

MINUTES
of the
Seventy Ninth Annual Session
of
State Line
Free Will Baptist Association
of
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:

Ballard Church
Friday, October 10, 1983
and
Mt. Calvary
Saturday, October 11, 1983

OFFICERS

Moderator Bro. Hubert Gardner
Assistant Moderator Bro. David Sexton
Clerk & Treasurer Bro. Jimmy Avery
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer Sis. Faye Avery
Trustee to Children's Home Bro. Larry Shotts
Associational Pastor Bro. Gurlie Roberts

The next session will be held with Bethel on Friday and Friday night and with
Fairview on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1984.

PROCEEDINGS

Session opened with song led by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Jimmy Avery. Prayer by Bro. Duane Taylor.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Clerk welcomed the delegates and declared this the 79th Annual State Line Association in session and introduced Moderator, Bro. Danny Ballard. The Moderator welcomed everybody and read the Rules of Decorum. He then introduced the officers of this Association.

Welcomed visiting ministers: Bro. William Wise Holcomb, Jasper Association; Bro. Jerry Plott, Bear Creek Association; Bro. Ronald Watson, Jasper Association; Bro. Dennis Kizzire, Vernon Association; Bro. Delmus Miller, Vernon Association.

Bro. Roy Humphries, pastor of Ballard FWB Church, welcomed everyone to the service.

Appointed Devotional Committee and Financial Committee.

Devotional Committee - Bro. Elmer Lee Steward, Bro. Clarence Engle, Bro. Odean Mills.

Financial Committee - Bro. Ernest Brown, Bro. Clovis Blaylock, Bro. Lynn Knight.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We, your Credential Committee, have examined all church letters except Rocky Grove and Mt. Calvary, and find them in order, except New Salem, New Hope and Bear Creek, and find the Annual Session date is listed wrong.

Flura Shotts, Wayne Williams, Royce Cooper

Move to accept letters with changes and seat Rocky Grove's members pending receipt of church letter.

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS

Antioch - Bro. Taylor Peoples, Sis. Jessis Howell, Sis. Deloris Holcomb; Alt. Sis. Sue Williams

Ballard - Bro. Paul Roberts, Jr., Bro. Dick Gilliland, Sis. Inez Watts; Alt. Sis. Robbie Humphries.

Barnesville - Sis. Betty Prestage, Sis. Muriel Collins, Sis. JoAnn Williams, Bro. Dewey Allen; Alts. Sis. Velma Allen, Sis. Leona Emerson.

Bear Creek - Bro. Hoyt Bowen, Bro. Don Barnwell, Bro. Troy Mason, Sis. Estelle Scott.

Bethel - Sis. Jeannie Sexton, Sis. Tessie Smith, Sis. Murrill Warren.

Fairview - Sis. Alice Carter, Sis. Betty Shotts, Sis. Jeanette Carter.

Liberty - Bro. Randy Chandler, Sis. Janice Chandler; Alt. Carolyn Lindley.

Love Joy - Sis. Iva Shaw, Sis. Etta Britt, Sis. Annie Lou Miller; Alt. Sis. Tammy Stults.

Mt. Calvary - Bro. Lonnie Barnes, Bro. Tommy Barnes, Bro. Hollie B. Spiller; Alts. Bro. Stanley Silas, Bro. Andrea Kelly.

Mt. Hope - Bro. James McCarley, Sis. Iva Collier, Bro. Bobby Yielding, Bro. Don Henson; Alt. Bro. Charles Cochran.

New Centerpoint - Sis. Mildred Tate, Sis. Connie Tate, Bro. Jim Northington.

New Hope - Sis. Ovalene Avery, Sis. Vona Williams, Sis. Bea Delano; Alt. Bro. Henry Tice.

New Salem - Bro. Gaydrell Carter, Sis. Minnie Mae Gilliland, Sis. Jewel Stone; Alt. Sis. Ellie Lindsey.

Pleasant Ridge - Sis. Beatrice Harris, Bro. Dorsey Taylor, Bro. Steven Harris, Sis. Nellie Lay; Alt. Sis. Charlotte Childers.

Pleasant Site - Sis. Alma Mills, Sis. Eva Lou Watson, Sis. Evelyn Mills; Alt. Sis. Gladys Crow.

Rocky Grove - Sis. Redus McKay, Sis. Travis Hall; Alt. Sis. Virginia Parmer.

Rocky Top - Sis. Viva Frederick, Sis. Ernestine Frederick, Sis. Bobbie King, Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Alt.

Southside - Sis. Ola Carter, Bro. Velmon Carter; Alt. Sis. Maxine Goodwin.

Splunge - Bro. Sam Phillips, Sis. Carolyn Vann, Sis. Linda Shields; Alt. Sis. Gail Taylor.

Union Ridge - Sis. Donna Spencer, Sis. Wynette Knight, Bro. Garvin Taylor; Alt. Bro. David Knight

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

TO: The Mississippi - Alabama State Line Association

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we do not have a letter from Cobbtown to submit this year. We are trying with the help of God to get the church active again. Please pray for us that the Church will be a blessing in that community and by this time next year be active in the Association.

Your Brother in Christ

Bro. Allen Myrick, Pastor

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday Morning Devotional - Bro. William Atkins.

Friday Morning Message - Bro. Danny Ballard.

Friday Night Devotional - Bro. Holley Wayne Spiller.

Friday Night Message - Bro. Duane Taylor

Saturday Morning Devotional - Bro. Jay Sullins

Saturday Morning Message - Bro. Hubert Gardner

Deceased Members Message - Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

Devotional Committee - Bro. Elmer Steward, Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Clarence Engle

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Financial Committee, find on hand \$.95. Minutes cost \$11.54 more than listed in minutes. Amount in letters \$1245.00. Received from State Line Youth Fund \$283.99. Amount on hand \$1529.94.

We recommend the Clerk be reimbursed \$70.00 for flowers for Bro. J.M. Howell and Rev. O.S. Gardners' funerals. Move in order to accept.

Clovis Blaylock, Ernest Brown, Lynn Knight

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT

As your Association Pastor, I want to thank the Association for the privilege of serving you this past year.

I have visited all the churches in the State Line Association and visited some more than once and really enjoyed the good blessings I received.

I received \$965.63. May God bless each one.

Rev. Marvin Winsett

Move in order to accept.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

I would like to thank each church in the State Line Association for their support to the Children's Home this year, and ask each church to support the home. Thank you for allowing me to be your trustee this year.

Bro. James McCarley

Move in order to accept.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Business Committee - Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Committees - Bro. Robert Avery, Bro. Iris Mills, Bro. Dave Britt.

Sunday School Committee - Sis. JoAnn Williams, Sis. Robbie Humphries, Sis. Jessie Howell, Bro. Jim Northington, Sis. Iva Collier.

Deceased Members - Bro. Dewey Allen, Bro. Paul Roberts, Jr., Sis. Tessie Smith, Sis. Iva Shaw, Sis. Janice Chandler.

Temperance Committee - Sis. Carolyn Vann, Bro. Hoyt Bowen, Sis. Minnie Mae Gilliland, Sis. Vona Williams, Sis. Wynette Knight.

Appreciation Committee - Sis. Betty Prestage, Sis. Mildred Tate, Bro. Steven Harris, Sis. Ernestine Frederick, Sis. Alma Mills.

INTERMISSION

Sing by Bro. Hollie Wayne Spiller.

Prayer by Bro. Larry Shotts.

Appointed Bro. William Atkins to replace Bro. Gillie Parrish on the Ordaining Council.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We, your Credential Committee, have examined Mt. Calvary Church letter and find it in order.

Flura W. Shotts, Wayne Williams, Royce Cooper
Move in order to accept report. Carried. Letter read and delegates seated.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We, your Credential Committee, have examined these applications of Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Danny Short and Bro. John Allen Myrick, and recommend they go before the Ordaining Council.

Flura Shotts, Wayne Williams, Royce Cooper.
Move in order to accept. Carried.

Devotional conducted by Bro. William Atkins.

Special song by Bro. Billy Robbins.

Class song led by Bro. Jimmy Avery.

Morning message by Moderator - Bro. Danny Ballard. Text "*What Kind of People Are Christians?*" Scripture I Corinthians 3:9 and 10.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Jerry Plott.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer by Bro. Jack Harder.

A presentation concerning mission work given by Bro. Dennis Kizzire, Treasurer of the Mission Board.

Special song written and sung by Bro. Wise Holcomb.

Short testimony service conducted by the Moderator.

Song led by Bro. Hubert Gardner.

Prayer by Bro. Marvin Winsett.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are thankful for the fellowship of the Christian people and the great interest of the Ballard and Mt. Calvary churches. We are also thankful for the warm welcome and wonderful food. We ask that this be read at Mt. Calvary tomorrow. Move in order to accept. Carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Committee on Temperance, recommend that we read St. John 15:1-8 and Galations 5:17-21 and apply it to our daily lives. Move in order to accept. Carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee, have checked all letters from the churches of this Association and find that all have active Sunday Schools. We pray that they continue their work in the Lord. May God ever bless them. Move in order to accept as read. Carried.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

We, the Deceased Members Committee, have found that 32 of our brothers and sisters in Christ have gone on to be with our Lord. Certainly, we will miss them, but our loss in Heavens' gain. Move in order to accept. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Bro. John Allen Myrick be ordained today. Bro. Jack Harder to give the charge.

Chairman - David Sexton, William L. Atkins, Larry W. Shotts
Move in order to accept. Carried.

Song led by Bro. Elmer Lee Steward. Bro. Jack Harder gave charge to Bro. John Allen Myrick.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council, recommend we receive Bro. Charles Spencer into this Association by forthcoming letter from the Jasper Association. Carried.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend we receive Bro. Ray Edgar into this Association by forthcoming letter from the Jasper Association.

David Sexton, Larry Shotts, William L. Atkins

Carried.

Song led by Bro. Duane Taylor

Motion to adjourn until Friday night session. Carried.

Prayer by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by Bro. Duane Taylor, Bro. Jack Harder and Bro. Flura Shotts. Special song by Sis. Amelia Batchelder. Devotional by Bro. Larry Shotts. Special by Bro. & Sis. Hubert Gardner. Message - Bro. Duane Taylor. 24 participated in communion and feet washing.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Bro. Jack Harder and Bro. William Atkins. Prayer by Bro. Ottis Parmer. Moderator welcomed everyone and read Rules of Decourm. Seating of visiting Ministers - Bro. Wise Holcomb - Jasper Association. Reading of Rocky Grove Church letter by Clerk. Pastor of Mt. Calvary - Bro. Hollie Wayne Spiller, welcomed everyone. Special song by Bro. & Sis. David Sexton. Song led by Bro. Flura Shotts. Devotional Message by Bro. Jay Sullins - Psalms 133. Moderator gave opportunity for short testimony service. Song led by Bro. Jimmy Avery. Prayer by Bro. Gurlie Roberts. Message on Deceased Members - Bro. Edgar Lee Childers - Revelations 21.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Documents and Order of Business, recommend that we adopt Items 1 through 17 as laid down in our minutes, drop Item 18, adopt Items 19 through 21. Move to accept report as read, reread, and adopt item by item. Carried.

Item 4 - ammend to read, We recommend our Friday and Saturday Session begin at 9 o'clock and Friday night session begin at 7:00 p.m.

- Item 1:* We recommend that the clerk be paid \$35.00 plus expenses for printing of minutes and postage for Association 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 sessions begin at 9 o'clock, and Friday night session at 7:00 p.m.
- 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, the ERA, Abortion on Demand and homosexuality.
- 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 minister 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 association 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' Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure of this association.

- Item 16:* We recommend that any new business coming before this body must come through the Business Committee. All requests to be submitted in writing and signed.
- Item 17:* We recommend we have a standing Ordaining Council to be appointed by the Moderator at the close of each session.
- Item 18:* We recommend we close our church year the 1st Sunday in Sept. and that all church letters be received by the association at least 15 days before the association convenes.
- Item 19:* Any minister whose name has been dropped from the roll of ministers, if he wishes to be reinstated, to make his request to the Ordaining Council.
- Item 20:* We recommend that each church send \$1.00 per member for Association and Minute Fund.

INTERMISSION

Song led by Bro. Jimmy Avery and Bro. William Atkinson. Devotion by Bro. Hollie Wayne Spiller. Galations 2:20 and Paul 4:34. Special song by Bro. & Sis. David Sexton. Seating visiting members - Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Vernon Association; Bro. Edward Puckett, Vernon Association. Class song led by Bro. Jimmy Avery. Morning message by Bro. Hubert Gardner - Revelations 21 - "Seven New Thing." Prayer by Bro. Danny Short.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers and Bro. Allen Myrick. Prayer by Bro. Larry Wayne Davis. Special songs by Bro. Billy Robbins. Re-reading of Appreciation Committee Report. Accepted and committee discharged.

Motion to discharge all appointed committees. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that we receive Bro. Danny Short into this Association with forthcoming letter from the Little Brown Church (Mississippi Association)

David Sexton, William L. Atkins, Larry W. Shotts

Song led by Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. Jack Harder. Right hand of fellowship given to Bro. Danny Short. Moderator gave opportunity for short testimony service. Song led by Bro. Jay Sullins and Bro. Charlie McGee. Song led by Bro. Jimmy Avery.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that the Association drop Bro. Oscar Smith's name from its list of ministers based on Item 11 or Order of Business. Carried.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that the Association drop Bro.

Randy Bond's name from its list of ministers based on Item 11 of Order of Business. Carried.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that we issue a card of good standing to Sis. Sue Collier.

Ordaining Council - Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Jay Sullins, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

Credential Committee - Bro. Royce Cooper, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. J.R. Kerr.

Move to empower Clerk to write all necessary checks for all expenses. Carried.

Election of Officers - Moderator - Hubert Gardner

Assistant Moderator - David Sexton

Clerk - Treasurer - Jimmy Avery

Assistant Clerk - Treasurer - Faye Avery

Trustee to Children's Home - Larry Shotts

Associational Pastor - Gurlie Roberts

The next Association will be held on Friday and Friday night at Bethel and with Fairview on Saturday.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Final)

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that the Association drop Bro. James A. Burgess' name from its list of ministers based on Item 7 of the Rules of Preachers.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that all ministers in good standing with the Association be given a card of standing based on Item 9 of Documents and Order of Business. Carried

Bro. Hubert Gardner will be a delegate to the Jasper Association.

Bro. Ottis Parmer and Bro. Gurlie Roberts will be delegates to the Vernon Association.

Song led by all the ministers. Motion and second to adjourn until Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1984. Carried.

MINISTERS

Rev. William Atkins, Route 2, Guin, Alabama 35563 468-2423

Rev. Loyd Danny Ballard, Hamilton, Alabama 35570 921-9353

Rev. C.C. Berryhill, Route 1, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848

Rev. Doyle Chandler, Route 5, Hamilton, Alabama 35570

Rev. J.E. Cheek, Route 3, Phil Campbell, Alabama 35581 993-5578

Rev. Edgar Lee Childers

Rev. Larry Davis

Rev. Ray Edgar, Phil Campbell, Alabama 35581

Rev. Hubert Gardner, Route 4, Hamilton, Alabama 35570 921-2008

Rev. Redus Hall, P.O. Box 68, Gattman, MS 38844

Rev. Quineth Haney, Guin, Alabama 35563 468-3917

Rev. Jack Harder, Hamilton, Alabama 35570 921-3711

Rev. Jimmy Howell, Hackleburg, Alabama 35564
 Rev. Roy Humphries, Route 1, Box 28, Vina, Alabama 35593
 Rev. Charles Lindley, Hamilton, Alabama 35570
 Rev. Michael Lindley, Hamilton, Alabama 35570
 Rev. Charlie McGee, Route 5, Russellville, Alabama 35653
 Rev. Allen Myrick,
 Rev. Ottis Parmer, Route 2, Guin, Alabama 35563 468-2444
 Rev. Gillie Parrish, Box 155, Red Bay, Alabama 35582 256-2130
 Rev. W.C. Rayburn
 Rev. Jimmy Reese, Box 248, Guin, Alabama 35563
 Rev. Billy Robbins, Herndon Road, Fairburn, Georgia 30212
 Rev. Gurlie Roberts, Sulligent, Alabama 35586 698-8064
 Rev. David Sexton, Box 312, Brilliant, Alabama 35548 465-9289
 Rev. Clay Shotts, Hamilton, Alabama 35570
 Rev. Hollie Wayne Spiller, Route 4, Box 293, Winfield, AL 35594 465-2319
 Rev. Elmer Lee Steward, Route 3, Phil Campbell, Alabama 35581
 Rev. Jay Sullins, Route 6, Box 19B, Hamilton, Alabama 35570
 Rev. Duane Taylor, Route 4, Hamilton, Alabama 35570 921-2602
 Rev. Conrad Whitson, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
 Rev. Marvin Winsett, Hamilton, Alabama 35570
 Rev. Danny Short, Route 1, Marietta, MS 38856

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Moderator	00.00
Paid Assistant Moderator	00.00
Paid Clerk	40.00
Paid Assistant Clerk	30.00
Reimburse Clerk	70.00
State & National Fees	420.00
Printing Minutes (Est.)	425.00
Expense	100.00
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Total Disbursements	1085.00
Amount Received	1528.99
BALANCE	443.99

Clerk's Address:
 Jimmy R. Avery
 Route 2, Box 382B
 Hamilton, Alabama 35570
 Phone 921-7955

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	RECEIVED	DISMISSED	DECEASED	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS	MINUTE FUND	ORPHANAGE	LITERATURE	MISSIONS	MISCELLANEOUS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	DEACONS	TEACHERS	NUMBER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	C.T.S.	PRAYER MEETING	BIBLE STUDY	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
Antioch	Wise Holcomb	30	2	1	2	1751 ⁰⁰	140 ⁰⁰			30 ⁰⁰		219 ⁵¹		1	1	3						
Ballard	Roy Humphries	44	2	4	1	4430 ⁰⁰	325 ⁰⁰	36000 ⁰⁰	7000 ⁰⁰	50 ⁰⁰		360 ⁰⁰		2	3	4	44			X		Dick Gilliland
Barnesville	Jay Sullins	171	6		5	9275 ⁰⁰	460 ⁰⁰	90000 ⁰⁰	251 ³³	125 ⁰⁰	635 ⁰⁰	1472 ²⁶	1000 ⁰⁰	4296 ⁹³	3	6	6	80	X	X		Hershell Emerson
Bear Creek	Elmer L Steward	75	13			6818 ⁴²	475 ⁰⁰	45000 ⁰⁰	770 ⁹⁰	75 ⁰⁰	50 ⁰⁰	281 ⁵⁸		501 ⁶⁹	2	4	4	45		X		Clarence Engle
Bethel	David Sexton	33	4		2	6750 ⁰⁰	475 ⁰⁰	90000 ⁰⁰	8158 ¹⁸	50 ⁰⁰		563 ⁹⁸	100 ⁰⁰	1972 ⁰¹	1	2	7	35	X	X		Harold Tidwell
Cobbtown																						
Fairview	Jack Harder	183		1	3	12856 ⁰⁰	1025 ⁰⁰	75000 ⁰⁰	3080 ¹³	125 ⁰⁰	140 ⁰⁰	861 ⁰⁴		4275 ⁶⁶	5	7	11	95	X	X		Bernice Shotts
Liberty		25				273 ⁵⁵	22 ⁶⁰	10500 ⁰⁰	350 ⁰⁰	30 ⁰⁰				1	1	2	10					Randy Chandler
Love Joy	Delmus Miller	63	1	2	2	756 ⁶⁵	102 ⁰⁰	6000 ⁰⁰		25 ⁰⁰		180 ⁰⁰		321 ⁷²		2	2	15				Henry Pearce
Mt. Hope	Jerry Plott	192	33			11425 ⁰⁰	525 ⁰⁰	100000 ⁰⁰		125 ⁰⁰	170 ⁶⁴	630 ⁸³	1520 ⁶²	4083 ⁹¹	1	2	6	77		X		Robby Yielding
Mt. Calvery	Hollie W Spiller	57	13	13	1	4729 ⁰⁰	492 ⁰⁵	78000 ⁰⁰	1031 ⁰⁰	57 ⁰⁰		568 ⁵²		12894 ³⁶	2		4	39		X		Hollie B Spiller
New Center Point	Redus Hall	61			1	8158 ⁴⁵	600 ⁰⁰	30000 ⁰⁰	8332 ⁵³	61 ⁰⁰	42 ⁰⁰	462 ⁹⁶	1221 ⁸²	2077 ³⁰	2	4	5	70		X		Charles Clifton
New Hope	Larry Davis	42			2	1159 ⁰⁸	120 ⁰⁰	10000 ⁰⁰	33 ³¹	25 ⁰⁰	35 ⁰⁰	184 ⁷³		300 ⁵⁰	1	1	2	25				Henry Tice
New Salem	Edgar L Childers	26	2			3000 ⁰⁰	225 ⁰⁰	20000 ⁰⁰	1744 ³⁵	26 ⁰⁰		191 ⁶⁵		169 ⁴⁰	2	3	4	26				Gaydrell Carter
Pleasant Ridge	Duane Taylor	120	28	3	5	15800 ⁰⁰	530 ⁰⁰	150000 ⁰⁰	4215 ⁹⁶	120 ⁰⁰	661 ⁶⁵	1103 ¹³	2064 ⁵³	22451 ⁵⁷	1	5	9	80		X		Junior Carter
Pleasant Site	Danny Short	64			4	6900 ⁰⁰	275 ⁰⁰	60000 ⁰⁰	501 ⁹⁸	65 ⁰⁰	100 ⁰⁰	569 ²⁶		2110 ⁶⁰	1	4	3	43		X		Danny Millican
Rocky Grove	Ottis Parmer	52				3795 ⁰⁰	250 ⁰⁰	40000 ⁰⁰	350 ⁰⁰	20 ⁰⁰		209 ²³		2559 ⁷⁹	1	2	2	20				Chris Rich
Rocky Top	Ray Edgar	118	2	1		5536 ⁴³	296 ³²	50000 ⁰⁰		50 ⁰⁰		414 ⁶⁶		2462 ⁵⁸	1	4	4	46		X		Odell Frederick
Southside	Quineth Haney	41	23	14		2415 ⁰⁰	150 ⁰⁰	150000 ⁰⁰	804 ⁵⁶	40 ⁰⁰		465 ⁵⁸		148 ⁷⁵			4	45		X		Keith Palmer
Splunge	Conrad Whitson	76	1	5	3	4184 ⁰⁰	150 ⁰⁰	50000 ⁰⁰	1461 ⁴⁶	50 ⁰⁰	123 ⁰⁰	378 ⁸⁵		2304 ⁰²		4	4			X		Sam Phillips
Union Ridge	Charles Spencer	71	3		1	6052 ⁰³	570 ⁶⁴	25000 ⁰⁰		75 ⁰⁰	225 ⁰⁰	823 ⁵⁰				2	5	40				Johnny Hulsey

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, Rev. O.S. Gardner

DECEASED MEMBERS

Bro. Mon Howell, Bro. Floyd Winsett, Sis. Elvie Randolph, Bro. Willie Hall, Bro. Rufus W. Scott, Sis. Andy Powless, Sis. Martha Weeks, Bro. Davis (Dave) Boyett, Sis. Nora Abbott, Bro. Clarence Causey, Sis. Glenda Williams, Bro. Horace Williams, Bro. Jim Roberts, Rev. O.S. Gardner, Sis. Rosa Gardner, Sis. Sue Simmons, Sis. Lillian Irvin, Sis. Nora Glenn, Sis. Bessie Wiginton, Bro. Leland Nichols, Bro. O.O. Nixon, Sis. Sexton Cochran, Sis. Ettie Feltman, Sis. Victoria Cantrell, Bro. Chular Pearce, Bro. Sam Nix, Sis. Zoe Northington, Sis. Gladys Mills, Sis. Janie Phillips, Bro. Lando Camp, Bro. Woddie Harris, Bro. Cecil Hulsey

CLERKS

Antioch - Ray Howell, Route 3, Hamilton, AL 35570
Ballard - Shelba Gilliland, Route 2, Detroit, AL 35553
Barnesville - Jean Brown, Route 4, Box 164, Hamilton, AL 35570
Bear Creek - Alma Lou Bowen, Box 41, Hackleburg, AL 35564
Bethel - Gracie Franks, Route 1, Box 185, Brilliant, AL 35548
Fairview - Jeanette Carter, Route 5, Box 147, Hamilton, AL 35570
Liberty - Randy Chandler, Route 4, Box 278A, Hamilton, AL 35570
Love Joy - Henry Pearce, Route 6, Box 96, Hamilton, AL 35570
Mt. Hope - Ronnie Yielding, Route 2, Hamilton, AL 35570
Mt. Calvary - Pat Reese, Box 248, Guin, AL 35563
New Centerpoint - Ruth Vann, Route 2, Box 12, Sulligent, AL 35586
New Hope - Betty Carter, Route 2, Hamilton, AL 35570
New Salem - Virginia Carter, Route 5, Hamilton, AL 35570
Pleasant Ridge - Dewey Crow, Route 2, Box 167, Hamilton, AL 35570
Pleasant Site - Sirley Millican, Route 1, Detroit, AL 35552
Rocky Grove - Charlotte Rich, Box 745, Hamilton, AL 35570
Rocky Top - Linda Kelly, Route 1, Box 88, Hackleburg, AL 35564
Southside - Ann Trim, Box 381, Winfield, AL 35594
Splunge - Faye Northington, Route 1, Box 237, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Union Ridge - Grace Ray, Route 1, Box 280, Sulligent, AL 35586

DEACONS

Antioch - Harold Holcomb

Ballard - J.R. Kerr, Iris Mills, Wendell Giddy

Barnesville - Gus Ferguson, Fred Stidham, Exel Brown, Dwayne Rye,
Hansel Taylor, Wayne Williams

Bear Creek - Henry Grissom, Truman Scott, Lon Gunnin, Clearence Engle

Behtel - Maxwell Gibbs, Earl Smith

Fairview - Jack Lindsey, Bernice Shotts, Flura Shotts, Hugh L. Carter,
Harold Shotts, Talmadge Shotts, Denver Shotts

Liberty - Odis Childers

Love Joy - Henry Pearce, Dave Britt

Mt. Hope - O.C. Mitchell, Gary Don Yielding

Mt. Calvary -

New Centerpoint - D.L. Brown, C.L. Scott, Lester Ford, Wayne Puckett

New Hope - Robert Avery

New Salem - Ernest Brown, W.W. Gilliland (Inactive), Doug Walton (Inactive)

Pleasant Ridge - Elma Hugh Taylor, Golden Harris, Dewey Crow, Jimmy
Avery, Alfred Jones.

Pleasant Site - Vester Watson, Marshall Watson, Odean Mills, Danny Millican

Rocky Grove - Redus McKay, Travis Hall

Rocky Top - Burton Frederick, Royce Cooper, Leonard Howell, Bill King

Southside

Splunge - J.C. Palmer, Clovis Blaylock, Roger Shields, J.W. Vann

Union Ridge - Archie Turman, Grady Lynn Knight

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 the 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 has 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 Time 3:16-17.
8. We believe in the doctrine of general provisions made by God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the gospel. Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.
9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ, his son and that the Holy Ghost offers his divine aid to all the human family, so as they might be happy would they give place to his divine teaching, whereas such as do not receive the divine impressions of his Holy Spirit shall at a future day owe their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44,65; Psalms 1:1; Tit. 2:11-12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but Ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, Jesus Christ, who brought them and therefore shall bring 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 therefore, 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. Judges 1:4; II Peter 2:1-2; II Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of Adam not that any one of them dying in the state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for such 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; Co. 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 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 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 offending shall be dealt with accordingly.
12. The members of the church shall not talk about one another slanderously, nor shall give report of circulation that may arise again at any church meeting, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else and any member doing otherwise shall be dealt with accordingly.
13. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present at any regular or called conference, providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven (7) members or more.
14. Any member or minister of the church who talks about his brother or sister slanderously shall be dealt with according as the church sees fit.
15. We recommend that each church in this Association have as many as two Sunday services each month.

16. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference and strictly enforced by the Moderator.

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.