

MINUTES

*of the
Eighty-Fourth Annual Session
of*

STATE LINE

Free Will Baptist Association

of

MISSISSIPPI — ALABAMA

HELD WITH

ANTIOCH CHURCH, APRIL 8, 1988

and

PLEASANT SITE CHURCH, OCTOBER 14, 1988

OFFICERS

Moderator	Bro. Randall Tice
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Bill Duncan
Clerk & Treasurer	Bro. Jimmy Avery
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer	Sis. Faye Avery
Alternate	Sis. Beatrice Harris
Trustee to Children's Home	Bro. Larry Davis
Associational Pastor	Bro. Danny Millican

The next session will be held with New Salem Church on April 8, 1989 and Barnesville Church on October 14, 1989 (Second Saturdays)

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address the Moderator and when recognized he shall proceed.
3. 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.
4. The person speaking must adhere to the subject in question and shall not use words of personal reflection.
5. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association and not more than five minutes each time.
6. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.
7. No person shall address another except by the appellation of brother or sister.
8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
9. The names of all ministers, deacons, and delegates shall be enrolled clerk and called as often as deemed necessary by the Moderator.
10. 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.
11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

84th SESSION APRIL 9, 1988 AM SESSION

The 84th Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association of FWB Churches met for the Semi-Annual Session at Antioch FWB Church, convening at 9:00 a.m. The session opened with a class song led by Bro. Quineth Haney and prayer by Bro. Jimmy R. Avery.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. David Sexton.

Roll call of delegates by Clerk, Jimmy R. Avery, made. Motion to accept. Carried. Delegates seated.

ANTIOCH: Sis. Delores Holcomb, Sis. Brenda Smith, Sis. Geraldine Winsett, Alt. Sis. Pam Avery.

BALLARD: Bro. Clyde Weeks, Sis. Elizabeth Weeks, Sis. Tena Lovelady, Alt. Sis. Betty Lovelady

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Gerthie Woods, Sis. Carol Taylor, Sis. Jean Brown, Sis. Agnes Casey

BEAR CREEK: Sis. Monell Gann, Sis. Maudie Grissom, Sis. Louise McCarley, Alt. Bro. Cleburn Gann

BETHEL: Sis. Gerline Sexton, Sis. Jeanie Sexton, Bro. Wendall Jan Franks, Alt. Sis. Gracie Franks

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Alfred Ballard, Sis. Betty Ballard, Sis. Betty Shotts

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Peggy Myrick, Bro. Dale Glick

LOVE JOY: Sis. Willie Reid, Sis. Ann Nutt, Alt. Sis. Etta Britt, Alt. Sis. Tammy Stults

MOUNT HOPE: Bro. Bill Hall, Sis. Vern Hall, Sis. Ivie Collier, Alt. Bro. Hugh Don Cochran

NEW CENTER POINT: No response

NEW HOPE: Sis. Vona Williams, Sis. Beatrice Delano, Sis. Vicky Williams, Alt. Sis. Ada Tice

NEW SALEM: Bro. Jimmy Lucas, Sis. Jackie Lucas, Sis. Lucille Childers

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Clint Cochran, Sis. Verna Williams, Bro. Robert Puckett, Alt. Sis. Wanda Skinner

PLEASANT SITE: Bro. J.W. Vann, Sis. Carolyn Vann, Sis. Evelyn Mills, Alt. Sis. Alma Mills

ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Glenn Myrick, Sis. Joyce Myrick, Bro. Freddie Haney, Alt. Sis. Marilyn Haney

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Jenny Elrod, Sis. Martha Mitchell, Alt. Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Alt. Sis. Sharon Holcomb

TRINITY: Bro. Buster Goodwin, Bro. Cecil May, Sis. Ellen Kizzire

UNION RIDGE: Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Wynette Knight, Sis. Cynthia Myers

All standing committees were reminded of their duties, by Moderator, Bro. David Sexton as referred to on pages 32 - 35 of the 1987 Minutes, with the appointing of Committees for the 1988 session as the following:

Devotion Committee: Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Luard Kizzire, Bro. Dewey Crow

Appreciation Committee: Bro. J.W. Vann, Sis. Jean Brown, Sis. Elizabeth Edgar

The Rules of Decorum was read by the Moderator, Bro. David Sexton.

A letter from the Jasper Association was read to the associational body by Clerk, Bro. Jimmy Avery, requesting a letter of recommendation to that association for Bro. Dallas Gilliland. Motion made to grant letter. Second. Carried. Letter mailed on April 18, 1988.

Class songs, "It Is Love" and "It's Just Like Heaven" led by Bro. J.H. Sullins and Bro. J.W. Vann.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotional Committee recommend for the Spring Session the Devotional be given by Bro. Howard Simmons and the Morning Message by Bro. Quineth Haney.

Bro. Larry Shotts resigned as the Associational Pastor due to pastoring a church at present. Bro. Danny Millican was nominated to replace Bro. Shotts. Motion to accept. Second. Carried.

A recommendation was made by the Moderator, Bro. David Sexton for the revision committee to assemble guidelines for the replacement of the Associational Pastor, should he be unable to serve in that capacity and present at the fall session. Motion to accept. Second. Carried.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

The report was given by Children's Home Trustee, Bro. Bobby Duncan as follows:

We have 31 children at the home at this time. There is a need of a washing machine and a dryer and all kinds of food. The home has been able to make it from month to month with our finances, but there is a need of more finances. The plumbing in the home is a real problem and needs many repairs. May we do all that we can to help Bro. Corey take care of these children. This is a mission to us all.

Children's Home Trustee,
Bro. Bobby Duncan

Motion to accept. Second. Carried.

Special song by Bro. David Sexton, Sis. Jeanie Sexton and Sis. Gracie Franks, "Consider The Lilies."

Special song by Sis. Bonnie Cooper and Bro. J.W. Vann, "Lord Don't Move That Mountain."

Testimony Service conducted by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers. Ms. W. Reed, testified that she had been a christian for 68 years and would be 97 years old on April 26, 1988.

AM Break for 15 minutes.

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

Associational body welcomed to Antioch Church by the Pastor, Bro. Quineth Haney.

Assistant Moderator, Bro. William Atkins gave special recognition of Bro. Jimmy Howell and let him give his testimony.

The AM Devotional Speaker, Bro. Howard Simmons introduced by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. William Atkins.

Class song led by Bro. Roy Humphries, "Amazing Grace"

Morning Message speaker introduced by Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Quineth Haney. Scripture: Romans 13: 11-12, and Revelations 1:3.

Special song by Bro. David Sexton, Sis. Jeanie Sexton and Sis. Gracie Franks, "I'm A Citizen of Two Worlds."

Dismissal prayer and grace given by Bro. Jack Harder.

P.M. SESSION

Class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Jeff Fleming.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Appreciation Committee wishes to thank Antioch Church for the wonderful lunch and the special feeling of love and friendship they have shown the churches this session.

Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Jean Brown, Bro. J.W. Vann

Motion to accept. Second. Carried.

Bro. Mike Franklin given to the floor at this time to explain his reason for his resignation from the Ordaining Council. Stated "I'm joining the military to serve as Chaplain in Germany for our service boys. I wish to remain in the association and will report by letter." Motion to accept resignation. Second. Carried.

New member appointed to fill the remainder of Bro. Franklin's term, by the Moderator, Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Woodrow Matthews appointed. Declined. Accepted. Bro. Jack Harder appointed. Declined, Accepted. Bro. Ottis Parmer appointed, accepted.

Special song by Bro. Clay Shotts, "The Great Judgement Morning".

Special song by Bro. Wise Holcomb. "The Heaven of Rest."

VISITING MINISTERS: Bro. Wise Holcomb, Jasper Association.

DEACONS ATTENDING THE SPRING SESSION:

Bro. Dewey Crow - Pleasant Ridge
Bro. Golden Harris - Pleasant Ridge
Bro. Jimmy Avery - Pleasant Ridge
Bro. Wayne Williams - Barnesville
Bro. O.C. Mitchell - Mount Hope
Bro. W.C. Williams - Antioch
Bro. Steve Smith - Antioch
Bro. Royce Cooper - Rocky Top
Bro. Flura W. Shotts - Fairview
Bro. Dave Britt - Love Joy
Bro. Earnest Brown - New Salem
Bro. Luard Kizzire - Trinity

Announcements.

Motion to adjourn. Second. Carried.

Class song led by Bro. J.H. Sullins and Bro. Clint Cochran. "I Want To Know More About My Lord." Special request by Bro. Harold Holcomb in memory of Bro. Monk Howell.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT THE SPRING SESSION

Bro. William Atkins, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Quineth Haney, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Bob Howell, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Danny Millican, Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. David Motes, Bro. Otis Parmer, Bro. W.C. Rayburn, Bro. David Sexton, Bro. W.C. Shotts, Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. J.H. Sullins and Bro. Wonnie Jerry Wilkerson.

FALL SESSION

October 8, 1988

The Fall Session opened with a class song led by Bro. J.W. Vann and Bro. Jimmy Avery. Prayer by Bro. Bill Duncan.

Welcome to Pleasant Site Church given by the Assistant Moderator and Pastor, Bro. William Atkins.

Appreciation Committee excused to meet.

Roll call of delegates by Clerk, Jimmy Avery. Motion to accept made. Seconded. Carried. Delegates seated.

Credentials Committee excused to meet with Rocky Grove and New Hope Churches.

Class song by Bro. Quineth Haney.

Devotional Committee excused to meet.

The following committees were appointed to serve by the Moderator.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Alfred Ballard, Bro. Fred Rushing, Bro. Clint Cochran

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE: Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Bob Howell, Bro. Rayford Goggans

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee have examined all letters and have found them in order.

Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Royce Cooper
Motion to accept. Second. Carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee recommend that Bro. Bill Duncan go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Royce Cooper
Motion to accept. Seconded. Carried.

Appreciation note from the State Association read by Clerk.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Your sacrificial systematic support of our State ministries are greatly appreciated. Your faithfulness encourages us as we serve our Dear Lord in this capacity.

May God's abundant, abiding and abounding grace be yours as you live, labor and look for Him.

Rejoicing and resting in our Redeemer, your servant.

Thomas Kirkland, Al. State Treasurer (F.W.B.)

Motion to accept. Seconded. Carried.

Visiting Ministers and Delegates welcomed. None.

BUSINESS REPORT (Partial)

We recommend that item #1 under Rules for the Preachers read:

All ministers wishing to become a member of the Association will be required to go before the Ordaining Council with a written 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.

Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. William Atkins
Bro. David Sexton and Bro. Jimmy Avery

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Business Committee recommend to the association that Item #18 of the Documents and Order of Business be deleted due to the conflict with the rules for the preachers.

Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. David Sexton
Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Jimmy Avery

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the business committee recommend that item #2 under Rules of Decorum be deleted and each rule renumbered to total #11.

Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. William Atkins
Bro. David Sexton and Bro. Jimmy Avery

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the business committee recommend that Item #26 be rewritten to read as:

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

Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. David Sexton
Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Jimmy Avery

Motion seconded. Carried.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Roy Humphries hold morning devotional service. Also, Bro. Bill Duncan the night devotional service.

Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Woodrow Matthews & Bro. Luard Kizzire
Motion seconded, Carried.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

"But Jesus said, "Suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of Heaven: Matthew 19:14"

Yes, children here on this earth is just a foretaste of the Heaven to come, and the 28 children of mine and yours at the Eldridge FWB Children's Home make this world just a little better place here to live by sharing in their lives with our love, support and prayers that we give them each year.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each of you who have made this year of 1988 another successful year for the home, but I would also challenge each of you to continue each year to help support "our" children. Even though much has been done, there are still many needs to be ministered to. Please take time to visit the Home, if you can. If you can't visit and see the wonderful ministry and loving home there, then continue your prayers, love and financial support.

Your Brother-in-Christ and Trustee to the Children's Home
Bro. Bobby Duncan

Bro. David Sexton encouraged all churches to support and care for the children and to use the Children's Ministry at each church.

Motion, seconded. Carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Business Committee recommend that #1 under Business Committee job description to read as follows:

To examine all business items coming before the Association. All items must be submitted to the clerk in writing and signed at least 10 days prior to the Associational meetings.

Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. David Sexton
Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Jimmy Avery

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT

It has been my pleasure to have served as Associational Pastor for this six months. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to be in service with all the churches. I have contacted all the churches and had the opportunity to preach or be in service in all but one, receiving \$811.20 in financial support.

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.

In Christ, Bro. Danny Millican

Motion. Seconded. Carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee recommend Bro. Gurley Roberts go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crow and Bro. Royce Cooper
Motion. Seconded. Carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee recommend Bro. Cralles Borden go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crow and Bro. Royce Cooper
Motion. Seconded. Carried.

CREDENITALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credenitals Committee recommend Bro. Randall Tice go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crow and Bro. Royce Cooper
Motion. Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommend we accept Bro. Bill Duncan into this association in good standing.

Bro. David Motes, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Motion. Seconded. Carried.

Special songs sang by Bro. Quineth Haney, Sis. Pam Avery, Sis. Michelle Avery and Sis. Brenda Smith.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee have received from the Associational Fund \$1,152.00. On hand \$193.00 for a total of \$1,345.00.

Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Alfred Ballard, Bro. Fred Rushing
Motion. Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommend we accept Bro. Gurlie Roberts into the Association in full standing.

Bro. David Motes, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Motion. Seconded. Carried.

OCTOBER 6, 1988

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Dear State Line Association:

We the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convening at the Liberty FWB Church in our Annual Meeting voted to give Bro.'s Bill Duncan and Gurlie Roberts a letter of good standing. We recommend these men to your Association.

In Service for Christ
Buddy T. Henry, Clerk,

Motion. Seconded. Carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee recommend Bro. Cecil Paden go before the Ordaining Council

Bro. Golden Harris, Bro. Dewey Crow and Bro. Royce Cooper
Motion. Seconded. Carried.

Moderator, Bro. David Sexton reminded all church clerks to send a list of their Spring Delegates to the Associational Clerk at least 2 weeks prior to the spring session.

A.M. BREAK

Class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Larry Shotts. Prayer by Bro. Jerry Wilkerson

A.M. Devotional by Bro. Roy Humphries, Acts 17:16. Topic: "Devotion To The Lord" and to the church.

Sunday School Committee excused for a meeting.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommend that the request from New Hope Church to reinstate Bro. C.D. Paden be denied.

Bro. David Motes, Bro. Ottis Parmer and Bro. Redus Hall Motion. Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommend we accept Bro. Randall Tice into this Association in full standing by request of Ballard Church in accordance with Article I in Rules for the Preachers.

Bro. David Motes, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Ottis Parmer Motion. Seconded. Carried.

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

The following is a list of the churches and its deceased members as furnished to the association.

Antioch - Bro. Orville Winsett

Barnesville - Bro. G.O. Karr

Good Springs - Bro. M.M. Warren & Sis. Jewel Humphries

Mount Hope - Bro. Brent Ballard

New Hope - Sis. Mary Lee Carter Paded

New Salem - Sis. Ellie Lindsey

Pleasant Ridge - Sis. Lavada Jones, Sis. Rozzie Windsor

Pleasant Site - Sis. Ollie Scoggins, Sis. Meg Wright, Bro. Emmit Mills

Rocky Top - Bro. James Downs, Bro. Bill King

Union Ridge - Sis. Dorothy Turman, Sis. Rushie Lisa Boyett

These will be missed here on earth.

Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Rayford Goggans, Bro. Bob Howell

We also recommended that Bro Jack Harder hold the Deceased Members Message.

Motion. Seconded. Carried.

Special Song by Sis. Shirley Black and Sis. Bonnie Cooper "Lord, Don't Move That Mountain".

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

The appreciation committee recommends that we acknowledge these ministers for their continuous service.

10 YEARS SERVICE:

Bro. Jack Harder
Bro. Edgar Lee Childers
Bro. Bobby W. Duncan
Bro. Ray Edgar
Bro. Redus Hall
Bro. Quineth Haney
Bro. David Sexton
Bro. J.H. Sullins
Bro. Randall Tice
Bro. Bill Duncan
Bro. Larry Shotts
Bro. Charles Lindley
Bro. Larry H. Davis

20 YEARS SERVICE

Bro. William Atkins
Bro. Roy Humphries
Bro. Gillie Parrish
Bro. David Motes
Bro. Cralles O. Borden
Bro. Howard Simmons

30 YEARS SERVICE:

Bro. Jimmy Howell
Bro. Ottis Parmer
Bro. Gurley Roberts
Bro. Marvin Winsett

40 YEARS SERVICE

Bro. Woodrow Matthews

50 YEARS SERVICE

Bro. W.C. Shotts
Bro. W.C. Rayburn

Pins were pinned on each ministers left lapel and certificates awarded by the appreciation committee. Bro. William Atkins was also presented with a plaque for his outstanding service and dedication as minister and pastor of Pleasant Site Church by Bro. J.W. Vann.

Motion. Second. Carried.

Class song by Bro. J.W. Vann and Bro. William Atkins

A.M. Message by Moderator, Bro. David Sexton.

Invitational Hymn by Bro. J.W. Vann - "Just As I Am". Prayer and Grace by Bro. Wayne Williams

Dismissed for Lunch.

SATURDAY P.M.

Special song, "Near The Door Of That Mansion" by Bro. William Atkins.

Deceased members message by Bro. Jack Harder.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

The Appreciation Committee wishes to thank Pleasant Site Church for the wonderful lunch and the special friendship and love they have shown the churches this session.

Bro. J.W. Vann, Sis. Jean Brown and Sis. Elizabeth Edgar
Motion. Second. Carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Sunday School Committee, have examined all church letters, and have found each one to have Sunday School. We encourage each church to promote the growth of their Sunday School, any assistance this committee can give contact any of this committee. We move that this be accepted.

Bro. Fred Rushing, Bro. Cecil May, Bro. Glenn Myrick
Motion. Second. Carried.

Special song by Sis. Tammy Stults, "Halleluiaah Square".

Special song by Sis. Amelia Batchelder "Come Morning"

Special song by Bro. J.W. Vann, Bro. David Sexton and Sis. Bonnie Cooper.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator to serve in the 1989 sessions: (See the last pages of this book for listings)

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. Cralles O. Borden be accepted into this association in full standing.

Bro. David Motes, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Motion. Second. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Sis. Sue Collier be given a card of standing for her devotion to this association.

Bro. David Motes, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Motion. Second. Carried.

Card presented to Sue by Bro. David Motes

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council recommend that a card of good standing be issued to all ministers in good standing.

We find that in accordance with Item #11 of Documents and Order of Business that Bro. Jimmy Reese name be dropped from roll of ministers.

Bro. David Motes, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Motion. Second. Carried.

MINISTERS RECEIVING CARDS

Rev. William Atkins - Rt. 2, Box 205, Guin, AL 35563 468-2423
Rev. C.C. Berryhill - Rt. 1, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Rev. Cralles Borden - Rt. 1, Box 288, Spruce Pine, AL 332-6945
Rev. J.E. Cheek - Rt. 3, Box 277, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-4407
Rev. Edgar Lee Childers - Rt. 1, Box 177, Vina, AL 35593 356-2734
Rev. Larry Davis - Rt. 1, Box 89, Vina, AL 35593 356-4992
Rev. Bill Duncan - Rt. 3, Box 194, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4325
Rev. Bobby Duncan - Rt. 2, Box 208, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4985
Rev. Ray Edgar - Rt. 3, Box 136, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-5578
Rev. Jeff Fleming - Rt. 3, Box 183, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-7969
Rev. Mike Franklin - Rt. 1, Box 258, Vina, AL 35593 356-4815
Rev. Redus Hall - P.O. Box 68 - Gattman, MS 38844 601-356-2266
Rev. Quineth Haney - Rt. 1, Box 769, Guin, AL 35563 468-3917
Rev. Jack Harder - P.O. Box 462, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-3711
Rev. Bob Howell - Rt. 2, Box 307C, Hackleburg, AL 35564
Rev. Jimmy Howell - Rt. 2, Box 307C, Hackleburg, AL 35564
Rev. Roy Humphries - Rt. 1, Box 28, Vina, AL 35593, 356-2185
Rev. Charles Lindley - Rt. 2, Box 173, Guin, AL 35563 468-3783
Rev. Woodrow Matthews - Rt. 2, Box 715, Guin, AL 35563 468-3264
Rev. Danny Millican - Rt. 1, Detroit, AL 35552 273-4364
Rev. David Motes - Rt. 1, Box 470, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 332-3799
Rev. Charlie McGee - Rt. 5, Box 166, Russellville, AL 35653 332-0091
Rev. Allen Myrick - Rt. 5, Box 46A, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4380
Rev. Otis Parmer - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563 468-2444
Rev. Gillie Parrish - P.O. Box 155, Red Bay, AL 35582 356-2130
Rev. W.C. Rayburn - Rt. 2, Box 273, Guin, AL 35563 468-2223

Rev. Gurley Roberts - Rt. 2, Box 90, Sulligent, AL 35586 695-6746
Rev. David Sexton - Rt. 1, Box 321A, Brilliant, AL 35548 465-9289
Rev. Larry Shotts - Rt. 3, Box 341AB, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-7215
Rev. W.C. Shotts - Rt. 4, Box 513, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4682
Rev. Howard Simmons - Rt. 1, Box 186, Detroit, AL 35552 921-3461
Rev. Elmer Lee Steward - Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 993-4994
Rev. J.H. Sullins - Rt. 6, Box 453, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-2851
Rev. Randall Tice - Rt. 2, Box 315A, Hamilton, AL 35570 921-4034
Rev. Winnie Jerry Wilkerson - Rt. 3, Box 111, Winfield, AL 35594
465-9284
Rev. Marvin Winsett - Rt. 6, Box 136, Apt. 307, Hamilton, AL 921-3705

Cards were passed out by the Ordaining Council

Motion and Second made to authorize the Clerk to pay all the bills.

Bro. Jack Harder recognized by Moderator. Bro. Jack recommended to the Association that the Association award Sis. Sue Collier a pin also for her many years of dedication to the Association if her mother could give us the number of years of perfect attendance, 19 years, given by Sis. Ivie Collier. A pin was pinned on Sis. Sue for 10 years by Bro. J.W. Vann. After motion made, second, carried.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the four new ministers accepted into the association. Bro. Bill Duncan, Bro. Randall Tice, Bro. Cralles Borden and Bro. Gurley Roberts.

Prayer by Bro. Quineth Haney

7:00 P.M.

Class song by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Jimmy Avery. Prayer by Bro. Jeff Fleming

Class song by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Jimmy Avery.

Evening Devotional by Bro. Bill Duncan.

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

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

P.M. Message by Assistant Moderator, Bro. William Atkins, St. John 13:1-5; 13:15-17; II Timothy 1:12

"Being Examples that we love one another as Jesus Loved us"

Lord's sacrament table prepared by Deacons: Bro. Odean Mills and Bro. Flura Shotts. Sacrament was followed by footwashing service. Those participating were as follows:

Bro. Alfred Ballard, Sis. Betty Ballard, Bro. Bill Duncan, Bro. Redus Hall, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Randall Tice, Sis. Pat Tice, Sis. Jeanie Sexton, Sis. Melissa Shotts, Bro. Odean Mills, Sis. Odean Mills, Sis. Delores Watson, Bro. Larry G. Davis, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Danny Millican, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Clilnt Cochran, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Marvin Winsett, Bro. William Atkins, Sis. Faye Avery, Bro. Jim Avery, Sis. Lindsey Sexton, Sis. Amanda Sexton.

Total participants 27, 13 ministers, 5 deacons, 6 women and 2 children.

MINISTERS ATTENDING FALL SESSION:

Randall Tice, Gurley Roberts, Bill Duncan, Cralles Borden, Larry Davis, Jeff Fleming, Bobby Duncan, Charles Lindley, William Atkins, John Cheek, Edgar Lee Childers, Ray Edgar, Redus Hall, Quineth Haney, Jack Harder, Bob Howell, Roy Humphries, Woodrow Matthews, Danny Millican, David Motes, John Allen Myrick, Ottis Parmer, Gillie Parrish, W.C. Rayburn, David Sexton, Larry Shotts, Howard Simmons, J.H. Sullins, Jerry Wilkerson, and Marvin Winsett.

MINISTERS VISITING FALL SESSION:

Bro. Jerry Lindsey, Pastor Good Springs and Bro. Greg Stocks, Pastor, New Center Point Church.

DEACONS 1988

ANTIOCH: Bro. Steve Smith, Bro. William Williams

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

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Freeman Nixon

BEAR CREEK: Bro. Henry Grissom, Bro. Truman Scott, Bro. Clarence Ingle

BETHEL: Bro. Maxwell Gibbs

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Talmadge Shotts, Bro. Bernice Shotts, Bro. Denver Shotts, Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Harold Shotts

GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Leeman Humphries, Bro. Edward Holland, Bro. Charles Spencer

LOVE JOY: Bro. Henry Pearce, Bro. Dave Britt

MT HOPE: Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Gary Yielding

NEW CENTER POINT: Bro. Curtis L. Scott, Bro. Wayne Puckett, Bro. Bobby Puckett, Bro. Kenny Ford

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				PAID PASTORS	PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS	MINUTE P
		RECEIVED	DISMISSED	DECEASED						
Antioch	Bro. Quineth Haney	41	5	0	1	2,715.00	150.00	40,000	6,173.07	41.00
Ballard	Bro. Randall Tice	62	7	1	0	6,399.08	575.00	45,000	574.61	50.00
Barnesville	Bro. Woodrow Matthews	156	0	2	1	9,675.00	600.00	90,000	206.40	125.00
Bear Creek	Bro. Cralles Borden	79	3	0	0	5,140.40	623.30	50,000	504.50	40.00
Bethel	Bro. David Sexton	33	0	1	0	7,866.00	1,375.00	150,000	6,507.97	50.00
Fairview	Bro. Bill Duncan	143	6	4	0	10,753.00	1,300.00	150,000	3,443.54	125.00
Good Springs	Bro. Jerry Lindsey	70	7	0	1	4,035.00	-	40,000	509.46	30.00
Love Joy	Bro. Charles Yielding	70	2	0	0	2,381.84	100.00	12,000	978.00	25.00
Mt. Hope	Bro. J.H. Sullins	180	3	11	1	5,821.12	800.00	100,000	1,733.60	125.00
New Center Point	Bro. Greg Stocks	76	6	0	0	11,540.80	2,231.50	75,000	4,931.09	76.00
New Hope	Bro. Jerry Wilkerson	32	2	3	1	1,010.46	100.00	12,500	0	20.00
New Salem	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers	29	4	0	1	3,140.00	305.00	20,000	186.39	30.00
Pleasant Ridge	Bro. Bobby Duncan	135	7	2	2	18,400.00	800.00	150,000	15,871.19	150.00
Pleasant Site	Bro. William Atkins	71	6	0	3	8,275.00	365.00	60,000	2,332.84	70.00
Rocky Grove	Bro. Roy Humphries	60	0	2	0	6,150.00	285.94	40,000	74.00	30.00
Rocky Top	Bro. Ray Edgar	103	2	8	2	5,533.00	333.00	100,000	13,374.65	50.00
Trinity	Bro. Ottis Parmer	49	4	0	0	5,200.00	300.00	85,000	1,226.41	40.00
Union Ridge	Bro. David Motes	75	3	0	1	5,462.16	600.00	35,000	1,080.60	75.00

CHURCH 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
41.00	542.69	261.81	849.50	1,343.89	2	2	4	41	-		Bro. Bob Cahoon		
50.00	210.00	718.55	0	2,744.29	3	3	4	62	-	✓	Bro. Clyde Weeks		
125.00	676.00	1,179.90	2,999.71	4,750.19	2	5	4	41	-	✓	Bro. Hershel Emerson		
40.00	250.00	285.00	0	320.22	2	3	4	45	-	✓	Bro. Henry Grissom		
50.00	725.00	1,089.44	0	14,171.66	1	1	8	35	-	✓	Bro. Wendall Jan Franks		
125.00	398.00	1,014.16	0	4,106.05	4	7	7	95	-	✓	Bro. Terry Lundy		
30.00	120.00	386.65	0	2,946.27	2	3	4	35	-	✓	Bro. Terry Humphries		
25.00	-	119.79	0	569.19	0	2	3	22	-	-	Bro. Henry Pearce		
125.00	55.50	526.60	0	4,434.92	3	2	6	41	-		Bro. Hugh Don Cochran		
76.00		1,665.56	50.00	2,622.84	2	4	9	68	-	-	Bro. Jimmy Northington		
20.00		-	0	0	0	1	1	18	-	-	Bro. Henry Tice		
30.00	353.00		0	1,677.39	2	1	3	26	-	-	Bro. Steve Sullins		
150.00	937.25	1,976.44	893.02	18,783.85	2	5	9	100	-	✓	Bro. Harry Williams		
70.00	135.00	765.45	183.50	3,945.32	3	3	4	40	-	-	Bro. Bobby Crow		
30.00	549.20	699.21	0	1,177.50	1	3	4	30	-	-	Bro. Robert Burleson		
50.00	1,050.00	901.13	0	3,982.49	2	3	4	50		✓	Bro. Ronald Elrod		
40.00	446.20	333.47	0	668.00	1	1	5	25	-	✓	Bro. Cecil May		
75.00	210.00	510.23	0	1,289.85	1	2	5	30		-	Bro. Johnny Hulsey		

NEW HOPE: Bro. Robert Avery

NEW SALEM: Bro. Earnest Brown

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Alfred Jones, Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Golden Harris

PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Vester Watson

ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay, Bro. Chris Rich

ROCKY TOP: Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Royce Cooper

TRINITY: Bro. Luard Kizzire

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight, Bro. Archie Turman

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921-2262

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921-7055

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TRINITY: Sis. Ann Trimm, P.O. Box 381, Winfield, AL 35594 487-4471

UNION RIDGE: Sis. Grace Ray, Rt. 1, Box 280, Sulligent, AL 35586
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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)	360.00
Printing of Minutes (est.)	700.00
Expenses (est.)	200.00
Balance on Hand	193.00
Received	1,152.00
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	\$1,345.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,285.00
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	\$ 60.00

MINUTE FUND

Antioch	\$ 41.00
Ballard	50.00
Barnesville	125.00
Bear Creek	40.00
Bethel	50.00
Fairview	125.00
Good Springs	30.00
Love Joy	25.00
New Salem	30.00
Mt. Hope	125.00
New Center Point	76.00
New Hope	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	150.00
Pleasant Site	70.00
Rocky Grove	30.00
Rocky Top	50.00
Trinity	40.00
Union Ridge	75.00
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TOTAL	\$1,152.00

CLERK'S ADDRESS:

Jimmy R. Avery
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 Hamilton, AL 35570
 921-7955

FORM OF CHURCH CONERENCE

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 written 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.
- (8) It shall be required that all ordained ministers of the Association shall sign a statement that if they are proven guilty of walking disorderly they shall willingly surrender their Card of Standing and Certificate or Ordination.

CHURCH RULES

- (1) We agree as members of the State Line Asociation 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 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. Matthew 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 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 exercise 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) *Perserverance.* 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) *Ressurrection, 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 service. 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 sessions 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 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 we have a standing Ordaining Council to be appointed by the Moderator at the close of each session.

ITEM 17: 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 18: We recommend that each church send \$1.00 per member for Association and Minute Fund, not to exceed \$125.00.

ITEM 19: We recommend that the Articles of Faith read verbatim to the National Treaties Articles of Faith.

ITEM 20: 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 21: 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 22: We recommend that each church send a list of delegates to the clerk 10 days prior to each session.

ITEM 23: 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 24: We recommend that all ministers provide the clerk with current addresses and phone numbers at each session.

ITEM 26: We recommend that the Credentials Committee and the Business Committee meet with the Associational Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk at the designated place on Thursday night prior to each session.

ITEM 27: 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 28: 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.

ITEM 29: We recommend that all recommendations and requests for ordination shall be made far enough in advance so that the Ordaining Council may have at least 60 days to examine the request before a session of the association.

ITEM 30: We recommend that all officers and standing committees of the association shall assume their duties at the end of the October session during which they were elected or appointed and serve until the end of the next October session.

ITEM 31: We recommend that the clerk be empowered to purchase materials and supplies for the various committees, such as the Sunday School Committee and the Deceased Members Committee, etc.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OFFICERS

The officers of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi-Alabama shall be:

MODERATOR

The moderator shall be elected by the body of the Association during each October session. He shall be elected from among those ordained ministers in good standing with the Association. He shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the moderator shall be as follows:

- (1) Be acknowledgeable of Robert's Rules of Order.
- (2) Call the Association to order at the appointed time.
- (3) Preside over Associational meetings.
- (4) Announce the business before the Association in its proper order.
- (5) To state and put all questions properly brought before the Association.
- (6) To preserve order and decorum.
- (7) Decide all questions of order (subject to an appeal)
- (8) To inform the Association, when necessary or when referred to for the purpose, on a point of order or practice.
- (9) Other duties as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.
- (10) To preach the Saturday morning message during the October session

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

The assistant moderator shall be elected by the body of the Association during each October session. He shall be elected from among the ordained ministers in good standing with the Association. He shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the assistant moderator shall be as follows:

- (1) To assume the duties of the moderator, in the absence of the moderator.
- (2) To preach the communion and feet washing message on Saturday night of the October session.

CLERK

The clerk shall be elected by the body of the Association, from members of the Association in good standing with their church, during each October session. The clerk shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he/she is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the clerk shall be as follows:

- (1) Keep a written record of the proceedings of the Association.
- (2) To cause the proceedings of the Association to be published and to distribute the published record to the various churches of the Association within a reasonable time after the October session.
- (3) To retain custody of all papers, reports, requests, items presented to committees belonging to the Association.
- (4) To deposit all monies delivered to him/her by the Association in the bank of his/her choice.
- (5) To make payment, from Association funds, for the standard expenses of the Association such as printing minutes, payment of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, clerical supplies and committee expenses.
- (6) To maintain complete, accurate records of all receipts and disbursements.
- (7) To give the reports of all committees to the Associational body.
- (8) To develop and provide forms for all ministers, deacons, delegates and visiting delegates to sign in to each session of the Association. These forms shall be available to the moderator, and such committees as shall need them, during the course of the Association.
- (9) To conduct correspondence as needed.
- (10) To assist the moderator with the order of business.
- (11) To provide the Devotion Committee with a list of ministers used during previous sessions of the Association.
- (12) To sit in on all special meetings of committees and councils for the purpose of keeping a record of the proceedings.

(13) To make purchases of items on an emergency basis, not to exceed \$250.00 in any one Associational Year.

(14) Other duties as delegated by the Association.

ASSISTANT CLERK

The assistant clerk shall be selected by the clerk, from members of the Association in good standing with their church, during the October session. The assistant clerk shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he/she is selected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the assistant clerk shall be as follows:

- (1) To assume the duties of the clerk, in the absence of the clerk.
- (2) To assist the clerk in his/her duties.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

The Associational Pastor shall be elected during each October session by the body of the Association from those ministers in good standing with the Association. He shall serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the Associational Pastor shall be as follows:

- (1) Fill in for pastors, as needed.
- (2) Visit each of the churches of the Association and report to the body concerning these visits.
- (3) Serve as pastor to the pastors.
- (4) Promote support for the pastors.
- (5) Organize and coordinate a "Church Day" or similar activity in the churches. The "Church Day" shall be an effort to unite the churches of the Association in a concerted effort to get more people involved in church.
- (6) Work to organize Associational support and recognition for churches that have shown significant growth, a new building, etc.

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

The trustee to the Children's Home shall be elected during each October session from members of the Association in good standing with their church. He shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the Trustee to the Children's Home shall be as follows:

- (1) Represent the Association on the children's home board.
- (2) Promote the interests of the children's home among the churches and communities of the Association.
- (3) Solicit support for the home for any and all needs.
- (4) Establish a contact person in each church with whom to communicate concerning the needs of the home.
- (5) Report to the body of the Association on the needs and progress of the home.

COMMITTEES

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi—Alabama shall have the following committees:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee shall be a standing committee. It shall be composed of three deacons. The members shall serve a 3-year rotating terms with the oldest member leaving the committee at the end of each October session and a new member being appointed by the Moderator during each October session.

The duties of the Credentials Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all church letters, written applications for membership into the association by churches or ministers, and credentials to see that they are in proper order.
- (2) To investigate and resolve, if possible, problems with church letters.
- (3) To make appropriate recommendations to the body of the Association concerning church letters.
- (4) To make appropriate recommendations to the Ordaining Council concerning written applications for membership in the Association by churches or ministers.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council shall be a standing committee. It shall be composed of three ordained ministers who have been in good standing with the Association for a minimum of 3 years. The members shall serve 3 year rotating terms with the oldest member leaving the council at the end of each October session and a new member being appointed by the moderator during each October session.

The duties of the Ordaining Council shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine delegates from each church that has made written application for membership into the Association.
- (2) To examine each minister who has made written application to the Association for membership.
- (3) To examine all ministers who have been recommended, in writing, by their respective churches to be ordained. This examination shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. The applicant's willingness to adhere to the Free Will Baptist's Articles of Faith.
 - b. The applicants beliefs concerning Free Will Baptist's teachings on baptism, the Lord's Supper, feet washing, alcohol, drugs, or any other item regarding Free Will Baptist's doctrine and beliefs.

- c. The willingness of the applicant to surrender his card of standing and his certificate of ordination if he is guilty of walking disorderly.
- (4) To investigate any charges that a minister of the Association is walking disorderly or in a manner unbecoming to his high calling.
- (5) To investigate, when requested, grievances within a church
- (6) To examine ministers, who, having been dropped from the Association's list of ministers, wish to be reinstated.
- (7) To make appropriate reports to the Association about all examinations and investigations conducted by the council.
- (8) To distribute cards of standing to those ministers who are granted the cards.
- (9) To require that all ordained ministers and candidates for ordination sign a statement that if they are ever guilty of walking disorderly or of misconduct they will voluntarily surrender their card of standing and their certificate of ordination.
- (10) To provide the clerk with a list of ministers not reporting to the Association each year.
- (11) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Committee shall be a standing committee. The committee shall be composed of the moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk and two members appointed by the moderator during each October session.

The duties of the Business Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all business items coming before the Association. All items must be submitted to the clerk in writing and signed at least ten days prior to the Associational session.
- (2) The committee shall represent those items of business that merit consideration by the Associational body, to the body for consideration.
- (3) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall be composed of ministers, delegates, and deacons appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the October session of the Association and complete its functions during that session.

The duties of the Finance Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all letters to the Association and determine the amount of money sent by churches of the Association for Associational funds.
- (2) To examine the clerk's records of receipts and expenditures and report to the Association their findings.
- (3) To report to the Association the balance in the treasury as of October 1, each year.

- (4) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Sunday School Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed during each October session and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the Sunday School Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine letters from the churches having Sunday School.
- (2) To conduct and coordinate activities among the churches to promote Sunday School, such as Sunday School Day, recognition of outstanding Sunday Schools, etc.
- (3) To designate a member of the committee to coordinate the activities sponsored by the committee.
- (4) To report to the Association during each October session concerning its findings and activities.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

The Deceased Members Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the moderator during each October session. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each October session and complete its functions during that session.

The duties of the Deceased Members Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine letters to the Association for the names of deceased members.
- (2) To cause the list of deceased members to be read to the Associational body.
- (3) To cause the list of deceased ministers to be read to the Associational body.
- (4) To send greetings to the family of each deceased member.
- (5) To report to the Association prior to the message on deceased members.
- (6) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

The Devotion Committee shall be composed of one minister and two deacons appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the April session and function for both the April and October sessions.

The duties of the Devotion Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) For the April session: To select a list of ministers for the morning devotion and the morning message.
- (2) For the October session: To select a list of ministers for the morning devotion, the message on deceased members, Saturday night

devotion. The moderator shall preach the Saturday night message.

- (3) The committee shall consider a list of ministers used on previous occasions for the purpose of using as many of the ministers in good standing as possible.
- (4) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

The Appreciation Committee shall be composed of three delegates appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the April session and serve during both the April and October sessions.

The duties of the Appreciation Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To express appreciation to the churches that host the Association for food and hospitality they have provided.
- (2) To recognize any ministers, churches, individuals or committees who through devoted service to the Association or to the ministry of Christ, deserve special recognition.
 - a. Each minister of the Association shall be recognized for every 10 years of continuous service to the ministry of Christ. (Years in other associations may count as long as they are continuous). The recognition shall include a pin and an appropriate certificate.

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.

COMMITTEES 1989

Moderator	Bro. Randall Tice
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Bill Duncan
Clerk	Bro. Jimmy R. Avery
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Faye Avery
Alternate	Sis. Beatrice Harris
Associational Pastor	Bro. Danny Millican
Trustee to Children's Home	Bro. Larry D. Davis

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- (1) Bro. Dewey Crow
- (2) Bro. Royce Cooper
- (3) Bro. Odean Mills

ORDAINING COUNCIL

- (1) Bro. Ottis Parmer
- (2) Bro. Redus Hall
- (3) Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- (1) Bro. Allen Myrick
- (2) Bro. Wayne Williams
- (3) Bro. Randall Tice
- (4) Bro. Bill Duncan
- (5) Bro. Jimmy R. Avery

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- (1) Sis. Delores Holcomb
- (2) Sis. Shirley Black
- (3) Bro. Flura Shotts

