

MINUTES
of the
Eighty-First Annual Session
of
STATE LINE
Free Will Baptist Association
of
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH
Pleasant Site Church
Friday, October 13, 1985
and
Mt. Hope Church
Saturday, October 14, 1985

OFFICERS

Moderator Bro. Jay Sullins
Assistant Moderator Bro. Redus Hall
Clerk & Treasurer Bro. Jimmy Avery
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer Sis. Faye Avery
Alternate Sis. Beatrice Harris
Trustee to Children's Home Bro. Bobby Duncan
Associational Pastor Jeff Fleming

The next session will be held with Pleasant Ridge the second (2nd) Saturday in April, 1986, and with Barnesville on the second (2nd) Saturday and Saturday night of October, 1986

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. All ministers pastoring the Churches in the Alabama-Mississippi Association shall abide by rules of the same.

DECEMBER 3, 1984

The ministers and deacons of the Alabama-Mississippi State Line Association meet at Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of discussing business concerning the status of Splunge Church and ordained ministers no longer in good standing of this said body.

After much discussion and with total agreement of action to be taken, the ordaining council and credential committee was sent to talk with Conrad Whitson, Doyle Chandler and Mike Lindley, with the recommendation of asking for each one's certificate of ordination and card of good standing with a follow-up report to be given at the meeting to be held at Barnesville Free Will Baptist Church on December 17, 1984, to this same said body. Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

DECEMBER 17, 1984

A special meeting was called and held at Barnesville Free Will Baptist Church for order of business with the credential committee, with Ministers, Clerk and Deacons of the Alabama-Mississippi State Line Association present.

Attendance, Moderator, Bro. David Sexton; Clerk, Bro. Jimmy Avery; Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Freeman Nixon, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Allen Myrick, Bro. O.C. Blaylock, Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Elma Hugh Taylor, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. J.C. Palmer, Bro. Harold Holcomb, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Wayne Puckett, Bro. Roy Humphries and Bro. Larry Frye. Credential Committee: Bro. Gary Don Yielding, Bro. Wayne Williams and Bro. J.R. Kerr.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Bro. Conrad Whitson was contacted and asked to surrender his credentials. He refused, but did surrender his card of good standing.

Motion made to report Conrad Whitson to the Jasper Association since they ordained him, made by Bro. Jack Harder.

Motion also made to ask for credentials from Doyle Chandler and Michael Lindley per Bro. Jack Harder. Second, Bro. William Atkins. Carried.

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.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 81st Annual Session of the Alabama-Mississippi State Line Association of Free Will Baptist opened with a song led by Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Jay Sullins. Prayer by Bro. Ottis Palmer. Session called to order by Clerk, Bro. Jimmy Avery.

Moderator read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Welcomed visiting ministers to sit with the association. Bro. Jerry Plott, Bear Creek Association, Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Jasper Association, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Jasper Association, and Bro. David Motes, Union Ridge Church, no association.

Assistant Moderator, Bro. Billy Robbins unable to attend the association due to injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Move made for Moderator to appoint an Assistant Moderator made by Bro. Jimmy Avery. Second, Bro. William Atkins, Unanimous vote carried. Bro. Edgar Lee Childers appointed.

Song led by Bro. David Sexton.

Credential Committee requested to meet with the following church delegates. New Center Point, Trinity, Bethel, Pleasant Site, New Hope,

Rocky Top, Love Joy, Union Ridge and New Salem

Devotional Committee appointed Bro. Jay Sullins, Bro. Golden Harris and Bro. Ottis Palmer.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the credential committee recommended that Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Woodrow Matthews go before the ordaining council. Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Wayne Williams and Bro. J.R. Kerr

Class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran.

Devotional and Testimony service held by Bro. Jerry Plott, Pastor, Pleasant Site Church.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credential Committee recommend that the church letters be read and seat the delegates. Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. J.R. Kerr. Motion per Bro. Bobby Duncan, Second, Bro. William Atkins. Carried.

Reading of Church letters with reading stewarts, Bro. Redus Hall and Bro. David Sexton.

DELEGATES

ANTIOCH - Sis. Pam Avery, Sis. Jessie Howell, Sis. Delores Holcomb, Alternate Bro. Taylor Peoples

BALLARD - Sis. Bobbie Kerr, Sis. Inez Watts, Bro. Dick Gilliland, Alt. Sis. Louis Mills.

BARNESVILLE - Bro. L.J. Prestage, Bro. Hershell Emerson, Bro. Ivon Boyett, Sis. Derothea Taylor, Alt. Sis. Ress Parmer, Sis. Matthews.

BEAR CREEK - Sis. Maudie Grissom, Sis. Monell Gann, Bro. Lenar Engle, Alt. Sis. Estelle Scott.

BETHEL - Sis. Jeanie Sexton, Sis. Gracie Franks

FAIRVIEW - Bro. Alford Ballard, Sis. Betty Ballard, Sis. Pat Stidham

LOVE JOY - Sis. Annie Lou Miller, Sis. Etta Britt, Alt. Sis. Tammy Stults, Sis. Lucille Pearce

MOUNT CALVARY - Bro. Tommy Barnes, Bro. Hollie B. Spiller

MOUNT HOPE - Bro. James McCarley, Sis. Ivy Collier, Bro. Charles Cochran, Bro. Ronnie Yielding

NEW CENTER POINT - Sis. Mildred Tate, Sis. Ruth Vann, Sis. Judy Northington

NEW HOPE - Sis. Vona Williams, Sis. Avalene Avery, Sis. Vickey Williams, Alt. Sis. Jean Godsey

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

PLEASANT RIDGE - Sis. Charlotte Childers, Bro. Clint Cochran, Sis. Verna Williams, Sis. Nellie Lay, Alt. Sis. Beatrice Harris

PLEASANT SITE - Sis. Carolyn Watson, Sis. Eva Lou Watson, Sis. Delores Watson, Alt. Sis. Gladys Crowe

ROCKY GROVE - Bro. Glen A. Myrick, Sis. Joyce Myrick, Alt. Bro. Redus McKay

ROCKY TOP - Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Shirley Black, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Alt. Sis. Linda Kelly.

TRINITY - Bro. Cecil May, Bro. Luard Kizzire, Alt. Maxine Goodwin

UNION RIDGE - Sis. Grace Rushing, Bro. Garvin Taylor, Bro. Ercell Thompson, Alt. Sis. Wynette Knight

Motion made to accept letters as read and to seat delegates. Motion carried. Delegates seated at this time.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday Morning Devotional - Bro. Ray Edgar

Friday Morning Message - Bro. Larry Shotts

Friday Night Devotional - Bro. Allen Myrick

Friday Night Message - Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

Saturday Morning Devotional - Bro. Jeff Fleming

Saturday Morning Message - Bro. Quineth Haney

Deceased Members Message - Bro. Allen Myrick

Bro. Jay Sullins, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Ottis Parmer

Motion made to accept report as read and dismissal of Committee per Bro. William Atkins, Second Bro. Redus Hall. Carried.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT

I have visited all the churches in the association and preached in all of them but Mount Calvary.

I have been paid \$940.00 this year.

I want to thank all the pastors for the hospitality they shared with me in their churches and I thank God for each of them and their work.

May God Bless You, Bro. Marvin Winsett

Motion to accept report made per Bro. William Atkins. Second Bro. Flura Shotts. Carried.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE - Sis. Vickie Williams, Sis. Jewel Stone, Bro. Cecil May and Sis. Joyce Myrick

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE - Bro. Alfred Ballard, Bro. Mike Franklin

BUSINESS COMMITTEE - Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. David Sexton

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - Bro. Harold Holcomb, Bro. Freemon Nixon, Bro. Royce Cooper

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE - Sis. Eva Lou Watson, Sis. Grace Rushing, Bro. Marvin Winsett

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE - Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Garvis Franks, Sis. Inez Watts.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE - Sis. Delores Holcomb, Bro. W.C. Rayburn

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE REPORT

To the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama-Mississippi. Trustee to Children's Home.

A special thanks for each gift and donation given this year. The Children's Home has done better financially this year, thanks to people like you.

The home is trying out a new couple as house parents and as Assistant Superintendent. Pray that things will work out for the best.

Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive and that even a cup of cold water given in Jesus' name will be rewarded.

It has been my pleasure to serve you again this year.

Your Servant,
Bro. Larry Shotts

Rocky Grove delegates dismissed to meet with Credential Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee have checked the church letters and find that each one has Sunday School. We pray that each church will continue having Sunday School and working for the Lord and teaching their children the ways of God.

Sis. Eva Lou Watson, Bro. Marvin Winsett, Sis. Grace Rushing

FINANCIAL REPORT

We your Financial Committee find on hand a balance of \$530.00 and received from church letters a total of \$1170.00 with the current total of \$1700.00 on hand.

Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Alfred Ballard

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Deceased Members Committee have found that 17 of our brothers and sisters in Christ have departed to be with our Lord. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bro. Hubert Gardner
Sis. Vess Holloway

Bro. Everett (Bub) Taylor
Sis. Tessie Emerson

Sis. Stella Bishop
Bro. Terry Shotts
Sis. Pearl McKinley
Sis. Christine Stephens
Bro. Lester Ford
Bro. Woodrow Gilliland

Bro. Arlie Green
Bro. Rufus Sanderson
Bro. Nelson Coddington
Sis. Lorene Dobbs
Sis. Lishie Latham
Sis. Pearl Triplett

Committee Members - Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Herschel Emerson, Sis. Inez Watts, Sis. Jewel Stone.

Motion to accept report as read by Bro. Jack Harder with request of each deceased member's name to be read with the deceased member's message. Second by Bro. William Atkins. Carried.

Motion made to discharge each of the completed committees from their duties by Bro. Jack Harder. Second, Bro. William Atkins. Carried.

Special song by Bro. Hollie Wayne Spiller.

Morning Devotional Speaker introduced by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers. Speaker, Bro. Ray Edgar.

Class song led by Bro. David Sexton and Bro. Bobby Duncan. Fellowship with handshaking by associational body.

FRIDAY MORNING MESSAGE

The Friday Morning Message was brought by Moderator, Bro. Larry Shotts. Scripture: Acts 20:17-27; Gal. 1:6; II Cor. 11:13-15, Gal. 1:8-17; Isaiah 49:1-3; Acts 16:6-10; II Cor. 4:17; I Thess. 2:2-8; Acts 4:18-20; Acts 5:28-32; Acts 5:42.

Invitational hymn by Bro. William Atkins

Dismissal Prayer with Blessing of Food by Bro. Jerry Plott

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Friday evening session opened with a song led by Bro. William Atkins. Prayer by Bro. Ronnie Yielding.

Song led by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Glade Karr.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are thankful for the fellowship of the Christians and the great interest of Pleasant Site and Mount Hope Churches. We are also thankful for the warm welcome and wonderful food. We ask that this report be read at Mount Hope tomorrow.

Sis. Vickey Williams, Sis. Joyce Myrick, Bro. Cecil May

Motion to accept report as read and retain this committee until report read again at Mount Hope tomorrow by Bro. William Atkins. Second by Bro. Jay Sullins. Carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Temperance Committee recommend that we as Free Will Baptists read and study the Bible and preach and teach against ALL evils.

We recommend that Galations 5:17-21 be read and applied to our lives daily and that we love one another as Christ loved us.

Bro. W.C. Rayburn, Bro. Glenn Myrick, Sis. Delores Holcomb
Special song by Bro. David Sexton and Sis. Jeanie Sexton.

Class song led by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. David Sexton.

Bro. Larry Shotts introduced speaker Bro. W.C. Rayburn for evening Devotional.

Bro. Marvin Winsett introduced by Moderator, Bro. Larry Shotts for "A Time For Witnessing". Scripture, Matthew 10:22 or 24:13, "He that endures to the end, the same shall be saved."

Class song, *Precious Memories*, led by Bro. Jay Sullins and Bro. William Atkins.

Class song by Bro. David Sexton.

Moderator appointed Bro. Redus Hall to serve on Business Committee, since Bro. Edgar Lee Childers was appointed to assistant Moderator. Buriness Committee now consists of Bro. David Sexton, Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Redus Hall.

Class song led by Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Jay Sullins.

Special song by Bro. David and Sis. Jeanie Sexton.

Special song by Bro. Clint Cochran, Sis. Annette Cochran and Sis. Pam Avery.

ORDAINING COUNCIL (Partial)

We recommend that Bro. Woodrow Matthews be accepted into this association upon the request of a letter from the Jasper Association.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Elmer Stewart (absent)

Motion to accept as read by Bro. William Atkins and seconded by Bro. Jay Sullins and to retain this committee.

Class song led by Bro. William Atkins with right hand of Christian Fellowship extended to Bro. Matthews.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that Bro. Jeff Fleming be ordained to preach the gospel on Saturday at this session with Bro. Bobby Duncan to give the charge.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Elmer Stewart (absent)

Motion to accept report as read per Bro. William Atkins. Second, Bro. W.C. Rayburn. Carried.

Class song led by Bro. Earnest Brown and Bro. Flura Shotts.

Opportunity for announcements to be made.

Motion to adjourn meeting today until 7:00 p.m. to resume here at Pleasant Site Church. Second. Carried.

Dismissal prayer, Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Night session opened by Moderator, Bro. Larry Shotts.

Class song led by Bro. Mike Franklin and Bro. Jack Harder.

Prayer by Bro. David Motes.

Moderator introduced Friday Night speaker, Assistant Moderator, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

Class song by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Class song by Bro. William Atkins

Class song by Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. William Atkins

Special song by Bro. Earnest and Sis. Ethelene Brown

Special song by Sis. Jeanie Sexton

Special song by Bro. David and Sis. Jeanie Sexton

Friday night devotional speaker, Bro. Allen Myrick introduced by Assistant Moderator Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

Scripture, I Cor. 13:2-6; Jeremiah 23:9-11; I Cor. 13:13; I Cor. 13:11.

Song led by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Fellowship with handshaking of associational body.

Communion and feet-washing message brought by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers. Scripture I Cor. 10:1-6; 10:8-11; 10:14-21; 10:31; I Cor. 11:17-18; 11:23-24.

Song led by Bro. William Atkins.

Communion table prepared by those Deacons present at service. Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Earnest Brown and Bro. Jimmy Avery.

Scriptures - Matthew 26:26-29

Blessing of Bread - Bro. Flura Shotts

Blessing of Fruit of the Vine - Bro. Odean Mills

30 people participated in Communion Service

Post Communion scriptures St. John 13:4-5.

Feet-Washing services entered with 30 participants.

Hymn led by Bro. Jack Harder and Bro. William Atkins.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Flura Shotts.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with a class song led by Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Charlie McGee.

Prayer by Bro. James McCarley

Welcome to Saturday Morning Session by Moderator, Bro. Larry Shotts.

Class song by Bro. Gary Yielding.

Special Song by Bro. David & Sis. Jeanie Sexton and Sis. Gracie Franks.

Prayer led by Bro. Roy Humphries.

Deceased members message by Bro. Jay Sullins. Total 17 members with all names read by clerk, Jimmy R. Avery.

Message Scripture: St. John 11:25-26; I Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 21:3-4.

Prayer by Bro. Jay Sullins

Class song led by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers and Bro. Gary Yielding.

Credential Committee desired to meet with Bro. David Motes. Ordaining Council met with delegates of Mount Calvary Church.

Class song by Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Mike Franklin.

Prayer by Bro. Charles Lindley.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credenital Committee recommend that Bro. David Motes go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Wayne Williams

Motion to accept report as read by Bro. William Atkins. Second by Bro. Redus Hall. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that the report given by the 1984 Ordaining Council be accepted and these ministers names be dropped from the ministers if not already dropped from last year.

Conrad Whitson, Doyle Chandler and Mike Lindley

Council Members: Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Elmer Lee Stewart and Bro. Bobby Duncan

As requested by a unanimous vote of a special called meeting of the 80th Session on December 3, 1984 and December 17, 1984, we submit this Ordaining Council report.

Ordaining Council report from the 80th Session of 1984 to the 81st Session 1985 Ordaining Council.

Concerning Conrad Whitson. He was visited and asked for his Certificate of Ordination, but he refused. He did give his card of standing. (Card given to clerk)

Concerning Mike Lindley. He was approached and asked for his certificate of Ordination. His answer, "I would give the certificate back, but I have lost it."

Concerning Doyle Chandler. He was approached and asked for his Certificate of Ordination and he surrendered the certificate with his church license.

Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. J.H. Sullins

Motion to accept report as read by Bro. Jack Harder. Second, Bro. Bobby Duncan. Carried.

Speaker for Ordination Message introduced by Bro. Larry Shotts, Moderator. Message and Charge given by Bro. Bobby Duncan, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, for Bro. Jeff Fleming, licensed minister and member of Pleasant Ridge Church.

Scriptures: I Timothy 4:9-16; Eccles. 12:12; I Timothy 3:17; II Cor. 11:24-26; II Cor. 12:20-21; II Timothy 4:1.

Message completed with Bro. Jeff and wife, Sis. Dana, Fleming receiving laying on of hands by all deacons and ministers present. Prayer led by Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

Certificate of Ordination and Holy Bible presented to Bro. Jeff Fleming by Bro. Bobby Duncan, compliments of Pleasant Ridge Church.

Special Songs, "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now," and "Angels Move Over, For I'm Coming Home" sung by Bro. David and Sis. Jeanie Sexton and Sis. Gracie Franks as the right hand of Christian Fellowship extended to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Dana Fleming.

Class song by Congregation "Amazing Grace"

Morning message speaker, Bro. Quineth Haney introduced by Moderator, Bro. Larry Shotts. Scripture: II Samuel 23:9-12; Hosea 10:12; Haggai 1:5-7; St. John 15:16; Romans 12:16.

Invitational hymn led by Bro. Jay Sullins and Bro. Larry Shotts

Prayer and Blessing of Food by Bro. Jay Sullins, pastor of Mount Hope Church.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Song led by Bro. Clay Shotts

Prayer by Bro. Larry Davis

Appreciation Committee report read again. Motion to accept by Bro. Jack Harder. Second by Bro. Bobby Duncan. Carried.

Motion to dismiss Committee by Bro. William Atkins. Second, Bro. Jay Sullins. Carried.

Ordaining Council meet with Rocky Grove delegates

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We recommend Bro. David Motes be accepted in full fellowship to this association by recommendation of Union Ridge Church.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Elmer Stewart, Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Motion made. Seconded. Carried.

Class song led by Bro. William Atkins as right hand of Christian Fellowship extended to Bro. Motes.

Saturday evening Devotional speaker introduced by Moderator, Bro. Larry Shotts. Speaker, Bro. Jeff Fleming.

Special song by Sis. Gwen Duncan. Devotional Scripture II Timothy 1:6-9; Romans 8:28.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that Splunge Church be dropped from the roll of churches due to their withdrawal from the association.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Elmer L. Stewart, Bro. Bobby Duncan

Motion to accept report as read by Bro. J.H. Sullins. Second, Bro. Redus Hall. Carried. Motion to retain committee. Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that Liberty and Cobbtown Churches be dropped from the roll of churches because of no representation for the past 24 years.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Elmer Stewart, Bro. Bobby Duncan

Motion given. Seconded. Carried.

Class song by Bro. Flura Shotts, and Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the Articles of Faith read verbatim to the National Treaties Articles of Faith. Motion made. Seconded. Carried.

We recommend that the business committee be retained throughout the entire year for the purpose of preparing any business to come before the association. Motion made. Seconded. Carried.

We recommend that all churches in the Alabama-Mississippi State Line Association of the Free Will Baptist Order, call no minister for a church pastor that is not in full fellowship with some Free Will Baptist Associational body. Motion made. Seconded. Carried.

Tabled motion of 1984 brought before body for vote. 3 votes yes. Majority no.

New recommendation that the association meet semi-annually with the first session to meet on the second (2nd) Saturday in April and the se-

cond session to meet on the second (2nd) Saturday and Saturday night of October, with the morning sessions to begin at 9:00 a.m. and the evening service to begin at 7:00 p.m. to include communion and feet-washing service.

Motion to accept new recommendation as read. Seconded. Carried.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

ITEM 1: We recommend that the Clerk be paid \$35.00 plus expenses for printing of the 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 Saturday night sermon and Holy Communion service with feetwashing in October.

ITEM 3: We recommend that the body decide where the next association shall convene.

ITEM 4: We recommend that our Saturday sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday 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 drugs 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 Saturday Association session convene at one church of our association and the Saturday and Saturday night session 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 September 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, not to exceed \$125.00.

ITEM 21: We recommend that the Articles of Faith read verbatim to the National Treaties Articles of Faith.

ITEM 22: We recommend that the Business Committee be retained throughout the entire year for the purpose of preparing any business to come before the association.

ITEM 23: We recommend that all churches call no minister for a pastor that is not in full fellowship with some Free Will Baptist Associational body.

Class song led by Ordaining Council

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Elmer Lee Stewart

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that all present ministers listed receive a card of standing this year.

Absentees this year: Bro. C.C. Berryhill, Bro. Danny Short, Bro. Jimmy Reese.

MINISTERS RECEIVING CARD

Rev. William Atkins - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563 468-2423

Rev. J.E. Cheek - Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-5578

Rev. Edgar Lee Childers - Rt. 1, Vina, AL 35593 356-2734

Rev. Larry Davis - Rt. 1, Vina, AL 35593

Rev. Bobby Duncan - Rt. 2, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4985

Rev. Ray Edgar - Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-5578

Rev. Jeff Fleming - Rt. 1, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-7969

Rev. Mike Franklin - Route 1, Box 248, Vina, AL 35593 356-4815

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

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

Rev. Jack Harder - Rt. 6, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-3711

Rev. Jimmy Howell - Hackleburg, AL 35564
Rev. Roy Humphries - Rt. 1, Box 28, Vina, AL 35593
Rev. Charles Lindley - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563
Rev. Woodrow Matthews - Rt. 2, Box 420, Guin, AL 35563 468-2325
Rev. David Motes - Rt. 1, Box 470, Phil Campbell, AL 35581
Rev. Charlie McGee - Rt. 5, Russellville, AL 35653 332-0091
Rev. Allen Myrick - Rt. 5, Hamilton, AL 35570
Rev. Ottis Palmer - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563 468-2444
Rev. W.C. Rayburn - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563 468-2223
Rev. Billy Robbins - Rt. 1, Box 387, Herndon Rd., Fairburn, GA 30213
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Rev. David Sexton - Box 312, Brilliant, AL 35548 465-9289
Rev. Clay Shotts - Rt. 1, Hamilton, AL 35570
Rev. Larry Shotts - Rt. 3, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-7215
Rev. Hollie W. Spiller - Rt. 4, Box 293, Winfield, AL 35594 465-2319
Rev. Elmer Lee Stewart - Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-4994
Rev. J.H. Sullins - Rt. 6, Box 19B, Hamilton, AL 35570
Rev. Marvin Winsett - Rt. 6, Box 131, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-3705
Rev. Jimmy Reese - Box 248, Guin, AL 35563
Rev. C.C. Berryhill - Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Rev. Danny Short - Rt. 1, Marietta, MS 38856
Rev. Charlie Spencer - Guin, AL 35563

Committee Members: Bro. Jack Harder
 Bro. Elmer L. Stewart, Bro. Bobby Duncan

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We recommend this association give Sis. Sue Collier a card of standing this year and commend her for her faithfulness to this association.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Elmer Stewart, Bro. Bobby Duncan

Class song led by Credentials Committee: Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Wayne Williams.

Minister cards passed out during song by Credentials Committee, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Elmer Stewart and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Motion made to empower Clerk to send flowers from association to any deceased minister of this association; with payment from association al funds. Seconded. Carried.

MINUTE FUND

New Hope Church	\$25.00
Union Ridge	75.00
Fairview	125.00
Love Joy	15.00
Bethel	50.00
Rocky Grove	25.00

Trinity	35.00
New Salem	26.00
New Center Point	62.00
Ballard	50.00
Bear Creek	75.00
Barnesville	125.00
Mount Hope	125.00
Pleasant Ridge	150.00
Rocky Top	50.00
Pleasant Site	65.00
Mount Calvary	62.00
Antioch	30.00

TOTAL \$1170.00

New Hope Church included extra check with church letter with the amount being \$56.00 and was forwarded on to the Eldridge Orphanage as requested.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES, 1986

Ordaining Council - Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Roy Humphries, and Bro. Charlie McGee.

Credentials Committee - Bro. Wayne Williams term ended. Bro. Golden Harris appointed to serve with Bro. Gary Yielding and Bro. J.R. Kerr.

OFFICERS 1986

Moderator - Bro. J.H. Sullins

Assistant Moderator - Bro. Redus Hall

Clerk & Treasurer - Bro. Jimmy Avery

Assistant Clerk & Treasurer - Sis. Faye Avery

Alternate - Sis. Beatrice Harris

Trustee to Children's Home - Bro. Bobby Duncan

Associational Pastor - Bro. Jeff Fleming

Delegates to the State Association - NONE

Announcements

Closing Song led by Bro. Jimmy Avery

Dismissal Prayer by Bro. Herschel Emerson

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, Rev. James Hubert Gardner.

A tribute to our deceased ministers, with special recognition of our recently deceased, Bro. James H. Gardner

*As I bow my head from day
to day,
And thank God for the chance
to pray,
For living in a country, the
land of the free,
To worship with our families.
We thank God for his only
son,
Who paid the price, that our
souls might be won.
For His Holy word, as a
roadmap to guide,
Our thoughts, our deeds, as
We strive side by side.
Our thanks for ministers
Who through sweat, blood
and tears
Blazed the trail for us,
for so many years.
Some have long since gone on,
To be with our Lord
Earth's loss is Heaven's gain,
They've inherited their reward.
So as I pray. I thank God for you,
And long for the time, we'll meet
you there too!*

Author: Faye Avery

CLERKS

- Antioch** - Sis. Pam Avery, P.O. Box 201, Hamilton, AL 35570
- Ballard** - Sis. Shelba Gilliland, Rt. 2, Detroit, AL 35552
- Barnesville** - Sis. Derothea Taylor, Rt. 4, Box 112, Hamilton, AL 35570
- Bear Creek** - Sis. Alma Lou Bowen, Box 41, Hackleburg, AL 35564
- Bethel** - Sis. Gracie Franks, Rt. 1, Box 185, Brilliant, AL 35548
- Fairview** - Sis. Jeanette Carter, Rt. 5, Box 147, Hamilton, AL 35570
- Love Joy** - Bro. Henry M. Pearce, Rt. 6, Box 96, Hamilton, AL 35570
- Mt. Calvary** - Sis. Shirley Wates, Rt. 4, Winfield, AL 35594
- Mt. Hope** - Bro. Ronnie Yielding, Rt. 2, Box 258, Hamilton, AL 35570
- New Center Point** - Sis. Johnnie Ford, Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
- New Hope** - Sis. Betty Carter, Rt. 2, Box 172, Hamilton, AL 35570
- New Salem** - Sis. Virginia Carter, Rt. 5, Box 216, Hamilton, AL 35570
- Pleasant Ridge** - Bro. Dewey Crowe, Rt. 2, Box 167, Hamilton, AL 35570

Pleasant Site - Sis. Evelyn Mills, Rt. 1, Box 67, Detroit, AL 35552
Rocky Grove - Sis. Charlotte Rich, P.O. Box 745, Hamilton, AL 35570
Rocky Top - Sis. Linda Kelly, Rt. 1, Box 88, Hackleburg, AL 35564
Trinity - Sis. Ann Trimm, P.O. Box 381, Winfield, AL 35594
Union Ridge - Sis. Grace Ray, Rt. 1, Box 280, Sulligent, AL 35586

DEACONS

Antioch - Bro. Harold Holcomb
Ballard - Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Iris Mills, Bro. Wendall Giddy
Barnesville - Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Excel Brown, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Freeman Nixon
Bear Creek - Bro. Truman Scott, Bro. Henry Grissom, Bro. Clearance Engle
Bethel - Bro. Earl Smith, Bro. Maxwell Gibbs
Fairview - Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Bernice Shotts, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Denver Shotts, Bro. Talmadge Shotts
Love Joy - Bro. Dave Britt, Bro. Henry M. Pearce
Mount Calvary - none
Mount Hope - Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Gary Yielding
New Center Point - Bro. D.L. Brown, Bro. C.L. Scott, Bro. Wayne Puckett.
New Hope - Bro. Robert Avery
New Salem - Bro. Earnest Brown
Pleasant Ridge - Bro. Alfred Jones, Bro. Elma Hugh Taylor, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Jimmy Avery
Pleasant Site - Bro. Vester Watson, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Danny Millican
Rocky Grove - Bro. Travis Hall, Bro. Redus McKay
Rocky Top - Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Royce Cooper, Bro. Bill King
Trinity - Bro. Luard Kizzire
Union Ridge - Bro. Archie Turman, Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Moderator	\$15.00
Paid Assistant Moderator	10.00
Paid Clerk00
Paid Assistant Clerk00
Paid Alternate00
State and National Fees	
18 Churches	\$20.00 per church
	TOTAL \$360.00
Printing of Minutes (Est)	\$550.00
Expenses (Est)	\$200.00
Total Disbursements	\$1135.00

Balance on Record	530.00
Amount Received	1170.00
BALANCE	\$ 565.00

Clerk's Address:

Jimmy R. Avery
Rt. 2, Box 382-B
Hamilton, AL 35570
Phone 921-7955

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order by the Moderator
2. Call for the peace of the church.
3. Opportunity for members.
4. Inviting Brothers and Sisters to seat with us.
5. Reading of the minutes of the last conference.
6. Is there any reference?
7. Appointing of committees.
8. Any acknowledgements?
9. Report of committee.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New Business.
12. Distressed members.
13. Adjournment

RULES FOR THE PREACHERS

1. All ministers wishing to become a member of the Association will be required to go before the Ordaining Council with a recommendation from the church of which they are a member also be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask of them.
2. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.
3. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the Ordaining Council to the Association, who shall deal with him.
4. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere 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.

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 Kindgom throughout the world.
2. We agree to meet in conference as often as necessary to transact the business of the church.
3. The Moderator shall be chosen by the sufferage of the church in the absence of the Pastor. The moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there is a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.
4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of the expense.
5. No member shall leave their seat during conference 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 the same 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.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MEMBERSHIP	RECEIVED	DISMISSED	DECEASED	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS
Antioch	Larry Shotts	30	5	1		1,716.26	140.00		
Ballard	Mike Franklin	44	4	1	1	4,579.20	350.00	45,000.	
Barnesville	Woodrow Matthews	169	7		2	9,425.00	400.00	90,000	461.63
Bear Creek	Elmer L. Steward	74				6,230.15	345.00	50,000	4,316.00
Bethel	David Sexton	32	3		1	7,950.00	1,250.00	125,000	10,883.75
Fairview	Jack Harder	178	4	7	3	11,889.00	1,125.00	100,000	1,254.18
Love Joy	Delmus Miller	16			1	900.00	30.00	600.00	200.00
Mt. Calvary	Hollie W. Spiller	62	2	1		5,000.00	750.00	75,000	3,000.00
Mt. Hope	J.H. Sullins	194	1	1	1	11,772.00	500.00	100,000	
New Center Point	Redus Hall	62	8	4	1	11,112.00	1,087.00	54,000	14,487.14
New Hope	John Cheek	44	2			823.87	220.00	15,000	2,326.21
New Salem	Edgar L Childers	26			1	2,936.31	329.12	20,000	2,735.86
Pleasant Ridge	Bobby Duncan	135	26	4	4	15,545.00	530.00	150,000	9,891.75
Pleasant Site	Jerry Plott	66	2		1	6,657.00	345.00	60,000	1,587.53
Rocky Grove	Gillie Parrish	58	1		1	4,561.00	360.00	40,000	1,015.89
Rocky Top	Ray Edgar	111	2	2		5,600.00	439.00	50,000	
Trinity	Ottis Parmer	34	6			2,550.00	360.00	50,000	4,033.23
Union Ridge	David Motes	70		1		6,686.00		26,000	494.36

MINUTE FUND	ORPHANAGE	LITERATURE	MISSIONS	MISCELLANEOUS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	DEACONS	TEACHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	C.T.S.	BIBLE STUDY	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
30.00	246.00	341.09			2	1	3	25			Harold Holcomb
50.00	101.06	349.86	202.11		2	3	4	44			Dick Gilliland
125.00	724.00	1,230.18	800.00	6,535.35	3	5	7	71			Herschel Emerson
75.00	150.00	300.00		875.19	2	3	4	45			Henry Grissom
50.00	85.00	726.83	510.00	1,837.87	1	2	8	35			Wendall Jan Franks
125.00	740.00	418.76		4,071.16	3	7	11	95	45		Curtis Allen
15.00		192.00				2	2	20			Henry M. Pearce
62.00			300.00		1		4	62			Hollie B. Spiller
125.00	331.38	623.47		3,986.07	1	2	6	60			James McCarley
62.00	250.00	867.43		4,701.27	2	3	11	68			Jim Northington
25.00	56.00	180.92		587.60		1	3	20			Gary Carter
26.00	250.00			206.00	2	1	4	30			Oscar Osborn
150.00	1,427.50	1,871.05	930.50	16,005.38	1	5	0	100			Stan Barnwell
65.00	100.00	670.36	40.00	3,154.86	1	4	4	43			Daron Watson
25.00	50.00	408.14		1,005.85	2	2	3	35			Chris Rich
50.00		486.66		3,145.42	1	4	4	54			Royce Cooper
35.00		353.33		076.06	2	1	3	21			
75.00		808.92		804.28	2	2	4	30			Johnny Hulsey

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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. *The Bible.* The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
2. *God.* There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
3. *Christ.* Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
4. *The Holy Spirit.* The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
5. *The Government of God.* God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
6. *The Sinfulness of Man.* Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
7. *The Work of Christ.* The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. *The Terms of Salvation.* The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.
9. *Election.* God determined from the beginning to save all who should

comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. *Freedom of the Will.* The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. *Salvation Free.* God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. *Perseverance.* All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. *Gospel Ordinances.* BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. *Tithing.* God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).

15. *The Christian Sabbath.* The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. *Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution.* The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Notes

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 self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour 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.

