

MINUTES
of the
Seventy Fifth Annual Session
of the
STATE LINE FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
of

MISSISSIPPI—ALABAMA

Held With
Pleasant Site Church
Friday, October 12, 1979
and
Southside Church
Saturday, October 13, 1979

OFFICERS

Rev. Gurley Roberts	Moderator
Rev. E. T. Sargent.....	Assistant Moderator
Bro. J. C. Hood.....	Clerk and Treasurer
Sis. Shirley Black.....	Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
Rev. Oscar Gardner.....	Associational Pastor
Bro. James McCarley.....	Trustee to Children's Home
Rev. Doyle Chandler.....	Youth Director

The next session will be held with Splunge, Friday and Friday night, and with Mt. Hope on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1979.

PROCEEDINGS

Session opened with song led by Bro. William Atkins, prayer by Bro. Oscar Smith.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reading of Rules of Decorum by Moderator.

APPOINTING DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. C. L. Scott, Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Joe Rye, Alt. Bro. Flura Shotts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Marvin Winsett, Bro. E. T. Sargent, Bro. Ottis Parmer.

READING CLERKS

Sis. Nancy McCarley, Sis. Beatrice Harris.

VISITING MINISTERS: Bro. Charlie McGee, Bear Creek; Bro. Roy Barnes, Vernon; Bro. Randall Tice, Bear Creek; Bro. Howard Simmons, East Miss.; Bro. Doyle Chandler, Vernon; Bro. Edward Puckett, Vernon.

Special Song by Bro. David Sexton and by Bro. Billy Robbins.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

We the Credential Committee have examined all church letters and found them in order. We recommend they be read.

Move to accept report and proceed with reading. Carried.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday morning Devotional; Bro. E. T. Sargent, Friday morning message, Bro. Gillie Parrish; Friday night Devotional, Bro. William Atkins, Friday night Message, Bro. Gurley Roberts; Saturday morning Devotional, Bro. Dale Ford, Saturday morning message, Bro. Conrad Whitson; Deceased members message, Bro. Jack Harder.

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

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS

AND

SEATING OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH-Bro. Taylor Peoples, Bro. Dank Winsett, Sis. Rosie Whitworth, Alt. Sis. Jessie Howell.

BALLARD-Bro. Victor Ballard, Bro. Dick Gilliland, Sis. Lilly Thompson, Alt. Sis. Bobbie Kerr.

BARNESVILLE-Bro. Ivon Boyett, Sis. Nancy McCarley, Sis. Manella Brown, Bro. G. O. Karr, Bro. Rayford Goggans, Alt. Sis. Stella Goggans, Alt. Sis. Jean Brown.

BEAR CREEK-Sis. Monell Gann, Sis. Lenan Engle, Sis. Susie McCarley.

COBBTOWN-Sis. Tince May, Sis. Johnnie May, Sis. Sherry Duke.

FAIRVIEW-Bro. Alfred Ballard, Sis. Betty Ballard.

LIBERTY-Sis. Lil Childers, Sis. Bertha Childers, Sis. Stella Lynch.

LOVE JOY-Bro. Dave Britt, Sis. Britt, Sis. McAnly, Alt. Sis. Martha Miller.

MT. CALVERY-Bro. David Lemons,, Sis. Maime Lemons, Sis. Ellen Kizzire, Alt. Sis. Virginia Hosch.

MT. HOPE-Sis. Ivey Collier, Bro. Rex McCarley, Bro. James McCarley, Bro. Billy Yeilding, Alt. Bro. Don Collier.

NEW CENTER POINT-Sis. Linda Ford, Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Pearl Brown, Sis. Wanda Blaylock.

NEW HOPE-Sis. Ovaleen Avery, Sis. Rita Cheek, Sis. Vona Williams, Alt. Sis. Ada Tice.

NEW SALEM-Sis. Jewel Stone, Sis. Ellie Lindsey, Sis. Ethelene Brown, Alt. Sis. Vida Gilliland.

PLEASANT RIDGE-Bro. Robert Cochran, Bro. Dorsey Taylor, Bro. Bro. Steven Harris, Alt. Sis. Barbara Taylor.

PLEASANT SITE-Bro. Verlon Watson, Sis. Alma Mills, Sis. Eva Lou Watson, Alt. Sis. Linda Barnes.

ROCKY GROVE- Sis. Burton Thompson, Sis. Eva Plunkett, Sis. Betty Tucker, Alt. Bro. Coy Tucker, Sis. Wilma Tucker, Sis. Charlotte Hall.

ROCKY TOP-Bro. Allen Davis, Sis. Viva Frederick, Sis. Myrtle Wiginton, Sis. Lydia Howell, Alt. Sis. Teresa Black.

SOUTHSIDE-Bro. Bobby Benson, Bro. Ken Reynold, Sis. Florence Harbin.

SPLUNGE-Sis. Linda Shields, Sis. Linda Frye, Sis. Faye Northington, Alt. Sis. Faye Blaylock.

UNION RIDGE-Sis. Grace Ruching, Rushie Boyette, Sis. Linda Clifton, Bro. Glenn Crawford.

Friday morning Devotional Bro. E. T. Sargent; Jer. 6:30-31. Friday Morning Message Bro. Gillie Parrish; John (4:1-3, Matt. 16; Phil. 3:20, Rev. 21.)

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Clay Shotts.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. Duane Taylor.

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

Move in order to dismiss Reading Clerks. Carried.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL-Sis. Alma Mills, Sis. Viva Frederick, Sis. Lilly Thompson.

DECEASED MEMBERS-Sis. Olie Whitworth, Bro. Dorsey Taylor, Bro. G. O. Karr.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE-Sis. Beatrice Scott, Sis. Lydia Howell, Bro. Allen Davis.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE-Bro. Verlon Watson, Sis. Linda Shields, Sis. Manella Brown.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE-Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Marvin Winsett, Moderator, Clerk.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We have examined the letter and recommend that Bro. David Sexton go before the Ordaining Council.

Move to accept as read. Carried.

We the Credential Committee have examined letter and recommend Bro. Doyle Chandler go before the Ordaining Council.

Move to accept. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance committee have checked Association minute fund of the churches and find them in order. Balance from 1978, \$189.14, minute fund \$562.11.

Move to accept. Carried.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTORS REPORT

I, your Associational Pastor, for the past year would like to thank the association for the great privilege to be your Associational pastor.

It has been a great joy to visit again the churches and to see all the people again. I find a good Sunday School in all the churches. I also find an altar in the churches. All the pastors have welcomed us. I thank you and praise God for his Blessings above all. I received \$579.54. Thank you for the opportunity to preach and worship God with you all. May God Bless all of you.

Bro. Oscar Gardner.

Move to accept. Carried.

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

I want to thank each church who supported the Children's Home this past year. Our contributions were approximately \$1,645.00, plus other gifts. I hope each church will continue to show their interest and concern for a worthy cause. I want to thank also the youth in our association who gave \$100.00 from their youth rally fund. Thank you for allowing me to be your trustee this past year. Bro. Harold Shotts.

Move to accept. Carried.

Special song by Bro. Billy Robbins.

Moderator appointed Bro. Clay Shotts on Ordaining Council in Bro. Dale Ford's place.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee have checked all 20 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 Schools.

Move to accept report and discharge committee. Carried.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. E. T. Sargent. Special song by Bro. G. O. Karr and Sis. Nancy McCarley.

Short talk by Bro. Charlie McGee new pastor at Fairview.

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 Pet. 1:5-7.

Move to accept as read and discharge committee. Carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are thankful for the fellowship of the Christian people and the great interest of the Pleasant Site Church and Southside. We are also thankful for the warm welcome and the delicious food.

Move to accept report and table to reread at Southside tomorrow. Carried.

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We your committee on deceased members have checked the records and find that 13 members from our association have gone to heaven. We will miss them very much, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Move to accept as read and discharge committee. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We have examined Rev. David Sexton's letters and we find him in good standing. We recommend that Rev. David Sexton be received into this Association with full fellowship.

Move to accept as read. Carried.

We the Ordaining Council met with Bro. Doyle Chandler and recommend he be received in full fellowship in the association with a forthcoming letter from the Vernon Association.

Move to accept as read. Carried.

Move to accept Bro. David Sexton into full fellowship of the Association. Carried.

Move to accept Bro. Doyle Chandler into full fellowship with forthcoming letter. Carried.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Ottis Parmer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Bro. David Sexton, prayer by Bro. Dale Ford.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Document and Order of Business recommend:

1. Our church covenant read the same as our National Treaties.
2. We recommend we amend Item 11 to read; His name be dropped from the roll of ministers in the minutes and he not receive a card of standing.
3. We recommend we adopt as an Item of business the move last year; "Any business coming before this body must come through the Business Committee. All request to be submitted in writing".

4. We recommend we close our church year the 1st Sunday in September and that all church letters be received by the Association at least 15 days before the association convenes.

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

Report was reread and each recommendation was adopted as recommended by Business Committee, all other items of business adopted as they read in minutes.

- ITEM 1: We recommend that the clerk be paid \$35.00 plus expenses for printing of minutes and postage 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.

- 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 name be dropped from the roll of ministers in the minutes and he not receive a card of standing.

- 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 service 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: We recommend that any business coming before this body must come through the Business Committee. All request to submitted in writing.
- 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.
- ITEM 19: We recommend we close our church year the 1st Sunday in September and that all church letters be received by the association at least 15 days before the association convenes.

Short Talk by Bro. E. T. Sargent.

Move to discharge Business Committee. Carried.

Move to discharge Finance committee. Carried.

Short message in honor of our deceased members by Bro. Jack Harder.

Visiting Ministers: Bro. Dennis Heath, Jasper; Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Vernon; Bro. Quinneth Haney, Vernon; Bro. Delmus Miller, Vernon; Bro. Randall Tice, Bear Creek; Bro. Roy Barnes, Vernon; Bro. Wise Holcomb, Jasper.

INTERMISSION

Special song by Bro. Maxwell Gibbs. Saturday morning Devotional, Bro. Dale Ford, Rev. 3:7.

Saturday morning message, Bro. Conrad Whitson, Rev. 3:7-15.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Wise Holcomb.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rereading of Appreciation Committee report. Move to accept as read and discharge committee. Carried.

Special songs by Bro. Billy Robbins and by Bro. G. O. Karr and Sis. Nancy McCarley.

Widows of deceased ministers recognized: Sis. L. V. Collier, Sis. C. R. Puckett, Sis. G. C. Lawrence.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. Bud Pugh, Bro. Hudson Burleson, Bro. Arvin Stidham names be dropped from the roll call of ministers due to the fact they have failed to report to the association for 2 years in a row according to Item 11.

Move in order to accept. Carried.

We recommend that the names of the ministers absent this year without a letter or in person be carried in the minutes and if not here next year in person or by letter their names be dropped according to Item 11.

Bro. C. C. Berryhill, Bro. Jimmy Howell, Bro. Harlan Johnson, Bro. E. C. Kelton.

Move in order to accept. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Bro. David Sexton, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Conrad Whitson.

Bro. C. L. Scott to replace Bro. Harris on Credential Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator.	Bro. Gurley Roberts
Asst. Moderator.	Bro. E. T. Sargent
Clerk and Treasurer.	Bro. J. C. Hood
Asst. Clerk and Treasurer.	Sis. Shirley Black
Associational Pastor.	Bro. Oscar Gardner
Trustee to Children's Home.	Bro. James McCarley
Youth Director.	Bro. Doyle Chandler

Delegates to State Association; Sis. Bonnie Sargent.

Delegates to Vernon Association; Bro. Gurley Roberts, Bro. Dale Ford.

The Next Associational session will convene with Splunge on Friday and Friday night and with Mt. Hope on Saturday next year.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Robert Avery, Bro. Clay Shotts.

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

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

Move in order to write check for \$100.00 to Bro. Hubert Gardner.

There was a suggestion made to place an offering plate outside door for offering for Bro. Hubert Gardner. Received \$81.00.

Offering for Children's Home Foster Parent Plan. \$111.43.

Move to adjourn until Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1980.

Dismissed by Song and Prayer.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Asst. Moderator	\$10.00
Paid Clerk	40.00
Paid Asst. Clerk	30.00
	State Fees 100.00
	Expense 40.00
Printing of Minutes (tax included)	321.00
Donation to Bro. Hubert Gardner	<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements	641.00
Amount in Bank	189.14
Minute Fund	<u>562.11</u>
Total	751.25
Less Disbursements	<u>641.00</u>
Balance	\$110.25

NAMES OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH-Bro. J. M. Howell.

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

BARNESVILLE-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,
Bro. Clarence Engle, Bro. Roland Williams.

COBBTOWN-Bro. Hubert May.

CHURCHS	PASTORS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	RECEIVED	DISHESSED	DECEASED	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS	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
ANTIOCH	WISE HOLCOMB	43	1		2	\$823.47	\$119.00			\$15.00				1				1			J. M. HOWELL
BALLARD	HUBERT GARDNER	41				\$3,942.45	\$450.00	\$24,163.00	1,924.51	\$35.00		\$228.98	2	3			45	3	X	\$448.17	WENDELL GIDDY
BARNESVILLE	WILLIAM ATKINS	161	6	4	3	\$8,325.00	\$200.00	\$78,000.00	\$7,693.02	\$50.00	\$304.22	\$1,355.37	1	6			89	7	X	\$4,266.34	HERSHEL EMERSON
BEAR CREEK	ELMER LEE STEWART	65				\$3,349.96	\$325.00	\$25,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$216.45		5			65	5	X	\$1,271.79	HENRY GRISSOM
COBB TOWN	WILLIAM NORRIS	36					\$35.00	\$7,000.00		\$25.00	\$25.00		1	1			21	1		\$300.00	RALPH COMPTON
FAIRVIEW	CHARLIE MCGEE	178	14		1	\$6,745.59	\$803.30	\$50,000.00	6,280.01	\$35.00	\$703.01	\$369.36	4	7		X	95	9	X	\$2,495.63	CURTIS ALLEN
LIBERTY	OSCAR SMITH	18	3			\$550.00	\$150.00	\$7,230.00	\$605.00	\$25.00		\$18.87	1	2			18	3			
LOVE JOY	DELMUS MILLER	62				\$880.00	\$79.29	\$600.00		10.00		\$46.00	2	1			16	2			HENRY PEARCE
MT. CALVARY	QUINETH HANLEY	32	6	6		\$3,370.00	\$320.00	\$6,000.00	\$229.18	\$25.00		\$292.40	1	1			48	4	X	\$26.21	JIMMY RIESE
MT. HOPE	RANDALL TICE	177	6	3	1	\$6,630.70	\$555.00	\$30,000.00	\$511.41	\$25.00	\$14.23	\$323.05	2	3				6	X	\$3,088.75	BILLY YIELDING
NEW CENTER POINT	DALE FORD	77	4			\$3,520.00	\$395.00	\$25,000.00	\$1,835.79	\$25.00	\$133.00	\$259.00	2	4	\$371.00		60	5	X	\$1,846.54	WADE VANN
NEW HOPE	MAC COMPTON	37	2			\$762.00	\$120.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$15.00	35.00	\$113.63	1	1			25	2	X		CECIL PADEN
NEW SALEM	W. C. RAYBURN	60				\$1,620.86	\$250.00	\$5,000.00		\$35.00		\$192.24	1	3			31	3	X	\$130.00	W.W. GILLILAND
PLEASANT RIDGE	DUANE TAYLOR	100	26	1		\$12,425.00	\$420.00	\$50,000.00	\$51.04	\$52.11	\$197.42	\$688.93	1	5	\$165.00		75	6	X	\$9,585.11	HARRY WILLIAMS
PLEASANT SITE	GILLIE PARRISH	90	5		3	\$5,495.00	\$205.00	\$40,000.00		\$25.00	\$80.07	\$320.95	1	7			76	4	X	\$2,521.49	ORVILLE SCOGINS
ROCKY GROVE	OTTIS PARMER	55	3			\$2,916.80	\$340.00	\$40,000.00	\$10,475.66	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$341.12	4	3			45	5		\$829.86	COY TUCKER
ROCKY TOP	GURLIE ROBERTS	118	4	3		\$4,893.31	\$228.50	\$50,000.00	\$1,147.76	\$40.00	\$568.86	\$338.63	3	3		X	40	5	X	\$2,141.20	ROYCE COOPER
SOUTHSIDE	E. T. SARGENT	73	4	1		\$4,600.00	\$300.00	\$200,000.00	\$878.38	\$25.00	\$82.00	\$367.11	1	3		X	37	6	X	\$2,674.57	JOE RYE
SPLUNGE	CONRAD WHITSON	66	17	1	1	\$4,404.50	\$325.00	\$35,000.00	\$3,460.28	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$234.20	1	4		X	32	4	X	840.28	RICKY NORTHNGTO
UNION RIDGE	ROY BARNES	80	5		2	\$5,505.67	\$200.00	\$19,780.00	\$3,289.27	\$25.00	25.00	\$473.27		3			35	4	X	\$668.16	LARRY BUTLER
		1569	106	19	13	80760.31	5820.09	702,773.00	40,381.31	\$62.11	\$3,337.81	\$6,179.56	29	66	\$536.00		853	85		\$3,634.10	

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-Bro. Henry Pearce.

MT. CALVARY-Bro. Luard Kizzire.

MT. HOPE-Bro. J. D. Kelly, Bro. O.T. 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, Bro. D. E.
Brown.

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. 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 Alma Lou Bowen, Hackleburg, Al. 35564

COBB TOWN Ola Mae Norris, Guin, Al. 35563

FAIRVIEW Jeanette Carter, Rt. 5, Hamilton, Al. 35570

LIBERTY Stella Lynch, Rt. 2 Hackleburg, Al. 35564

LOVEJOY Henry Pearce, Rt. 3, Hamilton, Al. 35570

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MT. HOPE Phyllis McCarley, Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570

NEW CENTER POINT Ruth Vann, Rt. 2, Box 12, Sulligent, Al. 35586

NEW HOPE Ada Tice, Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570

NEW SALEM Ethelene Brown, Rt. 5, Hamilton, Al. 35570

PLEASANT RIDGE Dewey Crowe, Hamilton, Al. 35570

PLEASANT SITE	Shirley Millican, Rt. 2, Box 32, Detroit, Al. 35552
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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, Miss. 38848
UNION RIDGE	Grace Ray, Rt. 1, Box 280, Sulligent, Al. 35586

MINISTERS NAMES & ADDRESSES

William Atkins	468-2423	Rt. 2, Guin, Al. 35563
C.C. Berryhill	256-8225	Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, Ms. 38848
Doyle Chandler		Hamilton, Al. 35570
J. E. Cheek	993-4350	R. 3, Phil Campbell, Al. 35581
Jimmy Mac Compton	921-2925	Claremont Dr. S. W., Hamilton, Al. 35570
Larry Davis		Rt. 5, 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
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Gurlie Roberts	935-3789	Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Al. 35564
David Sexton		Brilliant, Al.
Clay Shotts		Hamilton, Al. 35570
Oscar Smith		Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570
E. T. Sargent		P.O. Box 805, Winfield, Al. 35594
Duane Taylor	921-2602	Rt. 4, Box 271, Hamilton, Al. 35570
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Marvin Winsett	921-3705	Rt. 1, Hamilton, Al. 35570
Conrad Whitson	932-6077	Fayette, Al.
Charles Yeilding	921-4428	Rt. 2, Hamilton, Al. 35570

DECEASED MEMBERS

Sis. Hazel Cantrell, Jettie Richie, Sis. Ophelia Knight, Bro. Chess Byrd, Bro. Charlie Palmer, Bro. Paul Gilliland, Bro. James Cochran, Bro. Freeman Colburn, Sis. Fleeta Warren, Sis. Annie Mae Thompson, Sis. Mary Jane Satterwhite, Sis. Winona Gideon, Bro. John Myers, Sis. Fleeta Taylor.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Noah Robertson, Rev. J. C. 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 to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to 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 the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to 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, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises 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 educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation 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 tasting 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 owe their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovrein 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 out 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 mode 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 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 teaching of the Free Will Baptist, according to the Articles of Faith.

5. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by 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 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 reprovved 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 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 transaction of any business of the church and afterward complain of what was done, the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offering shall be dealt with accordingly.
12. The members of the church shall not talk about one another slanderously, nor shall give report of circulation that may arise again at any church meeting, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else and any member doing otherwise shall be dealt with accordingly.
13. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present at any regular or called conference, providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven (7) members or more.
14. Any member or minister of the church who talks about his brother or sister slanderously shall be dealt with according as the church sees fit.
15. We recommend that each church in this Association have as many as two Sunday services each month.
16. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference and strictly enforced by the Moderator.

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 cent 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.