

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

HELD WITH
Pleasant Ridge Church, April 12, 1986
and
Barnesville Church, October 11, 1986

OFFICERS

Moderator Bro. Jack Harder
Assistant Moderator Bro. Ottis Parmer
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. Roy Humphries

The next sessions will be held with Fairview Church on April 11, 1987 and Bethel Church on October 10, 1987. (Second Saturdays)

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 the second Saturday in April and the second Saturday and Saturday night 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.

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.

APRIL 12, 1986

The Ministers, Deacons and Delegates of the 82nd Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association of Free Will Baptist Churches met for the spring, semi-annual session with Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church.

The service was opened with a class song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Elmer Lee Stewart. Prayer by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Bro. Jimmy Ray. Delegation and visitors welcomed, with 1985 Moderator introduced Bro. Larry Shotts, who introduced the 1986 Moderator, Bro. Jay Sullins and Assistant Moderator, Bro. Redus Hall.

The clerk made a roll call of the churches and delegates with those in attendance listed as following:

Antioch - Sis. Delores Holcomb

Ballard -

Barnesville - Bro. L.J. Prestage, Bro. Herschel Emerson, Sis. Dorothea Taylor

Bear Creek - Sis. Lenar Engle, Bro. Clarence Engle

Bethel - Sis. Jeanie Sexton, Sis. Gracie Franks

Fairview - Bro. Alfred Ballard, Sis. Betty Ballard

Love Joy - Bro. Dave Britt, Sis. Etta Britt

Mt. Calvary - Bro. Thomas Barnes

Mt. Hope - Bro. James McCarley

New Center Point - Sis. Johnny Ford, Bro. Jim Northington.

New Hope - Sis. Vona Williams, Sis. Vickie Williams, Alt. Sis. Jean Godsey, Sis. Ovalene Avery.

New Salem - Sis. Ethelene Brown, Alt. Sis. Minnie Mae Gilliland, Sis. Ellie Lindsey, Sis. Jewel Stone.

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

Pleasant Site - Sis. Carolyn Watson, Sis. Delores Watson

Rocky Grove -

Rocky Top - Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Bonnie Cooper

Trinity - Bro. Cecil May

Union Ridge

Roll call complete with motion made to seat those delegates present.

The moderator, Bro. Jay Sullins proceeded with the Reading of the Constitution and the Rules of Decorum.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

Recommendation made at this time by the business committee for Item #7 of the constitution adopted to read as:

ITEM #7: This association shall meet on the 2nd Saturday in April and the 2nd Saturday and Saturday night in October of each year and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted.

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. David Sexton

Moderator, Bro. Jay Sullins appointed Devotional and Appreciational committee.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Jack Harder (declined), Bro. Earnest Brown

APPRECIATIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis. Dorothea Taylor, Sis. Delores Watson, Sis. Gracie Franks

Called for meeting of **Credentials Committee**: Bro. Gary D. Yielding, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Golden Harris.

Credential Committee examined letter of recommendation for ordination of candidate as follows:

APRIL 7, 1986

Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association

We the Rocky Top Free Will Baptist Church at Hackleburg, Alabama recommend that Bro. Bob Howell be ordained to preach the gospel at this session of the association.

*Rocky Top Church
Bro. Ray Edgar, Pastor, Sis. Shirley Black, Clerk*

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We your credenital committee recommend that Bro. Bob Howell go before the ordaining council.

Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Golden Harris
Motion to accept report as read. Seconded, Carried.

Bro. Jeff Fleming, the associational pastor was introduced. A semi-annual report was given as follows:

Dear Churches,

As associational pastor for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Free Will Baptist Association for the opportunity to serve you in this position for this year.

In the first half of the year I have had the privilege of being in nine of the eighteen churches in the association, at least one time. I would like to thank each pastor and congregation for their hospitality, prayers and financial support.

I am looking forward to the second half of the year, with the help of the Lord, in serving each of you.

Your Servant in Christ,

Bro. Jeff Fleming

Churches visited:

Ballard, Barnesville, Bethel, Fairview, Mt. Hope, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant Site, Rocky Top, Union Ridge
\$510.00 in financial support received.

Welcome by moderator Bro. Jay Sullins for all visiting members of other associations to set with us.

Bro. Levy Corey of Jasper Association (Director of Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, AL.)

Class song led by Rev. William Atkins, and Bro. Hershel Emerson.

Pastor of Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church introduced, Bro. Bobby Duncan by Moderator, Bro. Jay Sullins, who welcomed all the delegation to the church with the use of all its facilities.

Bro. Bobby Duncan then introduced Bro. Levy Corey, Director of Children's Home who addressed the associational body with a program being conducted at the Home and petitioned all churches for their continued support of prayers, finances and visits to the home.

Ordaining Council met. Members Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Ray Edgar and Bro. Clay Shotts.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council refer Bro. Bob Howell to the fall session of the association. We have not met with him as yet.

Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Clay Shotts
Report read. Motion to accept as read. Seconded, Carried.

Special song by Bro. David Sexton, Sis. Jeanie Sexton, Sis. Gracie Franks.

Due to the absence of Bro. Charlie McGee of the Ordaining Council, the Moderator appointed Bro. Clay Shotts to serve today in his absence.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that this associational body empower the moderator to appoint a committee to assemble some guidelines for the qualifications of the following officers who serve in this association.

Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk & Treasurer, Assistant Clerk & Treasurer, Trustee to Children's Home and Associational Pastor.

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. David Sexton

After a lengthy session of questions, answers and debates, a motion was made by Bro. Larry Shotts to table the motion, as made, in order to fully clarify the recommendation until the October session. Seconded, Bro. Flura Shotts. Carried.

I would like for the reading of the letters at the association be discontinued as time will be limited.

Bro. In Christ, J.H. Sullins

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the business committee recommend that the reading of the church letters before the associational body be omitted and a roll call of delegates by the clerk be made at each session.

Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. David Sexton
Motion made to accept recommendation as read. Seconded, Carried.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Devotional Committee recommend that on Saturday morning, April 12th, the Devotional be brought by Bro. Marvin Winsett, and the Saturday morning message be brought by Bro. Matthews.

Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Earnest Brown

Morning break with refreshments served in the fellowship hall.

Morning session reconvened with class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran.

Saturday morning Devotional brought by Bro. Marvin Winsett.

Ministers 75 years of age, or over recognized. Bro. Marvin Winsett.

Special song by Bro. Jimmy & Sis. Faye Avery.

Morning message brought by Bro. Woodrow Matthews, pastor Barnesville Free Will Baptist Church. Text: "The Will of God", scriptures: Matthew 7: 21-27, Romans 12: 1-2, II Chronicles 7: 12-15, II Peter 3:9.

Dismissed for lunch with Prayer and Thanksgiving for food by Bro. Bobby Duncan.

APRIL 12, 1986

P.M. Session

Class song be Bro. Bobby Duncan, Prayer by Bro. Larry Shotts.

Ordaining Council met with Bro. Bob Howell.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Appreciation Committee would like to thank Pleasant Ridge Church for the warm welcome extended to the State Line Association. We are grateful for the good fellowship, hospitality and wonderful food.

Sis. Gracie Franks, Sis. Delores Watson, Sis. Dorothea Taylor

Motion made to accept as read. Seconded, Carried.

Special song by Sis. Bonnie Cooper & Sis. Shirley Black.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that Item #13 be changed to read as follows:

We recommend that our Saturday Session in April convene at one church of our association and the Saturday and Saturday night session in October convene at another church of our association.

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. David Sexton

Motion to accept as read. Seconded, Carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that each church send a list of delegates to the clerk 10 days prior to each session.

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. David Sexton.

Motion to accept as read. Seconded, Carried.

Bro. Danny Millican, minister from the Pleasant Site Church was introduced by the Moderator, Bro. Jay Sullins for the evening devotional. Text: "Rejoice, this is the day the Lord has made." Scripture: Psalms 118:24.

Clerk, Bro. Jimmy Avery requested current addresses and phone numbers of all ministers of this association.

Motion Seconded, Carried.

ODRAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We your ordaining Council have met with Bro. Bob Howell and we have referred him to the fall session.

Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Clay Shotts

Motion to accept report as read. Seconded, Carried.

Class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Flura Shotts.

Evening Devotional brought by Bro. Roy Humphries. Text: Moses, Aaron & Hur. Scripture: Exodus 17: 8-16.

Clerk, Bro. Jimmy Avery, requested to meet with the credential committee on Thursday night prior to the October session at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Pleasant Ridge Church. Committee on Committees also to meet on Thursday night prior to the October session at 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Church, in the fellowship hall. Business Committee to meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning of the October 11th session.

Business Committee appointed by the Moderator, Bro. Jay Sullins for the fall session.

Bro. Hobert Childers, Bro. Dorsey Taylor

Special recognition of Sis. Sue Collier by the moderator, Bro. Jay Sullins, for her faithfulness to the association.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We find the following list of ministers (18) present for the April 12th Session of the Association.

Bro. Jay Sullins, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Marvin Winsett, Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. W.C. Rayburn, Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Clay Shotts, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Elmer Lee Stewart, Bro. Quineth Haney, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Larry Davis.

We find the following list of ministers (14) absent from the April 12th session of the Association.

Bro. J.E. Cheek, Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Jimmy Howell, Bro. Charles Lindley, Bro. David Motes, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Allen Myrick, Bro. Billy Robbins, Bro. Hollie W. Spiller, Bro. Jimmy Reese, Bro. C.C. Berryhill, Bro. Danny Short, Bro. Charlie Spencer.

*Ordaining Council: Bro. Ray Edgar,
Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Clay Shotts*

Motion to accept as read. Seconded, Carried.

Announcements

Motion to adjourn the association until the October session. Seconded, Carried.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

OCTOBER 11, 1986

The fall session of the 82nd Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association of Freewill Baptist Churches met at Barnesville Freewill Baptist Church, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Jimmy R. Avery, Clerk and introduced Moderator, Bro. J.H. Sullins, and Bro. Redus Hall, Assistant Moderator.

Class song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Jack Harder and Bro. Clint Cochran. Prayer by Bro. W.C. Rayburn.

Constitution and Rules of Decorum was read by Moderator Bro. J.H. Sullins.

Class song led by Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Mike Franklin and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Visiting ministers recognized and welcomed to sit with associational body. Bro. Danny Ballard, Little Brown Creek Association and Bro. R.C. Humphries, Vernon Association.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee have examined the church letters and found all letters received acceptable. We find no letter received from Mt. Calvary Church.

Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Gary D. Yielding

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Delegates roll call made by Clerk and seated.

The Devotional Committee was appointed by Moderator Bro. J.H. Sullins.

Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. W.C. Raburn

Appointing of committees done at this time:

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Sis. Betty Giddy, Bro. Glate Karr, Sis. Delores Holcomb, Bro. Troy Mason

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Jan Franks, Sis. Betty Ballard, Sis. Barbara Wright

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Earnest Brown, Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sis. Bobbie Kerr, Bro. Clint Cochran, Sis. Sarah Millican

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Bro. Glen Myrick, Bro. Cecil May, Bro. Jerry Wilkerson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Wayne Williams

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

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credenital Committee recommend that Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church delegates meet with the Credential Committee.

Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. J.R. Kerr

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE REPORT

A special thanks to all the people of the association for their help and cooperation shown this past year. As of October 3, 1986 we have 20 children in the home. Bro. Levy Corey is the new Superintendent. I would like to encourage you to support the home monthly with your finances. We serve by serving others! May God Bless!

Children's Home Trustee

Sincerely,

Bro. Bobby Duncan

Motion Seconded, Carried.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credential Committee recommend that Bro. Wonnie Jerry Wilkerson, Bro. Bob Howell and Bro. Howard Simmons go before the ordaining council.

Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Golden Harris

Motion Seconded, Carried.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Sis. Manella Brown, Sis. Velena Lewis, Bro. D.C. Ballard, Bro. Ivon Boyette, Sis. Doris Stone, Bro. Willie Williams, Sis. Clodie Stone, Bro. Dewey Rayburn, Bro. Oscar Ozbirn, Sis. Mamie Nichols, Sis. Louise Winsett, Sis. Marie Feltman, Bro. Charlie Cantrell, Sis. Cora Lee Sumner, Bro. Tom Ferguson, Bro. Arthur Reese, Sis. Lizzie Cochran.

Motion to accept. Seconded, Carried.

A moment of standing silent prayer.

Bro. Jerry Wilkerson, Bro. Glenn Myrick, Bro. Cecil May

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Noah Robertson, Rev. J.C. Dove, Rev. W.G. Howell, Rev. C.R. Puckett, Rev. J.B. Watts, Rev. I.K. Boyett, 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT

It has been my pleasure to have served as associational pastor for this past year. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to have visited in 14 of the associational churches at least once, preaching in 13 and receiving \$890.00 in financial support, finding each in good shape. To the churches and pastors of the association, I offer my thanks, for the chance to serve you and for all you've done for me and my family.

May the Grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.
Churches visited:

Antioch - did not preach, Ballard, Barnesville, Bear Creek, Bethel, Fairview, Mt. Hope, New Center Point, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant Site, Rocky Grove, Rocky Top, Trinity, Union Ridge

Churches not visited:

Love Joy, Mt. Calvary, New Hope, New Salem (invited but did not have opportunity to go)

In Christ, Bro. Jeff Fleming

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Good Springs delegates met with the ordaining council.

Bro. Jimmy Reese gave testimony and thanks for prayers and support of Christian brothers and sisters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee have checked all church letters and find they have Sunday School. We pray that all churches continue having Sunday School and teaching our children the ways of our Lord.

Sis. Evelyn Mills, Sis. Sarah Millican, Bro. Clint Cochran

Motion Seconded, 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 Galatians 5:17-21 be read and applied to our lives daily and that we love one another as Christ loved us.

Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Wayne Williams

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Class song led by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Ordaining Council met with Bro. Howard Simmons.

Break - A.M. (10 minutes)

Class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Credential Committee met with Bro. Allen Myrick and Bro. Roy Humphries.

Ordaining Council met with Bro. Bob Howell.

DEVOTIONAL REPORT

We your Devotional Committee recommend the following:

Deceased Members: Bro. Ottis Parmer

Sat. Morning Devotion: Bro. Jerry Wilkerson

Sat. Morning Message: Moderator, Bro. J.H. Sullins

Sat. Night Devotion: Bro. William Atkins

Sat. Night Message: Assistant Moderator, Bro. Redus Hall

Bro. W.C. Rayburn, Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Larry Shotts

Motion Seconded, Carried.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Financial Committee have examined all checks and letters received and find that there was a balance brought forward of \$565.00. The amount received of \$1153.00 with a total of \$1718.00

Sis. Barbara Wright, Sis. Betty Ballard, Bro. Jan Franks

Saturday Morning Devotional Services held by Bro. Jerry Wilkerson with scripture and testimonial services held.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommends that Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church be accepted into the association and their delegates seated.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

Motion Seconded, Carried

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Howard Simmons be accepted into the association upon receipt of a letter from the Vernon Association.

Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. David Sexton

Motion Seconded, Carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee recommend Bro. Roy Humphries and Bro. Allen Myrick go before the ordaining council.

Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Gary Yielding

Motion Seconded, Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommended that any action on Bro. Hollie Wayne Spiller be delayed until more information is available to the association.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar
Motion Seconded, Carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Business Committee recommend that this association have a standing Ordaining Council of three members composed of ministers of this body, with the oldest member to be dropped each year at the fall session and a new member to be appointed by the moderator.

*Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Redus Hall,
Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. J.H. Sullins*
Motion Seconded, Carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

Whereas the association now meets semi-annually, we recommend that all business matters to be presented before the associational body be submitted in writing, signed, to the clerk, to go before the Business Committee, 10 days prior to each session.

*Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Redus Hall
Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers*
Motion Seconded, Carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Business Committee recommend that a committee be appointed by the moderator to revise the constitution by-laws of this association, to be presented at the next session of this association. We recommend this committee be composed of "3" ministers and "2" deacons.

*Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Redus Hall
Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers*
Motion Seconded, Carried.

Special song sung by Sis. Gracie Franks

Class song led by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Right hand of Christian fellowship given to Bro. Howard Simmons and delegates from Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

Saturday morning message brought by Moderator, Bro. J.H. Sullins.
Scriptures: John 8:12, Amos 3:3, John 3:3, 2:6, I John 2:5, Rev. 3:4, I John 1:5-8.

Invitational Hymnal led by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Bobby Duncan
Dismissed for lunch. Prayer and food blessed by Bro. William Atkins.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Class song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Jeff Fleming.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are thankful for the love of all our fellow christians.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Barnesville Church for their warm hospitality during this association.

We ask that this report be read today.

Bro. Troy Mason, Bro. G.O. Karr, Sis. Delores Holcomb

Motion Seconded, Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Wonnie Jerry Wilkerson to be ordained into the ministry of the gospel.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

Motion Seconded, Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Charlie Spencer be dropped from our list of ministers in good standing.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

Motion Seconded, Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Bob Howell be ordained into the ministry of the Gospel.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Deceased members message brought by Bro. Ottis Parmer. Scriptures: Romans 8:37 and I Cor. 15:50-58.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Jack Harder preach the ordination charge.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				PAID PASTORS		PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS
Antioch	Bro. Quineth Haney	33	5	3	0	1,748.86	140.00	-	0	30.
Ballard	Bro. Mike Franklin	49	6	1	0	4,153.12	440.00	45,000	1,176.84	30.
Barnesville	Bro. Woodrow Matthews	167	0	0	4	7,550.00	510.00	90,000	885.85	125
Bear Creek	Bro. Elmer Lee Steward	74	0	0	0	5,332.96	325.00	50,000	5,231.71	75
Bethel	Bro. David Sexton	35	3	0	0	7,350.00	1,525.00	145,000	18,265.09	50.
Fairview	Bro. Jack Harder	135	0	2	3	12,860.00	1,295.00	100,000	4,121.09	125
Good Springs	Bro. Allen Myrick	70	6	0	0	3,610.00	-	35,000	3,304.17	30.
Love Joy	Bro. Charles Yielding	67	2	1	0	2,264.71	125.00	6,000	-	25.
Mt. Hope	Bro. J.H. Sullins	191	3	5	2	9,212.99	400.00	100,000	2,902.97	125
New Center Point	Bro. Redus Hall	63	1	0	0	12,960.00	1,091.00	54,000	1,868.82	63
New Hope	Bro. J.E. Cheek	45	1	0	0	833.58	221.00	15,000	1,346.46	25
New Salem	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers	28	0	0	1	2,873.06	200.00	20,000	28.89	30.
Pleasant Ridge	Bro. Bobby Duncan	135	14	3	4	18,500.00	600.00	150,000	2,219.42	150
Pleasant Site	Bro. William Atkins	64	0	0	2	6,500.00	450.00	60,000	263.11	65
Rocky Grove	Bro. Gilley Parrish	62	5	0	0	5,300.00	325.00	40,000	559.00	25
Rocky Top	Bro. Ray Edgar	112	1	0	0	5,425.00	1,480.00	50,000	916.25	50.
Trinity	Bro. Ottis Parmer	41	5	0	1	4,500.00	300.00	85,000	52,061.41	35
Union Ridge	Bro. David Motes	75	7	0	0	7,233.78	250.00	28,000	2,217.27	75.

IMPROVEMENTS	MINUTE FUND	ORPHANAGE	LITERATURE	MISSIONS	MISCELLANEOUS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	DEACONS	TEACHERS	NUMBER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	C.T.S.	PRAYER MEETING	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	BIBLE STUDY
30.00	296.25	210.67	0	0	2	1	3	33	-	-	Bro. Harold Holcomb		
50.00	226.50	479.94	0	0	2	3	4	49	-	✓	Bro. J.R. Kerr		
125.00	986.52	1,363.64	620.00	5,860.78	3	5	5	71	-	✓			
75.00	50.00	350.00	0	616.58	2	3	4	50	-	✓	Bro. Henry Grissom		
50.00	200.00	1,218.99	0	2,585.05	1	2	7	25	-	✓	Bro. Wendall Franks		
125.00	1,406.00	808.13	0	4,988.93	3	7	11	95	-	✓	Bro. Curtis Allen		
30.00	100.00	255.94	0	1,534.31	2	3	4	20	-	✓	Bro. Dale Glick		
25.00	0	58.91	0	397.43	0	2	3	22	-	✓	Bro. Henry Pearce		
125.00	491.02	570.99	0	3,942.22	1	2	6	52	-	✓	Bro. Bobby Yielding		
63.00	450.00	1,103.38	0	9,218.48	2	5	11	68	-	✓	Bro. Donald Puckett		
25.00	60.25	219.29	0	555.66	1	1	3	25	-	✓	Bro. Gary Carter		
30.00	200.00	0	0	258.40	2	1	3	26	-	✓	Bro. Steve Sullins		
150.00	767.12	2,002.81	778.98	31,948.14	2	5	9	100	-	✓	Bro. Steve Williford		
65.00	100.00	714.18	0	3,428.32	2	3	4	43	-	✓	Bro. Bobby Crow		
25.00	62.45	416.85	8.50	1,479.08	2	3	3	35	-	✓	Bro. Chris Rich		
50.00	331.00	643.82	0	2,366.42	1	4	5	54	-	✓	Bro. Royce Cooper		
35.00	187.00	514.48	64.00	144.86	2	2	3	35	-	✓	Bro. Floyd Collins		
75.00	0	1,324.47	0	935.67	1	2	5	30	-		Bro. Johnny Hulsey		

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Ordination message brought by Bro. Jack Harder. Matthew 10:5-16, II Cor. 4:1-3, II Tim. 4:1-5, I Tim. 3:1-6.

Candidates: Bro. Jerry Wilkerson and Bro. Bob Howell

Charge given to both candidates and wives/fiancee. Prayer with laying on of hands by all ordained men present.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Roy Humphries and Bro. Allen Myrick be accepted into the association and issued a card of standing.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Charlie McGee

Motion Seconded, Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends that Sis. Sue Collier be issued a card of standing and commend her for her faithfulness to the association.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Commendations and card presented to Sis. Sue Collier by her pastor and associational moderator Bro. J.H. Sullins.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends Bro. Danny Short be dropped from our roll of ministers according to #11 of Documents and Order of Business.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

Motion Seconded, Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council recommends that all ministers currently holding a card of good standing, who have not been dealt with in another report, be issued a card of standing.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charlie McGee, Bro. Ray Edgar

Motion Seconded, Carried.

MINISTERS RECEIVING CARD

Rev. William Atkins

Route 2, Guin, AL 35563 468-2423

Rev. C.C. Berryhill

Route 1, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Rev. J.E. Cheek
 Route 3, Box 277, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-4407
Rev. Edgar Lee Childers
 Route 1, Vina, AL 35593 356-2734
Rev. Larry Davis
 Route 1, Vina, AL 35593 356-4992
Rev. Bobby Duncan
 Route 2, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4985
Rev. Ray Edgar
 Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-5578
Rev. Jeff Fleming
 Route 3, Box 183, 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, Alabama 35563 468-3917
Rev. Jack Harder
 Route 6, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-3711
Rev. Bob Howell
 Hackleburg, Alabama 35564
Rev. Jimmy Howell
 Hackleburg, Alabama 35564
Rev. Roy Humphries
 Route 1, Box 28, Vina, AL 35593 356-2185
Rev. Charles Lindley
 Route 2, Guin, Alabama 35563
Rev. Woodrow Matthews
 Route 2, Box 420, Guin, AL 35563 468-2325
Rev. David Motes
 Route 1, Box 470, Phil Campbell, AL 35581
Rev. Charlie McGee
 Route 5, Russellville, AL 35653 332-0091
Rev. Allen Myrick
 Route 5, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4380
Rev. Ottis Parmer
 Route 2, Guin, AL 35563 468-2444
Rev. W.C. Rayburn
 Route 2, Guin, AL 35563 468-2223
Rev. Jimmy Reese
 Box 248, Guin, AL 35563
Rev. Billy Robbins
 Route 1, Box 387, Herndon Rd., Fairburn, GA 30213 1-404-964-5179

Rev. David Sexton

Box 312, Brilliant, AL 35548 465-9289

Rev. Clay Shotts

Route 1, Hamilton, Alabama 35570

Rev. Larry Shotts

Route 3, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-7215

Rev. Howard Simmons

Route 1, Detroit, AL 35552 921-3461

Rev. Hollie W. Spiller

Route 4, Box 293, Winfield, AL 35594 465-2319

Rev. Elmer Lee Stewart

Route 3, Phil Campbell 35581 993-4994

Rev. J.H. Sullins

Route 6, Box 19B, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-2652

Rev. Wonnice Jerry Wilkerson

Winfield, Alabama 35594

Rev. Marvin Winsett

Route 6, Box 131, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-3705

Cards of good standing passed out to ministers by the Ordaining Council.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION

Rev. William Atkins, Rev. J.E. Cheek, Rev. Ray Edgar, Rev. Edgar Lee Childers, Rev. Larry Davis, Rev. Bobby Duncan, Rev. Jeff Fleming, Rev. Mike Franklin, Rev. Redus Hall, Rev. Quineth Haney, Rev. Jack Harder, Rev. Roy Humphries, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. David Motes, Rev. Charlie McGee, Rev. Allen Myrick, Rev. Ottis Parmer, Rev. W.C. Rayburn, Rev. David Sexton, Rev. Clay Shotts, Rev. Larry Shotts, Rev. J.H. Sullins, Rev. Marvin Winsett, Rev. Jimmy Reese, Rev. Bob Howell, Rev. Howard Simmons, Rev. Jerry Wilkerson

MINISTERS NOT REPORTING FALL SESSION 1986

Rev. Charles Lindley, Rev. Hollie W. Spiller

A vote was cast after churches identified for association.

Fairview - 2nd Saturday in April. (April 11, 1987)

Bethel - 2nd Saturday and Saturday night in October. (October 10, 1987)

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Moderator, Bro. J.H. Sullins appointed Bro. Dewey Crowe to replace the senior member dropped, Bro. J.R. Kerr on the Credential Committee.

Moderator Bro. J.H. Sullins appointed Ordaining Council with Senior member Bro. Clay Shotts, #2 Bro. David Motes and #3 Bro. Mike Franklin.

A Revision Committee to revise the Constitution was appointed by the Moderator, Bro. J.H. Sullins, as follows:

Bro. David Sexton, chairman; Bro. William Atkins; Bro. Bobby Duncan; Bro. Flura Shotts; Bro. Freeman Nixon.

Officials for the 1987 - 83rd sessions were elected:

Moderator: Bro. Jack Harder

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Ottis Parmer

Clerk & Treasurer: Bro. Jimmy R. Avery

Assistant Clerk & Treasurer: Sis. Faye Avery

Alternate: Sis. Beatrice Harris

Trustee to Children's Home: Bro. Bobby Duncan

Associational Pastor: Bro. Roy Humphries

Motion made to discharge all committees except for the standing committees. Seconded. Carried.

Class song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Jeff Fleming as right hand of Christian fellowship extended to Bro. Bob Howell, Bro. Jerry Wilkerson, Bro. Allen Myrick, Bro. Roy Humphries and their wives/fiancee.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Mike Franklin.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Class song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Clint Cochran. Prayer by Bro. Flura Shotts.

Saturday night Devotional speaker introduced by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Redus Hall. Speaker, Bro. William Atkins.

Class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Devotional Service held by Bro. William Atkins. Scripture: Johah 1:1-3.

Communion and footwashing message brought by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Redus Hall. Scripture: Matthew 26:17-30, Luke 22:19, Matthew 14:19-21, Luke 24:30-31, John 6:56, Romans 5:9, Hebrews 9:14, I Corinthians 11:22-26, 11:28-34.

Invitation given to be saved.

Deacons prepared communion table: Bread blessed by Bro. Wayne

Williams, Cup blessed by Bro. Golden Harris.

Deacons ministering, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. D.L. Brown and Bro. Flura Shotts.

Message concluded with Scriptures: . . . *"and Supper being ended He took a towel and washed the disciples feet."*

Forty-two people present, forty-one participated.

Bro. Richard Hendricks from Home Missions Department spoke for Alabama Home Missions.

Dismissed with class song led by Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Clint Cochran.

DELEGATES

Antioch: Sis. Pam Avery, Sis. Delores Holcomb, Sis. Michelle Winsett, Bro. Taylor Peoples, Alt.

Ballard: Sis. Betty Giddy, Sis. Bobbie Kerr, Sis. Shelba Gilliland, Bro. Dick Gilliland, Alt.

Barnesville: Sis. Carol Taylor, Bro. Grady Carter, Bro. G.O. Karr, Bro. Buddy Ward

Bear Creek: Sis. Eva Lee Jackson, Sis. Carolyn Stewart, Bro. Troy Mason, Bro. Cleburn Gann, Alt.

Bethel: Sis. Mary Francis Gibbs, Sis. Muriel Warren, Bro. Jan Franks, Sis. Gracie Franks, Alt.

Fairview: Sis. Betty Ballard, Sis. Attie Roberts, Sis. Betty Shotts, Bro. Alfred Ballard

Love Joy: Sis. Barbara Wright, Sis. Etta Britt, Sis. Tammy Stults, Alt.

Mt. Hope: Sis. Vern Hall, Sis. Bonnie Sue Yielding, Bro. Craig McCarley, Bro. Ronnie Yielding, Bro. Bobbie Yielding, Alt.

New Center Point: Sis. Johnnie Ford, Sis. Ruth Vann, Sis. Beatrice Scott, Bro. Jim Northington, Sis. Mary Lou Ford, Alt.

New Hope: Sis. Rita Cheek, Sis. Frances Green, Sis. Betty Carter, Bro. George Green, Alt.

New Salem: Sis. Cathy Sullins, Sis. Fayrene Crowder, Bro. Steve Sullins, Sis. Ellie Lindsey, Alt.

Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Ronnie Lindley, Bro. Steve Williford, Bro. Alton Smith, Bro. Junior Carter, Alt.

Pleasant Site: Sis. Sarah Millican, Sis. Angie Mills, Sis. Evelyn Mills, Sis. Alma Mills, Alt.

Rocky Grove: Sis. Joyce Myrick, Bro. Glen Myrick, Sis. Charlotte Rich, Alt.

Rocky Top: Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Sis. Shirley Black, Sis. Daphne Hamby, Alt.

Trinity: Bro. Jerry Wilkerson, Bro. Cecil May, Sis. Maxine Goodwin, Alt.

Union Ridge: Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Wynette Knight, Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Cynthia Myers, Alt.

Good Springs: Bro. Dale Glick, Sis. Peggy Myrick, Sis. Oma Lee Humphries, Bro. Mark Glick, Alt.

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

CLERKS

Antioch: Sis. Pam Avery, P.O. Box 201, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4159

Ballard: Sis. Shelba Gilliland, Rt. 2, Detroit, AL 35552 273-4333

Barnesville: Sis. Derothea Taylor, Rt. 4, Box 112, Hamilton, AL 921-4423

Bear Creek: Sis. Alma Lou Bowen, Box 41, Hackleburg, AL 35564 935-3300

Bethel: Sis. Gracie Franks, Rt. 1, Box 185, Brilliant, AL 35548 465-2321

Fairview: Sis. Pat Stidham, Rt. 4, Box 440, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-7393

Good Springs: Sis. Gail Parrish, P.O. Box 917, Red Bay, AL 35582 352-2202

Love Joy: Bro. Henry Pearce, Rt. 6, Box 96, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-3031

Mt. Hope: Bro. Ronnie Yielding, Rt. 2, Box 258, Hamilton, AL 921-9406

New Center Point: Sis. Johnnie Ford, Rt. 1, Box 221-B, Greenwood Springs, MS. 1-601-256-7267

New Hope: Sis. Betty Carter, Rt. 2, Box 172, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-3914

New Salem: Sis. Virginia Carter, Rt. 5, Box 216, Hamilton, AL 921-4977

Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Dewey Crow, Rt. 2, Box 167, Hamilton, AL 921-3730

Pleasant Site: Sis. Evelyn Mills, Rt. 1, Box 67, Hamilton, AL 921-3756

Rocky Grove: Sis. Charlotte Rich, P.O. Box 745, Hamilton, AL 921-7055

Rocky Top: Sis. Shirley Black, Rt. 1, Box 30, Hackleburg, AL 35564

935-3596

Trinity: Sis. Marlene Collins, P.O. Box 604, Winfield, AL 35594 487-3680

Union Ridge: Sis. Grace Ray, Rt. 1, Box 280, Sulligent, AL 35586 698-9311

MINUTE FUND

Antioch.....	\$30.00
Ballard	\$50.00
Barnesville	\$125.00
Bear Creek.....	\$75.00
Bethel	\$50.00
Fairview	\$125.00
Love Joy.....	\$25.00
Mt. Calvary.....	No Letter
Mt. Hope.....	\$125.00
New Center Point.....	\$63.00
New Hope.....	\$25.00
New Salem.....	\$30.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	\$150.00
Pleasant Site.....	\$65.00
Rocky Grove.....	\$25.00
Rocy Top.....	\$50.00
Trinity.....	\$35.00
Unioin Ridge.....	\$75.00
Good Springs.....	\$30.00
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Total Received \$1,153.00	
On Hand \$565.00	
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Grand Total \$1,718.00	

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Moderator	\$.00
Paid Assistant Moderator	\$.00
Paid Clerk	\$.00
Paid Assistant Clerk	\$.00
Paid Alternate	\$.00
State and National Fees	
19 Churches at \$20.00 per church	\$ 380.00
Printing of Minutes (Est.)	\$750.00
Expenses (Est.)	\$200.00
Total Disbursements	\$1330.00
Balance on Hand	\$565.00
Received	\$1123.00
BALANCE	\$388.00

Clerk's Address:

Jimmy R. Avery
Route 2, Box 382-B
Hamilton, Alabama 35570
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 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 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.

(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 accordingly 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 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."

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 footwashing 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 session in April convene at one church of our association and the Saturday and Saturday night session in October 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.

ITEM 24: We recommend that each church send a list of delegates to the clerk 10 days prior to each session.

ITEM 25: We recommend that the reading of the church letters before the associational body be omitted and a roll call of delegates by the clerk be made at each session.

ITEM 26: We recommend that all ministers provide the clerk with current addresses and phone numbers at each session.

ITEM 27: We recommend that the Credentials Committee, Committee on Committees and Business Committee meet with the Associational Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk, at the designated place on Thursday night prior to each session.

ITEM 28: We recommend that this association have a standing ordaining council of three members composed of ministers of this body, with the oldest member to be dropped each year at the fall session and a new member to be appointed by the moderator.

ITEM 29: We recommend that all business matters to be presented before the associational body be submitted in writing, signed, to the clerk to go before the business committee 10 days prior to each session.

ITEM 30: We recommend that the association meet semi-annually with the first session to meet on the second (2nd) Saturday in April and the second session to meet on the second (2nd) Saturday and Saturday night of October, with the morning session 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.

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.

