

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-FIRST
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF
STATE LINE

FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:

MT. HOPE, HAMILTON - APRIL 8, 1995
AND
BARNESVILLE - OCTOBER 14, 1995

OFFICERS

Moderator	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers
Assistant Moderator	Bro. 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 Lone Star, April 13th and Ballard, October 12th, 1996.

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 ministers, 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.

1995 SPRING SESSION

The Ninety-First Spring Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 8, 1995 at Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Hamilton, Alabama.

The session convened with a class song led by Clint Cochran and Flura Shotts. Prayer by Bro. Gilley Parrish.

The session was called to order by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers. Motion was made to begin the Association meeting. Seconded and Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee move that delegates from all the churches be seated except Rocky Top, because no letter was received.

Seconded. Carried.

Jimmie Lucas, Curtis Allen and Wayne Williams

Roll Call of Delegates by the Clerk.

Bro. Roy Humphres welcomed everyone to Mt. Hope Church.

The motion that was tabled at the last session was brought up, #21 of Documents & Order of Business to read "We Recommend". Seconded. Carried. One opposed.

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers appointed the Appreciation & Devotion Committee. Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. Jay Sullins - Devotion Committee. Appreciation Committee - Virginia Carter, Marie Holland, and Pam Avery.

Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee have read the letter of request from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that Bro. Donald Kivette go before the Ordaining Council.

Curtis Allen, Wayne Williams and Jimmie Lucas

We the Credentials Committee have read the letter of request from New Salem Church. We recommend that R.C. Humphres go before the Ordaining Council.

Wayne Williams, Curtis Allen and Jimmie Lucas

We the Credentials Committee have read the request from Bro. Larry Shotts. Everything is in order and we recommend him to the Ordaining Council.

Wayne Williams, Curtis Allen and Jimmie Lucas

We the Credentials Committee have read the request from Bro. Doyle Chandler. We recommend that he go before the Ordaining Council.

Curtis Allen, Wayne Williams, and Jimmie Lucas

We the Credentials Committee have read the letter from Holly Springs Church for membership. We recommend they meet with the Ordaining Council.

Wayne Williams, Curtis Allen, and Jimmie Lucas

We the Credentials Committee have read the letter from Wayne Bridges for membership in the State Line Association. We recommend that he meet with the Ordaining Council.

Wayne Williams, Curtis Allen, and Jimmie Lucas

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

Thanks to all of you for your confidence and support shown to me as Associational Pastor. I have had the pleasure of visiting with several of the churches. Thank you for your warm welcome, fellowship, prayers and gifts. I have received \$240.00.

Your Brother in Christ,
Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

Dismissed Devotional Committee.

Special Song by Bro. David & Sis. Jeanne Sexton - "When I Make My Last Move"

Bro. Bill Duncan recognized visiting preachers, Jerry Taylor - Holly Springs, Doyle Chandler R.C. Humphries and Randal Tice. He read from Matthew 5:14-18, "Be On Fire For God". People should know we are Christians.

REPORT FROM DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Gilley Parrish bring the Morning Devotion, Bro. Woodrow Matthews have the morning message, and Bro. Louie Nix have the afternoon Devotion.

Bros. Gary Yielding, Flura Shotts and Jay Sullins

Shared page 20 from minutes. Bro. Childers (Item 7)

Jimmy Lucas - Right to Life - Matthew 5-16

Randal Tice talked about Right of Life needing help and money.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that Bro. Donald Kivette be accepted into this association upon receipt of forthcoming letter of recommendation from the Vernon Association. His membership will become effective upon receipt of said letter.

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

Class song - Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Clint Cochran, - "Just Over The Stars"

Morning Break (15 minutes) Bro. Kevin - prayer.

Class song - Bro. L.O. Boyett - "Heaven's Jubilee"

Prayer - Bro. Howard Simmons.

Morning Devotion - Bro. Parrish, Matthew 16:6-12; II Timothy 1:11; Job 19:21.

Bro. Gary Yielding passed out papers to be signed for prayer in schools.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that Bro. R.C. Humphries be accepted into this association upon receipt of forthcoming letter of recommendation from the Vernon Association. Effective upon receipt of said letter.

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

We recommend that Bro. Larry Shotts letter of resignation be accepted and his name dropped from the roll call of ministers. We also recommend that his letter of resignation be read before the body of this association.

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

Seconded. Carried.

Special Song - L.O. Boyett - "One Day at a Time"

Class song - Bro. Gary Yielding, page 180 - "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There"

Bro. Jeff Fleming gave report of Children's Home. Looking for house

parents. Talked about new building.

TRUSTEE TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Greetings Bros. and Sisters in Christ:

It is a great honor to serve this Association as Trustee to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge.

The Lord has blessed and things are going well in the work at the Home. There are twenty-four children and the number is being limited due to the shortage of house parents. The legal situations the Home has been involved in are both quiet now and we are waiting for the developments. The building project is going well.

The most pressing need as always is prayer. Prayer for the staff and children. There are positions for two staff members, especially for a male house parent. There are still some items needed for the new buildings. Continued support is important.

Thank you and May God Bless you.

Bro. Jeff Fleming

PARTIAL REPORT FROM ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that Bro. Doyle Chandler be ordained at this session after lunch. Bro. Jack Harder preach the Ordination sermon.

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

Special song - David & Jeanne Sexton - "Lovely Name"

Special song - Donita Shotts, Betty Giddy and Wendal Giddy

Morning message - Bro. Matthews - Acts 3:1-10. Peter and John, men that God can really use. Men that had been saved. We need to be different from the world. Be a person God can use. Ended message with prayer. Prayer - Bro. Matthews.

Dismissal Prayer -Bro. Flura Shotts.

Lunch Break.

Class song - Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Flura Shotts, Roy Humphries and Ray Edgar, page 286 "Gloryland Way"

Prayer by O.C. Mitchell

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that the petition of Holly Springs Church be dropped due to no representation from the church.

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

We recommend that the petition from Bro. Wayne Bridges be dropped due to failure of representation by him.

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

Seconded. Carried.

Class song by Bro. Larry Davis, Flura Shotts, Ray Edgar and Roy Humphries. "I'll Fly Away"

Bro. Jack Harder - Ordinal Message for Bro. Doyle Chandler. Matthew 10:16-22., I Timothy 3:1 and II Timothy 4:1-5. Altar prayer with laying on of hands.

Two class songs, Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Larry Davis, page 46 - "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian". Gave right hand of fellowship to Bro. Doyle.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Mt. Hope FWB Church and its pastor Bro. Roy Humphries for the good fellowship of the spring session of the State Line Association. We want to thank the Lord for the beautiful day. The ladies did a wonderful job in preparing the food and in an orderly way it was served.

Sis. Marie Holland, Sis. Pam Avery, Sis. Virginia Carter

New preachers given right hand of fellowship. Bro. R.C. Humphries.

Evening Message - Bro. Louie Nix - Luke 10:2.

Bro. Childers asked for announcements. Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and Carried. Closing Prayer by Bro. Gary Yielding.

SPRING DELEGATES

ANTIOCH: Brenda Smith and Pam Avery

BALLARD: Rickey Gattis, Grace Gattis, Annette Chandler, Alt. Betty Giddy

BARNESVILLE: L.O. Boyett, Agnes Casey, Jean Brown

BETHEL: Jeannie Sexton, Clyde W. Warren

BEAR CREEK: Monelle Gann, Maudie Grissom, Louise McCarley

FAIRVIEW: Virginia Duncan, Carol Shotts, Alfred Ballard, Alt. Betty Ballard, Flura Shotts

FREEDOM: Bro. Connie Cantrell, Burl Lolley, Brenda Taylor

GOOD SPRINGS: Eloise Humphres, Ann Spencer, Marie Holland

LONE STAR: Charles Pitts, Eloise Pitts, Jane Barrett, Alt. James Barrett

MT. HOPE, HAMILTON: Reta Cheek, Kevin Cheek

MT. HOPE, VINA: D.W. Franklin, Chester Childers

NEW SALEM: Bob Lucas

PLEASANT RIDGE: Robert Puckett, Clint Cochran, Verna Williams

PLEASANT SITE: Tanya Robinson, Evelyn Mills, Rena' Watson

ROCKY GROVE: Nancy Nichols, Annette Blaker, Elizabeth Edgar

TRINITY: Jimmy Colburn, Carol Kivette

UNION RIDGE: Lou Dean Simmons

DEACONS PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

Jimmie Lucas, J.R. Kerr, Wendell G. Giddie, Wayne Williams, Curtis Allen, Leemon Humphres, Odean Mills, Flura Shotts, O.C. Mitchell

MINISTER PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

Doyle Chandler, J.H. Sullins, Dwayne Hammontree, Gilley Parrish, R.C. Humphres, Ben Franklin, Jack Harder, Larry Gene Davis, Ray Edgar, Bill Duncan, Edgar Lee Childers, Howard Simmons, Louie Nix, David Sexton, Mike Franklin, Jeff Fleming, Ottis Parmer, Bob Howell, Donald Kivette, Roy Humphries, Woodrow Matthews, Allen Myrick, Ambers Aldridge, Bobby Duncan. Visiting - Randall Tice and Jerry Taylor.

1995 FALL SESSION

Motion to go into session - Bro. Edgar L. Childers. Song, Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Allen Myrick, Prayer by Bro. Palmer. Appoint an Assistant Moderator - Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

Credentials Committee read and accepted.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Wayne Williams, Jimmie Lucas, Curtis G. Allen
Seconded. Carried.

Seat the delegates of each church. Seconded and carried.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Ray Edgar, R.C. Humphries, Allen Myrick

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Jewel Shotts, Jill Cox, Teresa Allen

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Terry Cochran, Sis. Rena' Watson, Sis.

Annette Blaker

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Sis. Carol

Kivette, Sis. Eloise Humphries.

Bro. Matthews welcomed everyone to the church.

Report from the Children's Home. Bro. Jeff Fleming gave Report. Asked everyone to remember them in prayer and to find someone else to do this job. Seconded. Carried.

REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S HOME

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

It has been a great blessing to me to have the opportunity to serve as your representative to the Children's Home at Eldridge.

Currently twenty-one children call the Home their home, this includes one child from Mexico, one child from Thailand and one child from Guatemala.

The building project continues. By the first of next week the sheetrock should be finished, the brickwork will be underway.

We still have some carpentry work that needs to be done. Three small porches and some work hanging the doors are current needs.

Please remember the building project along with the staff and children who always stand in need of prayer.

Thanks for all your prayers and support

Bro. Jeff Fleming

Bro. Duane Taylor gave the State Report. 15 Churches in the state needing FWB preachers. Asked for support at state level.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association do hereby grant a letter of dismissal to Bear Creek FWB Church (Chigger Hill) and do hereby certify that they are in good standing with this Association until October 14, 1995.

Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Jimmy Lucas - Right to Life. Meets every 4th Thursday night. Need to be aware of things around us and work as Christians to make a better place to live. Read Acts 14:22.

Sis. Jewel Shotts - song "Born To Serve The Lord"

Bro. Jimmy Avery and Bro. Atkins song - "Singing of Love Divine"

Report of Deceased Members - Sis. Sue Williams, Sis. Lois Holcomb and Sis. Betty Prestage.

Prayer by Bro. Bobby Duncan - Break

Bro. Hammontree spoke. Sis. Robin Parrish sang special - "We Shall Meet"

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Haney - Morning, Bro. Edgar Childers, Evening and Bro. Louie Nix, Deceased. Bro. Howard Simmons or Bro. Matthews, night.

Seconded. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee report a balance in October 1994 of \$1,459.94. Printing of minutes paid out - \$559.00. The total 1995 minute fund received was \$2,101.00. Postage and other printing paid out in the amount of \$163.50. Amount paid to State Clerk \$900.00, brings the total balance to \$1,938.44.

Annette Blaker, Terry S. Cochran, Rena' Watson

Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We make a motion that the State Line FWB Association accept Pleasant Hill FWB Church into our association with full fellowship.

Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

Motion from the Ordaining Council. We the Ordaining Council received Antioch's Letter of Request to ordain Bro. Craig McCarley at the Fall Session of 1996. We offer our prayers and support to Bro. McCarley. We request that this request for ordination be resubmitted at the Fall Session of 1996.

Larry Gene Davis, Jack Harder, Ottis Parmer

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

We have 17 members who have passed away this associational year. May they rest in the Lord.

BALLARD: Bro. Bill Clark

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Vera Stidham, Sis. Trixie Byrd

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Lonzo Chandler, Sis. Cora Lee Abbott

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Mary Humphres

MT. HOPE A: Bro. W.D. Hall

NEW SALEM: Bro. Earnest Brown, Sis. Inez Walton

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Tom Courington

PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Verlon Watson, Bro. Verster Watson

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Lela McKay

TRINITY Bro. L.R. Beers, Bro. Velmon Carter

ANTIOCH: Bro. Bob Cohoon, Bro. Johnny Rye

Committee: Sis. Sue Williams, Sis. Betty Prestage, Sis. Dolores Holcomb

Song - Sis. Annette Chandler sang a special song.

Bro. Haney - Morning Message - Acts 27, "Put on the Armor of God"

Song by Bro. Ray Edgar and Bro. Bobby Duncan, pg. 239 "Victory Today Is Mine"

Special Song by Gracie Franks "Unclouded Day"

Special Song by Bro. Haney "I Will Not Be A Stranger"

All preachers and deacons song - "I Will Trade the Old Cross for a Crown"

Bro. Larry Davis asked for information on ministers not present. Bro. Holcomb and Bro. Winsett both in nursing home. Discussion of what to

do about old ministers that were not able to attend sessions.
Special song by bro. W. Atkins - "The Old Rugged Cross"

Visiting Ministers - Bro. W. Atkins and Bro. D. Taylor

Morning Message -Bro. Edgar Lee Childers - I Corinthians 5th & 6th chapter, Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:18-26. God created man in his own image. You can't go to heaven with sin in your life.

Song by Bro. Jeff Fleming - "Just As I Am" page 81

Blessing on the food - Bro. D. Hammontree - Lunch.

Song by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Jimmy Avery - page 92 - "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"

Prayer by Bro. Allen Myrick.

ORDAINING COUNCIL PARTIAL REPORT

We make a motion that Bro. Trenton Johnson and Bro. Crellas Borden not receive a card of standing due to no longer belonging to a church in this Association.

Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Jack Harder, and Bro. Ottis Parmer
Seconded. Carried.

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Bro. J.E. Cheek not receive a card of good standing according to Item #11 of the Documents and Order of Business.

Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Seconded. Carried.

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

Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Louie Nix - Deceased Members names were read and a prayer, Message - "What Would the Deceased Members Say to Us?" - Rev. 21:4, and 21:27.

Report of Associational Pastor (talked) - Bro. Dwayne Hammontree.
Seconded. Carried.

Song - Sis. Annette Chandler - Special "He Was Thinking of Me".

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank Barnesville Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor Bro. Woodrow Matthews for hosting our Fall Session of the State Line Association.

The Lord as blessed us with a wonderful day of fellowship. We want to thank the ladies of Barnesville FWB Church for preparing the delicious meal.

The Appreciation Committee expresses its gratitude for being a part of this association.

Jill Cox, Teresa Allen, Jewel Shotts

Seconded, Carried.

FINAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We make a motion that all ministers on the roll call of ministers receive a card of good standing except those deleted or dropped at this session.

Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer
Seconded. Carried.

Passed out ministers cards. Bro. Bill Duncan - verbal report (family)

Sis. Robin Parrish - special song - "I'm Flying Higher Than I've Ever Been"
Song - Bro. Haney class song.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sunday School Committee reports that 17 churches in this Association have a Sunday School Program. We encourage each church to continue in the good work.

Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Bro. Connie Cantrell,
Sis. Carol Kivette, Sis. Eloise Humphries

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Edgar Childers opened the floor for election of Moderator. Bro. Ben Franklin and Bro. Bobby Duncan - Bro. Bobby Duncan elected. Assistant Moderator - Bro. Ben Franklin.

Clerk - Bro. Odean Mills, Assistant Clerk - Sis. Letha Mills.

Associational Pastor - Bro. Larry Davis

Trustee of Children's Home - Bro. Dwayne Hammontree.

Credentials Committee - Bro. J.R. Kerr

Business Committee - Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Louie Nix

Sunday School Committee - Eloise Humphries

The next sessions to be held with Lone Star Church in April, 1996 and Ballard Church in October, 1996. Seconded. Carried.

Prayer to close - Bro. Jack Harder. Motion to close.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION FALL 1995

A class song was led by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Craig McCarley. "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Prayer by Bro. Craig McCarley.

Special song by Bro. Craig McCarley - "Mama Would Pray". Special song by Bro. Larry Davis - "House of Gold".

Saturday night Devotion - Bro. Howard Simmons, Psalm 23 - "The Lord is our Shepherd"

Evening message by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree. Mark 14:12-26, John 13:1-17. The footwashing service followed. All present participated. Bro. Wayne Williams and Bro. Jeff Fleming prepared table. Participating were: Bros. Dwayne Hammontree, Craig McCarley, Edgar Lee Childers, Woodrow Matthews, Jeff Fleming, Howard Simmons, Wayne Williams, Larry Davis, Max Roberts, Roland Shotts. Sis's Loudean Simmons, Charlotte Hammontree, Jean Brown, Pat Boyett, Cleeta Ward, JoAnn Williams, Girthie Woods, Jay Nell Nixon, Robbie Roberts.

Class song by Bro. Jeff Fleming, Dwayne Hammontree, and Craig McCarley. "I'll Fly Away" and "Amazing Grace". Dismissal prayer by Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

MINUTE FUND CHECKS

ANTIOCH	\$ 66.00
BALLARD	100.00
BARNESVILLE	175.00
BETHEL	140.00
FAIRVIEW	250.00
FREEDOM	35.00
GOOD SPRINGS	50.00
LONE STAR	40.00
MT. HOPE A.	125.00
MT. HOPE B	200.00
NEW SALEM	30.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	200.00
PLEASANT SITE	100.00
ROCKY GROVE	75.00
ROCKY TOP	30.00
TRINITY	50.00
UNION RIDGE	75.00
TOTAL	\$1,741.00

BALANCE ON HAND IN OCT. 94	\$1,459.94
Star Printing	559.00
95 Minute Fund	\$2,101.00
Postage & Printing	163.50
State Clerk	900.00
Balance	\$1,938.44

EXTRA MINUTE FUND MONEY

ANTIOCH	15.00
BALLARD	15.00
BARNESVILLE	25.00
BEAR CREEK	15.00
BETHEL	15.00
FAIRVIEW	100.00
FREEDOM	15.00
GOOD SPRINGS	15.00
LONE STAR	15.00
MT. HOPE A	15.00
MT. HOPE B.	25.00
NEW SALEM	15.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	15.00
PLEASANT SITE	15.00
ROCKY GROVE	15.00
ROCKY TOP	0.00
TRINITY	15.00
UNION RIDGE	15.00
TOTAL	\$360.00

FALL SESSION DEACONS PRESENT 1995

Bros. Billy Rucker, Jimmy Avery, Bobby Bostick, Jimmie Lucas, Wayne Williams, Dewey Crow, Kenneth Pounders, Odean Mills, Ricky Gattis, Wendell Giddie, J.R. Kerr, Curtis Allen.

MINISTERS PRESENT 1995

Bros. Charles Lindley, Bobby Duncan, Larry G. Davis, Donald Kivette, Woodrow Matthews, Howard Simmons, Ambers Aldridge, Mike Franklin, Ray Edgar, Jeff Fleming, Gilley Parrish, Quineth Haney, Dwayne Hammontree, R.C. Humphres, Doyle Chandler, Louie Nix, Roy Humphries, Jack Harder, Allen Myrick, Ottis Parmer, Edgar Lee Childers, Ben Franklin.

FALL SESSION 1995 - DELEGATE LIST

ANITOCH: Sis. Jewell Shotts, Sis. Sue Williams

BALLARD: Bro. Dick Gilliland, Sis. Shelba Gilliland, Sis. Martha Roberts

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Max Roberts, Sis. Jill Cox, Sis. Robbie Roberts,
Alt. Sis. Gail Mills

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

FAIRVIEW: Sis. Robin Parrish, Sis. Teresa Allen, Alt. Sis. Hilda Miller

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

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Ann Spencer, Alt. Eloise Humphries

LONE STAR: Bro. James Barrett, Sis. Jane Barrett, Sis. Norma Bostick

MT. HOPE A: Sis. Rita Cheek, Sis. Ivie Collier

MT. HOPE B: Sis. Jean Emerson, Sis. Virginia Burgett

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

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. L.J. Prestage, Sis. Betty Prestage, Bro. Terry
Cochran, Alt. Sis. Alicia Cochran

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Evelyn Mills, Alt. Sis. Rena' Watson

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Nancy Nichols, Sis. Elizabeth Edgar

ROCKY TOP: Sis. Annette Chandler

TRINITY: Sis. Carol Kivette, Sis. Edna Kizzire, Sis. Ruth May

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Wynette Knight, Sis. Lou Dean Simmons

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. Doyle Chandler, Rt. 1, Box 294, Detroit, AL 35552, 273-4502	
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. R.C. Humphres, 1575, Hwy. 19 Red Bay, AL 356-4206	
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. Donald Kivette, Rt. 2, Box 217, Guin, AL 35563, 468-2657	
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. 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

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BALLARD: Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Wendell Giddy, Ricky Gattis
BARNESVILLE: Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Excel Brown
Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Freeman Nixon, Bro. Alfred Jones
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 Humphries
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
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Bro. Jimmy Avery
PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Marshall Watson
ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Redus McKay, Bro. Robert Burleson,
Bro. Talmadge (Buster) Shotts
ROCKY TOP: Bro. Burton Frederick
TRINITY:
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

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CLERK: Odean Mills, 4928 State Hwy. 19, Detroit, AL 35552, 921-7523
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Bro. J.R. Kerr
ORDAINING COUNCIL: Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer,
Bro. Allen Myrick
BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Ben Franklin,
Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Louie Nix, Bro. Mike Franklin
SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Sis. Eloise Humphres, Sis.
Charlotte Hammontree, Bro. Connie Cantrell

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 associaiton 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 throughout 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 permission from the Moderator.

(6) No member shall arraign another before the Church for any grievance without taking gospel steps. Matthew 18:15-17.

(7) All business brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel-like order shall be attended to by the church, unless withdrawn by mover.

(8) Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and if two 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 Testament 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) **PERSERVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

(13) **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers

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

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

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

(16) RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men and 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 services. 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 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 knowledgeable 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 Roberts' 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 report 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 walking disorderly or in a manner unbecoming to his high calling.
- (5) To investigate, when requested, grievances within a church.
- (6) To examine ministers, who, having been dropped from the Association's list of ministers, which to be reinstated.
- (7) To make appropriate reports to the Association about all examinations and investigations conducted by the council.
- (8) To distribute cards of standing to those ministers who are granted the cards.
- (9) To require that all ordained ministers and candidates for ordination

sign a statement that if they are ever guilty of walking disorderly or of misconduct they will voluntarily surrender their card of standing and their certificate of ordination.

- (10) To provide the clerk with a list of ministers not reporting to the Association each year.
- (11) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- (1) To examine all business items coming before the Association. All items must be submitted to the clerk in writing and signed at least ten days prior to the Associational session.
- (2) The committee shall represent those items of business that merit consideration by the Associational body, to the body for consideration.
- (3) To make its 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 of one minister and two deacons appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the April session and function for both the April and October sessions.

The duties of the Devotion Committee shall be as follows:

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

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 Preacher?
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?

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.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order by the Moderator.
2. Call for the peach 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. Distrissed members
13. Adjournment

