

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY - NINTH
SEMI - ANNUAL SESSION
OF
STATE LINE
Free Will Baptist
Association
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:

Mount Hope (Vina) Church - April 10, 1993

and

Pleasant Ridge Church - October 9, 1993

1994 OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Bro. Jeff Fleming
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Quineth Haney
Clerk and Treasurer	Bro. Roland Shotts
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	Sis. Sandra Shotts
Trustee to Children's Home	Bro. Jeff Fleming
Associational Pastor	Bro. J.H. Sullins

The next session will be held with the Bethel Church on April 9, 1994 and Fairview Church on October 8, 1994.

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, 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. The names of all ministers, deacons, and delegates shall be enrolled by the 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.

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 the 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 delegates 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.

1993 SPRING SESSION

The Eighty-Ninth Spring Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 10, 1993 at Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Vina, AL.

The session convened with a class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Flura Shotts. Prayer was led by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

The session was called to order by Bro. Ray Edgar. Then the Rules of Decorum were read.

A song was led by all the attending ministers.

Bro. Jack Harder welcomed the State Line Association to the Mt. Hope Church.

Roll call of delegates by Bro. David Sexton.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee move that all the delegates be seated.

Bro. Max Gibbs, Bro. Leeman Humphries,
Bro. Earnest Brown

Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee move that item #28 of the Documents and Order of Business be amended to read: That all requests for ordination 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.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charles Spencer,
Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Edgar
Lee Childers.

Seconded. Carried.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES BY MODERATOR

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Clint Cochran.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Ida Aldridge, Bro. L.O. Boyett.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee move that Bro. Louie Nix go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Max Gibbs, Bro. Leeman Humphries,
Bro. Earnest Brown

Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Committee moves that item #1 of the Church Rules be amended to read as follows: We agree, as members of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, to cooperate in every move for the extension of God's Kingdom throughout the world and for the betterment of our denomination.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charles Spencer,
Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Edgar

Seconded. Carried. Lee Childers

We the Business Committee move that item #11 of the Documents and Order of Business be amended to read as follows to accommodate elderly and disabled ministers: That any minister for two years failing to represent himself in person, by letter, or when providentially hindered, by verbal report; his name be dropped from the roll of ministers in the minutes and he not receive a Card of Standing.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Charles Spencer,
Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Edgar
Lee Childers.

Seconded. Carried.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Woodrow Matthews have the morning devotion, Bro. William Atkins preach the morning message, and Bro. Gilley Parrish have the afternoon devotion.

Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Connie Cantrell,
Bro. Clint Cochran

Seconded. Carried.

A class song was led by all the deacons present.

A class song was led by Bro. Jimmy Avery and Sis. Faye Avery.

A testimony service was led by the moderator, Bro. Ray Edgar.

A class song was led by Bro. Jack Harder.

Bro. Anthony McGuire of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence was recognized as a visiting minister.

Bro. L.O. Boyett sang "Beulah Land"

Prayer was led by Bro. Bobby Duncan.

MORNING BREAK

A class song was led by Bro. Larry Davis, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Earnest Brown, and Bro. Gilley Parrish.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council move that Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Jr. be given the "hand of fellowship" into the State Line Association.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons,
Bro. Larry Davis

Seconded. Carried.

The "hand of fellowship" was extended to Bro. Aldridge.

We, the Ordaining Council move that Bro. Benjamin Franklin be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel at this Spring Session of the State Line Association. The candidate requests that his pastor, Bro. Jack Harder, present the ordination message and charge.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons,
Bro. Larry Davis.

Seconded. Carried.

The morning devotion was delivered by Bro. Woodrow Matthews (Jeremiah 33:3)

FINAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Bro. William Atkins be given a letter of good standing from the State Line Association to the Jasper Association.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons
Bro. Larry Davis

Seconded. Carried.

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Bro. Louie Nix be accepted into the State Line Association.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons,
Bro. Larry Davis

Seconded. Carried.

We the Ordaining Council move that the following letter be read to the Association and be accepted and filed with the clerk.

I am sorry that I am unable to attend this session but I am required to work this day. My hope and prayers are with you.

Yours in Christ, Bro. J.E. Cheek

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons,
Bro. Larry Davis

Seconded. Carried.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

As Associational Pastor I have visited most of the churches in our Association and have enjoyed the good fellowship and warm welcome from each church. Thanks to the pastors and churches for their prayers and gifts. I have received \$310.00.

Yours in Christ, Bro. J.H. Sullins

Seconded. Carried.

The "right hand of fellowship" was extended to Bro. Louie Nix as a new member of the association.

The "right hand of fellowship" was extended to Bro. William Atkins as he leaves the State Line Association to join the Jasper Association.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Greetings in the name of Christ,

It is my pleasure to report, as your representative to the Eldridge Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Due to the faithful prayers and support of concerned individuals and churches, the home finished last year in the "black" financially.

Currently, there are 35 children with a young lady arriving on Sunday. Two ladies were turned down last week by Bro. Corey as a result of their capacity, the main building is full and there are 6 in the superintendent's home with the Coreys.

In preparing for the future, plans have been developed to start a complex of cottages on another section of Children's Home property. The cost of each cottage is estimated at \$90,000.00, if contracted. Anyone wishing to donate building supplies, labor, or furnishings is welcomed to do so.

Two of the children have applied to Bible College in Nashville and it appears that one of the young men will receive a basketball scholarship.

Among present needs are: a van for transportation, silverware for the kitchen, paper products, and a house parent, preferably a single lady to work with the girls.

In prayer, remember Jonathan in the hospital in Winfield and Bro. Corey's mom hospitalized in Greenville, S.C. due to heart surgery.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Bro. Jeff Fleming

Seconded. Carried.

The Sexton Family sang "What A Meeting In The Air"

Bro. William Atkins delivered the morning message (I Kings 17:17-22)
"Elijah's Way or The Widow's Way"

Prayer was led by Bro. Jack Harder.

LUNCH BREAK

A class song was led by Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Tommy Taylor, and Bro. Melvin Dotson.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank Mt. Hope Church and Bro. Jack Harder for the good food and wonderful fellowship for this 1993 Spring session of the Association. May God bless and keep you all.

Bro. L.O. Boyett, Sis. Ida Aldridge, Sis.
Annette Blaker

Seconded. Carried.

ORDINATION OF BRO. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Bro. Larry Davis (Proverbs 3:1-6)

The Charge was preached by Bro. Jack Harder (Ezekiel 3:15, Mark 3:14, Matthew 10:5-9, II Corinthians 4:3, and I Timothy 3:1-7).

All ministers present laid hands on Bro. Benjamin Franklin. Everyone present extended the "right hand of fellowship" to Bro. Franklin.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews presented Bro. Franklin a Certificate of Ordination.

The afternoon devotion was presented by Bro. Gilley Parrish. (Psalms 14:1-7).

Announcements were made.

The motion was made to adjourn.

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Bob Howell gave the dismissal prayer.

SPRING DELEGATES

ANTIOCH: Bro. Rodney Pannell, Sis. Dejawanna Pannell, Sis. Gina Smith, Alt. Sis. Lucille Childers.

BALLARD: Sis. Bobbie Kerr, Sis. Grace Gattis, Bro. Ricky Gattis, Alt. Sis. Peggy Myrick

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Franklin Lewis, Bro. L.O. Boyett, Alt. Sis. Jean Brown.

BEAR CREEK: Sis. Estell Scott, Sis. Iva Lee Jackson, Sis. Monell Gann, Alt. Sis. Lener Engle

BETHEL: Sis. Francis Eddy, Sis. Faye Jordan, Sis. Gerline Sexton, Alt. Sis. Vertie York

FAIRVIEW: Sis. Robin Parrish, Sis. Teresa Allen, Sis. Lori Ballard, Alt. Bro. Ricky Parrish.

FREEDOM: Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Burl Lolley, Bro. Christopher Holcomb, Alt. Sis. Delores Holcomb.

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Sherry Holland, Sis. Eloise Humphries, Sis. Joan Humphries, Alt. Sis. Verneese Holland.

LONE STAR: Sis. Norma Bostick, Sis. Luna Bostick, Bro. Alvin Bostick

MT. HOPE: Bro. A.C. Tice, Bro. Hugh Don Cochran, Bro. Kevin Cheek, Alt. Sis. Ivy Collier

MT. HOPE, VINA: Bro. Roland Shotts, Sis. Sandra Shotts, Bro. Melvin Dotson, Alt. Sis. Darlene Dotson.

NEW SALEM: Sis. Ethlene Brown, Sis. Exie Lucas

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Robert Puckett, Bro. L.J. Prestage, Sis. Charlotte Childers, Alt. Bro. Clint Cochran.

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Debra Watson, Sis. Willa Jean Mills, Bro. Eber Mills, Alt. Sis. Alma Mills

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Sandy Burleson, Sis. Carol Jackson, Sis. Georgia Galbreath, Alt. Sis. Annette Blaker

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Jeanie Elrod, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Sis. Shirley Black, Alt. Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge

TRINITY: Bro. Andre Riley, Sis. Sarah Riley, Sis. Frankie Lynn, Alt. Sis. Melissa Shotts.

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Wynette Knight, Alt. Bro. Lynn Knight.

DEACONS PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

BROTHERS: Flura Shotts, J.R. Kerr, Clarence Engle, Jimmy Lucas, Odean Mills, Grady Knight, Charles Spencer, O.C. Mitchell, Curtis Allen, William Lynn, Freeman Humphries, Bobby Bostick, Earnest Brown, Jimmy Avery, Kenneth Pounders, and Royce Cooper.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

BROTHERS: Edgar Lee Childers, Bill Duncan, Bobby Duncan, William Atkins, Jeff Fleming, Howard Simmons, Allen Myrick, Larry Gene Davis, Dwayne Hammontree, Louie Nix, Bob Howell, Quineth Haney, Gilley Parrish, Ottis Parmer, Woodrow Matthews, Roy Humphries, Larry Shotts, Ray Edgar, Ambers Aldridge, Jr., Jack Harder, Ben Franklin, J.H. Sullins, and David Sexton. Visiting minister Bro. Anthony McGuire.

MINISTERS SENDING LETTERS: Bro. J.E. Cheek

1993 FALL SESSION

The Fall Session was opened with a class song by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. J.H. Sullins. Prayer by Bro. Ottis Parmer.

Assistant Moderator, Bro. Larry Shotts called the Association to order. he stated that Bro. Ray Edgar was sick and unable to attend. He then read the Rules of Decorum.

Bro. Bobby Duncan, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church welcomed the Association.

Bro. Howard Simmons led a prayer for those that were sick and bereaved.

The Credentials Committee requested to meet with delegates from Good Springs, Rocky Top, and New Salem concerning letters.

A class song was led by Bro. Quineth Haney and Bro. J.H. Sullins.

Bro. L.O. Boyett sang "He Touched Me"

A class song was led by Bro. Allen Myrick and Bro. Clint Cochran.

Roll call of delegates by Bro. David Sexton.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee move that delegates from all the churches be seated in the 89th session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi - Alabama.

Bro. Leeman Humphries, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro.
Wayne Williams

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. J.H. Sullins made a motion to elect an Assistant Moderator to serve at this session only.

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Quineth Haney was elected to serve as Assistant Moderator for this session.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Sis. Sandy Burleson, and Sis. Georgia Galbreath.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE: Sis. Pam Avery, Bro. L.O. Boyett, Sis. Teresa Allen.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee offer a motion that Bro. Trenton Johnson go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Leeman Humphries

Seconded. Carried.

The moderator appointed Bro. Jack Harder to fill in for Bro. Larry Davis on the Ordaining Council during this session.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

I have visited all the churches in our association and want to thank all of the pastors and churches for their prayers, gifts, and for the opportunity of serving them. I have received \$530.00.

Yours in Christ, Bro. J.H. Sullins

Seconded. Carried.

A class song was led by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers and Bro. Flura Shotts

MORNING BREAK

A class song was led by Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. J.H. Sullins, and Bro. Dwayne Hammontree. Prayer was led by Bro. Ambers Aldridge.

REPORT OF THE DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Edgar Lee Childers have the morning devotion, Bro. Ottis Parmer have the afternoon devotion, and Bro. Bobby Duncan preach the deceased members message.

Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Connie Cantrell

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Sunday School Committee reports that all churches have a Sunday School. We would like to challenge each church to maintain and support the Sunday School program.

Sis. Peggy Myrick, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Sis. Gracie Franks.

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee find on hand a balance of \$84.54. A total of \$1411.00 was sent in by the churches for the Associational Fund. In addition, \$20.00 in donations was received. We find a balance of \$1515.54.

Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Sis. Sandra Burleson
Sis. Georgia Galbreath

Seconded. Carried.

Balance from 1992 (Minute Fund).....	\$1408.00
State and National Fees.....	540.00
Star Printing Co. (Minutes).....	709.02
U.S. Post Office (Postage)	20.44
U.S. Post Office (Postage)	29.00
Kathy's Flower Shop (Rayburn Funeral)	25.00
Paid Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk, & Asst. Clerk	-0-
Balance	84.54
Received 1993 Minute Fund	1411.00
Donations	20.00
Balance on Hand October 15, 1993	1515.54

MINUTE FUND 1993

ANTIOCH	\$ 66.00
BALLARD	75.00
BARNESVILLE	150.00
BEAR CREEK	50.00
BETHEL	125.00
FAIRVIEW	125.00
FREEDOM	35.00
GOOD SPRINGS	55.00
LONE STAR	30.00
MT. HOPE (Hamilton)	125.00
MT. HOPE (Vina)	55.00
NEW SALEM	30.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	165.00
PLEASANT SITE	100.00
ROCKY GROVE	50.00
ROCKY TOP	50.00
TRINITY	50.00
UNION RIDGE	75.00
TOTAL	\$1411.00

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge. Also, a special thanks to individuals and churches working on special projects for the Children's Home this year.

There are currently 33 children on the property in Eldridge with two currently attending Bible College in Nashville. The home is coming off its largest summer ever in terms of capacity.

Your prayers and support are needed as the Home continues with its building project. On October 24, 1993, please join a special offering for the building fund. We also look forward to the Harvest Drive and any donations are welcomed and appreciated.

In prayer, please remember the children, the staff, Bro. and Sis. Corey, and the Board, that all will be done in an appropriate manner.

Thank you and God Bless,
Bro. Jeff Fleming

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee move that the Business Committee Report adopted on page 5 of our minutes in the Spring Session of 1992 be listed under Documents and Order of Business as item #35.

Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Edgar
Lee Childers, Bro. Charles Spencer

Seconded. Carried.

The Business Committee offers the following motion: That ministers not attending the Association but answering by letter be listed under ministers present in minutes as follows: Ministers sending letter.

Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Charles Spencer

Seconded. Carried.

The Business Committee offers the following motion: That Item #2 under the Devotion Committee, on page 33 of the 1992 minutes, be changed to read as follows: For the October session: to select a list of ministers for the morning devotion, the message on deceased members, and Saturday Night devotion. The moderator shall preach the Saturday Morning message, and the Assistant moderator shall preach the Saturday Night message with communion and feet washing to follow.

The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Mike Franklin.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We move that Bro. Trenton Johnson be received into fellowship of the State Line Association at this session.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Jack Harder.

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Trenton Johnson was given the "right hand of Christian fellowship".

A class song was led by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Flura Shotts.

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers presented the Morning Devotion (Galatians 5:22-23).

Bro. Quineth Haney, Sis. Pam Avery, and Sis. Carol Anglin sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me."

Young ministers, Bro. Benjamin Franklin and Bro. Gregg McCarley were given time to share from the Word of God.

A class song was led by Bro. Jimmy Avery and Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Bro. Larry Shotts delivered the morning message (Luke 4:36, Luke 10:38, John 14, Nehemiah 8, II Chronicles 29, II Kings 21).

An invitation was given.

Prayer and blessing by Bro. Bobby Duncan.

LUNCH BREAK

A class song was led by Bro. Burl Lolley and Bro. Connie Cantrell. Bro. Luard Kizzire led prayer.

Sis. Gwen Duncan sang "City Limits of Heaven"

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor, Bro. Bobby Duncan, for hosting our Fall Session of the State Line Association. Thank you for the warm fellowship and for everyone who has taken a part in making this an enjoyable day for all. It has been a great spiritual blessing and we feel sure the Lord is pleased with our accomplishments.

In this time of appreciation, we, the Appreciation Committee recommend that Bro. William Atkins be awarded a 30-year pin for his faithful service as a minister in our Association.

Bro. L.O. Boyett, Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

We have 16 members who have passed away this associational year. May they rest in the Lord.

Sis. Pam Avery, Sis. Teresa Allen, Bro. L.O. Boyett

Seconded. Carried.

The clerk read the list of deceased members. They were:

ANTIOCH: Bro. W.C. Rayburn

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Jack Lindsey, Bro. Elton Miller

GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Wayne Osborn

LONE STAR: Sis. Sarah Nell Barrett

MT. HOPE (Hamilton): Sis. JoAnn Cook Motes, Bro. John Golden Cochran

NEW SALEM: Sis. Jewel Stone

PLEASANT RIDGE: Sis. Kelly Sullins, Sis. Rosie Giddy

ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Travis "Buck" Hall, Bro. Arvin Wayne Stidham

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Teresa Black Stidham, Sis. Myrtle Wiginton, Bro. Hugh Don Holcomb

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Lee Wright Jeffries

The deceased member message was preached by Bro. Bobby Duncan (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7, John 14)

A class song was led by Bro. Louie Nix, Bro. Jerry Lindsey, and Bro. Charles Lindley.

Bro. Mike Franklin delivered a short message.

FINAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that the following ministers be granted a card of good standing:

Rev. Ambers Aldridge, Rt. 1, Box 675, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9121	1968
Rev. L.R. Beers, Rt. 2, Box 562A, Haleyville, AL 35565, 465-9435	1979
Rev. Cralles Borden, Rt. 1, Box 288, Spruce Pine, AL 332-6945	1962
Rev. J.E. Cheek, Rt. 3, Box 277, Phil Campbell, 35581, 993-4407	1973
Rev. Edgar Lee Childers, Rt. 1, Box 177, Vina, AL 35593, 356-2734	1971
Rev. Larry Davis, Rt. 1, Box 89, Vina, AL 35593, 356-4992	1977
Rev. Bill Duncan, Rt. 3, Box 194, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4325	1969
Rev. Bobby Duncan, Rt. 2, Box 208, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4985	1974
Rev. Ray Edgar, Rt. 3, Box 136, Phil Campbell, AL 35581, 993-5578	1974
Rev. Jeff Fleming, Rt. 1, Box 96, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-7969	1985
Rev. Ben Franklin, Rt. 1, Box 102, Vina, AL 35593, 356-4370	1993
Rev. Mike Franklin, Rt. 1, Box 2, Vina, AL 35593, 356-4502	1984
Rev. Dwayne Hammontree, Rt. 2, Box 198, Guin, AL 35563, 468-3178	1991
Rev. Wise Holcomb, Rt. 6, Box 136, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-9047	1949
Rev. Quineth Haney, Rt. 1, Box 181, Guin, AL 35563, 468-8010	1974
Rev. Jack Harder, P.O. Box 462, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3711	1970
Rev. Bob Howell, Rt. 1, Box 212, Vina, AL 35593, 356-2873	1986
Rev. Jimmy Howell, Rt. 2, Box 307C, Hackleburg, AL 35564, 935-5260	1955
Rev. Roy Humphries, Rt. 1, Box 28, Vina, AL 35593, 356-2185	1969
Rev. Trenton Johnston, Rt. 2, Box 121, Carbon Hill, AL 35549, 924-9218	1977
Rev. Charles Lindley, Rt. 2, Box 173, Guin, AL 35563, 468-3783	1974
Rev. Jerry Lindsey, Rt. 3, Box 110, Phil Campbell, 35581, 993-4325	1978
Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rt. 2, Box 715, Guin, 35563, 468-3264	1941
Rev. Allen Myrick, Rt. 5, Box 46A, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4380	1983
Rev. Louie Nix, Rt. 4, Box 128, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-9120	1964
Rev. Ottis Parmer, Rt. 1, Box 769, Guin, AL 35563, 468-2444	1957
Rev. Gilley Parrish, P.O. Box 155, Red Bay, AL 35582, 356-2130	1967
Rev. David Sexton, Rt. 1, Box 268, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9289	1975
Rev. Larry Shotts, Rt. 3, Box 341AB, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-7215	1974
Rev. W.C. Shotts, Rt. 4, Box 513, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4682	1934
Rev. Howard Simmons, Rt. 1, Box 186, Detroit, AL 35552 921-3461	1962
Rev. Elmer Lee Steward, Rt. 3, Box 182, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 935-3272	
Rev. J.H. Sullins, Rt. 6, Box 453, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-2851	1972
Rev. Marvin Winsett, Rt. 6, Box 136, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3705	1957

The Ordaining Council passed out the cards to ministers. In addition, a card was presented to Sis. Sue Collier for faithfulness to the Association.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons
Bro. Jack Harder

Seconded. Carried.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION

Brothers Louie Nix, Trenton Johnston, Ben Franklin, Ambers Aldridge, Charles Lindley, Edgar Lee Childers, Jack Harder, Jerry Lindsey, Mike Franklin, Allen Myrick, Dwayne Hammontree, Ottis Parmer, Gilley Parrish, Roy Humphries, Quineth Haney, Larry Shotts, David Sexton, Jeff Fleming, Larry Davis, Bobby Duncan, Woodrow Matthews, J.H. Sullins, and Howard Simmons.

MINISTERS SENDING LETTER

Brothers L.R. Beers, Bill Duncan

DEACONS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION

Brothers Royce Cooper, Jimmy Avery, Jimmy Lucas, Flura Shotts, Odean Mills, Bobby Bostick, J.R. Kerr, Dewey Crowe, Leeman Humphries, Curtis Allen, Luard Kizzire, and Wayne Williams

Standing committees were appointed by the moderator (See the inside back cover).

Officials for the 1994 sessions were elected, and the Association was placed for the 1994 sessions (See the front cover).

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

A class song was led by Bro. Clint Cochran.

Prayer was led by Bro. Wayne Williams

A class song was led by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. James McCarley

The David Sexton family sang "Going Home"

Sis. Gwen Duncan sang "This It Just What Heaven Means To Me"

Bro. Larry Davis held the Saturday night devotion (Jude 3, Proverbs 3:5,6) followed by a testimony service.

A class song was led by Bro. Clint Cochran.

Bro. Quineth Haney delivered the evening message (I Corinthians 11:23-29, John 13:1-17).

The communion table was prepared by Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Clint Cochran, and Bro. Wayne Williams. The foot washing service followed. A total of 18 participated in the service. They were: Brothers: Larry Davis, Larry Shotts, Quineth Haney, Edgar Lee Childers, Bobby Duncan, Jeff Fleming, David Sexton, Craig McCarley, Jimmy Avery, Wayne Williams,

James McCarley, and Clint Cochran. Sisters: Faye Avery, Jeanie Sexton, Amanda Sexton, Melissa Shotts, Gwen Duncan and Verna Williams.

The David Sexton family sang "Wedding Music"

Bro. Clint Cochran led the class in "Amazing Grace" to dismiss.

1993 FALL DELEGATES

ANTIOCH: Bro. Rodney Pannell, Sis. Dejawanna Pannell, Sis. Pam Avery, Alt. Sis. Gina Smith.

BALLARD: Bro. Dick Gilliland, Bro. Ricky Gattis, Sis. Grace Gattis, Alt. Sis. Peggy Myrick

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Hershel Emerson, Sis. JoAnn Williams, Bro. L.O. Boyett, Alt. Sis. Agnes Casey

BEAR CREEK: Sis. Estell Scott, Sis. Iva Lee Jackson, Sis. Monell Gann, Alt. Sis. Lener Engle

BETHEL: Sis. Gerline Sexton, Sis. Mary Frances Gibbs, Sis. Gracie Franks

FAIRVIEW: Sis. Robin Parrish, Sis. Teresa Allen, Sis. Lori Ballard, Alt. Bro. Ricky Parrish

FREEDOM: Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Burl Lolley, Bro. Christopher Holcomb, Alt. Sis. Delores Holcomb

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Ann Spencer, Sis. Eloise Humphries, Sis. Gail Parrish, Alt. Sis. Rita Cochran

LONE STAR: Sis. Norma Bostick, Sis. Earnestine Parrish, Sis. Kathy Sullins

MT. HOPE: (Hamilton) Bro. A.C. Tice, Sis. Ivy Collier, Bro. Kevin Cheek, Alt. Sis. Rita Cheek

MT. HOPE: (Vina) Bro. Roland Shotts, Bro. Odis Mitchell, Bro. Melvin Dotson

NEW SALEM: Sis. Ethelene Brown, Sis. Jackie Lucas

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Robert Puckett, Sis. Charlotte Childers, Bro. Clint Cochran, Alt. Bro. Junior Carter

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Debra Watson, Sis. Willa Jean Mills, Bro. Eber Mills, Alt. Sis. Alma Mills

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Sandy Burleson, Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Georgia Galbreath, Alt. Sis. Carolyn Byrd

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Jeannie Elrod, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Sis. Shirley Black, Alt. Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge

TRINITY: Bro. Andre Riley, Sis. Linda Frye, Bro. Gary Frye, Alt. Sis. Melissa Shotts

UNION RIDGE: Sis. Charlotte Hammontree, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Wynette Knight, Alt. Bro. Fred Rushing

CHURCH CLERKS

ANTIOCH: Bro. Rodney Pannell

Rt. 1, Box 437, Hamilton, AL 355570 - 921-9028

BALLARD: Sis. Brenda Roberts

Rt. 1, Box 365, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 921-7795

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Jay Nell Nixon

Rt. 4, Box 148, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 921-3217

BEAR CREEK: Sis. Jean Kennemur

Rt. 1, Box 203, Hackleburg, AL 35564 - 935-3272

BETHEL: Sis. Gracie Franks

Rt. 1, Box 1695, Brilliant, AL 35548 - 465-2321

FAIRVIEW: Sis. Lori Ballard

Rt. 4, Box 260, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 921-7609

FREEDOM: Sis. Carol Anglin

Rt. 2, Box 160, Hackleburg, AL 35564 - 935-3934

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Marie Holland

Rt. 1, Box 44, Vina, AL 35593 - 356-4241

LONE STAR: Bro. Bobby Spearman

Rt. 1, Box 588, Tremont, MS 38876 - 601-652-3305

MT. HOPE (Hamilton): Bro. Ronnie Yielding

Rt. 2, Box 258, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 921-9406

MT. HOPE (Vina): Sis. Anna Kay Holland

Rt. 2, Box 2, Vinal, AL 35593 - 356-4502

NEW SALEM: Sis. Virginia Carter

Rt. 5, Box 216, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 921-4977

PLEASANT RIDGE: Sis. Linda Crow

Rt. 2, Box 167, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 921-3730

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Evelyn Mills

Rt. 1, Box 95, Detroit, AL 35552 - 921-3756

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Sandra Burleson

Rt. 3, Box 184A, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 921-3729

ROCKY TOP: Bro. J.C. Hood

Rt. 1, Hackleburg, AL 35564 - 935-3365

TRINITY: Sis. Ann Trimm

P.O. Box 381, Winfield, AL 35594 - 487-3409

UNION RIDGE: Sis. Grace Ray

Rt. 1, Box 280, Sulligent, AL 35586 - 698-9311

DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. Steve Smith, Bro. William Williams, Bro. Bernice Shotts
BALLARD: Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Wendell Giddy
BARNESVILLE: Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Excel Brown
Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Freeman Nixon, Bro. Alfred Jones
BEAR CREEK: Bro. Troy Lee Mason, Bro. Clarence Engle
BETHEL: Bro. Maxwell Gibbs
FAIRVIEW: Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Harold Shotts, Bro. Denver Shotts
Bro. Flura Shotta, Bro. Curtis Allen
FREEDOM: None
GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Charles E. Spencer, Sr., Bro. Edward Holland,
Bro. Leeman Humphries
LONE STAR: Bro. Bobby Spearman, Bro. Bobby Bostick, Bro. Kenneth
Pounders, Bro. Bill Pitts
MT. HOPE (Hamilton): Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Gary Don Yielding
MT. HOPE (Vina): None
NEW SALEM: Bro. Jimmy Lucas, Bro. Earnest Brown
PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Elma Hugh Taylor, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro.
Jimmy Avery
PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Marshall Watson, Bro. Vester
Watson
ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Redus McKay, Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Buster
(Talmadge) Shotts
ROCKY TOP: Bro. Burton Frederick, Bro. Leonard Howell, Bro. Royce
Cooper
TRINITY: Bro. Luard Kizzire
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

	PASTORS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				PAID PASTORS	PAID EVANGELIST	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS	MINUTE FUND	ORPHANAGE	LITERATURE	MISSIONS	MISCELLANEOUS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	DEACONS	TEACHERS	# IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	C.T.S.	PRAYER MTG/BIBLE STY.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
ANTIOCH	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers	41	3	5	1	5350.00	281.56	40,000	401.60	66.00	1069.17	101.17		1094.00	2	3	4	41		✓	Bro. Bernice Shotts
BALLARD	Bro. Allen Myrick	90	3	11	0	6693.50	400.00	48,000		75.00	100.00	821.93		4054.43	2	2	5	56		✓	Bro. Joey Sanderson
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Woodrow Matthews	165	5	0	0	12,200.00	485.00	90,000	3980.00	150.00	675.00	928.25	1597.19	5935.51	3	6	5	41		✓	Bro. Freeman Nixon
BEAR CREEK	Bro. Elmer Lee Steward	79	1	0	0	3933.28	4.75	50,000	495.08	50.00	200.00	350.00	4218.00	708.89	3	2	3	32		✓	Bro. Don Barnwell
BETHEL	Bro. David Sexton	43	3	0	0	7722.00	2210.00	150,000	4823.60	125.00	1400.00	1530.33	5338.96	7629.55	1	1	10	35	✓	✓	Bro. Jan Franks
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Bill Duncan	136	3	3	2	12,226.00	1275.00	175,000	8505.25	125.00	365.00	1250.60	150.00		3	5	10	79		✓	Bro. Terry Lundy
FREEDOM	Bro. Quineth Haney	51	0	1	0	2600.00		30,000	432.36	35.00	160.00		90.00		1	0	3	25		✓	Bro. Connie Cantrell
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Otis Parmer	40	2	0	1	4000.00	380.00	60,000	2421.00	55.00	250.00	319.88		659.28		3	4	30			Bro. Dale Glick
LONE STAR	Bro. Gilley Parrish	48	1	0	1	7201.00	275.00	100,000	2122.75	30.00	100.00	245.79		1269.47	1	4	2	25		✓	Bro. Bobby Bostick
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Roy Humphries	172	9	5	2	9401.47	900.00	120,000	996.77	125.00	130.53	1066.90		1631.13	3	2	5	37		✓	Bro. Michael Yielding
MT. HOPE (V)	Bro. Jack Harder	56	1	0	0	7725.00	400.00	126,000	6000.00	55.00		1098.32		866.95	2	0	8	75		✓	Bro. Roland Shotts
NEW SALEM	Bro. Jean Byrd	18	0	4	1		200.00	20,000		30.00	440.00			636.97	2	2	1	16			Bro. Jimmy Lucas
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	138	8	1	2	18,200.00	500.00	150,000	6278.68	165.00	334.89	2400.07	316.87	23610.76	2	3	8	100		✓	Bro. Harry Williams
PLEASANT SITE	Bro. Benjamin Franklin	63	1	5	0	6030.00	725.00	60,000	208.66	100.00	250.00	545.22	300.00	2630.38	2	3	3	30			Bro. Frank Crow
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Ray Edgar	66	5	0	2	4900.00	750.00	60,000	2366.28	50.00	150.00	664.45		2976.55	2	3	3	35		✓	Bro. Talmadge (Buster) Shotts
ROCKY TOP	Bro. Ambers Aldridge	104	2	0	3	6700.00	250.00	100,000	758.11	50.00	464.70	494.73		1191.10	2	3	4	30			Bro. James Mitchell
TRINITY	Bro. Trenton Johnson	39	0	3	0	5300.00	250.00	80,000	1493.97	50.00	605.78	329.99		3222.96	3	1	5	21		✓	Bro. Andre Riley
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree	75	5	1	1	10,738.13	500.00	27,500		75.00	505.65	710.74			1	1	4	35	✓		Bro. Johnny Hulsey

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 of Ordination.
- (9) This association will not accept for ordination or membership any minister who has remarried after having been divorced or whose wife has been previously married or divorced.

CHURCH RULES

- (1) We agree, as members of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, to cooperate in every move for the extension of God's Kingdom through out the world and for the betterment of our denomination.
- (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 permiss-

ion 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 arises 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 vote 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) **PRESERVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace preserve 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 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: 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: 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: That the body decide where the next association shall convene.

ITEM 4: That our Saturday sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday night sessions at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 5: That no money be paid out of any fund except by order of the Association.

ITEM 6: That all pastors explain the value of tithing to various churches.

ITEM 7: We go on record opposing all drugs and liquor traffic and legalization of intoxicating beverages, the ERA, Abortion on Demand and homosexuality.

ITEM 8. That our pastors preach one doctrinal sermon a year in each church.

ITEM 9. That the Association grant each ordained minister a card of good standing each year.

ITEM 10: This Association will not accept for ordination or membership, any minister who has remarried after having been divorced or whose wife has been previously married or divorced.

ITEM 11: That any minister for two years failing to represent himself in

person, by letter, or when providentially hindered, by verbal report; his name be dropped from the roll of ministers and he not receive a Card of Standing.

ITEM 12: That each church letter to the association remain the same as was adopted in church conference.

ITEM 13: That our Saturday and Saturday night session in October convene at another church of our association.

ITEM 14: We abide by the National Treaties.

ITEM 15: We adopt the Roberts' Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure of this association.

ITEM 16: We have a standing Ordaining Council to be appointed by the Moderator at the close of each session.

ITEM 17: 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: Each church send \$1.50 per member for the minute fund and associational expense. This total to be re-evaluated and/or adjusted on even years.

ITEM 19: That the Article of Faith read verbatim to the National Treaties Articles of Faith.

ITEM 20: That the Business Committee be retained throughout the entire year for the purpose of preparing any business to come before the association.

ITEM 21: That all churches call no minister for a pastor that is not in full fellowship with some Free Will Baptist Associational body.

ITEM 22: That each church send a list of delegates to the clerk 10 days prior to each session.

ITEM 23: 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: That all ministers provide the clerk with current addresses and phone numbers at each session.

ITEM 25: That the Credentials Committee, the Ordaining Council 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 26: 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 27: 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 in 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 28: That all 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 29: 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 30: 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.

ITEM 31: That any church changing pastors and/or clerks, please notify the clerk in writing by August 1st each year.

ITEM 32: That the moderator be given the power to appoint members to all standing committees if someone is unable to serve. Credential Committee, Ordaining Council, Business Committee and Sunday School Committee.

ITEM 33: The Moderator be given the power to appoint someone to serve if for some reason the Associational Pastor or the Trustee to the Children's Home can't perform their duties. This to be done anytime during their term.

ITEM 34: All officers and committees elected and appointed to serve the following year meet within 30 days after the Fall Session at the designated place per the moderator, to review the duties of each member and to prepare for that associational year.

ITEM 35: Any church wishing to become a member of this Association must petition in writing to the clerk 60 days before said associational meeting.

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 for (2) years. 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 Roberts' 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 this 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 term 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 the 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 to the Association for membership.
- (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 limited to:
 - a. The applicants 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 waling 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, which to be reinstated.
- (7) To make appropriate reports to the Association about all examine-actions 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 or 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 report 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 function 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 report to the Association in the form of a motion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Sunday School Committee shall be composed of 3 members appointed by the moderator to serve on a rotating basis with the oldest member to be dropped at the end of each October session and a new member appointed. Each member will serve 3 year terms.

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 function 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 on 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, and Saturday Night devotion. The moderator shall preach the Saturday Morning message, and the Assistant moderator shall preach the Saturday Night message with communion and feet washing to follow.
- (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.

GUIDELINES TO BE USED FOR ANY MINISTER PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE INTO THIS ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE FOLLOWING?

1. Eternal Security?
2. The Trinity?
3. The Virgin Birth?
4. Saved, Sanctified and Filled with the Holy Ghost?
5. Speaking in Tongues?
6. Heaven and Hell?
7. Liquor and Drugs?
8. ERA?
9. Tithing/
10. Baptism?
11. The Lord's Supper?
12. Fruit of the Vine?
13. Footwashing?
14. Abortion?
15. Homosexuality?
16. Women Preachers?
17. Support of the Association?
18. Articles of Faith?
19. How long have you been licensed by a church to preach the Gospel?
20. Have you ever been Ordained before?
21. Have you been married more than once?

QUESTIONS TO BE SENT TO THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: TO BE RETURNED TO THE CLERK AT LEAST (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SESSION.

1. Do you believe in eternal security? Yes ____ No ____
Reason? _____
2. Do you believe in the Trinity?
3. Do you believe in the Virgin Birth?
4. What is your belief on being Saved, Sanctified & filled with the Holy Ghost?
5. What is your belief on speaking in tongues?
6. Do you believe in Heaven and Hell?
7. What is your position on liquor and drugs?
8. Do you support the ERA? Yes ____ No ____
Why? _____
9. Do you believe in Tithing?
10. What is your position on Baptism?
11. What is your interpretation of the Lord's Supper?
12. What should be used for fruit of the vine during Communion Services?
13. Do you believe in the Ordinance of feet-washing?
14. What is your position on abortion?
15. What is your position on homosexuality?
16. Do you feel women should be ordained to preach the Gospel?
17. Will you abide by the Articles of Faith?
18. Will you pledge to support the Association?
19. How long have you been licensed by a church to preach the Gospel?
20. Have you ever been Ordained before?
21. Have you been married more than once?

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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Bro. Max Gibbs
Bro. Earnest Brown
Bro. Wayne Williams

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Bro. Woodrow Matthews
Bro. Larry Gene Davis
Bro. Jack Harder

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Bro. Jeff Fleming
Bro. Quineth Haney
Bro. Roland Shotts
Bro. Allen Myrick
Bro. Jerry Lindsey

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Keith Williams
Sis. Bonnie Cooper
Sis. Charlotte Hammontree

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 acknowledgments?
9. Report of committee
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Distressed members
13. Adjournment