

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETIETH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF
STATE LINE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:
BETHEL CHURCH - APRIL 9, 1994
AND
FAIRVIEW CHURCH - OCTOBER 8, 1994

OFFICERS

ModeratorBro. Edgar Lee Childers
Assistant ModeratorBro. Bill Duncan
Clerk and Treasurer Bro. Roland Shotts
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer Sis. Sandra Shotts
Trustee to Children's Home Bro. Jeff Fleming
Associational Pastor Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

The next session will be held with Mt. Hope - Hamilton, April 8 and Barnesville - October 14, 1995.

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.
9. 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.
10. 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.

1994 SPRING SESSION

The Ninetieth Spring Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 9, 1994 at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Brilliant, Alabama.

The session convened with a class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Larry Shotts. Prayer by Bro. Jack Harder.

Class song and fellowship.

The session called to order by Bro. Jeff Fleming.

Motion made to begin Associational meeting seconded, carried.

Bro. David Sexton welcomed the State Line Association to the Bethel Church.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee move that delegates from all the churches be seated in the Ninetieth Session of the State Line FWB Association of Mississippi-Alabama.

Bro. Max Gibbs

Bro. Wayne Williams

Seconded. Carried.

Roll call of delegates by Bro. Roland Shotts.

Moderator appointed Bro. Jimmy Lucas to replace Bro. Earnest Brown of the Credentials Committee for today only.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES BY MODERATOR

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Luard Kizzire

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge, Sis. Monel Gann, Sis. Edna Stark

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

As Associational Pastor I have visited most of the churches and have enjoyed the good fellowship and warm welcome from each church. Thanks to the pastors and churches for their prayers and gifts. I received \$250.00.

Your Brother in Christ

Bro. J.H. Sullins

Seconded, Carried.

Short Message - Bro. Trenton Johnson - I Peter 5:1-4.

Class Song: Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Edgar Childers

Special Song: Bro. David Sexton, Sis. Jeane Sexton, Sis. Amanda Sexton, Bro. Max Gibbs.

Class Song: Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Jay Sullins, Bro. Gary Yielding.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Roy Humphries have the morning devotion. Bro. Dwayne Hammontree have the morning message, and Bro. Bill Duncan have the afternoon devotion.

Bro. Larry Shotts

Bro. Luard Kizzire

Bro. Clint Cochran

Seconded. Carried.

Special song by Bro. L.O. Boyett.

Short message by Bro. Louie Nix - Ezekiel 3:15-19

Class Song by Bro. Bill Duncan and Bro. L.O. Boyett

--- MORNING BREAK ---

Class song by Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. L.O. Boyett

PARTIAL REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee move that Item 8 of the Documents & Order of Business be amended to read; that our pastors adhere strictly to Biblical doctrine and Free Will Baptist belief and practices as set forth in our National Treatise.

Bro. Roland Shotts, Bro. Allen Myrick

Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Quineth Haney

Seconded. Carried.

Morning Devotion by Bro. Roy Humphries - Psalms 139:1-24

Special Song by Bro. Quineth Haney

Special Song by Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Quineth Haney, Bro. Gary Don Yielding, Sis. Bonnie Cooper.

Class song by Bro. Quineth Haney, Bro. Burl Lolley, Bro. Connie Cantrell.

Morning message by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree - Matthew 4:8-22, Acts 9:6, 9:15, 9:20.

- - - LUNCH BREAK - - -

Class song by Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Roy Humphries. Prayer by Bro. Ambers Aldridge.

REPORT OF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank Bethel Church and Bro. David Sexton for the good food, and the wonderful Christian fellowship for this 1994 spring session. May God Bless and keep you all. We love and appreciate you.

Sis. Ida Lee Aldridge

Sis. Edna Stark and Sis. Monell Gann

Seconded. Carried.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Thank you for your prayers and support for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. The ways the home can be supported is by financial contributions to (1) the general fund (2) foster club fund (3) college fund (4) building fund.

April 23rd is the day for the ground breaking for the new cottage. The ceremony will be at 10:30 and we will have a time of fellowship and picnic lunch following.

I am looking for all of you to share in this special time in the ministry of the home.

God Bless

Bro. Jeff Fleming

II Corinthians 4:7

Seconded. Carried.

Moderator encourages each church to send at least \$15.00 more in minute fund.

Bro. Jimmy Lucas gives a report on "Right To Life". Matthew 5:10.

Short message by Bro. Ambers Aldridge - Luke 24

Special song by Bro. Craig McCarley.

Afternoon Devotion by Bro. Bill Duncan - I Timothy - 1:19 and Hebrews 6:19.

Bro. Jack Harder speaks on behalf of Bro. Mike Franklin. He could not be here.

Bro. Jeff Fleming asked for announcements. The motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and Carried. Bro. Woodrow Matthews gave the dismissal prayer.

SPRING DELEGATES

ANTIOCH: Sis. Sue Williams

BALLARD: Bro. Thomas Stark, Sis. Edna Stark, Sis. Peggy Myrick,
Alt. Bro. Joey Sanderson

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Cleeta Ward, Sis. JoAnn Williams, Bro. L.O.
Boyett, Alt. Sis. Jean Brown

BEAR CREEK: Sis. Monel Gann, Alt. Sis. Lemar Engle

BETHEL: Sis. Jeanie Sexton, Sis. Francis Gibbs, Sis. Carolyn Rushing,
Alt. Bro. Clyde Warren

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Alfred Ballard, Sis. Gloria Lundy, Bro. Terry Lundy
Alt. Sis. Betty Ballard

FREEDOM: Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Burl Lolley

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Joan Humphres, Sis. Eloise Humphres, Sis. Ann
Spencer

LONE STAR: Sis. Claudette Pounders, Sis. Ernestine Parrish, Sis.
Norma Bostick

MT. HOPE (H): Sis. Rita Cheek, Bro. Kevin Cheek, Sis. Joan Yielding

MT. HOPE (V): Bro. D.W. Franklin, Bro. Melvin Dotson, Sis. Darlene
Dotson

NEW SALEM Bro. Bob Lucas

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Evelyn Mills, Sis. Willa Jean Mills

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

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Jean Hill, Sis. Bonnie Cooper, Bro. J.C. Hood
Alt. Ida Lee Aldridge

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Carol Jackson, Sis. Annette Blaker,
Sis. Elizabeth Edgar

TRINITY: Bro. Andre' Riley

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

DEACONS PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

Brothers: Luard Kizzire, Flura Shotts, J.R. Kerr, Jimmie Lucas, Odean Mills, O.C. Mitchell, Leemon Humphres, Clarence Engle, Bobby Bostick, Kenneth Pounders, Gary Yielding, Wayne Williams, Max Gibbs.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

Brothers: J.H. Sullins, Roy Humphries, Larry Shotts, Gillie Parrish, Louie Nix, Ottis Parmer, Ambers Aldridge, Dwayne Hammontree, Bob Howell, Ben Franklin, Jack Harder, Allen Myrick, Woodrow Matthews, Jeff Fleming, Howard Simmons, David Sexton, Bill Duncan, Quineth

Haney, Edgar L. Childers, Trenton Johnson & Larry Gene Davis. Visiting Minister: Bro. Craig McCarley.

1994 FALL SESSION

The Fall Session was opened with a class song by Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. Larry Shotts. Prayer by Bro. Jerry Lindsey. Moderator Jeff Fleming appointed Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. Curtis Allen to serve on the Credentials Committee for this session only.

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

Bro. Jeff Fleming made a motion to open session. Seconded. Carried. The delegates were seated.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee offer a motion that Bro. Doyle Chandler go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Wayne Williams
Bro. Flura Shotts

Seconded. Carried.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

It is my pleasure to serve you as trustee to the Children's Home at Eldridge, however it is my regret to inform you that we are in the middle of a difficult situation.

The past few weeks have been very difficult due to the arrest of one of the house parents, Rodney Franks, for improper conduct that he confessed to and more recently the arrest this past week of Bro. Levy Corey on charges that we feel are unfounded.

These events have decreased the number of children, but not the desire to see the home succeed. I request your prayers and continued support.

Your Servant in Christ
Bro. Jeff Fleming

Seconded. Carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Charles Spencer, Jr.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Luard Kizzire.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE: Bro. Wendell Jan Franks, Bro. Andre Riley, Sis. Joan Yielding.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

I have visited all the churches in the 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 \$555.00.

Yours in Christ
Bro. J.H. Sullins

Seconded. Carried.

Class song by Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Jerry Lindsey, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Ray Edgar.

Visiting ministers were recognized, Bro. Doyle Chandler, and Bro. Duane Taylor. Bro. Duane Taylor gave a report on the Home Missions.

REPORT OF THE DEVOTION COMMITTEE

The Devotion Committee offers the motion as follows: Morning Devotion - Bro. Bill Duncan; Afternoon Devotion - Bro. Allen Myrick; Deceased Members Message - Bro. David Sexton; Saturday Night Devotion - Bro. Jack Harder.

Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Clint Cochran
Bro. Luard Kizzire

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Bill Duncan welcomed everyone to Fairview and shared a verse of scripture. Psalms 34:15.

--- MORNING BREAK ---

A class song was led by Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, and Bro. Larry Gene Davis.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee report a balance in January 1994 of \$615.54. Printing of minutes payed out \$615.00 leaving a balance of 54¢. The total 1994 minute fund received was \$1471.00 bringing the balance to \$1471.54. Postage payed out in the amount of \$11.60 brings the total to \$1459.94.

Bro. Dwayne Hammontree,
Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Charles Spencer, Jr.

Seconded. Carried.

BALANCE - 92	\$ 84.54
Minute Fund - 93	1431.00
Balance on Hand - October 1993	1515.54
State and National Fees	900.00
Balance	615.54
Star Printing	615.00
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1994 Minute Fund	1471.00
Postage	11.60
BALANCE	\$1,459.94

MINUTE FUND

Antioch	\$ 66.00
Ballard	75.00
Barnesville	150.00
Bear Creek	50.00
Bethel	125.00
Fairview	125.00
Freedom	35.00
Good Springs	35.00
Lone Star	40.00
Mt. Hope (H)	125.00
Mt. Hope (V)	125.00
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

Morning Devotion by Bro. Bill Duncan (John 15:14-15) "Trust Jesus as Our Best Friend" "Jesus Sticks Closer Than a Brother"

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee move that delegates from all the churches be seated in the ninetieth session of the State Line FWB Association of Mississippi / Alabama.

Bro. Curtis Allen

Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Wayne Williams

Seconded. Carried.

Class song by Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Melvin Dotson, Bro. Mike Franklin.

Ordaining Council dismissed to meet.

REPORT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

We have 13 members who have passed away this associational year.
May they rest in the Lord.

Sis. Joan Yielding

Bro. Wendell Jan Franks, Bro. Andre Riley

Seconded. Carried.

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

ANTIOCH: Bro. Taylor Peoples

BALLARD: None

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Lela Casey

BEAR CREEK: None

BETHEL: Bro. Dempsey Hawkins

FAIRVIEW: None

FREEDOM: None

GOOD SPRINGS: None

LONE STAR: Bro. Truman Keeton, Sis. Stella Maulden Lamb

MT. HOPE (H) Bro. Cliff Tice, Sis. Geraldene Warren

MT. HOPE (V) None

NEW SALEM: None

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Elton (Boss) Giddy, Bro. Dennis Smith

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Eva Lou Watson

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Mattie Colburn

ROCKY TOP: Bro. Leonard Howell

TRINITY: None

UNION RIDGE: Sis. Rennie Weaver

The deceased member message was preached by Bro. David Sexton.
(Isaiah 57:1-2, Revelations 14:13)

Special song by Bro. David Sexton family.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We make a motion to change Item 28 of the Documents & Order of Business to read: That all requests for Ordination and membership into this Association be made at least 60 days prior to a session of the Association in order to provide time for examination.

Bro. Quineth Haney, Bro. Jeff Fleming

Bro. Jerry Lindsey, Bro. Allen Myrick & Bro. Roland Shotts

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We make a move that on page 21 of the Association Minutes the statement "We Recommend" be added to the title of Documents and Order of Business to read: Recommendation for Documents and Order of Business"

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

Motion made to table recommendation until next session. Seconded. Carried.

Class song by Bro. Burl Lolley, Bro. Connie Cantrell.
Special song by Bro. Quineth Haney.

Morning message by Bro. Jeff Fleming (II Corinthians 4:1, Mark 10:45, Luke 21:17-18). Invitation song given by Bro. Quineth Haney. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Flura Shotts.

- - - LUNCH BREAK - - -

Class song led by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Flura Shotts.

Moderator appointed Appreciation Committee, Sis. Lucille Childers, Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Melissa Shotts.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that Bro. Doyle Chandler's acceptance into the Association be deferred until the Spring Session due to the lack of a 60 day notice and his personal request to be re-ordained. We further recommend that he continue his pastor ship at Ballard Church with our blessing.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews
Bro. Larry Gene Davis and Bro. Jack Harder
Seconded. Carried.

Moderator asked for any word on ministers not present.

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

Moderator appointed Sunday School Committee , Sis. Delores Holcomb, Sis. Rita Cheek, Sis. Eloise Humphries, Sis. Carolyn Puckett.

Afternoon Devotion by Bro. Allen Myrick (Matthew 5)

REPORT FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Sunday School Committee reports that all 18 churches in this association have a Sunday School. We encourage each church to maintain their Sunday School Program.

Sis. Delores Holcomb, Sis. Rita Cheek

Sis. Eloise Humphries, Sis. Carolyn Puckett

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT FROM APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Fairview FWB Church and its pastor Bro. Bill Duncan for hosting our Fall Session of the State Line Association.

We want to thank the Lord for the beautiful day of fellowship. The ladies did a great job in preparing the food and it has been a blessing to be a part of this Association.

Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Melissa Shotts, Sis. Lucille Childers

Seconded. Carried.

Class song by Bro. J.H. Sullins

Moderator appointed Bro. Curtis Allen to the Credentials Committee, Bro. Ottis Parmer to the Ordaining Council and Bro. Connie Cantrell to the Sunday School Committee.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We make a motion that Bro. Elmer Lee Steward, Bro. W.C. Shotts, and Bro. Jimmy Howell not be granted a card of good standing according to item 11 of the Documents and Order of Business.

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

Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We make a motion that all ministers on the roll call of ministers receive a card of good standing except Bro. Elmer Lee Steward, Bro. W.C. Shotts & Bro. Jimmy Howell.

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

Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We offer a motion that Sis. Sue Collier be granted a card of good standing with our gratefulness for her support.

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

Seconded. Carried.

Class song led by Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. Larry Shotts, Bro. Jerry Lindsey.

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, AL 35581, 993-4407	1973
Rev. Edgar Lee Childers, 12350 Hwy. 19, 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, 1 Evans St., Fort Leonardwood, MO 314-329-2415 ...	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. Roy Humphries, 2305 Hwy. 23, 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 106A, Phil Campbell, AL 35581, 993-4325 ..	1978
Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rt. 2, Box 715, Guin, AL 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. Howard Simmons, Rt. 1, Box 186, Detroit, AL 35552, 921-3461	1962
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

Ordaining Council passed out Cards of Good Standing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Bill Duncan
Clerk & Treasurer	Bro. Roland Shotts
Trustee to Children's Home	Bro. Jeff Fleming
Associational Pastor	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree
Business Committee	Bro. Ben Franklin, Bro. Roy Humphries
APRIL, 1995	Mt. Hope - Hamilton
OCTOBER, 1995	Barnesville
Motion to Close. Amazing Grace closed session	

MINISTERS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION

BROTHERS: Edgar Lee Childers, Quineth Haney, Howard Simmons, Larry Shotts, Ottis Parmer, J.H. Sullins, Jack Harder, Bill Duncan, Jeff Fleming, Gillie Parrish, Michael D. Franklin, Ben Franklin, Dwayne Hammontree, Roy Humphries, Woodrow Matthews, Ray Edgar, Larry Gene Davis, Louie Nix, Jerry Lindsey, David Sexton, Allen Myrick, Bobby W. Duncan.

DEACONS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION

BROTHERS: Bobby Bostick, Flura Shotts, J.R. Kerr, Wayne Williams, Luard Kizzire, Curtis Allen.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

A class song led by Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Flura Shotts. Special Song by Sis. Virginia Duncan.

Saturday night Devotion by Bro. Larry Gene Davis (I Thessalonians 4:7) followed by a testimony service.

Class song by the ladies present.

The evening message by Bro. Quineth Haney (I Corinthians 11:23-29, John 13:1-17, Matthew 5). Prayer by Bro. Larry Shotts.

The Communion Table was prepared by Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Denver Shotts, Bro. Hugh Carter. The footwashing service followed. All present participated. Brothers, Larry Davis, Jeff Fleming, Bill Duncan, Quineth Haney, Larry Shotts, Edgar Lee Childers, Flura Shotts, Hugh Carter, Curtis Allen, Bee Ozburn, Alfred Ballard, Roland Shotts, Denver Shotts. Sisters, Hilda Miller, Pearl Shotts, Betty Ballard, Melissa Shotts, Virginia Duncan, Verlon Lindsey, Teresa Allen, Jeanette Carter, Sandra Shotts, and Kay Carter.

Class song, dismissal, prayer by Sis. Melissa Shotts

1994 FALL DELEGATES

ANTIOCH: Sis. Lucille Childers

BALLARD: Sis. Grace Gattis, Alt. Bro. Ricky Gattis, Joey Sanderson

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Cleeta Ward, Sis. Agnes Casey, Alt. Bro. Hershel Emerson

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

BETHEL: Bro. Wendell Jan Franks, Sis. Gerline Sexton, Sis. Gracie Franks

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Alfred Ballard, Sis. Betty Ballard, Alt. Bro. Terry Lundy

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

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Eloise Humphres, Sis. Ann Spencer, Alt. Bro. Charles Spencer, Jr.

LONE STAR: Bro. James Barrett, Sis. Kathy Sullins

MT. HOPE (H): Sis. Rita Cheek, Bro. Kevin Cheek, Sis. Joan Yielding

MT. HOPE (V): Bro. Melvin Dotson, Sis. Darlene Dotson, Sis. Sue

Emerson

NEW SALEM: Sis. Ethlene Brown, Bro. Greg Carter, Sis. Virginia Carter

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Don Warren, Bro. Robert Puckett, Bro. Clint

Cochran

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Willa Jean Mills, Sis. Evelyn Mills

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Georgia

Galbreath

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Ernestine Frederick, Sis. Jean Frederick, Bro. William

L. Hill, Sr.

TRINITY: Bro. Andre Riley

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Lou Dean

Simmons

CHURCH CLERKS

ANTIOCH: Bro. Rodney Pannell

Rt. 1, Box 437, Hamilton, AL 35570 - 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: Sis. Norma Bostick

5270 Hwy. 363, Mantachie, MS 38855

MT. HOPE (H): Sis. Pat Watts

Rt. 2, Box 303, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4388

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

Rt. 2, Box 2, Vina, 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. Betty Shotts

Rt. 4, Box 62, Hamilton, AL - 921-2043

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Jean Frederick

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Brown, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Freeman Nixon, Bro. Alfred Jones

BEAR CREEK: Bro. Troy Lee Mason, Bro. Clarence Engle

BETHEL: Bro. Max Gibbs, Bro. Mack Sexton, Bro. Henry Franks,

Bro. Harold Tidwell

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Harold Shotts, Bro. Denver Shotts,

Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Curtis Allen

FREEDOM: None

GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Charles E. Spencer, Sr., Bro. Edward Holland,

Bro. Leeman Humphries, Bro. Terry Humphres

LONE STAR: Bro. Bobby Spearman, Bro. Bobby Bostick, Bro. Kenneth

Pounders, Bro. Bill Pitts

MT. HOPE (H): Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Gary Don Yielding,

MT. HOPE (V): 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

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

TRINITY: Bro. Luard Kizzire

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

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-

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership				PAID PASTORS	Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Church Improvements	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mng/ Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
		Received	Dismissed	Deceased																	
ANTIOCH	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers	43	2	0	1	5,350.00	150.00		66.00	1,256.00	41.56		1,393.98	1	3	2	25			Bro. Bernice Shotts	
BALLARD	Bro. Doyle Chandler	97	7	0	0	7,420.00	420.00	\$80,000	657.43	75.00	759.46	751.87	2,857.36	3	2	5	45		✓	Bro. Joey Sanderson	
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Woodrow Matthews	168	3	2	1	13,450.00	700.00	\$100,000	130.84	150.00	925.00	1,117.72	2,133.00	6,523.99	2	6	6	41		✓	Bro. Freemon Nixon
BEAR CREEK	Bro. Elmer Lee Steward	79	0	0	0	4,759.40	425.00	\$50,000	1,957.36	50.00	200.00	224.40	957.36	780.58	2	2	3	35		✓	Bro. Don Barnwell
BETHEL	Bro. David Sexton	39	0	1	1	7,800.00	1825.00	\$150,000	2,610.49	125.00	1,100.00	1,300.00	1,250.00	1,895.38	1	3	10	35	✓	✓	Bro. Wendell Jan Franks
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Bill Duncan	136	0	0	0	11,066.00	1300.00	\$175,000	7,763.21	125.00	400.00	1,159.51	535.00	3,258.80	3	5	7	79		✓	Bro. Terry Lundy
FREEDOM	Bro. Quineth Haney	48	1	0	0	2,860.00	200.00	\$32,000	181.90	35.00	150.00	0	200.00		0	0	1	18			Bro. Connie Cantrell
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Otis Parmer	40	0	0	0	4,055.00	305.00	\$60,000	310.85	35.00	300.00	308.39		2,399.83	1	4	5	30		✓	Bro. Charles Holland, Jr.
LONE STAR	Bro. Gilley Parrish	56	8	0	2	8,580.46	300.00	\$100,000		40.00		313.95		2,598.00	1	4	2	31			Bro. Charles Pitts
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Roy Humphries	164	2	1	2	11,085.84	1000.00	\$120,000	3,525.31	125.00	600.00	900.90	323.90	3,378.67	3	2	5	39		✓	Bro. J.H. Sullins
MT. HOPE (V)	Bro. Jack Harder	60	4	0	0	8,997.83	450.00	\$181,000	4,600.00	125.00	1,079.00	1,217.00		372.75	2	0	8	75		✓	Bro. Roland Shotts
NEW SALEM	Bro. R.C. Humphries	19	1	0	0		400.00			30.00	845.00			1,319.06	2	2	2	25			Bro. Jimmy Lucas
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	151	8	0	2	18,200.00	500.00	\$150,000	845.00	165.00	296.41	1,709.77	287.35	21,782.64	2	3	8	100		✓	Bro. Harry Williams
PLEASANT SITE	Bro. Benjamin Franklin	62	0	0	1	8,570.00	350.00	\$60,000	1,858.38	100.00	775.00	643.23		2,227.89	1	3	3	30			Bro. Brandy Crow
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Ray Edgar	65	0	0	1	8,300.00	300.00	\$60,000	2,475.88	50.00	100.00	651.37		1,686.55	2	3	4	40		✓	Bro. Talmadge Shotts
ROCKY TOP	None	102	0	2	1	6,875.00	250.00	\$100,000	1132.00	50.00	802.00	671.22		1,321.01	1	2	2	30			Bro. James Mitchell
TRINITY	Bro. Trenton Johnson	44	5	0	0	3,900.00	125.00	\$80,000	970.81	50.00	480.00	934.16		3,509.58	3	1	6	25		✓	Bro. Ed Harris
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Louie Nix	70	6	0	1	10,955.25	525.00	\$25,000		75.00	979.14	936.46		667.64	2	1	6	30		✓	Bro. Johnny Hulsey

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 persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

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

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

(15) THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

(16) RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto 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 feetwashing 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 adhere strictly to Biblical doctrine and Free Will Baptist belief and practices as set forth in our National Treatise.

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 and membership into this Association be made at least 60 days prior to a session of the Association in order to provide time for examination.

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 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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STANDING COMMITTEES

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Earnest Brown
Bro. Wayne Williams
Bro. Curtis Allen

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Bro. Larry Gene Davis
Bro. Jack Harder
Bro. Ottis Parmer

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers
Bro. Bill Duncan
Bro. Roland Shotts
Bro. Ben Franklin
Bro. Roy Humphries

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Sis. Bonnie Cooper
Sis. Charlotte Hammontree
Bro. Connie Cantrell

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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