000.00	\$2,199.80
SOUTHSIDE	E. T. SARGENT	71	5	1	2	\$4,917.05	\$150.00		\$8,303.30
SPLUNGE	CONRAD WHITSON	51	1		1	\$3,674.18	\$95.00	\$33,000.00	\$3,367.00
UNION RIDGE	ROY BARNES	150	2		2	\$4,688.38	\$200.00	\$16,500.00	\$1,745.80

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 intoxication 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 Savior, 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 poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christians 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 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 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.

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 wherewith 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; Tim 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ, who died for him, but as the scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them, because they believe not in the name of the Holy Begotten Son of God, unbelief, therefore, being the use why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follow 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 own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44,65; Psalms 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; 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 up on 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; II Peter 2:1-2; II Thess. 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. 19:26.

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 Righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God so that god knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, but not having decreed any person to everlasting life 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, 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, 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.

RULES FOR THE PREACHERS

1. All Minsters 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 teaching of the Free Will Baptist, according to the Articles of Faith.
5. All ministers shall be required to support and stand byboards 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 preform.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
2. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the opening of each regular session.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address the Moderator and when recognized he shall proceed.
4. No person shall be interrupted while speaking by anyone except by the Moderator and not by the Moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.
5. The person speaking must adhere to the subject in question and shall not use words of personal reflection.
6. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association and not more than five minutes each time.
7. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.
8. No person shall address another except by the appellation of brother or sister.

9. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
10. The names of all ministers, deacons and delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as deemed necessary by the Moderator.
11. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it. Those failing to do so shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.
12. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator accordingly 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 suffrage of the church in the absence of the Pastor. The moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there 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. 18:15-17.
7. All business brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel-like order shall be attended to by the church, unless withdrawn by mover.

8. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and if two arise at the same time the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

9. No member shall speak twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at the time.

10. It shall be the duty of all churches' members to be present at all church meetings, to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the Moderator or any member of the church who desires the mind of the whole church.

11. If any member shall remain silent during the transcripture 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.

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 fraction 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 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.

MENTS	MINUTE FUND	ORPHANAGE	LITERATURE	ORDAINED MINISTERS	DEACONS	MISSIONS	LEAGUE OR C.T.S.	NUMBER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	TEACHERS	PRAYER MEETING BIBLE STUDY	MISCELLANEOUS	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
\$15.00				1				1				J. M. HOWELL
\$35.00		\$360.00	2	3			45	4	X	\$557.69		DICK GILLILAND
\$50.00	\$86.17	\$1,367.94	1	7	\$40.00		85	8	X	\$2,977.76		HERSHEL EMERSON
	\$30.00			5		65	50	5		\$870.08		TRUMAN SCOTT
\$50.00	\$337.28	\$573.83		4	\$1,069.79		125	7	X			EDWARD GILMORE
\$25.00			1	1		50	20	2				RALPH COMPTON
\$35.00	\$576.64	\$680.60	3	7			95	9	X	\$3,216.70		MACK STIDHAM
\$25.00		\$56.00	1	2	\$100.00		23	1		\$100.00		
		\$40.00	2	3				2		\$271.48		HENRY PEARCE
\$25.00	\$75.00	\$146.89	2	1			43	5	X	\$1,170.41		DAVID LEMONS
\$25.00	\$522.87	\$332.79	4	3				5		\$3,486.85		CHARLES COCHRAN
\$25.00	\$130.00	\$297.54	2	4			60	5	X	\$2,399.14		BOBBY PUCKETT
\$15.00		\$102.04		1			25	2				C. D. PADEN
\$33.29			1	2			31	3				DAVID GILLILAND
\$50.00	\$280.76	\$462.55	1	5	\$76.57		70	6		\$9,818.94		BILLY COMPTON
\$25.00	\$128.00	\$305.04	2	7			76	5		\$2,838.64		DAVID IRVIN
\$20.00	\$15.00	\$230.27	6	3		27	45	4		\$253.22		COY TUCKER
\$40.00	\$442.37	\$367.36	3	3		35	50	5		\$1,434.76		ROYCE COOPER
\$25.00		\$377.13		3			41	5		\$2,517.38		RAY WEEKS
\$25.00	\$100.00	\$142.80	1	3			27	4		\$289.11		J. W. VANN
\$25.00	\$23.30	\$698.17		4				6	X			GLENN CRAWFORD

- 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 and Saturday 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 we go on record opposing all drug and 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 do not ordain any ministers with two living wives nor his wife with two living husbands.
- Item 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.
- Item. 12. We recommend that each church letter to the Association remain the same as was adopted in church conference.
- Item 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.
- Item 14. We recommend we abide by the National Treaties.
- Item 15. We recommend we adopt the Roberts Rule's of Order as parliamentary procedure of this association.
- Item 16. Dropped.
- Item 17. We recommend we have a standing Ordaining Council to be appointed at the close of each session.
- Item 18. We recommend that a youth director be appointed to establish a young people's program in our association.

Song led by Bro. Dale Ford. Short talk also by Bro. Charles Yeilding.

Bro. Mac Compton appointed to Ordaining Council by Moderator in Bro. Shotts place

Move in order to discharge Business Committee. Carried.

Short talk by Bro. Marvin Winsett. Special songs by Bobby and Joann Cook.

Short talk by Bro. Jimmy Howell.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Duane Taylor speak for deceased members.

Move and second to accept report and discharge committee. Carried.

Saturday morning devotional by Bro. Roy Barnes, 1 Cor. 1:10.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. James McCarley.

Saturday morning message by Bro. Conrad Whitson, Matt. 28; Duet. 28. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Jimmy Howell.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. Larry Davis, prayer by Bro. W. C. Rayburn.

Special song by Bro. William Atkins. Short message by Bro. Duane Taylor in honor of our deceased members. 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

Item 11 of Business read. We recommend that the names of the ministers absent last year without cause be read again and unless they are present by person or letter at this session be dropped according to item 11 in our minutes.

(Ministers absent without cause: Bro. Gary Gardner, Bro. Dallas Gilliland, Bro. Charles Lindley, Bro. Michael Lindley.)

We recommend that those absent this year without cause be read and carried over to the next year and unless present by letter or person be dropped at next years session according to Item 11 in our minutes.

(These are: Bro. Hudson Burleson, Bro. J. E. Cheek, Bro. Bud Pugh, and Bro. Williard Westbrooks.)

We recommend that all ministers be given a card of standing for next year except those who are dropped this year.

Move in order to accept report as read. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We recommend Bro. Mickey Crane's name be dropped from Associational Minutes according to his request by letter to association.

Move in order to accept as read. Carried.

MOVE IN ORDER: ANY BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THIS BODY MUST COME THROUGH THE BUSINESS COMM. ALL REQUESTS TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Moderator..... Bro. Ghillie Parrish
- Assistant Moderator..... Bro. Gurlie Roberts
- Clerk and Treasurer..... Bro. J. C. Hood
- Assistant Clerk and Treasurer..... Sis. Shirley Black
- Associational Pastor..... Bro. Oscar Gardner
- Trustee to Children's Home..... Bro. Larry Shotts

Delegates to State Association: Bro. Victor Ballard, Sis. Verda Dobbs, Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge.

Delegates to Vernon Association: Bro. Gurlie Roberts, Bro. Dale Ford.

The next Associational Session will convene with Pleasant Site on Friday and Friday night and with Southside on Saturday.

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

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

STANDING CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. O. C. Mitchell, Bro. Truman Scott.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Duane Taylor, Bro. Dale Ford, Bro. W. C. Rayburn.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Lon Gunnin, Bro. J. M. Howell.

Offering for Children's Home Foster Parent Plan, \$101.73.

Youth Directors: Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Larry Davis.

Move in order to grant Bro. Edgar Lee Childers a letter of good standing.
Carried.

Move in order to adjourn until Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1979.

Dismissed by Bro. Gurlie Roberts.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Moderator (Donated to Association)	\$ 15.00
Paid Asst. Mod. (Donated to Association)	10.00
Paid Clerk & Treasurer	40.00
Paid Asst. Clerk & Treas.	30.00
State Fees	105.00
Expense	40.00
Printing of Minutes (Est.)	400.00
Total Disbursements	615.00
Amount in Bank	152.32
Received in Minute Fund	603.32
Total on Hand	755.64
Less Disbursements	615.00
Balance	\$140.64

NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH - Bro. J. M. Howell

BALLARD - Bro. J. R. Kerr, Bro. Iris Mills, Bro. Wendell Giddy.

BARNESVILLE - Bro. Charlie Parmer, Bro. Gus Ferguson, Bro. Fred Stidham,
Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Dwayne Rye, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Wayne
Williams.

BEAR CREEK - Bro. Truman Scott, Bro. Henry Grissom, Bro. Lon Gunnin.
 COBBTOWN - Bro. Hubert May.
 COOPER - Bro. Edward Gilmore, Bro. Jerry Ray Cooper, Bro. Jack Pollard,
 Bro. Burley Finch.
 FAIRVIEW - Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Bernice Shotts, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro.
 Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Harold Shotts, Bro. Talmadge Shotts, Bro. Denver
 Shotts.
 LIBERTY - Bro. John Lynch, Bro. Odis Childers.
 LOVE JOY -
 MT. CALVARY - Bro. Luard Kizzire.
 MT. HOPE - Bro. J. D. Kelley, Bro. O. C. Mitchell, Bro. Gary Yeilding.
 NEW CENTER POINT - Bro. C. L. Scott, Bro. D. L. Brown, Bro. Wayne
 Puckett, Bro. Lester Ford.
 NEW HOPE - Bro. Robert Avery.
 NEW SALEM - Bro. W. W. Gilliland, Bro. W. D. Walton.
 PLEASANT RIDGE - Bro. Elma Hugh Taylor, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey
 Crowe, Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Alfred Jones.
 PLEASANT SITE - Bro. Sam Nix, Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro. Vester Watson,
 Bro. Don Nix, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Hudon Stone, Bro. Orville Scogin.
 ROCKY GROVE - Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Travis D. Hall, Bro. Redus
 McKay.
 ROCKY TOP - Bro. Royce Cooper, Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Leonard
 Howell.
 SOUTHSIDE - Bro. John Moore, Bro. Joe Rye, Bro. Ray Weeks.
 SPLUNGE - Bro. J. W. Vann, Bro. Clovis Blaylock, Bro. J. C. Palmer.
 UNION RIDGE - Bro. Lynn Knight, Bro. Johnny 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	Jane Cook, Rt. 2, Box 36, Hackleburg, Al. 35564
COBB TOWN	Vernie Compton, Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
COOPER	Burley Finch, Rt. 1, Detroit, Al. 35552
FAIRVIEW	Jack Lindsey, Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
LIBERTY	Stella Lynch, Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Al. 35564
LOVEJOY	Henry Pearce, Rt. 3, Hamilton, Al. 35570
MT. CALVARY	Pat Reese, Box 754, Winfield, Al. 35594
MT. HOPE	James McCarley, Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
NEWCENTER POINT	Ruth Vann, Rt. 2, Box 12, Sulligent, Al. 35586
NEW HOPE	Ada Tice, Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
NEW SALEM	Sherry Gilliland, Hamilton, Al. 35570

PLEASANT RIDGE	Dewey Crowe, Hamilton, Al. 35570
PLEASANT SITE	Shirley Millican, Rt. 2, Box 32, Detroit, Al. 35552
ROCKY GROVE	Charlotte Hall, Box 583, Hamilton, Al. 35570
ROCKY TOP	Shirley Black, Rt. 1, Box 30, Hackleburg, Al. 35564
SOUTHSIDE	Wayne Miles, Rt. 2, Box 203, Winfield, Al. 35594
SPLUNGE	Faye Northington, Greenwood Springs, Ms. 38848
UNION RIDGE	Grace Ray, Rt. 1, Box 280, Sulligent, Al. 35586

MINISTERS NAMES & ADDRESSES

Ambers Aldridge	465-9121	Rt. 1, Brilliant, Al. 35548
William Atkins	468-2423	Rt. 2, Guin, Al. 35563
C. C. Berryhill	256-8225	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Ms. 38848
Hudson Burleson	921-2473	Rt. 3, Hamilton, Al. 35570
J. E. Cheek	993-4350	Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, Al. 35581
Jimmy Mac Compton	921-2925	Claremont Dr. S.W., Hamilton, Al. 35570
Bobby Cook		Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Dale Ford	698-9620	Sulligent, Al. 35586
Hubert Gardner	921-2008	Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Oscar Gardner		Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Al. 35564
Jack Harder	921-3711	Hamilton, Al. 35570
Jimmy Howell		Hackleburg, Al. 35564
Harlon Johnson		Hamilton, Al. 35570
E. C. Kelton	487-6047	Rt. 4, Box 582, Winfield, Al. 35594
Ottis Parmer		Rt. 1, Guin, Al. 35563
Ghillie Parrish		Box 154, Red Bay, Al. 35582
Bud Pugh		Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al. 35570
W. C. Rayburn	468-2223	Rt. 2, Guin, Al. 35563
Jimmy Reese	487-6395	Box 754, Winfield, Al. 35594
Billy Robbins		7140 Hobgood Rd., Fairburn, Ga. 30213
Gurlie Roberts	935-3789	Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Al. 35564
Johnny Sexton	921-2440	Rt. 1, Detroit, Al. 35552
Clay Shotts		Hamilton, Al. 35570
Oscar Smith		Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
E. T. Sergent		P. O. Box 805, Winfield, Al. 35594
Duane Taylor	921-2602	Rt. 4, Box 271, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Williard Westbrooks	797-1348	439 49th St. Moline, Ill. 61265
Marvin Winsett	921-3705	Rt. 1, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Conrad Whitson		Fayette, Al. 35555
Charles Yeilding	921-4428	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Noah Robertson, Rev. J. D. Dove, Rev. W. G. Howell, Rev. C. R. Puckett, Rev. J. B. Watts, Rev. I. K. Boyette, Rev. M. L. Nichols, Rev. U. G. Howell, Rev. Walter Colburn, Rev. L. V. Collier, Rev. Herdis Sullins, Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Rev. Bobby Jeffreys.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Bro. Floyd Cantrell, Sis. Maggie Palmer, Sis. Buna Carter, Sis. Pam Cantrell, Bro. Golden Ridings, Bro. J. C. Byrd, Sis. Addie Ballard, Sis. Blanche Pugh, Sis. Chloe Sanderson, Bro. Clarence Johnson, Sis. Nora Bell Johnson,, Bro. W. B. Lewis, Bro. Rickey Peoples, Bro. Freemon Colburn, Bro. Gip McKinney, Sis. Lennie Green, Sis. Mamie Keeton, Bro. Woodrow Streety, Sis. Hester Wiginton, Sis. Rosa Jones, Bro. Chris Thompson, Bro. Jim Holloway, Bro. Oll Thompson, Sis. Mozell Cason, Bro. Joe Shirey, Bro. Dee Umbers, Sis. Lucille Jones, Bro. Dave Robison, Bro. Clabe Loggins, Bro. R. V. Brazzell.



